

CHAPEL CHIMES



GRASS VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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The September meeting was a wonderful time. Mizpah hosted the continental breakfast.

The slate of officers for UMW 2010 was presented, nominations from the floor were heard, and members voted in the new officers:

**Co-presidents: Marilyn Wilson
Joan Heinsohn**

Vice president: Helen Bowden

Secretary: Thelma Stade

Treasurer: Donna Slaughter

Spiritual Growth: Nancy Thompson

Sunshine: Peggy Servaes

Historian and Publicity: Lynn Schorr

Education and Interpretation: Vacant

Membership, Nurture, Outreach: Vacant

Secretary of Program Resources

And Reading Program: Vacant

Nancy Thompson presented a delightful program entitled "A Revigoration of the Love Feast."

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

At the retreat some people said we needed some adult Sunday School classes. They may not be aware that we have –

TWO CLASSES - Sunday morning - 8:45.

Rev.. Earl has a class which studies the New Testament in Room 7.

"The Seekers" studies contemporary social problems in the Susannah Wesley Room. Some recent topics include:

Good Marriage (more than just a ceremony)

Wage Theft (between \$20-50 billion a year are not paid)

Greed (a controlling passion for wealth)

Suicide (20% increase in calls since the economy failed)

Stem Cell Research (presidential statements differ)

Christian Hope in a less Christian Nation (What now?)



**Sunday Morning
Bible Study**

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teachings and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” (Acts 2:42)

Dear Faith-filled Disciples,

WOW oh wow! Grass Valley UMC appears to be taking eagle’s wings of flight into a new era. Our recent church retreat had record attendance levels with over 85 persons joining together to move in a lively manner, share stories, pray, focus on a new mission statement & action plan, break bread and focus some more on the future our great church. We ended the evening singing new hymns praising Jesus with Rev Dan Damon and listening to our 9ft. Knabe Grand lift soaring melodies. It was grand indeed.

Two lay leaders Cathy Tolman from Sierra Pines UMC and recent Worship and the Arts seminary graduate 25 year old Amy Shoemaker of Berkeley assisted us in seeing new possibilities and a hope filled future. Our most grateful thanks go out to them.

Below is the new proposed mission statement and action plan for Grass Valley UMC. As this note goes to press we are in the middle of voting for a logo to accompany the mission statement. At our Church Conference Monday Oct. 5 at 6pm we will vote on the mission statement—I do hope you will come with laughter in your heart and bells on dancing feet as we continue to plow fertile fields for today and tomorrow for the living Christ. We are also ushering a new era of organizing our churches by Circuits and more deeply empowering laity and clergy to run the churches. This is a profoundly Wesleyan concept and one I personally welcome with an open heart and open mind.

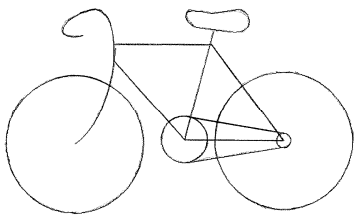
**The Mission
Of
The Grass Valley United Methodist Church**

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We will do this by focusing on three discipleship areas:

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

Our slogan is: “Focus on the SON”



Rev. Tana

PS

Dear Members of Grass Valley UMC

On behalf of the Ca. Cornish Cousins and the Gathering, I want to thank you for allowing us to use your wonderful facility. Your graciousness towards our visitors made them feel most welcome in the community.

I am enclosing a gift of \$500.00 to express, in a tangible way, our gratitude. You truly are a beacon in this community!

Sincerely
Eleanor Kenitzer



CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Sunday, October 11th

Across the world, Methodists celebrate the children on this particular week-end. GVUMC has joined with them for at least the past four years, with our children taking part in the worship services, and following the services, advocating for children, targeting disease and poverty. What a meaningful way for our children to combine with all United Methodists in fulfilling their mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We will join with the Children's Defense Fund and learn more about ending child poverty, ensuring that every child has access to affordable health coverage and services, guaranteeing that every child has quality education, and all are protected from abuse and neglect.

A wonderful worship service is planned, that includes a presentation by Yvonne Turner about her experiences teaching at Hope School this past year. She will tell us ways we can show compassion and care, as Jesus did, for all our children, those at Hope School and here at home.

PRAISE SONG TO BE SUNG TO "FINLANDIA"

In times like these
I know I need a Saviour;
In times like these,
I want a heavenly friend,
One Who can tame my panic-bred behavior,
Through earthly perils lead to heavenly end,
In time like these
I know I must seek Jesus,
On Him alone does victory depend.
Sing praise to God,
Who loves me as my Father;
Sing praise to God
Who sent to me His Son,
Sing praise to God His Spirit leads within me
Enwrapped in God, I know the three in one;
In times like these
I live by faith, rejoicing,
That in His grace my new life has begun.

-Earl Leonard Langguth

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

PASTY BAKERS

There will be no Pasty Bake in the month of November.

We will have only one holiday Pasty Bake on December 10th with the pre-bake at 7:00 AM on December 9th.

Gordon Beatie

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She led us in an invitational call to the "Love Feast" followed by a table discussion by table members about who impacted our spiritual faith the most in our lives. "The Love Feast" is a powerful and important tradition of the church and dates back to John Wesley.

Nancy had prepared trays with chocolate, nuts, water, dried fruit and flatbread crackers. This food is the feast while the sharing of the spoken testimony of the work of God in one's own life is at the heart of the Love Feast.

Thank you Nancy for this inspirational program.

Church Conference

ALL ARE INVITED!!

Church Conference Monday Oct. 5, 6:00 PM, Wesley Hall

2010 Leaders will be voted in; ministries will be celebrated and our new mission statement will be voted on for adoption.

Rev Jim garrison and Church Leader Bob Briel will preside

WHERE: Hilltop Commons,
131 Eureka, Grass Valley

COST: None – Zero

For more information, Please call:

Jackie Finley 274-8574

Or Kathryn Lucas 845-6726

CLayM Ministry Conference Lay Minister Program

Have you have heard these terms before? Has anyone talked to you about what they mean? This month is the first in a series of 3 articles in which we are going to explore the CLayM Ministry program.

CLayM ministry is lay ministry and is distinct from the ministry of those who are Licensed, Commissioned or Ordained. Paragraph 126 in the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church entitled "The Ministry of the Laity," tells us that the ministry of the laity flows from a commitment to Christ's outreaching love. Lay members of the United Methodist Church are, by history and calling, active advocates of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Every layperson is called to carry out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-10); every lay person is called to be missional. The witness of the laity, their Christ-like examples of everyday living as well as the sharing of their own faith experiences of the Gospel, is the primary evangelistic ministry through which all people will come to know Christ and The United Methodist Church will fulfill its mission.

The Conference Lay Minister Program (CLayM), builds upon the strong heritage of lay ministry and leadership in the United Methodist Church. Under the supervision of the Board of Laity of the CA-NV Annual Conference, it extends opportunities for Christian service through the church to experienced lay leaders, providing training and opportunities to serve in ministerial roles.

Does the Grass Valley United Methodist Church have a CLayM minister within its congregation?

Perhaps the answer will be in next month's article.

Nancy Thompson

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE -- Fifteenth (15th) day of the of the month.

If you have an article to be printed in the Chapel Chimes, please e-mail it to me or give me a hard copy by the 15th of the month.

If you wait until a later date, the article may appear in a later edition. I start to work on arranging articles for the newsletter the morning of the 16th of the month and send it to the church office for printing and mailing as soon as I have the available articles arranged in the pages. Any articles that come after I have sent the newsletter to the church office goes into the file for the following month.

The preferred method for articles is via e-mail (alvingvc@msn.com) . If e-mail is not convenient, give me a paper copy or leave it in the church office for the **Chapel Chimes**.

Alvin Emerson, Editor

SENIOR READERS THEATRE

Are you an older adult who would like to be involved in staging a play, either as an actor, director producer, prop builder, costumer, writer of publicist?

If so, join the new Senior Readers Theatre. The goals of the Readers Theatre are to develop new skills, explore creative outlets, meet other interesting people and **HAVE FUN !**

WHEN: Six Saturdays-Sept. 12, 19, 26
Oct. 3, 10, 17

TIME: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Scripture and Sermon

October 4, 2009

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12;
Psalm 26

Sermon: The Christ Who Names Us

October 11, 2009---Children's
Sabbath—Yvonne Turner Missionary to
Hope School, Bethlehem Palestine
Scripture: Mark 10:35-45
Sermon: Children in Bethlehem

October 18, 2009---- Bread for the
World—Jim Hook
Scripture: Isaiah 58:6-10; Matthew
25:31-40
Sermon: Bread for the World

October 25, 2009
Scripture: Mark 10:46-52; Jeremiah
31:7-9
Sermon: The Problem of Methodopia

New Artist

Grass Valley has a new artist.
Alexandra Durham, age 6, drew a self-
portrait last year while attending
kindergarten.

The portrait won second prize at
the Nevada County Fair.

Congratulations Alexandra !!!!

Finance Update

As of Mid-September we continue to lag
in income.

Our budget income is currently \$16,426
behind our income at the same point last
year. We entered this year with a small
surplus from the previous year, but we
have consumed that amount and more.
We would be much further behind were it
not for the success of our Pasty Ministry,
which provides an incredible source of
support to the budget.

We have adopted an austerity spending
plan, and our expenses are below
budget, but the needs that we serve in
our community are as urgent as ever. To
enable the Church to fulfill its obligations
we all need to step up, making sure our
pledges are up to date. Additionally, I
would ask those who are able to join in
adding to your regular gifts so that we
can continue our ministries and remain
financially stable.

Bill Beeman
Finance Chair

GOD'S HEALING GIFT - A Course in Healing, Prayer, Meditation and
Touch. **2 WEEKENDS: Fri. Oct. 16th 6:30-9:00 pm and Sat. Oct. 17th 9-5**

Fri. Oct. 23rd 6:30-9:00 pm and Sat. Oct 24th 9-5 both required.

SIERRA PINES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, GRASS VALLEY

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!*

Leader: Rev. Melissa Horton - Assistant Leader: Jeree Waller, M.S.

Cost – Suggested donation is \$125.00 per student. Make checks payable to Sierra Pines
United Methodist Church (SPUMC)/Healing Class. Partial hardship scholarships available.

Questions?: Call Jeree at 272-9162 X3 or SPUMC at 268-6907

“PUT THE OXYGEN MASK ON YOURSELF FIRST”

Compassion Fatigue Seminar

Nov 7 9:00-4:00 @ GVUMC

Support for caregivers who bring kindness and light to the dark and scary places.

Today there is widespread concern for our well being in the world, individually and collectively. Many are experiencing confusion, vulnerability, grief, and fear. Those of us who are caregivers are not immune from this and, thus, we are doubly impacted personally and professionally. In this workshop, we will focus on *finding our balance* in the midst of unstable, uncertain times. We will explore how to tend our own deep spiritual needs, which are often neglected in the on-going work of ministering to others.

Interactive group process, guided visualization, and time for personal reflection will be cultivated in an environment of warmth, humor and safety. The morning session will combine teaching new concepts and skills with individual and small group activities. The afternoon session will use *walking the labyrinth* to enhance personal reflection and group support, and to crystallize and synthesize what the morning has evoked.

Bring your own brown bag lunch and drinks.

**RSVP: gvumc@gv-umc.org - or
Grass Valley UMC office 272-1946**

FACILITATOR: LYNN GOODMAN, MFT is a Transpersonal Counselor and Spiritual Director in private practice. She is, also, a Labyrinth Facilitator and retreat leader. Her psychotherapy practice specializes in addictions, trauma, chronic illness and grief recovery.

UMC - OUR SOCIAL CREED

We believe in God, Creator of the world: and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen

(The United Methodist Church statement of Social Principles.)

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

10/02 Janet Collins
10/03 Lindy Beatie
10/04 Kay Ellis
10/04 Jim Hook
10/05 Helen Johnson
10/05 Myrtle Nelson
10/05 Ettoria Kinney
10/06 Don McGuigan
10/08 Linda Phelps
10/08 Walli Ziegenhagen
10/08 Jeff Kinyon
10/09 Carol Guinn
10/10 Judy Leavell
10/12 Bonnie Hensley
10/14 Judy Emerson
10/15 Charlotte Hawley
10/17 Frances Comstock
10/17 Jennifer Kinyon
10/18 Mulvina Smith
10/19 Erwin Peyton
10/19 Marilyn Wilson
10/20 Doris Beechel
10/23 Becky Jensen
10/23 Meghan Velebit
10/24 Carol Kinyon
10/26 Dorothy Wheeler
10/26 Karen Wood
10/27 Carolyn Croker
10/28 Nancy Boling
10/29 Claude Conley
10/29 Marion Tremewan
10/29 Suzanne Peavy
10/30 Marie Norton
10/31 Darcy Briel

HOW TO REACH PASTOR TANA

There are several ways to reach Pastor Tana. Through these various contact 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 (24/7): 274-8370

*Pastor's home phone: 274-8370

*Pastor's e-mail address: 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 Thursday	6:30 pm
Missions	As Scheduled	
SPRC	1st Wed.	10:00 am
Trustees	1st Friday	9:00 am
Worship	4th Thurs.	10:00 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children	Sundays	8:45 am
Adults	Sundays	8:45 am

BIBLE STUDY

Adults	Tuesdays	9:30 am
	Mondays	1:30 pm

PRAYER

Contemplative Prayer		
2nd & 4th	Wednesday	4:15 pm
Prayer and Share	Sunday	6:00 pm

MUSIC

Wesley Ringers		
Hand Bells	Wednesday	6:30 pm
Choir Practice	Thursday	7:30 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 Marilyn Wilson	274-8952	
Stephen Ministers		
Call Judy Emerson	432-5899	

NEWS LETTER – CHAPEL CHIMES

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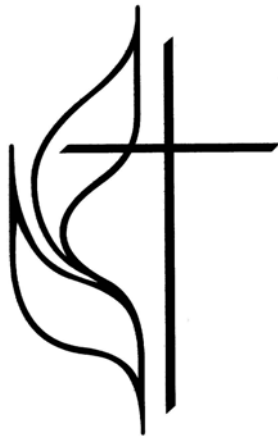
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OPEN HEARTS

TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

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.