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# First News

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## From The Pastor

In this Easter season we often look to the sacrifice, to Christ, and to the resurrection as signs of God's love for us. It is a powerful message of hope as we come to see the power of God over death itself. I think there are many parts to the narrative that can make our walk with Christ even more meaningful. Remember the denial of Peter and the fear that the disciples displayed after the crucifixion? Remember the image of the woman as they stood at the foot of the cross. Remember the joy of Mary when she met Jesus outside the tomb? Much of this story is about relationships; with the pain, the betrayal, the denial, the loss, and the joy that comes with them.

Jesus' life was about relationships. He had a special relationship with God and he showed us what it meant to live in relationship with others. He opened the door to relationships with the outcasts, the tax collectors, the lepers, the foreigners and the women. He taught us that God had a place for all of them and all of us as well.

Easter is a springtime event that offers us time to strengthen and nurture our relationships. We know that these relationships will bring pain, joy and sorrow, and that God will be there in the midst of it all. Remember as sons and daughters of God that in this life and the life to come we are called to be and live in a community. Look around at your brothers and sisters here at church, at home, in your various communities, and consider how you can show God's love to them in big and small ways. Allow God's Spirit to touch those people through you. May this Easter bring you great joy as you celebrate the resurrection with family and friends. God bless you as you travel this life together with those you love.

God's blessing,

*Michael*



## Coins for Colombia

We are asking you to dig deep into your pockets and save your coins. We have jars available for you to take home. The team would like you to save your coins during Lent. Then on Easter Sunday, April 24 you will return your coin jars to one of the Easter services to be dedicated. Again, Muchas gracias for your continued support of missions.

Roxann & Michael, Wendy, Joel, Jamie & Jake, Klaus, LeAnn, Tristen & Cera.

## Pacific Emergency

A massive 8.9 magnitude earthquake rumbled through northeast Japan on Friday, March 11 triggering a 33-foot tsunami wave. The earthquake is the strongest to hit Japan in 140 years, and it is the fifth strongest in the world. The disaster caused widespread death and destruction including loss of homes and livelihoods. The crisis intensified with the threat of nuclear radiation. Please give generously to:

Pacific Emergency

UMCOR Advance # 3021317

How to give

By Offering: Put your gift in the offering plate on Sunday.

Online: [www.givetomission.org](http://www.givetomission.org)

By Check: Make your check to UMCOR and mail to: UMCOR PO Box 9068

New York, NY 10087

## Mission Center in Tokyo Housing Evacuees

A Tokyo mission facility related to United Methodist Women provided short-term housing for evacuees from the hardest hit earthquake and tsunami zones in Japan. The Wesley Center hosted varying numbers of people on successive days as the crisis continued around the nuclear power plant damaged by the March 11 quake. As of March 24, there had been 725 aftershocks; the death toll surpassed 9,000, and thousands of persons remained missing.

“We are so gratified that the new Wesley Center can serve displaced sisters and brothers during this time of crisis,” said Harriett Jane Olson, deputy general secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries and chief executive of its Women’s Division, the corporate entity of United Methodist Women. “So much United Methodist work in Japan relates to migrants and disadvantaged minorities, we thank God for the opportunity to provide refuge for some of the most vulnerable people.”



# The Many Rooms of Education

If you've never wandered down the beautifully painted hallway of the Sunday School rooms, you're missing a huge part of what our church is all about. The mural that welcomes you is one that creates oohs and ahs from all that enter, children and adults alike. The room immediately to the left is the prayer room, used for adult education, pastoral meetings and Ad council meetings, among a variety of other wonderful uses.

The first room you come to as you go down the hall is the Map Room. A full-wall world map is on one end and helps bring far away stories of strange sounding countries a little closer to home for our youth. Six clocks are set to the various times around the world. When it's 9:00 in Colorado, we can see what time is all around the world. Full color posters of biblical lands adorn the shelf system on another wall and bring to life what things looked like in Jesus' time. This room also has a sand box and has been a great tool for archeological digs!

Out of the map room is the Computer Room. Computers filled with programs to teach our youth on a media they are familiar with.

Across the hall is the Game Room. With foam padding on the floor and acoustical tile on the ceiling, the youth of our church can safely play games and not worry about being too loud! Hula Hoops, jump ropes and giant bouncy balls make this room the perfect place for active game time!

Probably the most used room in this area of the church is the Art Room. A magnificent shelving system helps to organize and store all our craft supplies. A low table and kid sized stools create the perfect place for our youth to imagine, create and learn. A dry erase board helps teachers get our message to the children and a large counter and cabinet help things stay tidy and clean up made easy!

Just outside the Art Room is the Drama Room. With closets to store our collection of costumes and a stage to perform upon, our youth enjoy the performance aspect of this room both as performers and as members of the audience. Every Sunday, you can catch a certain Sunday School teacher and her puppet helpers telling the story of the week.

A most exciting development is currently taking place at the end of this amazing hallway. The parlor and theater room is starting to take shape in what used to be the old AA room. This area will feature a cozy parlor for quiet, comfortable conversations and peaceful meditations. Behind the parlor will be a theater room with stadium seating and high tech devices to project meaningful, inspiring and educational programs. Extra sound insulation will help keep our theatrical events from filtering to the rest of the church!

So if you haven't yet wondered about this hallway, wander down and see what your church is offering the youth of our community!

# United Methodist Women

The March meeting was held at Elizabeth Pruett's home with Bonnie Broetzman as co-hostess. Dixie McClenahan presented a wonderful program on "Working Together Peacefully-Finding Peace Through Action."

The April meeting will be at Pauline DiSalvo's home, 2701 Midland Ave, Unit 928 on April 14th. John & Paulette Parker will present the program "Pentecost, Birthday of the Church." Please meet at the church by 9:15 am to pool rides.

Six of our United Methodist Women will be attending the Spiritual Life Retreat at Estes Park from Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1st.

## Maundy Thursday

The Maundy Thursday service will April 21 at 7:00 pm in Bethel Chapel. It will be a service of communion and foot washing. Below is some information that I down loaded from the internet about the tradition of foot washing.

Foot washing or washing of feet is a religious rite observed as an ordinance by several Christian denominations. The name, and even the spelling, of this practice is not consistently established, being variously known as *foot washing*, *washing the saints' feet*, *paedalavium*, and *mandatum*.

For some denominations, foot-washing was an example, a pattern. Many groups throughout church history and many modern denominations have practiced literal foot washing as a church ordinance. John 13:1-17 mentions Jesus performing this act. Specifically, in Verses 13:14-17 he instructs them, 14 "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

The root of this practice appears to be found in the hospitality customs of ancient civilizations, especially where sandals were the chief footwear. A host would provide water for guests to wash their feet, provide a servant to wash the feet of the guests or even serve the guests by washing their feet. This is mentioned in several places in the Old Testament of the Bible (Genesis 18:4; 19:2; 24:32; 43:24; 1 Samuel 25:41), as well as other religious and historical documents. A typical Eastern host might bow, greet, and kiss his guest, then offer water to allow guest to wash their feet or have servants do it. Though the wearing of sandals might necessitate washing the feet, the water was also offered as a courtesy even when shoes were worn. 1 Samuel 25:41 is the first passage where an honored person offers to wash feet as a sign of humility.

# Adult Sunday School

Imagine being with Jesus as he meets Pontius Pilate, is tried and crucified! Using videos from the History and A&E channels, we will travel along with Jesus during his last days on this earth. The adult Sunday School class will go on this journey as we see and discuss what the Bible says and the mysteries of this time in history. This series will be used during the months of April and May starting Sunday, April 3. Join us for all, a few or just one of the Sundays at 9am in Cooper Corner.

The video titles are:

The Last Supper

Pontius Pilate Biography

The Trial of Jesus

The Execution of Jesus

## Thank You!

The Chili Challenge and Bible Jeopardy game was not only a TON of FUN but brought in \$407. The winner of the coveted “Golden Ladle Award” was Melissa Miller who created a delicious Buffalo Black Bean Chili. We really want to thank all 15 chili chefs, the members of the 4 teams in the Bible Jeopardy game, and everyone who participated in the event. The funds raised will be used to help with the expenses for Youth2011 this summer. This is a once every 4 year international Methodist Youth event that will be in West La Fayette Indiana at Purdue University this year. We are expecting the cost per attendee to be between \$800 and \$900. Those youth not attending Youth2011 will be able to use some of the funds earned through our fundraisers to attend other youth events and the Grand Mesa Camp. The youth have also decided as part of their planning this year to give 10% of everything they earn.

## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will held June 20th—24th this year! We will run Monday—Friday 8:00 am—12:00 pm. We are always in need of willing and able volunteers to lead classes, help with snacks, registration, decorations, etc. Those experienced in “herding” are especially helpful too! Please contact Toni if you are interested in helping in any capacity. We would like to have two teachers per classroom. The classes will be Songs, Games, Arts & Crafts and Bible Stories. The curriculum we use is super easy and all spelled out for our teachers. Won't you help us make this VBS the best one ever? Please call 948-5831 or email Toni at [haikaichi@msn.com](mailto:haikaichi@msn.com). Thank you!!!



AA meets at noon everyday in Fellowship Hall and 12:30pm on Sunday's. Extended Table is M  
-F in Fellowship Hall from 5-6pm. If you need to use the building please call the office.

Please submit newsletter articles for May newsletter by April 20th.

# April 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9 am Zumba Bethel	2 10 am New members class. 10 am Women's AA 5:30pm AA District meeting F.H.
3 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Potluck after service 5:00 pm Youth Group	4 5:15 pm OA Cooper Corner 6:30pm Financial Peace Cooper Corner	5	6 5:30 pm Sounds of Praise in Bethel 6pm Lenten Study 7:15pm Choir practice	7 9am MOPS in Bethel 7pm Al Anon Cooper Corner	8 7:30 am Men's Group at Village Inn 9am Zumba Bethel Youth going to Youth Quest	9 <u>9am Church work/clean up day.</u> 10 am Women's AA
10 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Committee meetings 5:00pm Youth Group	11 5:15 pm OA Cooper Corner 6:30pm Financial Peace Cooper Corner	12 6:30 pm Heartbeat Cooper Corner	13 5:30 pm Sounds of Praise in Bethel 6pm Lenten Study 7:15pm Choir practice	14 9:30 am UMW at Pauline's house 7 pm Al Anon Cooper Corner	15 9 am Zumba Bethel	16 10 am Women's AA 10 pm Young & Restless AA
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24 Easter Sunday 8:00 am Early Service in Bethel 9:00 am Breakfast 10:30 am Service in Sanctuary	25 5:15 pm OA Cooper Corner 6:30pm Financial Peace Cooper Corner	26	27 5:30 pm Sounds of Praise in Bethel 6pm Lenten Study 7:15pm Choir practice	28 2:00 pm Knitting at Pauline's 7 pm Al Anon Cooper Corner	29 9 am Zumba Bethel	30 UMW Retreat in Estes Park 10am Women's AA 10pm Y & R AA

## April Birthday's

4/01	Melanie Rossow	4/20	Vivian Yoe
4/01	April Carver	4/21	Tristen Kocher
4/02	Megan Henrie	4/26	Elizabeth Pruett
4/04	Brooke Thayer		
4/05	Donna Roberts		
4/07	Mallory Yorty		
4/08	Emily Wodiuk		
4/11	Jo Ann Lee		
4/13	Nancy Brooks		
4/14	John Parker		



## April Anniversaries

4/011	George & Peg Fuller
4/14	Victor & Lois Gabossi
4/24	Jim & Cindy Frale

## Announcements



- \* Congratulations to Jason & Victoria Miller who had a baby boy, Kade William Miller, born on February 3, 2011.
- \* Moira Stewart says that "Mary Stewart is happy and healthy and is living in Tennessee."
- \* "One Great Hour of Sharing" special offering is Sunday, April 3rd.

**Easter Services:** 8:00 am Early service in Bethel Chapel.

9:00 am Potluck breakfast. Easter Egg hunt at 9:45 am for the kids!

10:30 am Service in the Sanctuary.

The Easter offering will be divided 3 ways between purchasing energy efficient light bulbs for the church and church community, Colombia mission team and Japan earthquake relief.

**Workday at the church:** Saturday April 9th at 9:00 am. Pizza will be provided for all for lunch!

Please come join the Trustees in making our church beautiful and inviting! Windows need washing, outside flower borders need attention, back parking lot needs cleaning and other general cleaning. You may want to bring gloves and cleaning supplies.