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From The Pastor: "Time to Turn 50"

In "Rules for a Preacher's Conduct", John Wesley gave practical guidelines for Methodist preachers. One of the rules stated: "Be diligent. Never be unemployed: never be triflingly employed. Never trifle away time: neither spend any more time at any place than is strictly necessary."



Having just turned 50 I am reminded of how time does fly. It's hard to believe my son just turned 18 and will graduate from High School.

As I move beyond middle age I know I want to use my time wisely. I don't want to waste the life God has given me.

I think Gerald B. Klein has some excellent guidelines for me in the last half of my life.

Today is here. I will start with a smile and resolve to be agreeable. I will not criticize. I refuse to waste my valuable time.

Today in one thing I know I am equal with all others ~ time. All of us draw the same salary in seconds, minutes, and hours.

Today I will not waste my time because the minutes I wasted yesterday are as lost as a vanished thought.

Today I refuse to spend time worrying about what might happen ~ it usually doesn't. I am going to spend time making things happen.

Today I am determined to study to improve myself, for tomorrow I may be wanted, and I must not be found lacking.

Today I am determined to do the things that I should do. I firmly determine to stop doing the things I should not do.

Today I begin by doing and not wasting my time. In one week I will be miles beyond the person I am today.

Today I will not imagine what I would do if things were different. They are not different. I will make success with what material I have.

Today I will stop saying, "If I had time". I know I never will "find time" for anything. If I want time, I must make it.

Today I will act toward other people as though this might be my last day on earth. I will not wait for tomorrow. Tomorrow never comes.

I think John Wesley would have liked Klein's thoughts. How will you use the rest of your life? It's easy to trifle away our time watching television and playing games on the computer. Why not consider how God would like you to spend your life. I hope to see you in church if you make time for it.

Grace and peace,

Fred

Please welcome the following new members who joined the church on March 28:

Jo Alford
Sue Mott
Randi Olson
Jeffrey and Karen Brown
Carole Bailey
Mary Doschadis
Doug and Carol Korver
Marilyn Cogswell



Please say hello to one of these people when you see them on Sunday!

COSROW (Committee on the Status and Role of Women) will be awarding the "Words that Heal" Award to both a lay person and a clergy person from the Annual Conference. The award is a way to honor those in the Annual Conference that have exemplified the criteria set in place by COSROW. Each year the two winners receive an original painting done by Rev. Steve Marshall.

To nominate a clergy or lay person, fill out a nomination form and return to Rev. Mary Lou Adame by May 3, 2010. Because of timing constraints, this due date must be strictly adhered to. The nomination form and additional information can be found at: <http://desertsouthwestconference.org/announcements>.

If you have any questions, contact Rev. Lou Adame at 602-956-3710.



Please continue to recharge and use your Bashas' Community Support Cards and Fry's Gift Cards while shopping at these grocery chains. It doesn't cost you anything extra to use them (you still get the sale prices) and it benefits the church bus fund. See me at the Information Desk or go to the office during the week if you need a card.

Betty Rolley

GREAT POEM

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its décor.

But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp--
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade
Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.

Ed, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must've made a mistake.

And why is everyone so quiet,
So somber--give me a clue"
"Hush, child," He said "they're all in shock.
No one thought they'd be seeing you."

JUDGE NOT!!



Every saint has a PAST...Every sinner has a FUTURE!

DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE

Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another... Romans 13:8 (NIV)

March	2008		2009		2010		2009	2010
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Worship All	Worship All
1st	\$28829	\$16004	\$30791	\$13664	\$33114	\$13434	1788	1836
2nd	18084	7688	19197	4972	22262	4591	1883	1890
3rd	18841	7284	20763	6191	18450	5435	1717	1746
4th	22756	5395	16719	5239	20821	7112	1701	1967
5th	12248	5541	15707	8383	—	—	1683	—
Total	\$100758	\$41912	\$103177	\$38449	94647	30572	8772	7439



Christian Education...

With "Coach" Ellis Falk

"Our mission is to bring the love of Christ and His teachings to learners of all ages on their spiritual journey, that they be transformed and thus positively affect our local and global communities."

It is never too early to plan for **Vacation Bible School**. This year VBS will be June 7-11 from 9:30 am till 12:30 pm. Parents be sure to mark your calendar for this great cosmic event in June. The theme this year will be a **Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God**. Early registration has already begun and there are several children who have registered. The cost this year is \$10.00 per student and \$20.00 for a family of three or more. Register early and save the late registration fee. Early registration will close Sunday May 23. After that the cost will be \$15 per student or \$25 for a family. Please register early to be assured of your place on the VBS space ship. You are invited to come aboard the starship Galactic Praise to see the awesome universe and our awesome God in a whole new way. Each day's mission includes a Bible story in the Good News Galaxy, craft projects at Cosmic Crafts, and a snack at the Astro Bistro. Also, there will be music at Moons and Tunes and science projects at the Orbital Observatory. Church members please go to the VBS Space Center to see the list of items needed to make this event a success. If you can and would like to help please contact Donna Fuerherm, VBS Director or Lauren Collins-Mitchell, music coordinator. Thanks for your cooperation. This VBS week is a special summer ministry of outreach to the many children of our church and community. See you this summer!



Confirmation Class We look forward to this class of young people becoming members of the local church on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd. The Confirmation Class will be taken into membership at the 9:30 am service. There are two sessions remaining, Sunday May 2nd and Sunday May 16th at 5:00 pm in the Education Building.

Dates for **Summer Camp at Mingus Mountain** for children and youth have been set and can be obtained by going to www.desertsouthwestconference.org/camps or call the church. Registration, health and con-

sent forms can be secured on line or at the church office. The deadline for all summer camp registration is May 10th. Camp dates are as follows: Senior High (grades 10-12) June 7-12. Elementary Camp (grades 3-6) June 14-19. Super Camp (grades 3-9) June 28-July 3. Junior High Camp (grades 7-9) July 5-10. Check the bulletin boards in the Education Building for all camp dates and other information.



Camperships: If you would like to help a child attend summer camp or be able to attend VBS this year you can give to the Campership program. Any donation, no matter what size, will be gratefully accepted. Just mark your envelope "Campership". Families who need help with camp tuition and/or VBS cost please contact me at the church. A very special thanks to all who contribute to this very worthy fund.

Sunday May 9th - Mother's Day Flowers will be given to all the ladies of the church. We hope you will be a part of this great day of appreciation and thanks for all that our mothers have meant to each of us.

Sidewalk Ministries ended another great year. There were some new and unexpected occurrences, a move to a new center and several other interesting happenings. We closed the year with an average attendance of 27 and 18 shepherds. A special thanks to all the shepherds who helped so much this past year to make this a great time in this most unusual ministry. The last Saturday in April was a special time in inviting parents to hear the songs and participate in the activities with the children. Our special offering this year was dedicated to an orphanage in Haiti "God's Littlest Angels" and the children, along with other special gifts, raised \$1,000.00. We ask your prayers for the Sidewalk Ministries as new challenges face the group in the future. Thanks to all for your continued support.





Youth Ministries

With Heather Rodenberg

Sunday School 9:30 am in the Education Building
Youth Fellowship 6:30 pm Sundays in the Education Building

Mission Trip 2010

This year's mission trip will be to Mescalero, New Mexico. Mescalero had a population of around 1,233 during the 2000 census. It is the home to the Mescalero Apache reservation. This year we will be participating in a "challenge" workcamp. A challenge workcamp is a bit more difficult and involves building or repairing porches and wheelchair ramps, building or repairing steps, roof repairs, weatherization and other home repairs. We could be building a wheelchair ramp for a disabled widow or fixing a porch for a single mom and her kids.

Because we are participating in a challenge the cost is a bit more than in the past. We need to raise \$13,000 to cover the cost of the trip. This will pay for our transportation, gas, food, lodging, and building supplies for the project. As in the past, we invite you to become a shareholder. This means that you will be invited to our annual shareholder dinner before our trip and our dessert night once we return to hear all about it.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Heather at the church office. And as always, thank you for changing the lives of our youth.

Graduates at all levels!

If you are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, please submit your information to the office. We would like to recognize you in our June newsletter. Please provide a photo and a brief write up about where you're graduating from and your future plans. Feel free to drop it off in the office or email Heather at GCUMCYouth@earthlink.net. All information must be received by May 7th to be included in the June newsletter.



Donate to Youth Mission Trip.

We need a total of 38 shares.

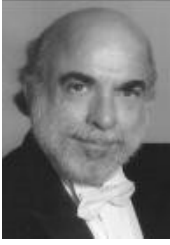
1 Share = \$400

½ Share = \$200

¼ Share = \$100

Please mark Youth
Mission
when donating.





Music Notes



May is here along with beautiful desert flowers and (unfortunately) pollen. A natural form of beauty and the beast, I suppose ~ if you have allergies! 😊

I continue to be amazed at the level of dedication of our fantastic Chancel Choir! In the eight days between Palm Sunday and Easter, the Choir sang seven anthems at seven services! That is a lot to ask of any choir, and they did it without complaining ~ at least to me directly! I am very, very proud of them, of the quality of their singing, their willingness to listen and learn, and especially their dedication to God and this church! Thank you all!!!

I also thank the members of the Chancel Ringers, the Youth Handbell Team (most of whom will graduate from High School this month), and the Angel Choir (though few in number, they are mighty in effort!), directed by Kathy Nuss, for all the time spent in learning, rehearsing and fellowshiping with each other and with me. On behalf of our congregation, thank you all for your efforts!

Many of you have expressed an interest in singing in the "summer choir", which is now performing. So, if you would like to join us or sing with us again, please come on Thursdays at 6:50 pm. All the pressure for learning lots of music quickly is off, and now we just get to have fun! The Chancel Choir will continue singing through the month of July before taking a month off. Please come join us.

Blessings to all,

Doug

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries

The Country Western Service at 5:00 pm Sundays will run weekly through June. There will be a potluck following the service on the last Sunday of each month starting April 25th. This service will feature the Housers.

During July, August and September, there will be a service on the last Sunday of each month only, with a potluck following.

If you have questions, call us.

Bob Deits
David Ballard



One in the Spirit will be giving a free concert on Sunday, May 2nd at 5:00 pm in the Koinonia Room. This concert will be fun-filled, allowing you to clap your hands, tap your toes, and sing along. **One in the Spirit** will be providing an assortment of desserts to satisfy your sweet tooth. A free will offering will be accepted and we ask that you please bring an item for the food bank.



Remember...Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car!

WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY

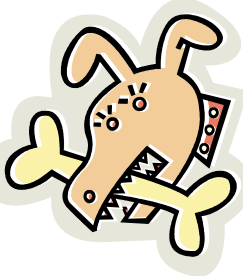


By Hu & Wendy Rhymes, with a little help from Hattie, Muffin (& Sadie, too)

ATTENTION: If you want to contact the Rhymes and you don't have our CELL number, please contact the church office. CALL US, please, with immediate needs, as we don't check our e-mail every day.

SADIE RHYMES MEMORIAL

A big thank you to all the volunteers who have worked in the food bank and given many hours to helping folks, dogs and cats with food. Of course there wouldn't be a Food Bank without all of you and the community who donate so much. Thank you to Jeff Downing, Dan Gray and Rush Tucker who head up this project.



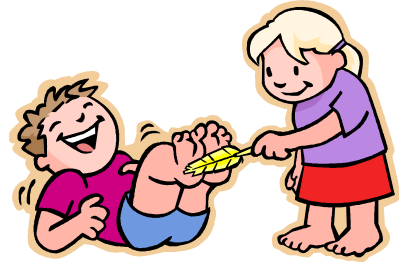
We bagged dog and cat food (that was donated) one day last month. We delivered it to the Food Bank. Jeff Downing was working that day. He told us that morning they were out of saltine crackers and someone came in with the crackers. They were out of pasta and someone came in with pasta & they were out of juice and a donation of juice was dropped off at the Food Bank. Also, they were down to a bag or two of pet food and we came in with the bagged pet food. GOD IS ANSWERING PRAYERS.

Sympathies: John & Dixie Coules, upon the death of their daughter, Debbie Rycraft & Jim Schleiger, upon the death of his wife, Debbie; Bonnie & Arnie Eisentraut, upon the death of Helen Hemp; The family of Michael Geil, upon his death; The family of Corky Love, upon his death; Pete/Shirley & Drew Plakos, upon the death of Drew's wife Nancy; Penny Potter, upon the death of her mother, Arlene Landgrebe; The family of Doug Waltz, upon his death; Monica-Ortega Watters, upon the death of her grandmother, Helen Poland; Rusty Witt, upon the death of her husband, Olie; and the families & friends of the above.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers: Don Anderson, Jeri Anderson, Patsy Arehart, Bettie Armstrong, Irbán Aumann, Tate Beeman, Jim Bradford (Ron Walker's cousin), Louise Bradley, Bernie Bracher, Jerry Bredlau, Jill Brewer, Jim Canady, Carol Conklin (Jeanette Lunstead's friend), Cris Criswell, Donavon Czech, Marietta Doan, Rhonda Dropik (Jim & Marcia Ritenour's daughter), Shirley Duncan, Cari Eastman, David Eisentraut, Art Erickson, Melissa Evenheimer, Carol Ferris, Dave Flitsch, Irene Graham, Richard & Sharon Groene, Sonja Halde-man, Chuck Hardman, Judy Hellwege, Sid Horst, Donna Hurley, Wes Ingram, Rev. Dr. Jim Jones, Sara Kilstrom (Jeff & Jane Hayes' daughter in Uganda), Kay Leet, Caro-

lynn Long, Mary Jo McMorris, Melissa Minatree, Richard Mullins (brother of Tom/Victoria Mullins), Jim & Gloria Nelson, Chris Nuss (John & Kathy Nuss's son), Monica Nuss (John & Kathy Nuss' daughter-in-law), Lester Norton, Daryl Peeples, Larry Pennings, Pete Plakos, Lois Poteet (Barb Oldham's sister), Brenda Rahaneotis, Sara Ray, Andria Redman and Brogran, Rylan & Daley born prematurely (Darrell Keast's granddaughter & great grandchildren), Norma Rogers, Jessie Ruiz, Maynard & Delores Schiller, Thomas Self (Marilyn Pearson's brother-in-law), Gordon Thompson, Jack Thornburn (Freda Moffatt's brother), Mark Tlusty, Jim Van Slooten, Kerri Verstrate, Thomas Westphal, Dennis & Bev Wilson, Ruth Wolcott, UNSPOKEN REQUESTS and PRAYERS for the families (CAREGIVERS) of the above. PRAYERS for the folks in Chile & Haiti who have lost loved ones, been injured, & lost homes. PRAYERS for those who are sending funds, food/supplies & are volunteering in Chile & Haiti. PRAYERS for requests in the "CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER" boxes. Also, those FOOD BANK CLIENTS who have requested prayer. PRAYERS for our MILITARY personnel and their families & those who are in NEED OF EMPLOYMENT.

Still in Need of Prayers: Charlie & Joan Acker, Florence Allen, Dick & Eleanor Armstrong, Tom & Dee Ashe, Patti Baker, Bob & Ruth Bennett, Jan Berry (Myra & John Berry's daughter-in-law), Dr. Brad & Arlaine Bryant, Jenny & Bob Burgi, Terry & Ruth Burris, Jim & Carolyn Burt, Bob Carpenter, Bob Carter & family, Eleanor Chesney, Bill & Joyce Curtis, Rev. Bob & June Deits, Chuck Dickinson, Darrell & Laura Dinges, Joyce & Paul Fillion, Hap & Elaine Finck, Ted & Joy Fite, Jerri French, Danna & Andy Gharavi, Ardeena Gillette, Ross & Arline Hacker, Viola Hammond (Don Hammond's Mom), Rich & Sheila Haraldson, Rita Hawkins, Beth Hayes (Jeff Hayes' mother), Judy Hjartarson, Wade & Cindy Hoff, Neil & Melva Houtcooper, Ginny & Joe Johnson, Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes' Mom), Ro & Dick Heinauer (Diane Heinauer's parents-in-law), Ben Hodges (in Afghanistan), Noel Jones (Linda & Morgan Jones' grandson, Mel & Mary Kilbo, Steve & Peggy Kinder, Paul & Polly Knowlton, Roxie & Gene Kruschek, Jane Lambert, Cheryl Lang, Thelma Lang (Pete 'n Kay Johnson's mother), Carol & Bill Lindemann,Carolynn & William Long, Bob & Juana Mahlandt, Shirley & Brent Matzke, Bryan McCann (Jeanette Lunstead's son), Larry & Pat McMann, Wilbur McMann, David Christopher Mitchell (Afghanistan), Hedy Moore (Jed Moore's Mom), Jerry & Addie Muratore, Amy & Eric Olson, Dr. Brett Purcell (in Iraq), Eileen & George Petticrew (Keith Petticrew's parents), Betty Preston, Calvin & Sylvia Quinn, Lynn Revis, Marvin Richter, Virgil & Rose Scantlin, Rick & Sue Sutter, Bill & Bobbie Talbot, Carl & Helen Thacker, (Jerry Thacker's parents), Kenneth Thacker (Jerry Thacker's uncle), Ken & Lorraine Tippie (Jerry & Peggy Tippie's son & daughter-in-law), Lillian Thomas (Bill & Mary Thomas' mother), Marven & Wanda Tufte, Jim & Charlene Van Slooten & Floy Kilbourn-their daughter, Ray and Nancy Villeneuve, Les & Mary Gay Wenger (Diane Heinauer's parents), Dorothy Wolter, Dot Zelezic, Helen Zimmerman & son, Dane and the families of the above.



“LAUGH A LITTLE” with Hu

YOU DON'T STOP LAUGHING BECAUSE
YOU GROW OLD
YOU GROW OLD BECAUSE YOU STOP
LAUGHING

CHURCH COMMENTS

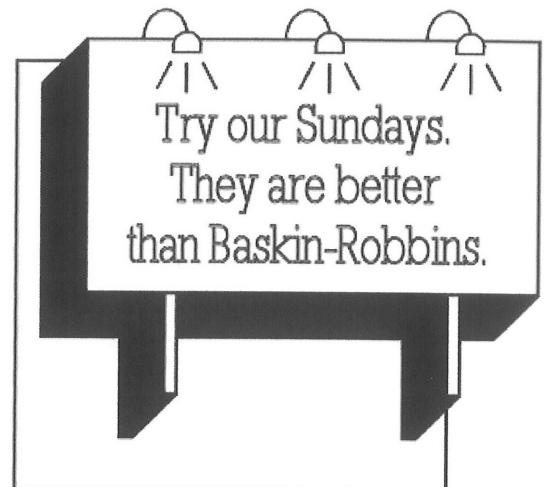
“The average man’s idea of a good sermon is one that goes over his head and hits his neighbor.”
“If all the people in church were laid end to end, they would be...more comfortable.”
“He was said to be a great preacher: at the close of every sermon there was a great awakening!”
“Be a peacemaker. Always remember that it is hard to shake hands with a clenched fist.”

A LIMERICK

There once was a pious young priest
Who lived almost wholly on yeast,
He said, “For it’s plain
We must all rise again,
And I wanted to get started, at least.”

**DESIGNATED GIFTS FROM
MEMORIAL/FUNERAL SERVICES**

LEROY WOLTER-----GCUMC, The Dr. Fenske Fund at the Medical College of Wisconsin or the Gold Canyon Arts Council



LETTERS FROM FRIENDS



March 12, 2010

To our dear friends of the Gold Canyon UMC, in particular: Heather, the Youth Group, Ron, and Colette,

This has been a particularly difficult letter to write, and that is why it has taken so long, over a month, to write! It is difficult because I was overwhelmed at your generosity. Let me restate that I was overwhelmed by your constant generosity throughout 2007/2008 and then totally bowled over by your generosity and hospitality at the Outreach Event we partnered in at Primera Iglesia last month! Words fail me.

All of the donations, the spaghetti meal, the games and prizes were just awesome! We have been doing these Outreaches for a couple of years now, as a way to serve our community and, with your help, the February Outreach assisted around 60 of our community, the largest turnout yet.

The way you stocked our Food Bank last December was an incredible act of love. Our shelves were bare because the congregation of Primera is just unable to finance ministry. These families are on food stamps or working two or three jobs just to pay their monthly bills. They enjoy reaching out to their neighbors and community, though, so they are quite thankful for your support.

Since Colette helped us start our Food Bank in 2007, we have served 830 families with emergency food bags. This, only being open two days a week for five hours each day! The clothing and household items have helped even more families.

To the Youth who came to help at the Outreach Event: There were many of you I knew from my years at the Gold Canyon church. We worked together in Holy Club when you were in early Elementary School and PTFC in older Elementary. Some of you were in Confirmation Classes with me and a couple of you joined us when we first began our Sidewalk Sunday School. It was such a joy to see you still active in church and in Youth Group! It was wonderful to renew our relationships. Remember, our walk with God is all about relationships ~ with each other, with those we serve in ministry, and, above all, with God!

It is our prayer that we continue to partner with you in ministry to the least of these.

Thank you, thank you! God's blessings to you all!

Rev. Rosemary Anderson, Pastor
Primera Iglesia Metodista Unida

April 15, 2010

We want to thank everyone who took part in LeRoy's memorial. It was very heartwarming and a wonderful tribute to him for his love of sharing his music with all those around him.

The kitchen crew went out of their way and did a wonderful and excellent job of handling so many folks who came to remember and honor LeRoy and his family. Many words of praise came to me of the excellent cooks our church has!

Words cannot express our gratitude to all, especially to Pastor Fred, Hu, the choir, and all musicians.

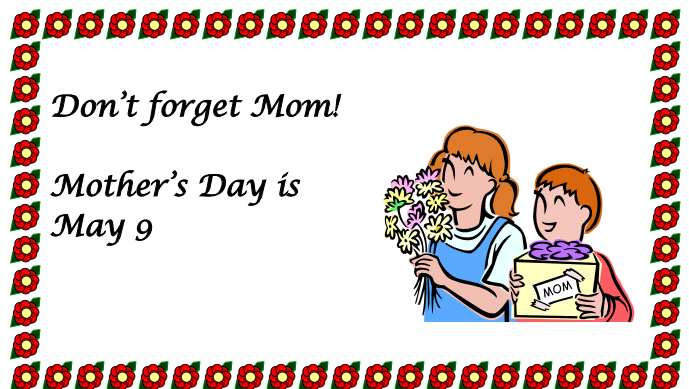
Dorothy Wolter and Family

Thank you to all who called and sent cards following my recent surgery. A special thank you to Fred, Hu and Wendy for their visits and prayers while I was in the hospital. It was sincerely appreciated!

Stan Van Kekerix

Our thanks to all the church members for their prayers and condolences expressed during the illness and passing of our beloved daughter, Debbie Rycraft. Special thanks to Hu & Wendy Rhymes for their many visitations, constant support and comfort. We are truly blessed to count you all as our friends.

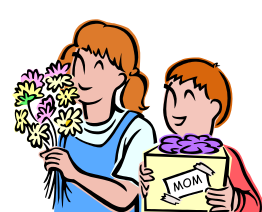
John and Dixie Coules



Don't forget Mom!

Mother's Day is

May 9



Healthy Living

By Monica Ortega-Watters, RN

Diabetes is a disease that affects the whole family, especially when a child is diagnosed. Whether you're a parent, sibling or other family member or friend, your support and understanding can make all the difference.

Type 1 diabetes is usually diagnosed in children and young adults, and was previously known as juvenile diabetes. In type 1 diabetes, the body does not produce insulin. Insulin is a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy needed for daily life. Only 5-10% of people with diabetes have this form of the disease. With the help of insulin therapy and other treatments, even young children with type 1 diabetes can learn to manage their condition and live long, healthy, happy lives.

Symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes

Frequent urination
Unusual thirst
Extreme hunger
Unusual weight loss
Extreme fatigue and Irritability

Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes. Millions of Americans have been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. In type 2 diabetes, either the body does not produce enough insulin or the cells ignore the insulin. Insulin is necessary for the body to be able to use glucose for energy. When you eat food, the body breaks down all of the sugars and starches into glucose, which is the basic fuel for the cells in the body. Insulin takes the sugar from the blood into the cells. When glucose builds up in the blood instead of going into cells, it can lead to diabetes complications.

You can prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes through a healthy lifestyle. Change your diet, increase your level of physical activity, maintain a healthy weight...with these positive steps, you can stay healthier longer and reduce your risk of diabetes.

Symptoms of Type 2 Diabetes

Any of the type 1 symptoms
Frequent infections
Blurred vision
Cuts/bruises that are slow to heal
Tingling/numbness in the hands/feet
Recurring skin, gum, or bladder infections



Diabetes Myths

Myth: Eating too much sugar causes diabetes.

Fact: No, it does not. Type 1 diabetes is caused by genetics and unknown factors that trigger the onset of the disease; type 2 diabetes is caused by genetics and lifestyle factors. Being overweight does increase your risk for developing type 2 diabetes and a diet high in calories, whether from sugar or from fat, can contribute to weight gain. If you have a history of diabetes in your family, eating a healthy meal plan and regular exercise are recommended to manage your weight.

Myth: People with diabetes should eat special diabetic foods.

Fact: A healthy meal plan for people with diabetes is generally the same as a healthy diet for anyone – low in fat (especially saturated and trans fat), moderate in salt and sugar, with meals based on whole grain foods, vegetables and fruit. Diabetic and “dietetic” foods generally offer no special benefit. Most of them still raise blood glucose levels, are usually more expensive, and can also have a laxative effect if they contain sugar alcohols.

Myth: If you have diabetes, you should only eat small amounts of starchy foods, such as bread, potatoes and pasta.

Fact: Starchy foods are part of a healthy meal plan. What is important is the portion size. Whole grain breads, cereals, pasta, rice and starchy vegetables like potatoes, yams, peas and corn can be included in your meals and snacks. The key is portions. For most people with diabetes, having 3-4 servings of carbohydrate-containing foods is about right. Whole grain starchy foods are also a good source of fiber.

Diabetes is a serious disease. Following your diabetes treatment plan takes round-the-clock commitment. But your efforts are worthwhile. Careful diabetes care can reduce your risk of serious--even life-threatening--complications.

Blessings and good health!
Monica





International Missions

"The world is my parish." – John Wesley

Anticipating the inevitable return of summer, many members of our congregation have begun the process of leaving for other parts of North America in search of cooler climates, to return to other homes, families and friends. We rejoice that GCUMC is a place where so many people from such a diversity of backgrounds and communities can come together to share in worship and Christian faith. The far-flung places from which we come, and now to where many return, causes us to reflect on the other members of our faith community around the world; people from the many projects we support, some whose names we know, and others who we simply know about because of communications we have received or pictures we have seen.

The projects we support through our fair trade coffee sales and other fund-raising activities are all in countries and regions of the world that not only need our financial and personal support, but need our prayers as well. The news reminds us that **Haiti** continues to face numerous challenges, and will do so for many years to come, after the devastating earthquake. The areas in **Chile** rocked by the subsequent earthquake there also face the challenges of rebuilding for many months to come. **Thailand**, long a country of peaceful resolution to conflict, faces ongoing issues related to political strife and turmoil. The countries from which we receive fair trade coffee around the world deal with continual struggles and numerous hardships.

One may question whether our support really makes a difference in the face of such devastating challenges. In March at the International Missions Dinner/Program, members of our church who traveled to **Chile** in January gave a meaningful description of the work they did there, and described the wonderful relationships built. One of the comments shared was that of a Chilean church member upon the completion of the pews built for their church, "these pews are like gold to us." For those of us who have always had a place to worship, a sanctuary with pews or cushioned seats, it may be hard to understand the impact pew building can have on people struggling to make ends meet. The money sent to **Thailand** in December for the After The Wave project, allowed a student at the Khao Lak school to receive a much needed medical procedure. Money sent to **China** last summer assisted the members of the Wangshi church as they continue to fulfill their dream of a Christian church in their community.

By purchasing **fair trade coffee, tea and cocoa** you support not only small farmers around the world, but you support other people around the world in big and small ways. **We will continue to sell fair trade coffee through June on Sundays between services, and then during July and August, coffee may be purchased by contacting Nona Larson at enonal@msn.com.** We hope you will continue to support international missions through your purchase of coffee, tea and cocoa, as well as through your prayers and thoughtful donations.

Current UMCOR Emergencies

To donate to UMCOR on behalf of the following emergency, please write your check to GCUMC and write "UMCOR Advance ##### (fill in the appropriate number)" on the memo line. 100% of your donation will go to those affected by the emergency.

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UMCOR Advance #3021178

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International Disaster Response
UMCOR Advance #982450

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<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/mcor/>



"...We will strive to be a church that serves our community and the world, realizing and sharing the satisfying and abundant life Christ brings to all people."

W.O.W. Corner

Saturday, April 10th dawned with bright sunshine and balmy spring temperatures ushering in the second annual *Spring Fling!* The event and special performances were enjoyed by those of all ages. Donations benefiting the W.O.W. Team Outreach Mission exceeded \$700 and the Youth Mission Project raised \$200 from the sale of Root Beer floats. The inclusion of vendors displaying wares of all types added interest and benefited all who participated.

Team Leader Ron Walker would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who worked long and hard to make this a successful event and to the generous benefactors who donated money and food. And, let's not forget those who woke early Easter morning to prepare and serve the continental breakfast of items donated by the congregation after the Sunrise Service.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Update on Habitat for Humanity--Winter 2011 Project

We would like to share the latest news about our involvement in Habitat for Humanity. We did not get to participate in a build this winter, but are looking forward to doing so next winter.

We were given a choice to either participate in a build starting in September in Mesa, or one starting in January in Chandler. Since we have so many winter visitors who want to be involved (and so do the other churches we partner with), we have decided to join the January build. It will be exciting to build a new home for and with a family in need of decent, affordable housing.

We will be working on fundraising from now until the end of the calendar year. We would like to encourage you to make a financial gift to this worthwhile effort before you go home for the summer. We have raised \$1400 so far, and hope to raise at least \$5000 by next fall. Any amount would be appreciated. Please note "Habitat for Humanity" in the memo of your check. If you would like to be added to our list of volunteers, please call or email us.

We will keep you posted as plans develop. Thanks so much for your ongoing support of this ministry.

Joe and Maureen Morton
602-284-2826
MoandJoeM@aol.com



Commemorative Mugs!!!!

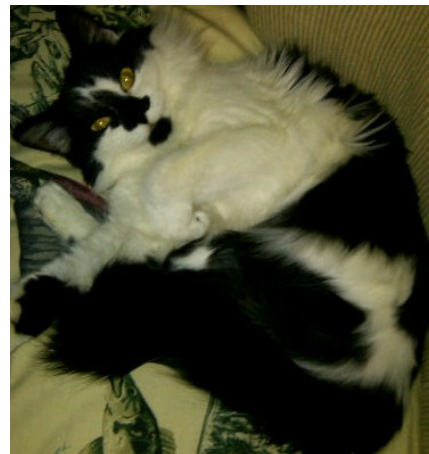


Wouldn't you like to enjoy your morning coffee or tea or perhaps hot chocolate in an attractive Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Commemorative Mug? Stop by the Information Desk or the office and pick one up for only \$5.00 each.

Your W.O.W. team designed the mugs and proceeds will be used to support their outreach mission.

Heather Needs your Help!

As many of you are aware, I will be heading off to seminary in Dallas this summer. Unfortunately, since I will be living in the dorms, I am not able to take my two babies with me. Grace and Abby are looking for a new home. If you would like to help Heather out and adopt these two little angels, please call her at 480-612-1629.





The Grief Support Group meets as needed. Please contact Laurie Christy at 480-671-5768 or by email at Lchristy20@yahoo.com, to schedule a meeting.

Cancer Support Group

.....meets each Wednesday at 10:00 am in Room 101-102. This active group provides spiritual support, love, friendship and a helping hand to cancer patients, caregivers and their families. For further information, contact Tom or Dee Ashe at 480-924-5483 or 480-650-6765 (cell) or by email at dee.ashe@yahoo.com



MIND MENDERS SUPPORT GROUP

....meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday each month at 10:00 am in the Education Building. Mind Menders is a support group for caregivers of Alzheimers and other dementia disease patients. Come join us. Contact Jeanette Lunstead at 480-671-9888 or the church office for more information.



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JOB SEEKERS

Meetings are now discontinued. Both Bill Clayburg at 480-292-7525 and Michelle Cassella at 480-444-6555 are available for individual consultation. Please call.

Signs seen near Church

No God ~ No Peace. Know God ~ Know Peace.

Free trip to heaven. Details inside!

Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!

Have trouble sleeping? We have sermons ~ come hear one!

When down in the mouth, remember Jonah. He came out alright.

This is a ch__ch. What is missing? (U R)

God so loved the world that He did not send a committee.

Fight truth decay ~ study the Bible daily.

Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church.

If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns.

These are actual signs found on church property taken from ahajokes.com

Acceptance of others means that we believe in them, trust them, and care for them just as they are, even without their having made any changes....People are much more likely to change when we accept them in this way than they are if we criticize them and imply that we will hold back our love for them until they do what we want.

William J. Diehm, in
Caring Criticism: Building Bridges Instead of Walls

REAL JOY

We are celebrating a joyful new era of our lives. IT'S THE EASTER SEASON!!!

Does the cross you bear seem heavy?

Are you feeling discouraged and low?


Look up, look out and around you!

There are blessings wherever you go!

A Stephen Minister can help you "look out and around". Grief, stress and depression from death, illness, conviction of crime, loss of employment, divorce, separation from a loved one ~ all are downers, crosses to bear. But don't let the joy of Easter slip away if one of them has gotcha! Call the office or check the box for referral to the private care of a Stephen Minister.



GCUMC Cafendar May 2010

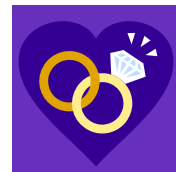
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 8 am Adult Sunday School 8 am Traditional 9:30 am Traditional 9:30 am Adult Study—Rm 106 10:50 am Praise (K Rm) 5 pm One in the Spirit Concert 5 pm Confirmation Class - Rm 106 6 pm Disciple 1—Music Rm. 6:30 pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>3 6 pm WOW Meeting - K Rm. 6:30 pm Stephen Ministers- SofG Rm 7 pm AI-Anon - Rm 101/102</p>	<p>4 10 am Community Grounds - Rm 101/102 6 pm One in the Spirit 7 pm Adult Bells</p>	<p>5 10 am "So Long Insecurity" - SofG Rm. 10 am Cancer Support - Room 101/102 4:30 pm U-Can & Bears Clubs- Ed. Bldg. 5:30 pm Angel Choir 6:30 pm Chorus Rehearsal 7 pm Youth Handbells</p>	<p>6 7 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>7 10 am GC Mom's Club—Rm 101/102 5:30 pm AA-SofG 6:30 pm Boy Scouts-Rm 101/102</p>	<p>1 8 am -Men's Breakfast at Red Sage</p>
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May Birthdays

Allison Cantrell	1	Pat Osbakken	7	Maureen Morton	15	Larry Arehart	24
Nathan Cantrell	1	Margaret Baker	8	Lois Gerst	16	Margie Bird	24
Jan Heyse	1	Donald Dewinter	8	Lorna Hartman	16	Joanne Burris	24
Jacqueline Johnson	1	Alice Myers	8	Charlie Olson	16	Marian Bonestell	25
Adam Kalik	1	Valerie Sheridan	8	John Phillips	16	Bev Criswell	25
Mildred Moore	1	Susan Fitzgerald	9	Robert Swails	16	Elaine Bracht	25
Jennie Oukada	1	Mae Livgard	9	Gerald Tippie	16	Jack Berglund	26
Betsy Wood	1	Donna Schiager	9	Joan Wilder-Siersma	16	Marilyn Horkey	26
Kelly Gingrich	2	Joyce Shafer	9	Gary Hunter	17	Chris Houser	26
Victoria Mullins	2	Carol Dage	10	Arlene Catt	18	Mark Kessler	26
Erica Reichert	2	George Schuler	10	Ryan Wood	18	Judy Ferguson	28
Keith Alford	3	Jo Alford	11	Laura Dinges	18	Roy Pape	28
Renee Gauthier	3	John Henderson	11	Dylan Kessler	19	Peggy Buck	29
Don Parker	3	Gloria Spears	11	Joe Guerrero	20	Mavis Fuher	29
Virginia Ponder	3	Charles Whittier	11	Harvey Holbrook	20	Patti Girardi	29
Helen Stoner	3	Shirley Matthews	12	Marc O'Brien	20	Brett McNamee	29
Ronald Beason	4	Eleanor Conger	13	Jerry Hunt	21	Andrea Pape	29
Ruth Rikli	4	Carmen Nordell	13	Barry Peebles	21	Lucy Weiland	29
Debra Ireland	5	Patricia Renfer	13	Delna Mulhair	22	Bob Ancell	30
Ione Nelson	5	Wes Carpenter	14	Faye Nord	22	Katie Petticrew	30
Darrell Tilus	5	Richard Svoboda	14	Bob Crow	23	Viloet Reiners	30
Lois Davis	6	Shirley Taylor	14	Michael Sheridan Jr.	23	Nina Pennington	31
Roy Pearson	6	Peggy Dowrick	15	Lynda Kessler	23	Duane Vorseth	31
Mary Hollingsworth	7	Joyce Gingrich	15	Jean Alton	24		

May Anniversaries



Ann & Neil Brogren	1	Mary Lynn & Thomas Preiss	19
Doris & Herb Kingery	1	Marjorie & Wilbur Van Dusseldorp	20
Linda & Nick Weidner	4	Sandra & William Butterbrodt	21
Jill & Craig Saathoff	5	Diane & Al Rasmussen	22
Marian & Bob Bonestell	8	Martha & Doug Benton	23
Arlene & Don Catt	9	Laura & Darrell Dinges	23
Judy & Jack Donovan	9	Cecilia & Marc O'Brien	27
Judy & Pat Campbell	10	Cheryl & Wes Carpenter	28
Wendy & Jed Moore	14	June & Lawrence Welker	28
Peggy & Gerald Tippie	14	Cynthia & Wade Hoff	30
Retha & Stan Oolman	15	Marilyn & Charles Jungman	30
Linda & Ron Borders	17	Dolores & Paul Cecil	31
Linda & Edgar Newkirk	18	Karen & Todd Williams	31
Vi & Lloyd Potter	18		



VOLUNTEERS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator
982-3776

Have you wished you had choices to make each day to make a difference? Check out this daily calendar with simple ideas. Visit www.actsofkindness.org for more information.

Also, I found an alphabetized list of all those wonderful Inspirational Values we need more of. I am continuing with **C** this month.

Class and Grace

Aren't we all envious of the talent our bell ringers have? Please acknowledge with appreciation our talented groups:

Youth Handbell Team

Nathaniel Gingrich
Nora Heilman
Joshua Lundquest
Zachary Lundquest
Christina Pappalardo
Tim Steinberg



The Chancel Ringers

Jenelu Burgi
Lauren Collins-Mitchell
Bev Criswell
Laura Dinges
Mary Gardea
Donna Garrett
Donna Graves
Carol Johnson
Mary Catherine Myers
Beth Steinberg
Ruth Steinkruger
With occasional help from:
Myra Berry
Sue Mott
Carl Ireland

Commitment

Do you enjoy a hot cup of coffee or maybe an iced mocha? Our hospitality team will be the ones you see busily refilling trays and serving for the Sunday Services on the patio. Drop by to visit with our monthly volunteers:

Marlene Barton
Grace Markert
Joyce and Bill Shafer
Stan and Retha Oolman
Shirley Matzke
Sharee and Warren Sifferath
Alyce and Bob Ancell
Linda and Ron Walker
Lorna and Earl Marifjeren
Joan and Andy Siersma
Sandra Novak
Bev and Darrell Mitchell
Betsy and Richard Wood
Peg and Don Wilson
Louise and Bill Green
Lucy and Dave Kidwell
Jane and Jeff Hayes

Would you like to try this once a month for the service you attend? Please call the church office or fill out the information to the right.



***Circle one or more of these options and place the form in the collection plate on Sunday, or drop by the office! Thanks.*

1. Summer Resident Volunteer
2. VBS Volunteer
3. Office Receptionist
4. Coffee Team
5. Custodial Assistant
6. Shut-in Meal
7. Assist with mailings

Name _____

Phone _____

COOKIE LOVERS!

Our Hospitality Team badly needs cookies, breads or fruit to continue serving after 8:00 and 9:30 services. We will accept cookies anytime during the week in the office or on Sunday in the kitchen. OR we will do the shopping for you. With \$5 donations we can purchase baked goods in quantity to have on hand. You can contribute by donating funds on Sunday at the tables on the patio or adding a check for "Kitchen Fund" to the collection plate. Thank you!

Roadrunner Email

Would you mind receiving your *Roadrunner* and event announcements by email? If so, please fill out the information below, tear it off and drop it in the collection plate or send it in to the church office.
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name (s): _____

Email Address:

Do you wish to continue to receive hard copy Roadrunners as well? Yes No



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Volunteer Coordinator	Diane Rasmussen
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Facility Care Taker	Susan Kenyon
	John LaViolette

Addressee or Current Resident

[Empty dotted box for address]

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

***8:00 AM—Traditional Worship**

***9:30 AM—Traditional Worship
 In the Sanctuary**

***10:50 AM—PRAISE Service
 In the Koinonia Room
 Music led by *Uncommon Grace***

**Childcare Provided*

**5:00 PM—Country Western Service
 Every Sunday from
 October through June
 Potluck follows Service Apr.-Oct.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
 SCHEDULE**

Children's Sunday School classes begin in the Worship Service with their families. Children are led to their classrooms after the Children's Sermon.

- ✝ 8:00 AM ~ Adult Sunday School
Meets in Room 101/102
- ✝ 9:30 AM ~ Children's Sunday School
Pick up in Room 101/102
- ✝ 9:30 AM ~ Youth Sunday School
- ✝ 9:30 AM ~ Adult Study
- ✝ 10:50 AM ~ Children's Sunday School
- ✝ 11:00 AM ~ Adult Sunday School

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