

CHAPEL CHIMES



GRASS VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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Joan Heinsohn and Lynn Schorr hope everyone had a wonderful safe summer! Can you believe that it is Back to School and back to Grass Valley United Methodist Women so soon?!

Our United Methodist Women will meet -

**Thursday, September 3, 2009.
Executive Board at 9:30am
General Meeting at 11 am**

Continental Breakfast will be served by Mizpah Circle at 10:30am

The program for September will be presented by Nancy Thompson, entitled "Food Security" -Native American Mission.

The October 1 program will be "Bread for the World" presented by Helen Bowden. The Howard Shaw Circle will be hostess.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is established by the congregation for emergency purposes. It is not a regular budget item. The fund is intended primarily for emergency needs.

The fund operates on three levels.

- 1. The church secretary administers small amounts for emergencies – transportation and similar needs.**
- 2. The pastor can give one time amounts for emergency use.**
- 3. Other requests are handled through an application process and is subject to the decision of an advisory committee, the pastor, J. D. Salyer, Charlie Collins and Judy Emerson.**

Applications are available in the office.

Thank you for the support of this limited fund to assist those with emergency needs.





You are invited to be a part of a Holy Land VIM (Volunteers in Mission) pilgrimage. The group will depart on December 29, 2009 from

Sacramento and return January 14, 2010. Rev. Tana McDonald is leading this tour assisted by Rev. Don Lee, and Rosann Mackey.

While in the Holy Land, you will prayerfully participate in strengthening our UMC peace and justice connections. You will live in Bethlehem, at the complex of the Basilica of the Nativity, interact and worship daily with Palestinian Christians and Muslims. Our group will visit Deheisha Refugee Camp, Hebron/Christian Peacemakers, Lutheran Christmas Church/numerous mission projects. We will have a suitcase ministry and deliver much needed children's medicines/school supplies to HOPE Secondary School.

On January 6th you will leave the walls of Bethlehem and move to Jerusalem. In addition to sacred site-seeing we will worship with our Jewish brothers and sisters at the Wailing Wall and meet several Israeli Peace activists and justice partners.

Lastly we move on to Jericho and up to the Jordan River to reaffirm our baptism before heading to the Sea of Galilee, Mt. of the Beatitudes, Capernaum and Nazareth. Our lodging will be on the Sea of Galilee at a lovely, peaceful spiritual retreat center.

Estimated cost (including lodging, 2 meals daily, [except for one dinner at the American Colony Hotel in Jerusalem]) is \$4000. Applications are available now. Get your passport if you think you would like to join us. Orientation and educational meetings will be held at Sierra Pines UMC on Saturdays: September 26th, October 24th, and November 21st, from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. Plan to make at least two of the meeting to be eligible to go.

Our most important mission work is connectional--meeting Israeli, Palestinian and Muslim peacemakers.

If you would like more information on this trip, please contact Rev. Tana revtana@gmail.com Grass Valley UMC 530 272-1946, or Rev. Don Lee at revdonlee@gmail.com Sierra Pines UMC 268-6907, or Rosann Mackey rosann.VIM2009@gmail.com 272-6566.

Scripture and Sermon

September 6, 2009

Scripture: Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Mark 7:24-37

Sermon: My Paparazzo Profile

September 13, 2009

Scripture: James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

Sermon: Good Gossip

September 20, 2009

Scripture: Mark 9:30-37; James 3:13-4.3, 7-8a

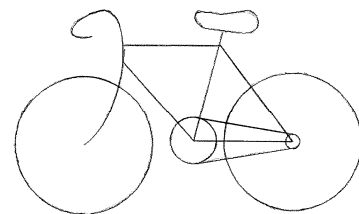
Sermon: One With the Son

September 27, 2009

Scripture: Psalm 124; James 5:13-20

Sermon: Safe Surrender

Rev. Tana



YOUTH GROUP BLAST OFF!!

Sept. 20 5-8pm third floor GVUMC
7th-12th grade

Adult coordinators Kathy Kinny and Daniel Cain have sketched out a year of fun, folly and faith exploration. Regular youth group meetings will be the 1st and 3rd Sundays 5-7:00. All are welcome!!



IN CHURCH

I lift my eyes above the cross
To where my Saviour stands,
His loving figure etched in glass,
Extending both His hands,
"Come unto Me," He seems to say,
I strain to hear His voice,
Could I rise up and follow Him,
The angels would rejoice.

He stands upon the stained glass
path,
Surrounded by bright flowers,
His invitation all must see,
These morning's sun bright hours;
Is that the way that will Him lead
To dark Gethsemane,
Where He will hear His Father God
Require His death for me?

In morning light have I the right,
To claim such love for me?
Were it now night could I delight
Such suffering to see?
That path began in Bethlehem,
And stops there o'er my head,
Might I rise up and stand with Him,
Both risen from the dead?

- Earl Leonard Langguth

CHAPEL CHIMES EDITOR



[No this is not a self portrait !!]

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THANK YOU TEA COMMITTEE

As part of the Gathering of the International Cornish Cousins that was held in Grass Valley in July, registrants were promised a Cornish cream tea. This was provided mainly by our UMW and Wesley Hall was transformed by Dorothy Miller and Geni Reid into a beautiful, inviting tea room (if a little large). The tea was a great success, and we received many compliments. We, also, received \$1,704.00 from the organizing committee for serving 142 people.

Thanks to everyone who helped with planning and preparing food and serving it. And, special thanks to a number of our men, who took on the job of cleanup.

Margaret Currier helped immensely with planning and she even made all of the clotted cream for the scones.

Anyone needing reimbursement see Donna Slaughter.

Helen Bowden, Tea Chairman

THANK YOU

My name is Ellen Thomas, and I am the Community Lay Director for Chrysalis. I want to thank you and your church staff for hosting our Boy's Chrysalis Flight on July 9-12, as well as the team meeting in May. Your church is the perfect location for a flight!

IFM

A typical Monday, Wednesday or Friday at IFM begins at 7 or 7:30 when supervisors arrive. By 8 am volunteers are sorting fruits, vegetables and other perishables arriving from area grocery and food stores. Several pickup trucks arrive with their day's collection. Interviewers soon arrive and all volunteers gather for prayer and the day's briefing. Individual client interviews begin at 10 o'clock and food is distributed accordingly until 1 pm: perishables weekly, non perishables monthly. On Tuesday and Thursday crews assemble the bags of non perishable foods. The number of people served continues to grow and both food items and cash donations are always needed. Although the special collection at our church on the second Sunday of each month is designated for IFM, clearly marked donations can be made at any time. A white wooden box is always near the second floor elevator door to receive large paper grocery bags and non perishable food items.

Additional workers are always needed and anyone wishing to volunteer time for one of the many jobs, as little as 2 1/2 hours per month, should contact

Joan Venes - 265-1552.

NEW HEARING AIDS

TEN new hearing assist units (\$953.70) were put into service this morning (Thursday July 23) - TWELVE TOTAL UNITS DOWNSTAIRS (I have three old-style units upstairs).

There are three new plastic trays in the cupboard

- 1) contains six of the new units (each with ear bud)
- 2) contains four of the new units (each with ear bud) and the box of alcohol wipes
- 3) contains two of the older units, one with headset and one with induction loop; also some extra ear bud coverings and an extra headset (I have extra ear buds upstairs, also).

I would like to try something new and different: there will be a small clipboard with a #1-#12 numbered sign-out and sign-in sheet asking for the person who checks one of these units out to also write down name and phone number; there will be a sheet for first service and a sheet for second service - I would like the ushers to make sure the units are signed in after the church service has finished -- and turned off, too!

One of the \$40 induction loops is now missing - there were two just a couple of months ago - Rev Earl and Harold George are the only two folks I've known to use the induction loop with their hearing aids.

I will be responsible for changing the batteries on a regular basis - AA batteries supposed to give us 100 hours of service.

Thanks for your cooperation

Dale

Footnote: THREE neckloops have been returned as of August 30 !!

Judith Pruess-Mellow presents excellent classes for the elderly. She even likes to include the baby boomers, of which she is one, because she feels they must plan ahead. She is conducting some classes at the Nevada City United Methodist Church for 4 Sundays
LOOKING FORWARD, LOOKING BACK from Sept 13-Oct.4, 2009 noon-1:30pm
Topics will include Journaling, Movement-Medication, Rituals, Communication, and Capturing Our Life Stories.

For pre-registration, call NC UMC office at 265-2797. For questions, call Jackie Finley at 274-8574.

This is a wonderful opportunity close at hand. Check it out.

Where's Your Focus ?

(from *Healthy Congregations: A Systems Approach* by Peter L. Steinke, p. 44-45)

The chart below contrasts two types of congregations. Think about you own situation. Where does your congregation fit? What in your congregation needs continued support or change?

Please circle each statement that reflects, *for you personally*, the emphasis at Grass Valley UMC--add up the amount of circles in each column to see if you find more mission/ministry focus or clergy focus. As we vision for the future this fall consider what you have learned from this exercise.

Clergy-Focused Congregations	Mission-Focused Congregation
1. Excessive focus on clergy (one individual is assigned responsibility for all that happens); overinvested in clergy (as the “hero” or as the “scapegoat”); clergy are seen as primarily responsible for what happens.	A clear focus on identity and destiny of congregation
2. Dependencies are encouraged (like parent – child): no activity happens without the clergy present.	Stewardship in emphasized; responsibility is distributed among clergy and congregation; interdependence predominates.
3. Neediness is enabled.	Needs are met without promoting dependency.
4. Clergy are expected to motivate, inspire, or rescue others.	Clergy are expected to organize people toward mission; everyone helps.
5. Inflexible roles (survival depends on a prescribed – “expected – way of functioning).	Resiliency in functioning.
6. Cycle of emotional fusion (lack of “distance”; clergy are not seen as individuals apart from their role; clergy are “owned”).	Clergy are separated selves; clergy set goals and take stands.
7. “We” (very few speak for themselves); inappropriate behavior is tolerated or denied, owns an opinion apart from the group.	“I” positions are respected; lots of dialogue (physicist David Bohm says, “Dialogue means not winning points”).
8. “Consensus sensitive” (any difference is considered an attack, those who don’t agree with the group do not survive); clergy is the hub of the harmony or conflict.	The guiding vision provides unity but not at the expense of uniformity.
9. Disagreement is dangerous (the surface is calm but that’s because everyone is frozen by anxiety).	Conflict is normal, essential, and managed. (Minority reports are included in final decisions).
10. Closed system (like a stagnate pond) no fresh “water” – i. e. ideas – is allowed; no corrective feedback, new ideas are not entertained.	Open system (lots of information) new ideas, feedback loops are developed and encouraged.

UMCOR WEST IS HERE

The Western part of the United States has a United Methodist Committee on Relief supply depot, called UMCOR West.

Located in Salt Lake City, the 22,000 square foot facility opened its doors June 3rd. It serves as a material resources warehouse to store UMCOR relief supplies and ministry kits.

It greatly reduces shipping costs and enhances efficiency when UMCOR needs to respond to emergencies in this part of the country; especially if a disaster strikes the west coast. It serves as a field office and training center for disaster response, hosts kit ministries and establishes an additional point of communication for UMCOR.

Volunteers groups or individuals are invited to spend a week in Salt Lake City to serve at UMCOR West. Each mission experience will include kit ministry and volunteer work in the local community .UMCOR works closely with Crossroads Urban Center, a United Methodist national mission institute in Salt Lake City, to provide meaningful service experiences.

The response to UMCOR West has been tremendous. Many groups have booked to volunteer that nearly every week of the summer is covered. Nearby Christ UMC and Hilltop UMC

Are generously hosting groups from out of town: both churches have sleeping accommodations, showers, and kitchens.

Our own Mary Liebke and Joan Heinsohn will be traveling to Salt Lake City soon to spend a week at UMCOR. They will bring back with them many new ideas and projects for UMW to become involved in for 2010.

Prayers and Squares

Our faithful few have met and decided we really want others to join us for the Fall. We have exciting times planned and one big change: Prayers and Squares will meet twice a month, instead of weekly, on the second and fourth Friday mornings from 9:30am - 11:30am. Many days we finish and go to lunch -- so it is a lovely full morning.

We are looking for people who like quilts, but don't necessarily quilt. We can teach you, or you can use our sewing machines and help us sew. Willingness trumps skill, so won't you contact one of us?

Susie Ernst 432-8846

Margaret Currier 273-3784

UPCOMING LAY SPEAKING CLASSES -- Courses on preaching Extravagant Generosity

Plan to hone your skills for preaching about three vital aspects of Extravagant Generosity:

1. A refreshing angle on the bedrock of generosity;
2. First fruits living as a proactive approach to proportionate giving; and
3. A new, "Legacy Sunday" model of money-and-values related to planned giving.

This course fulfills the Advanced Lay Speaking course on Stewardship, but it's really about helping people grow deeper generosity in their hearts, lives and faith-based passion.

The dates are: September 19 and 26, '09 at Auburn Pioneer UMC, and October 10 and 17, '09 at Reno First UMC.

Each course will include two eight-hour Saturday workshops: the first for learning and resourcing, and the second for a preaching practicum. **CLASSES BEGIN AT 9:00 AM and end 4:00 PM.**

More details are available in the church office.

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

09/01 Elinor Kenitzer
09/01 Connie McKee
09/03 Nancy Thompson
09/04 Bill Croker
09/08 George David Peavy
09/09 Jeff Smith
09/10 Dorothy Kyle
09/11 Jim Sherman
09/14 Peggy Servaes
09/15 Jennifer Boss
09/18 Zach Alcantara
09/21 Carrie Hansen
09/22 Neil Marshall
09/22 Joshua Peavy
09/23 Sinclair Dickson
09/25 Roger Lilly
09/25 Susan Von Dollen
09/26 Bob Briel
09/30 Mary Liebke
09/30 Steven Smith
09/30 Henry Von Dollen

St. Paul's UMC, 1660 Grandview Ave., Reno, NV is holding a pancake breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 12th from 7 AM to 11 AM. We are just north of the Keystone-Coleman intersection in Northwest Reno. Saturday?? YES !!
The Great Reno Balloon Races are the same weekend, so skip the crowd and enjoy the balloons floating over our conveniently located church.
Pancakes, sausage, drinks. Adults, teens and tweens \$5.00. Kids 10 and under \$3.00. Questions – call Judi Jensen at 775-674-6335

HOW TO REACH REV TANA

There are several ways to reach Pastor Tana. Through these various points she strives to be available. Please do call for appointments.

* Mon. & Tues off

*Office Hours: Wed & Fri 10-12 noon

*Church Phone: 272-1946

*Emergency/Home Phone: 274-8370

*Pastor email: pastor@gv-umc.org

WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR CHURCH ?

COMMITTEES

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

BIBLE STUDY

Adults Mondays 1:30 pm

PRAYER

Contemplative Prayer
2nd & 4th Wednesday 4:45 pm
Prayer and Share Sunday 6:00 pm

MUSIC

Wesley Ringers
Hand Bells Wednesday 6:30 pm
Choir Practice Thursday 7:30 pm

CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP

Friendly Visitors
Call Marilyn Wilson 274-8952
Stephen Ministers
Call Judy Emerson 432-5899

WELCOMING ADULT GROUPS

Family Fun Activities Call 272-1946
Men's Breakfast
At IHOP Wednesday 7:30 am
Pasty Bakers
Call Dorothy Miller 273-7046
Circuit Writers Critique Group
Call Jan Collins 272-4905

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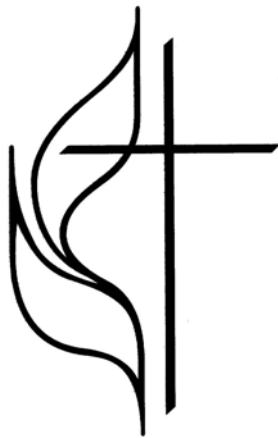
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OPEN MINDS

OPEN DOORS



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OUR MISSION: To make disciples of Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION: An alive growing, "on fire" church where individual lives are transformed by their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Members pray and read the Bible daily, faithfully keep the covenants with God through their daily actions and minister to others.