



Church Vandalized

You've heard by now that the church was forcibly entered and vandalized the evening of June 15th. That was the second forced entry in June and the third uninvited entry this year.

Those who vandalized the church seemed to have little interest in monetary gain, i.e. burglary for financial gain. Instead, they seemed more interested in destruction. Pictures taken show broken china, glass, upset furniture, broken office equipment, broken doors, smashed computers, utter devastation within offices, a fire in the Sanctuary, and more. Some pictures may be found on page 8. Vandalism for the sake of vandalism seemed to be a goal.

Detectives from the Deming Police Department were on scene to view and collect whatever information they could. The Deming police chief also witnessed the devastation.

A large group of volunteers descended on the church to cleanup the debris; little evidence of the vandalism remained at the services the following Sunday.

No estimate of the cost to repair the damage and replace the broken equipment is currently available. Discussion with the church insurance provider has begun.

On June 25, the Deming Headlight reported the arrest of three youths, ages 13 and 14, involved in the vandalism of the church.

You may witness the devastation too. Pictures taken by a staff member have been converted into a five minute narrated video. This video may be viewed on-line at the Vandalism link on the church website www.fumcdeming.com.

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Building Alarm System

By their own initiative, several church members have begun a fund for the design, purchase, and installation of a security alarm system in the church. Several professional alarm system vendors have been contacted for system design quotations.

You may add to the funds needed to complete this project. Please contact Claire if you are called to contribute to this fund. And let the Trustees know if you have any expertise in the subject of security alarm systems.

United Methodist Men

Summer is here and it will soon be time for the Duck Races which means BBQ!! The men are forming committee and planning for another great barbeque. Servers and take-out helpers are being recruited....so watch out!!

Also, the Methodist Men donated \$1,500 to the Trustees for tile work inside the south entrance by the Memorial Classroom. Sure looks nice if you haven't been back to see it.

United Methodist Women

Our last study on Israel was attended by nine people and led by Mickie Stimpson. At the prior business meeting it was approved to give \$100 to Helping Hand from our luncheon fundraiser.

Mark your calendars for the School of Missions at Sacramento July 25th to the 28th. Also keep in mind the picnic potluck - more info in the August newsletter.

++ Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors. ++

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Performing Arts Camp

Plans for a second season of Performing Arts Camp are being completed. This will follow the very successful inaugural 2007 PAC at which *Godspell Jr.* was presented.

FUMC Music Director Joe MacDonald has announced that the play *The Gospel According to Charlie Brown* will be presented at PAC 2008. The dates and times are 5-8 pm beginning July 28 and continuing through August 9, intervening weekend excluded. Several performances are scheduled for August 8th and 9th!

PAC 2008 will be a fast-paced time of performance opportunities open to anyone who has completed 2nd through 12th grade. The ability to follow instructions is a must; some singing and movement skills are desirable.

Register now for PAC 2008; the registration form is available on-line on the church website.

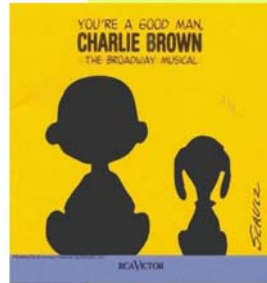
Prayer List Update

We will be updating our Prayer List beginning July 1st. Please advise the office, in writing, of everyone who should remain on the list. We would like to re-confirm this to assure no prayer requests were lost in the recent break-ins. Thank you.



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PERFORMING ARTS CAMP



Date:
July 28-August 9
Time:
5:00 pm-8:00 pm

This exciting camp is designed for students who have completed second grade through twelfth grade.

We will be presenting the musical *The Gospel According to Charlie Brown*

Contact person: Joe MacDonald

Call 546-2791 for more details — register at www.fumcdeming.com

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Adopt-A-Bell Winner

Artist Dee Huffman presents her Praying Hands carving to Valentine Vega, the winner in the Adopt-A-Bell drawing.

Adopt-A-Bell raised the money needed to refurbish the existing hand-bells plus purchase a new three-octave set of hand chimes.



Did You Know?

Did you know the United Methodist Church is a *connectional* church? Because of our connection with other United Methodist Churches worldwide, our gifts become multiplied loaves and fishes, providing us a greater benefit than if we were working alone. That is what Shared Ministries is all about!

Shared ministries are funded through regular giving. If you'd like to make a *second mile* donation that would go specifically for this purpose, please mark your donation "shared ministries" and place it in the collection plate.

Cans for Camping Kids

Camp can be a life changing experience. We have heard time after time of the many youth who make a commitment to Christ at camp.

Costs are rising everywhere, including the cost of attending camp. In order to assure that our kids are able to attend a life-changing camp, we want your *aluminum* beverage cans. They will be redeemed for cash which will then be used to help send our children, youth, and their sponsors to camp. There is a barrel next to the Coke machine (between the Fellowship Hall and gym), ready for your donations.

We have a LOT of kids who want to go to camp. Your donations will help make that wish come true. Thank you.

Remember to Greet Our Visitors! Your hello will make a difference in their world and yours



TAKE NOTE

It is hard to believe that we are in the middle of the summer. The days are a little hotter. Life is supposed to go a little slower. This is the time for family and friends. Routine has given way to a freedom from a set schedule. May you be refreshed through this season.

All ensembles are on summer break. With that said, everyone is invited to help lead worship on Sunday mornings. We will meet 30 minutes before each service to practice music for the day. Enjoy!!!

Special Music for July:

- 6th Chime Trio and Vocal Quartet (Both Services)
 - 8:00 a.m.: *For Him* to provide music for Communion
 - 10:30 a.m.: Chancel Choir music for Communion
- 13th 8:00 a.m.: *For Him*–“More Precious Than Silver”
 - 10:30 a.m.: Chancel Choir–“More Precious Than Silver”
- 20th Charles and Dureta Stanley to sing “Whispering Hope”
- 27th 8:00 a.m.: *For Him*–“How Great Is Our God”
 - 10:30 a.m.: Chancel Choir–“How Great Thou Art”

Local Musician Honored

If you consider the bagpipe a musical instrument, then local piper and member of FUMC-Deming has been honored.

Jack Galbraith has been appointed the Official Clan Piper for the Clan Galbraith Association. He previously represented Clan Galbraith as the featured piper in the Parade of Clans at the Utah Highland Games in 2006.

The Clan Galbraith Association is a social organization for Galbraiths and their descendents, including recognized variations of the name. They assist in genealogical research and support all things “Galbraith”.



Mission Report

The Mission Committee would like to thank the congregation for their support in our Bread Baskets. Most especially, the recent one to Mexico (the orphanage)...you gave from your hearts and in turn many hearts were touched. God Bless...and thanks!!!!

The Four Corners Native American Ministry is so excited by all the many special gifts given for the 25 Navajo churches at Annual Conference. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone and every church for all the practical goodies. Every item will be so useful to the churches. As you saw at Glorieta, the household goods turned out to be a big mountain of blessings. It took two trailers and two vans to carry everything back to the Reservation. We are grateful for the wonderful response to the Conference Board of Global Ministries appeal for this Annual Conference project. God bless all of you. -Paul West, Director

eMail from a Deming Resident

To the Methodist Church Members, I reviewed the video of the destruction of the church and I was appalled! My prayers go out to you and your perisoners and pray that the people who did this to your church are caught and punished to the highest extent of the law. I also pray for the ones that caused this that one day they will know Jesus and regret their behavior. God Bless you all!

Spelling isn't important, the emotion says it all. Ed.

Women's Depression Support Group

Our Support Group is now meeting at a different time, from 12 noon until 1:00 pm, at the church on Thursdays. Feel free to bring your lunch and join us as we share hope and encourage one another. All conversations are kept strictly confidential. Invite a friend or just come to observe if you want to find out how it works. Please call Beth Simpson at the church at 546-2791 if you have any questions.



Prayer List
Apr.-Jun. 2008

Bonnie Baker; Debbie Baker
 Shirley Breeden
 Calloway Family
 Nikki Carnish; Mary Chase
 Dale Cole
 The J. Cote family
 Helen Covey; Jim Culberson
 Ruth DeGroot; Travis Dodson
 Dan Edwards; Gerald Gaylord
 Corrina Gonzales/baby
 Ruth Greenwood
 Bob/Sharon Grogan
 Betty Hansford; Carol Hoefler
 Bill & Sue Hoffmeister
 Florence Holt
 Wayne/Janet Humphrey
 Joel Hunt; Jeff; Jeremy
 Fred Johnson; Lois Kelly
 Ed Leupold; Maxwell UMC
 Sean McLaughlin; Bob Moon
 Jack & Betty Morrow
 Gale Murphy; Lynde Murphy
 Pecoraro/Kornuta families
 Ann Pettit; Brian Pettit
 John Plant; Eric Ray

Reuben & family
 Alberta Sires; Vee Shirk
 Gary Slayman
 Oris & Nina Spencer
 Sarah & Greg Swift
 Margaret Truax; Earl Veeder
 Donna Wallace
 Pearl Whetstone
 Garnet Wietbrock
 Sally Williams
 Marlene Zachek

Families dealing with grief:
 Ketcham, Burkle, Jontra,
 Arthur, Rhoads

Service men & women and their
 units:

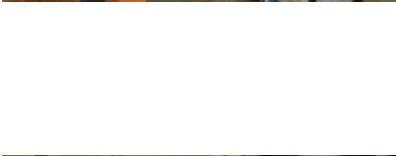
Travis Dodson's unit, Avilla
 Augustus, Alan Ballinas, Alan/
 Brian Carter, Jack Corn, Amber
 Dunnihoo, Steve Gilland, Maj.
 Howard Gobble, Jason
 Hammers, Conrad Hughes, Eric
 Jasso, Shaun M. Jones, Jennifer/
 John Lively, Robbie Luna,
 Jennifer/Jarrold McGee, Michael
 Nunley, Josh Robertson, L.
 Charles Stanley, Aaron
 Steelman, Greg Stube, Danny
 Symonds, Van Welch

Hospice patients and their families; our nation; our leaders;
 our armed forces; our Sunday School: for increased attendance,
 people with a heart and passion for teaching to assist or
 substitute in our classes, for faithfulness.

Pray for our Sunday School children. Look for the prayer r on
 basket on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



Pictures of the
vandalism,
June 15, 2008



Around the World With Jesus!

This year our Vacation Bible School (VBS) will take off on a world tour to visit other countries, enjoy local foods, listen to stories, learn songs and best of all, encounter Jesus everywhere we go! The trip will begin on Monday, July 14th and continue through July 18th, a daily 3-hour tour, from 8:30 to 11:30 am. We'll visit different countries each day.

This tour is for children who have completed first through fifth grades. Adults are welcome to participate as tour guides, activities directors, chefs and hosts or hostesses. To register, please visit our website: www.fumcdeming.com. There is a special prize the first day of VBS for kids who pre-register so be sure to print the ticket that appears after you register online. For adults and older youth who would like to participate, please contact Murray Baskett at 546-9104 or call the church office.

There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for those who would like to help provide our "exotic cuisine" (otherwise know as snacks). EVERYONE - come and join the fun, AROUND THE WORLD WITH JESUS! !

Library Corner

This is a space to share what is new or interesting in the church library. If you know of a book or DVD you would featured, let Joyce Sweetser know.



We have a book written by Felicia Hopkins! *Halfway Home* tells of experiences and insights gained while she was serving an unexpected tour of duty as a chaplain in a US army hospital in Germany, the half-way point for injured soldiers on their way home from Iraq. In her wonderful style of writing, she shares her feelings and her faith.



We have learned a lot from the sermon series, *Three Simple Rules*. If you would like to learn more or review the points, you can read *Three Simple Rules* by Rueben P. Job.

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Some of My Thoughts, June, 2008

Annual Conference is over and most of the pastors moving to a different Charge are unpacking their belongings and beginning to chart a pathway for making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Starting a new appointment is both an exciting and frustrating time. It is exciting to discover the vision and mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ. It is frustrating because there are new names to learn and discernment to understand that the words often spoken do not communicate the real issues facing a congregation.



My heart is still rejoicing over the funds raised at the joint session of the Northwest Texas and New Mexico Conference for the *Nothing But Nets* campaign. It was fun to challenge one another and to save the lives of people dealing with malaria. One of the four focus areas adopted by General Conference is to Eliminate Global Diseases. We must address malaria as one of the diseases of poverty and *Nothing But Nets* is an exciting and effective way for every United Methodist to participate. The \$10 gift purchases and distributes the net and trains individuals on how to use it. The joint session supplied over \$20,000 in contribution or pledges for this cause. My soul rejoiced at the positive, joy-filled response as we moved through our Annual Conference sessions.

I am also rejoicing as we celebrated the number of persons received into Church Membership by professing their faith in Jesus Christ and taking the vows of membership. Each quarter of the year most of the superintendents send me a report from each congregation within their district reporting the number of persons received on profession of faith. This allows me to applaud personally the accomplishments of dedicated, mission-focused work by different congregations and pastors.

The announcement of a \$5,000 scholarship presented to Rev. Lourdes Calderon in my honor humbled and thrilled me. The

presentation of such a generous gift donated to the New Mexico Methodist Foundation surprised me. Both the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Foundation kept me outside of the loop of information regarding the gift. The anonymous donor greatly honored me and assisted a local pastor to complete her education requirements in a timely fashion. The awarding of over \$40,000 in scholarship aid to ministerial candidates in New Mexico caused my soul to leap for joy.

The Ordination Service on Wednesday evening brought tears to my eyes and put a song in my heart. This class of twelve persons ordained Elder of the Church was the largest to come for Ordination in the past eight years. They were also younger in age, which indicated that the focus on helping persons respond to God's call earlier in their lives is producing some positive results.

Valerie and I attended a portion of the Arkansas Conference before we traveled to Mt. Sequoyah for a series of meetings during the next several days. We enjoyed seeing many friends and acquaintances and especially enjoyed visiting with Bishop Charles and Karen Crutchfield.

Bishop Crutchfield presided with such a warm, relaxed style. The members of the Conference obviously appreciate his humor and leadership.

Grace & Peace,
Max

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited ... until you try to sit in their pew.

A Christian steward is loving.

Christian stewards know that the Lord requires justice and kindness and humility, and they follow the two greatest Commandments.

Church Calendar: The church calendar may be found on the church website. Paper copies are on the back sanctuary table.

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“Be still and know that I -
and only I - am God!”

Paraphrase of Psalm 46:10b

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