

CHAPEL CHIMES



GRASS VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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FOR SOME VERY SPECIAL
PEOPLE -



A VERY SPECIAL BIRTHDAY PARTY

30 members 90+

Who are they?

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Special Edition on Parish Care

SPIRITUAL DISCOVERY

Rev. Mitri Raheb – Christmas Lutheran
Church, Bethlehem, Palestine

September 20, 2010 – 10:00 – 2:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church
1701 L Street, Sacramento, CA

916-444-0874 for reservations and details.

SPIRITUAL DISCOVERY

CARNIVAL OF MINISTRIES

If you dare, please wear your favorite wild hat and costume or create one at the church.

Church Conference - Oct. 9, 10-4:00

10-12:00--Celebration of Ministries—

Charge Conference—Best Hat and
Costume vote.

12- 1:00--Lunch and Magic Show

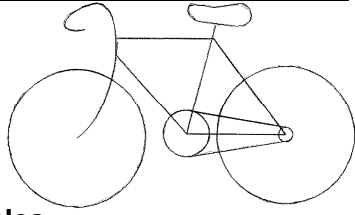
by Jeremy Heck—11 years old United
Methodist from Sierra Pines

1-3:00—Rev. Dr. Tom Smith
Healthy Congregations presentation

3-4:00—Games and Fun at each table.

Join us for faith-filled fun and folly as we
review our church reports

SPIRITUAL DISCOVERY



Dear Faith-filled disciples,

The Bible has many references to receiving and giving. The great and wondrous gift of life that God has given us begins a long life of receiving graciously and giving as we can. We continue to receive all of our days whether we recognize it or not. Our children, our homes, friends, faith, food on the table, the birds out the kitchen window are all God's great gift to us.

In our loving church family we give of our time, talents and treasures as a religious practice for God, for ourselves and for those we serve. We serve the hungry, tired, lonely, homeless, displaced and despairing as well as join together in the great celebrations of life, birth and baptism, marriage and more.

In this Chapel Chimes you will see a great celebration we had for our 30 members that are 90+. Praise to God! You will also see reports on our congregational needs for Parish Care that have been worked on for nearly a year.

Many that need our additional care will not be here to vote for additional funds to allocate for this ministry of service to the frail and fragile, those isolated because they cannot drive, dementia patients that cannot advocate for themselves, our loved ones who cannot leave long-term care facilities and homes even if they long to do that. We are responsible for these good people. I ask you prayerfully read the reports gathered by caring congregants and vote if you can for more service in Christ for those that need it.

Abundant Blessing in Giving and Grace, Rev Tana

Wedding Bells Ring

Sept. 5 Bobbi Peake and Richard Favreau

Sept. 18 Chelsea Russ and Ryan Farrer

Sept 24 Joseph Harris and Christine G.

Oct 9 Stephie Gale and Randy Stallings

Scripture and Sermons September 2010

Sunday Sept 5, 2010 Communion—
Eucharistic Ministry
Sermon Title: The Towers of Jesus
Scripture: Luke 14:25-33;
Jeremiah 18:1-11

Sunday Sept 12, 2010
Sermon Title: Why Church?
Reason One: Community
Scripture: Luke 15:1-10;
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

September 19, 2010
Sermon Title: Why Church?
Reason Two: Real People
Scripture: Luke 16: 1-13;
Jeremiah 8:18—9:1

September 26, 2010
Sermon Title: Why Church?
Reason Three: Money Matters
Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:6-19;
Luke: 16:19-31

2nd Year of Healthy Congregations!!

We continue to meet as we did all last year on the first Wed of each month 9-11. Our professional consultant is with us now quarterly and our very own church leaders lead the classes in between that.

We have backed up and are reading again and discussing our course book Healthy Congregations, spending time on case studies and looking at material for developing a Covenant of Civility over the next year.

This work is an extension of Vital Signs & Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. Our desire is to serve God making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Please contact Pastor Tana for assignments for the classes--272-1946.

SPIRITUAL DISCOVERY

YOUNG FAMILY MINISTRIES

Young Family Ministries Planning Ahead: Saturday October 2, 2010--

We will meet at the Nevada County Fairgrounds for a day of dancing, song, youth and children activities. Look for our pop-up tent and the GVUMC banner near the front gate.

Contact Pastor Tana if you need assistance with buying your tickets

Saturday October 23--day trip to UMC Campus Ministry at Cal Berkeley and the seminaries of the Graduate Theological Union.

Come see our budding young actor! Finn McCary has a major part in the play,
"To Kill a Mockingbird".

The play begins in October. Watch local advertising for details about when and where.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES BECOME LOWLY

FRESHMEN AT UNIVERSITY

*Nick Clyde goes to Stanford University.

*Haley Kinney goes to UC Davis

(May God Bless Them Richly.)

HOMEWORK HEAVEN, 2010

As Rev. Earl says, "What is Homework Heaven? There is no homework in heaven!

Well, Rev. Earl, we hope that you are right. But please know that we do reward the children who come to do their homework with us: with caring and time spent, one on one. We hope that the children feel the joy of learning as well as develop the discipline it takes to memorize the times tables.

Now we are starting the new school year, with many budget cuts. We hope that at Homework Heaven we can catch some of the problems that will be falling through the cracks, what with teacher and program cuts. We hope we can give some of our children a head start, a boost with their studies. And some love. And some hope. And some more self-esteem, knowing that our church is a safe place that has folks who really care about them and care that they succeed.

They learn that this is their church, that Jesus loves them and so do we. Maybe there is a little heaven in homework.

Please call Mary Liebke, 273-3678 or e-mail mliebke@yahoo.com if you wish to participate in this program or know of any children who could benefit from it. Thanks. We also thank our UMW, as they do sponsor us.

SPIRITUAL DISCOVERY

Heartsongs Later Life Planning

A supportive and sensitive program for anyone interested in exploring some practical and personal end of life issues.

Week One: Advanced Health Care Directives, POLST and Five Wishes. Guest speaker--Ginny Griffing, Hospice of Foothills.

Week Two: Later life housing decisions and options for later life care.

Week Three: Coping with later life losses, reconciliations and potential partnerless-ness.

Week Four: Ethical wills; determining what in life you still want to accomplish; ascertaining your memorial wishes, body disposition and remembrance requests; charitable giving.

Week Five: Downsizing, clutter clearing and distribution of possessions and heirlooms, including how to communicate with family about your wishes.

Week Six: Legal issues such as wills, trusts and powers of attorney. Guest speaker--may be scheduled earlier in series.

When: Begins August 11; alternate Wednesdays through Oct. 20.

Time: 7 - 9 pm

Where: Hilltop Commons Senior Living, 131 Eureka, Grass Valley

RSVP: 530-274-8574 or jackie@theunion.net

Fee: \$10 per session per person. Call to reserve space for each session.

Journaling and Memoir Writing

If you are planning to attend the Journaling and Memoir-writing class Thursday, 3:30-5 pm, Hilltop Sr. Living, it is essential that you let us know immediately, as space is getting very tight there and we may have to cut off registrations. (If you have already notified Jackie, you do not need to call again.) Also, if you want to come to either the Older Adult Transitions class for Adult Children this Sat. morning at Brunswick Village or the Heartsongs class next Wed. night at Hilltop Sr. Living, 7-9 (topic is on Housing Options for seniors), you need to let us know very soon, as we may postpone these two classes until we get a few more persons registered for each of them. Please call Jackie at 274-8574 or email me.

Thanks!! Judith Pruess-Mellow, Ph.D., M.Div.

SPIRITUAL DISCOVERY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Every Thursday through Sept 9- 2:-3:30 in Room A/B-- The Bible: a biography by Karen Armstrong. All are welcome--drop in is fine. Pastor Tana facilitating the reflection

Sunday Sept. 12 & 26 12-2:00--Suzanna Wesley Room, Wesley Social Hall--The Miracle of Discovery-refresher UMC course, social principles, new membership exploration and getting to know one another--light lunch will be provided. Jim Hook and Nancy Thompson facilitating

Fridays Sept 17-October 29-2-3:30 Disciple 1 video based series. The 32 week class has been broken into 6-8 week sections that will be offered over the next two years. This is the first in the series. Margaret Currier, Kathy Mortensen, Susie Ernst facilitating

Saturday Nov. 20 – Dec. 18 Pastor's Study. Advent and Christmas with Thomas Merton. Pastor Tana will facilitate.

BECOMING A GREEN CHURCH - It takes a bit of work to "go green". Our custodian has begun the process at our church. Paper, cardboard, plastic, glass and metal are now recycled. A commercial grade shredder is used to handle the sensitive documents.

The electronics, such as batteries, fluorescent lights and other items are taken to the waste transfer station by the custodian.

He has begun turning grass clippings, some garbage items, coffee grounds, and wood chips into compost to use on the flower beds.

The new vacuum cleaner does not use a bag in the canister. This eliminates the use of a paper bag every week. Some of the dust and lint can be placed in the compost heap.

Little by little he is using cleaners that are less harsh to the environment. This is done with no risk to being clean and sanitary.

So far the church is creating 25% less waste than was created in the past.

NEW MEMBER



New Member Mark Timothy Close

Mark has been with us for well over a year. He was born in Bakersfield, worked as a dry-waller and worked for many years in maintenance at Palm Springs Hilton. He has attended many different types of churches and was baptized in a Pentecostal Church. Mark is already active with Trustee's working on the new classrooms.

RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

Francis (Frank) Foucher was born on May 8, 1917 to Delore and Leda Foucher in Amherstburg, Ontario, Canada. He was the eldest of seven children.

As a young man he worked on the ships on the Detroit River, Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie. He lived in Canada until the late 1970s. He was wed and had a son, Bernard.

He moved to Detroit where he worked at the Chrysler tank arsenal. His marriage ended in divorce.

Frank remarried in 1944 to Jo Sears. She had three children and the four children were raised together.

He lost his wife in 2007 and moved to Brunswick Village in 1009. He enjoys helping with, and participating in the many activities, also the care he receives and the many new friendships he's found at Brunswick Village.

FINANCE

Finance Update

We are nearly two-thirds of the way through the Church's finance year, and we need your help.

Our expenses to the end of July are within one percent of our budget. That's the good news, and we owe a vote of thanks to everyone for watching every penny.

However, our budget income to the same date is almost seven percent below budget, leaving us over fourteen thousand dollars in the hole.

As of July 31, here's where we stand:

Budget Income \$165,401

Budget Expense \$179,968

Deficit: (\$14,567)

This is obviously unsatisfactory, and we have no slack in the budget, having worked very hard to reduce budget expenses and produce a 'lean' budget over the past few years.

Please give prayerful consideration to this need. If you are a little behind in your giving, please try to catch up. It is also a good time to take a minute to consider the many gifts we receive from God, and to see if we can return a little more to help continue the work of the church in meeting the many needs in our community.

Bill Beeman, Finance Chair

ENDOWMENT FUND\$\$

Our Endowment Fund was created to provide the money for starting new projects.

A NEW PROJECT WANTED

If 50 individuals would donate 2 dollars each week, in six years the interest from the Fund would be useable.

**Please mark your check and envelope with
Endowment Fund.**

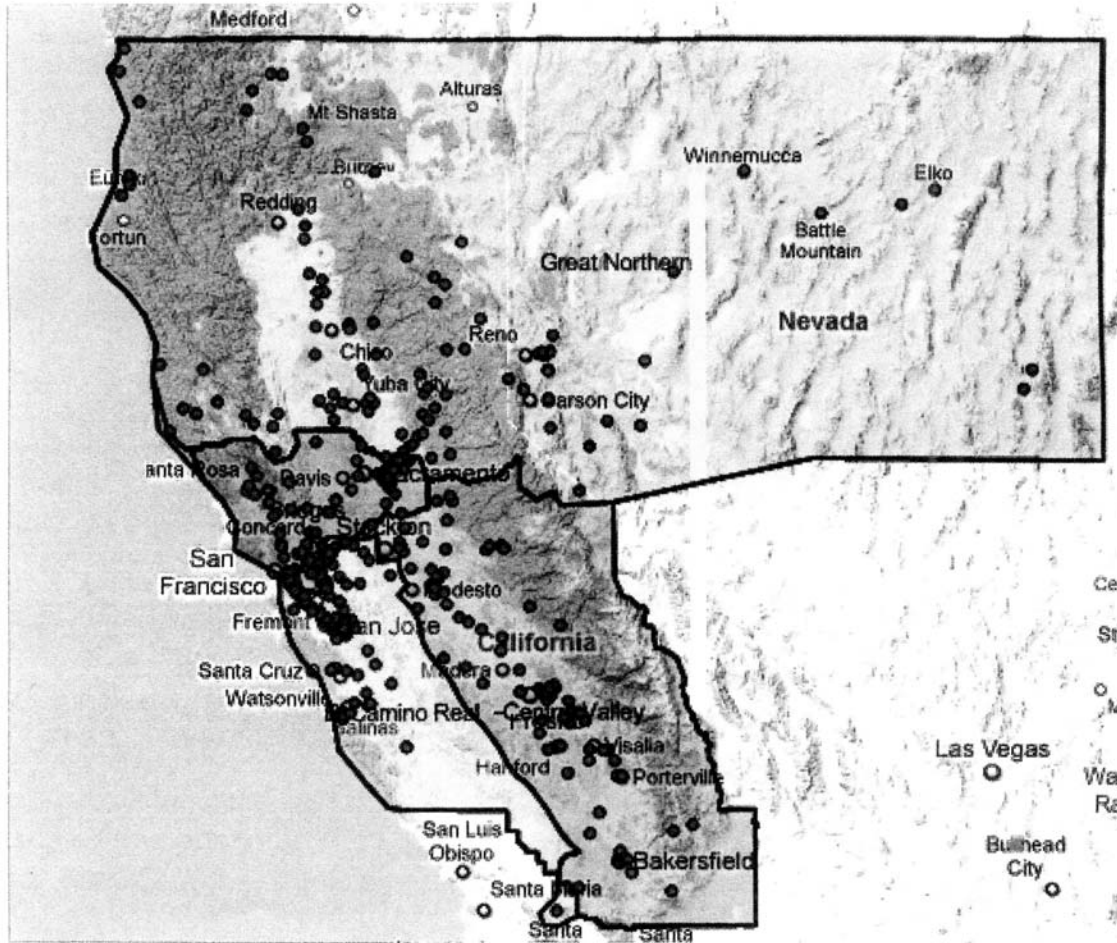
OUTREACH

BOY SCOUTS AT GVUMC!

Almost ten years ago, Boy Scout Troop 855 was organized in Nevada County. Charter Organization is the Penn Valley Rotary. The Troop has grown through the years to over 70 Scouts, aged 12 to 17, who are very active in community service and outdoor activities. Over 25 Scouts from this Troop have achieved Eagle Scout, the highest rank and honor bestowed by the Boy Scouts of America. The Troop recently outgrew its previous meeting place and has now moved into their new "home" at United Methodist. They meet each Monday in the upstairs Youth Room where they plan their activities, meet advancement requirements and have merit badge workshops. One of the guiding principles of Scouting is to develop leadership in boys and young men while they adopt and practice traditional values. Troop 855 is extremely pleased to have a facility that provides enough meeting and training space for them to continue their efforts to grow boys into men and to continue to serve Nevada County with their many community service projects.

Districts of the California-Nevada Annual Conference

Source: www.cnumc.org 7-9-2010



OUTREACH

WELCOME JERRY SMITH DS

The Trustees announced at the last Church Council meeting that an office will be leased to the Conference as a satellite office for District Superintendent Jerry Smith. His regular office and secretarial support will be in Sacramento beginning Sept. 1. In order to provide office space, the office currently occupied by Jim Hook will be converted into two classrooms. Jim will move his office into the choir room and one of the new classrooms will be rented as an office to the Conference. In about a year we will have about \$4800 additional annual income. Looks like a win-win for everybody.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL PARK!!

Wonder what our YOUNG FAMILIES are up to this summer? Each Thursday night the adults are playing co-ed intergenerational slow pitch softball at one of the parks around Grass Valley and Nevada City. If you are interested in attending call Sean Hurley 887-8505, Mary Liebke 273-3678, or Mike McCary 470-3118 for the time and place. It is FUN!! More women especially are needed for the team. Come play or watch for good summer fun!!

DVSAC has now started a Safe House Network due to the loss of our shelter. If you are interested in being a part of DVSAC's Safe House Network please contact Niko Johnson @ (530)272-2046. All donations are welcome and can be delivered to the DVSAC location at 960 McCourtney Rd Suite E, Grass Valley. **DVSAC thanks you for your continued support in offering resources for building healthy relationships and for healing the effects of interpersonal violence.**

NURTURE



WHAT I OWE YOU

When Jesus paid the price for me
He paid for others too.
Along with what was owed for me,
He paid also for you
Whatever then was owed to me
Because of what you've done.
All human debts have been absorbed
In grace by God the Son.

So now I humbly must forgive
Whatever pains my soul;
That you should such forgiveness beg
Is outside my control.
The Lord has made it plain to me
Resentments must be past;
And, newborn creature that I am,
Old angers must not last.

So I must now begin to pray
For blessings on your head,
Not that you must reform or change,
Be into "goodness" led,
But that you will be blessed by God
According to His love
With blessings that you recognize
As coming from above.

-Earl Leonard Langguth

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

Who are the 90+ Church members?

- Doris Beechel
- Frances Comstock
- Frank Foucher
- Hattie Gardinier
- Harold George
- Betty Gollub
- Margaret Hammond
- Bonnie Hensley
- Ross Jackson
- Helen Johnson
- Glenn Jones
- Rosalie Kearney
- Dorothy Kyle
- Illa Lattimer
- Fran Leavell
- Glen Lovejoy
- Jerry Merenda
- Elva Minch
- Helen Olney
- Bob Putnam
- Gwen Rood
- Alice Simmons
- Marion Tremewan
- Roye Wilson



Cyril Hughes



Ina Hughes



Nadine Wahler



Sibley Hansen



Virginia Hansen

On August 29th a party was held in Wesley Hall celebrating our 30 church members, 90+ years old.

NURTURE

Parish Care Report

For the past year we have been gathering information about those who are in need of ministries beyond what is commonly available at church on any given Sunday and during weekdays. What can and should we do for those who for a wide variety of reasons cannot participate in the "normal" ministries provided by our church?

The Church Council recently voted to add a \$15,000.00 budget item for next year to respond to the special needs of our own congregation as a mission. Fortunately we are not starting from ground zero. But, we must identify everyone with special needs and make certain that they do not fall between the cracks.

1) Submitted by Carolyn , Bill Croker, and Team of concerned Congregants.

From a survey and study done about a year ago on the SPECIAL NEEDS OF OUR CONGREGATION, the following are the findings.

We identified at that time 68 persons in our church family with special needs.

- 40 have disabilities of some kind
- 14 have dementia or Alzheimer's
- 37 still live alone/at home
- 11 live in a Nursing Home/Assisted Living facility
- 36 need transportation
- 7 are unable to come to church anymore
- 46 have a "family support" system

Since this survey was taken, we have lost two members, one has moved out of the area and another one has been added. These results will change every so often as our congregation ages.

2) Needs of the Older Adults Submitted by Marilyn Wilson & Friends

3 are in a dementia unit	visit at least 2x/month	6
14 are in assisted living	those who don't get to church need visit 2x/month	14
	those who sometimes get to church need 1x/mo	7
24 need transportation	4x/month	96
23 live alone	need to be called once a month	23
17 are very frail, have family to care for them, family needs a break 1x/mo		17

For a total of 168 visits a month.

We have Friendly Visitors, Stephen Ministry, Eucharist Ministry, and some in the congregation who visit and transport their friends.

One thing that is easy to identify is our need for a coordinator(s). We need on-going recruiting training, expansion of ministries, supplies and continuing work to meet the needs of this "*Builder Generation*". To that end, Church Council has approved our request for \$15,000 to be added to the 2011 Budget. As this Task Force gains momentum, we are excited about the possibilities and we are honored to work with these amazing people and continue to learn from them. They have taught us and led us by example, let's take up the baton and keep their work going. For input, ideas or questions about the Task Force, please contact Kathy Mortensen at 530-210-6149 or ctmksm@hughes.net.

NURTURE

OLDER ADULT TASK FORCE UPDATE

The Older Adult Task Force continues to meet. The current phase of our work is to focus on identifying the needs and resources for the senior adult members. This is core to the “nurture and Care of our Members”. The folks in this group have been the backbone of our church and communities for many years. GVUMC truly believes that it is our privilege to be able to now try to meet some of the needs of the “*Builder Generation*”.

Here are some of the core findings:

- ♥ Today we have approximately 30 members that are over 90 years old.
- ♥ Approximately 65% of our members are over 70.
- ♥ About 68 folks in our congregation have ongoing needs such as transportation, health needs, etc. This includes younger and older people.
- ♥ We are also made up of younger families as well, but this Task Force is focused on the Older Adults. Other GVUMC teams are geared for the younger members. Yet, one day we will all be in the “older adult” group. ☺

We already have several ministries in place that are geared toward this goal. Some of them are already highly functioning, while others are now in need of attention. Here is a high level recap on those ministries:

<u>MINISTRY</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>NEEDS</u>
United Methodist Men Home Repair Team	This is a fairly new team. How do we match the people & their needs with the UMM Team	♥ Coordinator
Friendly Visitors	There are about 5 members on this team.	♥ On-going training ♥ Travel ♥ Coordinator
Eucharistic Ministry	There are about 5 members on this team.	♥ On-going training ♥ Travel ♥ Coordinator
Senior Lunch	Great ministry! There are currently about 35 people who attend quarterly for a meal, games, yoga, speakers.	♥ Coordinator ♥ Cooks
United Methodist Women	6 Circles have been reduced to 3. These women do a wonderful job of taking care of each other and GVUMC.	♥ A circle that could include working women with night time meetings.
Stephen Ministers	Highly trained, caring individuals who are under-utilized.	♥ Coordinator
Prayer Quilts	Loving ministry to all	None at this time.
Prayer Shawls	Loving ministry to all	None at this time.
Parrish Nurse		♥ Need a nurse
Mission at Home	Meals prepared and then delivered to members in their home.	♥ Coordinator
DVD's of Worship Service	Currently DVD's & filming are done by Alvin Emerson.	♥ Coordinator ♥ Distribution

NURTURE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

09-01	Connie McKee
09-03	Nancy Thompson
09-04	Bill Croker
09-08	George Peavy
09-09	Jeffrey Smith
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
09-25	Roger Lilly
09-25	Susan Von Dollen
09-26	Bob Briel
09-30	Mary Liebke
09-30	Steven Smith
09-30	Henry Von Dollen

Stephen Ministry

ARE YOU GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME ?

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. The care you'll receive is confidential, free and very helpful.

To learn how you -- or a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative -- can receive care, talk to the Pastor or a Stephen Minister.

Rev. Tana	272-1946
Judy Emerson	432-589

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): 913-9583

*Pastor's phone: 913-9583

*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

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Alvin Emerson - alvingvc@msn.com

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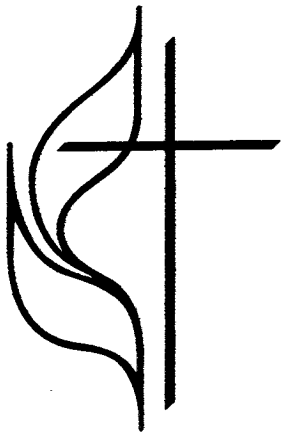
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for the transformation of the world by focusing
on three discipleship areas:

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

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