

CHAPEL CHIMES



GRASS VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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CELL PHONES

BEWARE OF 911

Everyone knows that if you need an ambulance or a police officer **RIGHT NOW!!!**, you call 911.

However -

If live in Grass Valley and go to Reno, Nevada for the weekend, and call 911 on your cell phone while you are attending the Methodist Church there and say "Someone is having a heart attack in the Methodist Church", does the ambulance go to the church in Reno or Grass Valley?

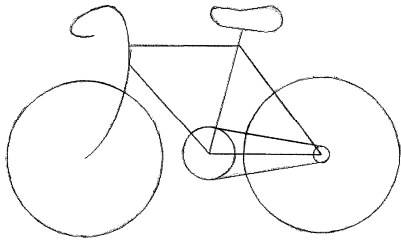
A-a-a-n-n-n-d-d the answer is -----

Grass Valley.

When calling 911 on a cell phone, **always** tell the operator, "I am calling from (wherever you are at that moment)".



Meet a new youth lector - Finn McCary



Dear Faithful Disciples,

Easter isn't a historical fact the way the Declaration of Independence or the death of Charlemagne are historical facts---with plenty of empirical data regarding the latter two, including the actual documents and bones. Not so the resurrection. It's an article of faith—try to find a creed that doesn't mention it. The biblical accounts of the resurrection are assertions *OF* truth and invitations *TO* truth rather than arguments *FOR* or *ABOUT* truth. They're expressions of the faith that unites biblical witness to God's love from the opening verses of Genesis.

And although Easter changed the world—Christianity didn't exist before Easter and it did afterward---the miracle of the resurrection was just that, a miracle. Like Jesus' walking on water, Elijah's raising a widow's dead son or Moses' parting of the Red Sea, Jesus' resurrection has a context, which is dead less love-aka God—attempting again and again, to restore us to our rightful place in creation.

Easter did and did not change everything...would that it had. Would that Pilate had repented, wars had ceased and sorrow and sighing had fled away. But they didn't. The world went on pretty much on schedule on Easter Monday...and Easter Tuesday and Easter Wednesday. As it will after our altar lilies are distributed to the homebound, the musicians have packed up their instruments and an exhausted worship team have gone home for a long Easter nap.

Easter isn't primarily about the past; it is about the present, the future and the beyond-future. Easter wasn't just a fact; it's a promise. It's a promise that God's Word will be the last word. It's a promise not that the best was but rather the best is yet to be.

Easter Blessings, Pastor Tana

Scripture and Sermon Titles

April 2010

April 1 Maundy Thursday Communion service at 5:00 pm.

April 2, Good Friday 10:00 am drop off spring flowers to decorate for Easter.

Friday April 2, 2010 Good Friday Ecumenical Services

Noon—Emmanuel Episcopal Church

7:30 Tenebrae Service-Peace Lutheran

Sunday April 4, 2010-Easter

8:00 Children and Youth

lead worship outside

9:15 Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 Worship and Communion

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26;

Luke 24:1-10

Sermon Title: Live Longer, Live Better

Sunday April 11, 2010

Scripture: Acts 5:12-16;

John 20:19-31

Sermon Title: Faith Creation

Sunday April 18, 2010

Scripture: Acts 9:1-6;

John 21:1-14

Sermon Title: Sainly Sinners

Sunday April 25, 2010

Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17;

John 10:22-30

Sermon Title: Getting Past Tilt

CREATIVE CONFIRMATION

APRIL-MAY

UMC Polity/Social Principles

Worship Participation

Mission & Service

Baptism/Bible

Legacy and more

Religious Leaders:

Bob Briel-274-7855;

Karen Wood 274-9803;

Mary Liebke 273-3678;

Pastor Tana 272-1946

5th grade up



When Jesus Came to Nazareth

When Jesus came to Nazareth
No Crowds turned out to greet--
No one pressed close for healing touch,
No women washed his feet;
But as He walked the quiet street
The townsfolk stayed within,
As if embarrassed by the one
Who once their friend had been.

The people here in Nazareth
Have heard what He has wrought,
By word and touch and calm command,
In places where He taught;
But in this town which was His home
They know this man too well
To think He really did the things
Unknowing strangers tell.

An so the Son of Man came home
Where many were in need
Of all that He had come to give --
But none His words would heed.
He came to offer hope and peace
He came to show them love,
He came to share Eternal Life
The New Birth from Above.

We are the folk of Nazareth
Who, from our youngest days,
Have heard much talk of "Jesus Christ"
In bookish, distant ways,
Because His name fits on our lips
We think we've known His grace
We are quite wrong until we meet
God's Saviour, face to face.

Earl Leonard Langguth

Many of Rev. Earl's unpublished poems are to be found on the internet at the following website: www.poatree.org

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW will meet on April 1, 2010,
Thursday.

Executive Board Meeting is at 9:30am in
Susanna Wesley Room.

Continental Breakfast is at 10:30am with
Anna Howard Shaw circle as hostess.

Program will focus on the message of
Easter and will be presented by Nancy Thompson.
You can bet she will touch our heartstrings, inspire
our spirits, and give us a laugh or two as well.

The March meeting will stay long in our
memories.

Rev Tana and Rosann Mackey gave a
power point presentation of their trip to the Holy
Land, told touching stories of the encouraging
work that Hope School is doing there, and
displayed many special objects brought back from
the region.

UMW sells olive oil here at the church,
with all the money going to the Palestinian
company that makes it. We are especially happy to
support this company because it is owned and run
totally by women.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 2010

Sponsored by: Grass Valley United Methodist,
Peace Lutheran & Emmanuel Episcopal Churches

Date: Aug. 2 – 5, with a family night program on
Aug. 5 Time: 9 am to 12noon: plan to come
early on the first day, Aug.2

Where: Grass Valley United Methodist Church,
236 So. Church St., GV

Who: Children from ages 3 thru 11...Preschool
thru 6th grade

Cost: Free- Still to be determined. NO CHILD
WILL BE TURNED AWAY...

INFO?: contact GVUMC at 272-1946 for details
and registration form when available.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH DAY CAMP FOR CHILDREN

Mt. Cross Day Camp

June 28th to July 2, 2010 from 9 AM – 3 PM.

Space limited. Contact the church @ 273-
9631

Older Adult Transitions: How Adult Children Can Help



For many adult children, helping an older parent cope with practical, logistical and emotional changes can be a challenging role. Oftentimes important decisions must be made about living choices, downsizing, care options, and family involvement. Older parents are often confused and resistant to change; adult children often feel overwhelmed and unsure how to assist without “taking over” their parents’ lives.

While change is often difficult, it can be made easier through proper knowledge and planning. Join others with experience in Adult Children Groups for support, information and sharing.

You will share ideas on how to:

- Be more proactive and less reactive
- Communicate better with your parent and other family members about difficult, yet important issues and decisions
- Work together more effectively as a family
- Minimize parent-child role reversal
- Help your older parent retain a sense of self-control and personal identity
- Tap into local resources to relieve confusion and stress
- Understand common emotions that arise in dealing with aging parents

When: Every 4th Thursday, 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Where: Quail Ridge, Assisted Living
150 Sutton Way, Grass Valley, CA
Contact: Rev. Judith Pruess-Mellow 272-3354
Cost: None, all are welcome.

GOD’S HEALING GIFT

A Course in Healing Prayer, Meditation & Touch Leader: Rev. Melissa Horton

Fri. April 30th, 6:30- 9 pm, Sat. May 1st, 10-5,

and Sun. May 2nd, 12:30 – 4:30

SIERRA PINES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, GRASS VALLEY

22559 W. Hacienda, GV. Classrooms 1&3 (church located near Lake of the Pines)

The spirit that heals is the loving force of the Holy flowing through the open heart. This class provides meditation, healing prayer and healing touch instruction for all those who pray with and for others. Participants will learn a variety of spiritual exercises from several traditions. This imagery prayer for healing is based on a model developed by Lawrence LeShan, PhD, and adapted for church and public use over the past 20 years by Rev. Francis Geddes who has trained thousands at the Wellspring Renewal Center and many churches. Suitable for people of all faiths!

Cost & Registration: Sierra Pines & GV United Methodist Churches are sponsoring this class at only the instructor’s fee (Melissa only). Suggested donation is \$80 per student. Make checks payable to Sierra Pines United Methodist Church (SPUMC)/Healing Class. To hold your spot and ensure payment for the leader, pay in full by 4/19. **Class size is limited. Questions?: Call Jeree at 272-9162 x3 or SPUMC at 268-6907**



MISSIONS

Since I last communicated Missions News to you, there have been two devastating earthquakes and two others with lesser damage in Turkey and Japan. In January, Haiti was hit hard by a 7.0 magnitude earthquake with upwards of 50 aftershocks in the following two weeks. The exact number of deaths is unknown and is still rising, but the Government of Haiti reports around 230,000 people have lost their lives, 300,00 are injured, and an estimated one million are homeless. United Methodists have responded with thousands of health kits and donations of 14.5 million dollars through UMCOR Haiti Relief. Grass Valley UMC has given well over \$5000 and many health kits toward the Haiti Relief.

Another earthquake, with a magnitude of 8.8, brought devastation and destruction to Chile the 27th of February. This earthquake was so powerful that scientists calculate it moved the city of Concepcion about 10 feet to the West, which also affected other parts of South America. There have been over 140 aftershocks, 13 or more of them above 6.0 in magnitude. Damage and casualties are considerable, with UMCOR working with its partners in Chile, responding to the needs of the people. Over 700 have died and over a half million homes have been destroyed. Without asking for a Special Offering, our church has given over \$1000 toward the Chilean Earthquake Relief fund.

WE ARE THERE, with UMCOR, in each of these areas, with our generosity in donations of both money and health kits. VIM teams will be organized once the needs are assessed, and the areas can support teams with housing and food. If you are interested, please contact me and I will get you in touch with our District/Conference VIM organization.

A disaster response reconstruction team is being formed to help restore private homes in the Galveston, Texas, area. On Sept. 13, 2008, Hurricane Ike's "eye" was directly over Galveston Island destroying businesses, homes and lives. Two years later, the people are still struggling to recover from the effects of the Hurricane. The Santa Rosa UMC is organizing this VIM team, the same church which Arlie Thompson, Marilyn Wilson, Shirley Payne, Bill and Carolyn Croker went with to Biloxi, Mississippi, several years ago. The dates for the Galveston VIM team will be Oct. 23 to Nov. 6, 2010. You can participate for one week or both weeks. If you are interested in being a Volunteer in Mission team member, and would like to join this well-organized work crew from Santa Rosa, please see me for more information.

"Please continue to pray for those who are hungry, displaced, sick or in poverty because of these and other natural or human-made disasters, and the workers who minister to them."

Submitted by Carolyn Croker



Something tells me the party's over.



Coffee Fellowship

Grass Valley United Methodist Men

Starting in March, the men of GVUMC are going to give the ladies a break from serving coffee after each worship service. Dick Servaes and Howard Coffey will be working on the schedule for both Services in March.

Please step up and help provide a break for the wonderful ladies of GVUMC.

Thank You

Thank you, friends, for your many prayers and visits during George's illness.

Thank you, also, for your condolences during this difficult time.

However, it is comforting to know that he is at peace and rest.

Love and blessings,
Myrtle Nelson and family

The Seekers - Some topics explored - **Clean Water for all -**

Public water is increasingly being sold to private companies for bottling and resale back to the public for profit. More than one-fourth of bottled water comes from municipal water sources. At least one-third of them have bacteria or chemical contaminants.

African American History and Methodism -

One of the earliest circuit riders was a black man who served both black and white congregations. White worshipers came to resent the presence of black worshipers in their church as time went by, even though they were separated from the whites. In 1787 a confrontation occurred when black worshippers were "pulled from their knees during worship" because they did not know the gallery they were in was closed to them. Black people then organized the African Methodist Episcopal Church

Lent -

The number 40, as in Lent, is repeated many times in the Bible - 40 days of flooding, 40 years in the wilderness and Jesus' 40 days of prayer and fasting before his public ministry.

The 40 days of Lent do not include weekends.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY

This committee has decided to study the Social Principles of the Methodist Church so we would be more aware of what Methodism really stands for. We begin our meeting at 4:00 pm on the appointed day and end it at 5:00 pm.

We will spend the first half hour giving our various committee reports, of which there are about eight, so they must be brief.

The last half hour will be used to review the principles. At the last meeting we read aloud the introduction and answered questions about our own experiences and attitudes.

We decided it takes too long read the whole text aloud at the meetings. Instead, we will read a section at home before the meeting, and then discuss the material.

At our next meeting, April 5, we will discuss the "Natural World". Some of the topics are how we use God's world, energy, food safety and water.

The word has spread around that the Church & Society Committee will be studying the Social Principles of the Methodist church, and some people voiced a desire to participate. We welcome anyone and everyone who wants to come.

Submitted by Shirley Payne

LECTORS NEEDED

Lectors are needed for both services for the coming months.

**Please sign-up on the sheet in the lobby.
Call Don McGuigan - 273-8214 for information**

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

04/01 Betty Farchi
04/02 Winabeth Smith
04/02 Charles Fowler
04/03 Glenn Tomlin
04/05 Ken Cook
04/07 Dot Alverson
04/07 Earl Langguth
04/07 Emily Turner
04/08 Jerry Merenda
04/09 Alexandra Diane Durham
04/11 Larry Hamilton
04/14 Jay Shuholm
04/15 Jackie McGuigan
04/17 Richard Miller
04/18 David Phelps
04/19 Dee Dawson
04/20 Abel Gutierrez
04/21 Hal Jonsson
04/22 Mary Wood
04/23 Karen Avis-Gutierrez
04/25 Ron Ernst
04/25 Tyler Madden
04/26 Vika Bachura
04/27 Glenn Jones
04/27 Edward Yun
04/27 Jackie Randall
04/27 Jacob Halleib
04/29 Helen Olney

**“Who Is This King”
Easter Cantata by Lloyd Larson**

You are invited to attend the presentation of this wonderful Cantata on Friday evening, April 16, in our sanctuary, at 7PM. The joint choirs of the Peace Lutheran, GVUMC, and Unitarian Church are pleased to extend this invitation to you. There will be no charge to attend the Cantata, but there will be a “Freewill” offering available should you wish to contribute. Refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the Cantata. Please come and bring your friends to enjoy this marvelous musical work!

HOW TO REACH PASTOR TANA

There are several ways to reach Pastor Tana.

*Office Hours: Wed & Fri 10:00-12:00 AM

*Pastor's days off: Monday & Tuesday
Please call for appointment.

*Church phone: 272-1946

*Emergency (24/7): 274-8370

*Pastor's home phone: 274-8370

*Pastor's e-mail address: pastor@gv-umc.org

Please call Pastor Tana for appointments.

**WHAT'S GOING ON
IN OUR CHURCH ?**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Wed. - Thurs. 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am - Noon

COMMITTEES

Church Council	3rd Friday	8:00 am
Church & Society	1st Monday	4:00 pm
Finance	2nd Wed.	6:30 pm
Missions	As Scheduled	
SPRC	1st Wed.	10:00 am
Trustees	1st Friday	9:00 am
Worship	4 th Thurs.	10:00 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children	Sundays	8:45 am
Adults	Sundays	9:00 am

BIBLE STUDY

Adults	Mondays	1:30 pm
Adults	Tuesday	9:30 am

PRAYER

Contemplative Prayer		
2nd & 4th	Wednesday	5:00 pm
Prayer and Share	Sunday	6:00 pm

MUSIC

Wesley Ringers		
Hand Bells	Thursday	6:15 pm
Choir Practice	Thursday	7:45 pm

WELCOMING ADULT GROUPS

Men's Breakfast		
At IHOP	Wednesday	7:30 am

Pasty Bakers

Call Gordon Beatie 477-8485

Circuit Writers Critique Group

Call Jan Collins 272-4905

CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP

Friendly Visitors

Call Church Office 272-1946

Stephen Ministers

Call Judy Emerson 432-5899

NEWS LETTER – CHAPEL CHIMES

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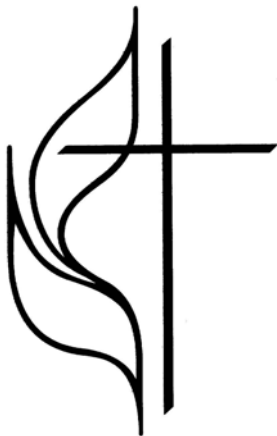
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TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

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Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world by focusing
on three discipleship areas:

Spiritual discovery for everybody
Outreach to our community and world
Nurture and care for our congregation

"Focus on the SON"