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First News

JUNE 2011

From The Pastor—Michael Ingersoll

I just recently had a conversation with a group of United Methodist pastors and we were discussing “who was our competition?” We talked about what we have heard from church members: we just can’t compete with the Baptist church for youth because they have a Family Life Center and a full time youth pastor, we are too small to compete for people against the big churches in town; we might as well not even try to start a contemporary service because the non-denominational church down the road has all of the young families in town. Your competition is not the church down the road and that is the truth!

From the research the facts are: most youth do not attend a church simply because it has a Family Life Center or a full time youth pastor, most people do not attend a church simply because it is large and no church has “every young family” in town. Here’s the hard truth, in almost every community, every church could double in the next year and there would still be plenty of people who were not attending church.

We need to keep in mind that churches are not competing against other churches for new people. Instead, churches are competing with: sleep in late, reading the paper, playing online games, participate in sports and recreation, have friends over for lunch, take a day trip, watch spiritual programming on TV or online, work, study for school, spend time with their family, etc. Here is the challenge for us if we want to see the church grow, then we have to do something that will lead people to make the decision that going to church is one of their top priorities for a Sunday morning. What is it about our church that would lead someone to make that decision?

Here is a reflection by Dr. Don Nations. He writes: “I recently returned from a twelve day trip working with pastors, laity and Cabinet members in three annual conferences. Three things stick out as I reflect on those conversations:

1. There are a lot of people doing a lot of great things and working very hard in our churches. We are blessed to have them and we need to pray that their numbers are multiplied.
2. Almost everyone says “we want to grow” but that goal remains elusive. We almost always underestimate the amount of change that will be required to get the results we want. If we really want to reach new people with the life-changing message of Jesus we are going to have to change more than we think.
3. Lasting change comes as the result of a sustained effort focused on a few key things. Churches do not change because the people read a book, attend a single workshop, have a Bible study or wish things were different. Instead, they change due to good leadership embracing a good process and maintaining good focus for a long time.”

I am just wondering what’s competing for your time on Sunday morning?



Grand Mesa Camp

The Grand Mesa United Methodist Church Camp provides camping opportunities for our youth and families. Below are ways your financial support can help with this year's needs:

- * Complete the electrical upgrade to the Chapel
- * Painting numerous buildings
- * Install a new filter on the lake water intake line
- * Remodel the nurse's cabin
- * Start construction of a Camp Manager's cabin
- * Provide materials for the programs and lessons
- * Sponsored "Camperships" for those needing assistance

To donate, please send your check to our GMCA Trustee Treasurer, Dennis Devor, 3857 Grand Mesa Dr., Montrose, CO 81403. Thank you so much for your help in support of our camp.

2011 Grand Mesa Camp Schedule

July 18 – 22 : Elementary Camp, Grades 3 – 5 Fee - \$185.00

We will focus on teaching the kids to love themselves and love and accept one another. The Bible is full of all kinds of beautiful people who were both in and out of the main stream

July 22 – 24: Family Camp for All Ages Fee – See Web Site

Explore the wonder we experience as the very special children of a very special GOD. Activities include boating, hiking, campfires, crafts, games, and much more, all in the setting of the beautiful Grand Mesa.

July 25 – 30: Senior High Camp, Grades 9 – 12 Fee - \$215.00

"Living in the Kingdom". It's tough to be in relationship with God in everyday life—with email, i-pods, cell, phones, homework, piano lessons, and soccer practice. How do you live with God here on Earth?

Aug. 1 – 6: Mid-High Camp, Grades 6 – 8 Fee - \$215.00

Have you ever felt that tug or that feeling like God might be telling you something? Come and spend a week learning to recognize and understand God's calling and how to live that call through humility.

Camp Registrar: Vanessa Gross

1745 N. 18th St., Grand Junction, CO 81501

(970) 216-4603

Email: vanessagross@fumcgj.org

Registration forms are available on the website.

Website: <http://rmcumc.org/MI/camps/grandmesa>

Extended Table Update!!!

Wow- can you believe it's been a little over 2 years since our congregation was given the opportunity to host Extended Table? So many meals, so many faces filled with so much love and laughter. I thank you and am inspired by all that you have accomplished.

For those of you who may not have had the opportunity to sign up and volunteer to help prepare and/or serve a meal- please send me your email and I'll be happy to add you to "the list". You'll receive emails explaining when we meet and what we will be needing on that third Thursday of the month.

In addition to **adding names**, I'm also offering a chance to **"cancel your subscription"** by having your name **taken off** "the list". I know how life can just take over and make one feel overwhelmed with commitments, unwanted emails, and time in general. Much may have changed in your life since you first signed on, so if you'd like, please send me a quick email asking to be removed from my mailing list, and I'll understand - really!

Again thanks to all of you who in the past have prepared, served, and/or helped financially with this humble mission. You really have made a difference in so many lives - the world thanks you and so do !!

Jamie Darien

jbdarien79@gmail.com

US: DISASTER FUNDS, CLEANING BUCKETS

This year's historic spring storm season has severely cut into the disaster relief funds that United Methodist annual conferences count on receiving from the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to help them rebuild homes and lives in the aftermath of a disaster. According to the National Weather Service, 600 tornadoes were recorded in the United States in the month of April alone. Today, communities along the Mississippi River are bracing themselves for flooding from rainwater and snow-melt levels that haven't been seen since 1927. For the third year in a row, record flooding is affecting communities along the Red River in North Dakota and Minnesota, and in Vermont, floodwaters from Lake Champlain are expected to surpass a previous high set in 1869.

UMCOR is working with annual conferences to respond to communities that have been devastated by these disasters, but funds are being disbursed faster than they are replenished. Your gift is urgently needed. Please write your check to the First United Methodist Church and write US Spring Storms 2011 **Advance #3021326** on the memo line.

UMCOR's Relief-Supply Network is responding to needs provoked by severe weather in Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, Missouri, Illinois, and Vermont. While health kits are in plentiful supply, cleaning buckets are needed to respond to these emergencies and the upcoming hurricane season. For information on assembly and shipping of cleaning buckets, click [here](#). Please write your check to the First United Methodist Church and write Material Resource Ministry, **Advance #901440** on the memo line.

News From Veracruz School

Dear Roxann,

We got letters for our kids. I can't recall the names of the 5 or 6 who wrote. Our kids love to get letters. Some are not too happy because they haven't received letters, but I try to keep encouraging them not to give up, to keep sowing and in time they are going to reap.

Please greet our friends in Glenwood, Wray, and Johnstown and all the others I don't know.

Please tell them that our kids are doing well. Some of them are starting to work as translators and its part of their training in VEA. I am so proud of them. They are representative of our school and what we as a team Glenwood Springs, Wray and The Johnstown Community have been able to accomplish. We still have more to go and more to learn. Thank you and all our friends for their support.

Your brother in Christ,

Regan

United Methodist Women

25 ladies met at Melanie Livingston's home for the May United Methodist Women's meeting. Nancy was co-hostess. Everyone brought a salad to pass, every salad different. Carol Dickson talked about the spiritual retreat at Estes Park. All 6 who went to the retreat enjoyed it so much. Everyone came with a reading or happy thought to share. Fran gave a book review about the first woman president of a country in Africa. The Mission studies to be held this summer were discussed as well as the District Celebration to be held in Cortez, CO September 16-18. The next meeting of UMW will be on Sept. 8th at Nancy Brook's home.

10 Foods That Lift-Up Always Needs

Dried Beans

Cereal

Rice

Canned Vegetables

Macaroni and Cheese

Canned Fruit

Pasta and Sauces

Peanut Butter/Jelly

Tuna/Canned Meat

Soup



Western Jurisdiction Responds to Needs In Haiti



By Heather Wilson, Western Jurisdiction UMVIM Coordinator

California - "There are no words," sighed a volunteer upon seeing the destruction in Haiti.

In January 2010, the earth shook in Haiti. Hundreds of lives were lost, shattered, and changed forever. People around the world felt the power and devastation of the loss and longed to help. The United Methodist Church, via the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), moved to answer the call to respond. Upon invitation of the Methodist Church of Haiti, the General Board of Global Ministries Mission Volunteers unit has put an infrastructure together to allow volunteers to come in and help in Haiti's recovery efforts.

The Western Jurisdiction (WJ) Leadership Team made up of bishops and other church leaders in the jurisdiction also moved to action. Through "Operation Resurrection," the WJ pledged to send at least 25 UMVIM teams to Haiti over the course of 5 years.

Through the great efforts of the people of the Western Jurisdiction, the goal of sending 25 UMVIM teams to Haiti to work with the Methodist Church of Haiti will be met and most likely exceeded by 2015.

"UMVIM allows people from all backgrounds to serve and bring glory to God, grow stronger in their faith, gain new perspective, be inspired, and make a positive difference in the lives of others."

Youth Group

May 1st the Youth Group traveled to Grand Junction FUMC for a Grand Mesa Camp Rally. We played games and got acquainted with youth from other churches in our area, listened to some great music, and shared a delicious BBQ dinner. After that we participated in worship and listened to testimonies about how attending camp had impacted several youth and adults. Since it was a school night and we still had the drive home we left before the s'mores. I am confident that we will be reminded that we owe the youth a round of s'mores!

On the 15th Michael led a discussion about feeling worthy of love. Everyone was given a devotion to read daily to help us understand that accepting and loving ourselves for our unique personality and gifts is the foundation of feeling worthy. We also played Marco Polo and baseball with a plastic bat and a rubber piggy for a ball. Thank you, Wendy, for the delicious Green Chili Chicken.

May 22, fourteen youth and 3 adult leaders met at Pauline DiSalvo's for some delicious home cooked Italian food. I am sure this will be one of the most memorable events of this year. Joel led a devotion about the 3 different masks Christians sometimes wear which triggered a great discussion among the youth. Thank you so much, Pauline for the warm hospitality. And thank you, June for Co-hosting the meal.

We will not meet on May 29th as it is Memorial Day weekend, but will meet at our usual place and time on June 5th. Our Guest speakers will be Bill and Jan Bevins, local residents who have spent the past 4 years as missionaries in Africa and are leaving this summer to serve in the Middle East.

Don't forget to ask a youth about purchasing a Samaritan Saver Card. For your \$20.00 donation to our youth group, you receive a card that you activate on line. When you are logged on to the Samaritan Saver website, you have access to all sorts of savings from dining out to travel to online shopping discounts. I looked up a hotel in Grand Junction and the discounted price for one night was \$10.00 less than the usual 5 or 6 other discount travel sights I checked. In that one transaction I would have gotten back half what I spent on the card! Why not consider giving one to the graduates in your life who are going away to school.

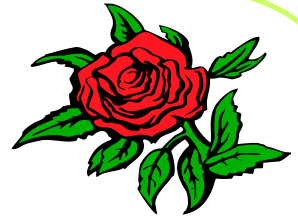
Vacation Bible School

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. 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 July by June 20th.



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 5:30 pm Sounds of Praise in Bethel | 2 7 pm Al Anon in Cooper Corner | 3 Mission Team Leaves 7:30 am Men's Group at Village Inn 9 am Zumba in | 4 10 am Women's AA 10 pm Young & Restless AA |
| 5 9:00 am Worship Begins Today | 6 5:15 pm OA Cooper Corner | 7 5:30 Intercambio Cooper Corner | 8 5:30 pm Sounds of Praise in Bethel | 9 7 pm Al Anon in Cooper Corner | 10 9 am Zumba in Bethel | 11 10 am Women's AA 10 pm Young & Restless AA |
| 12 9:00 am Worship Mission Team Returns | 13 5:15 pm OA Cooper Corner | 14 5:30 pm Intercambio 6:30 pm Heart-Beat | 15 5:30 pm Sounds of Praise in Bethel | 16 Our church hosting Extended Table 7pm Al Anon -CC | 17 7:30 am Men's Group at Village Inn 9:00am VVH Pie Days 9 am Zumba in Bethel | 18 10 am Women's AA 10 pm Young & Restless AA |
| 19 9:00 am Worship | 20 5:15 pm OA Cooper Corner | 21 5:30 pm Intercambio | 22 5:30 pm Sounds of Praise in Bethel | 23 2 pm Knitting Robinson's 7 pm Al Anon Cooper Corner | 24 9 am Zumba in Bethel | 25 10 am Women's AA 10 pm Young & Restless AA |
| 26 9:00 Worship | 27 5:15 pm OA Cooper Corner | 28 5:30 pm Intercambio | 29 | 30 | | |

June Birthday's

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| 6/2 | Rick Rossow | 6/27 | Denise Cavanaugh |
| 6/3 | Julian Hardaker | 6/28 | Bill Cook |
| 6/7 | Ginny Morris | | |
| 6/9 | Bill Livingston | | |
| 6/15 | Charles Pruitt | | |
| | Peg Sparks | | |
| 6/19 | Peg Fuller | | |
| 6/24 | Ruth Barber | | |
| 6/25 | Kodiak Kellogg | | |
| 6/26 | June Dortch | | |
| | Renee Littlefair | | |



June Anniversaries

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| 6/1 | Mike and Toni Yorty |
| 6/3 | Don and Angie Parkison |
| 6/4 | Larry and Sharon Green |
| 6/6 | Vern and LeAnn Arbany |
| | Warren and Jan Scarlett |
| 6/11 | Bill and Darlene Cook |
| | Dave and Suzy Alcott |
| 6/15 | Bruce and Sally Lippman |
| 6/16 | George and Ginny Morris |
| 6/21 | Dave and Jo Ann Lee |
| 6/25 | Fred and Edna Gerbaz |
| 6/26 | Al and Maudie Weller |

Announcements

Special Offering

Sunday, June 19th, will be a special offering for Peace With Justice.

Service in the Park & Picnic

Sunday, **May 29th** service will be at Veltus Park. You may want to bring a lawn chair to sit on. We will have a picnic after service, please bring a dish to share and your table service.