



Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church’s mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation’s finance committee has selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, “What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?”

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church’s missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel

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strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship. Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation on Consecration Sunday events. you. Eldin Jontra, Ad Council Chairperson

New Opportunities for Growth

The Fall began with a new series of opportunities aimed to the young adults in our community. Beth and Bryan Simpson began a new Sunday School class October 19th. The study is based on a series of short films with topics and messages that are vital to the contemporary community.

Joe began a monthly series that is filled with Praise Music and scripture study and reflection. This is a fast paced study that will be presented in many formats. If you like to sing the newest Christian music of the day, this is a study for you. The group meets once a month at 5 p.m. The next date is Sunday, November 9th. Everyone is invited to attend at your own risk.

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A Cantata Is A Comin'

The choir is anxiously preparing for the Christmas Cantata. The Cantata is a celebration that our music ministry will offer to the community on Sunday, December 7th, at 4:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. This is a beautiful work that will surely put everyone in the mood for the season when we celebrate our greatest gift. The greatest gift is the gift of God's Son to the world.

Cantatas began in the medieval period dating back to the 12th Century. Cantatas were works that told a particular biblical story, mostly comprised of the Birth, Passion, and Crucifixion of Jesus. These cantatas ultimately became Oratorios (stories without staging) and Operas (stories with staging).

J.S. Bach (1685-1750), a composer in the Baroque period, was very well known for his music for the church. Among his many masterpieces were beautifully portrayed cantatas in which the singers were expected to sing passages that were comparable to music that you hear in organ pieces.

It is with great joy that the Chancel Choir, Praise Team, Handbell Choir, and First Call continue a long standing tradition. We share the music of God with the people of God. The entire concert is approximately 50 minutes.

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.

The church calendar may be found on the church website.

Paper copies are on the back sanctuary table.

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Camp Dates Set for 2009 at Sacramento

Here are the final dates for NM Conference Camps for summer 2009

- ◆ June 12th-14th: Younger Children's Camp (completed grades 1-4). Camp Dean is Brenda Crowe.
- ◆ June 22nd-26th: Mid-High Camp (completed grades 6-8). Camp Dean is Heath Husted.
- ◆ June 22nd-26th: Sr. High Camp (completed grades 9-12). Camp Dean is Jachin Ford.
- ◆ July 6th-10th: Elementary Camp (completed grades 4-6). Camp Dean is Kim Kinsey.

The Camp Program committee has listened to your concerns and has changed the Sr. High date to better fit the schedule of youth directors and churches. It will also allow more efficient use of facilities, volunteers, and vans (good news with energy costs on the rise). Even though Sr. High and Mid-High are the same week they will be SEPARATE CAMPS with separate programming. The two camp deans are very excited about having both camps during the same week and are hard at work planning these events.

More good news! The camp fees for 2009 will be frozen at the 2008. So camp will again cost \$240 in 2009. Registration deadline is again two weeks before the camp starts.

Visit the Sacramento Methodist Assembly website (www.sacramentoassembly.org/camps.php) to stay current with these camping activities.

Celebration

Attention ladies of all ages! ***Celebration***, a non denominational ministry for women, will be holding their Fall Gathering on Saturday, November 8th at FUMC-Deming. Breakfast begins at 9:30; a program of praise, worship and a message follows at 10 am. Come hear guest speaker Bee Harris as she shares her story *A Time to Prune, A Time to Bloom*. A nursery will be provided for children to four years of age. This is free to all ladies.



TAKE NOTE

With the coming of the Thanksgiving Holiday, comes the anticipation of the Advent Season. Let us remember in our daily routines to take a few minutes to give thanks for all that God has given to us. Remember, time is fleeting. Give thanks while you can.

Schedule for November

Week of November 3rd: Regular Rehearsal Schedule

**Extra Rehearsals for Christmas:

Tenor/Bass Rehearsal: November 3rd: 6:30-7:30

Treble Voice Rehearsal: November 4th: 6:30-7:30

Week of November 10th: Regular Rehearsal Schedule

Week of November 17th: Regular Rehearsal Schedule

Week of November 24th: **Modified** Rehearsal Schedule

Bell Macto: November 24th: 5:00-6:00

Chancel Choir: November 24th: 6:00-7:00

SOUL Kids: November 25th: 3:30-5:00

First Call: November 25th: 4:30-5:30

Praise Band: November 25th: 5:30-6:30

****No Rehearsals Wednesday, November 26th****

Looking Ahead:

Week of December 1st: Regular Rehearsal Schedule

Cantata Dress Rehearsal: December 3rd: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The Cantata is Sunday, December 7th at 4:00 p.m. It will run approximately 45 minutes in length.

May God's blessings be with you and your families during this season of Thanksgiving.



UMW News

Several members attended the New Mexico Conference UMW 36th Annual Meeting at Western Hills United Methodist Church in El Paso, Oct. 24-25.

November is a busy month for UMW. Our next meeting is November 15th (2:00 p.m. in the Chapel) with guest speaker, Marilyn Humphry, whose topic will be Presidents' Wives. The program is followed by refreshments in FH. All ladies of the church are welcome.

Remember we still collect the bar code from Campbell Soup products. They may be placed in the basket on the table in the hall by the Sanctuary.

Bazaar information: Any jewelry (even if it needs repair) may be placed in the UMW folder for Loraine Lutonsky. Setup for our Christmas Bazaar on Friday, November 21 begins at 8:30 a.m. and goes 'til.....We can always use help from the congregation. The Annual Christmas Bazaar is Saturday, November 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will have Christmas items, jewelry, handmade greeting cards, plants, baked goods (can you help us with these goodies?) and much more! All proceeds go to missions. Plan to join us!

Methodist Men's News

Wow!! It seems like yesterday we were making plans for the Duck Days BBQ and now summer is gone and we are making plans for our Thanksgiving food drive for the needy. We will be collecting non-perishable food items from now until November 21. Please be generous if you can as this is difficult times for so many in our community. (Collection boxes are in the FH.)

In other news, the men's group has donated funds for the local Coats for Kids drive and have given scholarship funds of \$500 each to Matthew Schultz and Jonathan Frosch for their continuing education.

Thank you always for your support.

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



Prayer List *Oct-Dec. 2008*

Bonnie Baker, Linda Blazer, Baby Bruine, Geri Buss, Neal Cameron, Mary Chase, Elaine Coffman, Helen Conger, Travis Didson, Dan Edwards, Terry Fontenot, Christopher Fredrick, Brandy Garrett, Mildred Hackett, Betty Hansformd, Carol Hoefer, Bonnie Jean Hoge, J.B., Joel Hunt, Jeremy Jasso, Jeff, Fred Johnson, Jewel Landrum, Jason Largo, Sean McLaughlin family, Lynde Murphy, Ann Pettit, Brian Pettit, John Plant, Art Polley, Mardena Randall, Pat Rogers, Ray Sawyer, Gary Slayman, Oris & Nina Spencer, Michael Stephenson, Katheleen Swift, Sarah & Gregory Swift, Kevin Tremper, Ralph Tremper, Sam Turner, Margaret Truax, Earl

Veeder, Sally & Leymon Williams, Men's & Women's Chrysalis Journeys (1/16-19/09)

Families dealing with grief: Rhoads, Humphrey, Hunt, French, Lutonsky/Lambeth, Deitz, Westbrook

Service men & women and their units:

Travis Dodson's unit, Avilla Augustus, Alan Ballinas, Alan/Brian Carter, Jake Corn, Amber Dunnihoo, Steve Gilland, Maj. Howard Gobble, Jason Hammers, Conrad Hughes, Eric Jasso, Shaun M. Jones, Jennifer/John Lively, Robbie Luna, Jennifer/Jarrod McGee, Michael Nunley, Brian Park, Josh Robertson, Andres Serna, 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.

Daylight Savings Ends

Remember to set your clock back at 2 am on November 2nd. You get to sleep one hour longer and not be late for the 8 am church service.

More Good Stuff

Visit the website, www.fumcdeming.com, for information on upcoming retreats and seminars. There is something for everyone!

Let Us Give Thanks!

Even in the midst of trial and tribulation, we can always find something for which to be thankful. Share your thankful heart on Wednesday, November 26th, at our annual Thanksgiving Eve service, 6:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Your participation will be a blessing to others, as well as a blessing to you!

Remember those who are struggling this holiday season. Way to participate include: donations of dry/canned foodstuffs for the Thanksgiving Food Boxes, donations of gently used, clean coats for school students, participation in our Angel Tree and Samaritan's Purse programs (watch for details).

From ***Hendrix College***, Conway, Arkansas

I am writing to tell you about Hendrix College's United Methodist Youth Fellowship Leadership Scholarship and solicit names of students who you think would qualify for this scholarship.

Hendrix started the UMYF Leadership Scholarship program in 1996 as a way to further strengthen and develop leadership skills of United Methodist young adults. The goal of the scholarship is to help each student become an effective leader in the United Methodist Church while at Hendrix (whether called into ordained ministry or lay leadership). If you feel like you have a youth from your church that would qualify for this scholarship, please complete the nomination form (http://www.hendrix.edu/uploadedFiles/Admission/Financing_a_Hendrix_Education/UMYF_Nomination_2008.pdf) and return it to Hendrix post-marked by Friday, December 5.

I also want to remind you that dependents of ordained United Methodist clergy and students who are certified candidates in the United Methodist Church receive a 1/2 tuition discount .

Thank you

Dear First United Methodist Church Family,

What a happy surprise birthday party for me!! And to think the planning all took place right under my nose!! My happy thanks to all you lovely people who came, and to all you other great folks who couldn't make it!! I was completely surprised—and overwhelmed—because I always believe what I'm told. And I was told I was going out for lunch. I just didn't know "where" lunch was going to be!! You made my day.

To everyone who had a part in the happy event, thank you. You work well in secret!!

I recommend birthday; it's great to be ninety! Now I'm privileged to join the ranks—age wise—of many other folks in our church. First United Methodist is a wonderful church family, and we are all privileged to be a part of it. We come each week to worship our God, and to be divinely touched by each other in our church community. I look for you each Sunday.

Thank you again.

Sincerely and lovingly, Helen Covey

SCJ Singles Retreat

Join us November 14-16, 2008, at the Mount Sequoyah Conference and Retreat Center in beautiful Fayetteville, Arkansas as we learn about how we can experience our own "Extreme Makeover - God Edition"!! Keynote speaker and nationally recognized author Brennan Manning will discuss healing our images of God and ourselves to better know Christ in our lives. Breakout sessions will cover topics relevant to today's single Christian adults. Social activities, coffee houses, dances, bonfires, the opportunity to create new friendships, and experience the "peace of the mountain" at Mount Sequoyah will all be part of this special weekend. For details call Mount Sequoyah at 800-760-8126.

The church office will be **CLOSED** Nov. 27 & 28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Blessings to you and your families!!

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IRA Rollover Legislation Passes in Congress

Monday, October 14, 2008: United Methodists 70½ years or older who are interested in donating all or part of an Individual Retirement Account(s) directly to their church or a qualifying charity may be able to give up to \$100,000 in each of the calendar years of 2008 and 2009 without incurring tax liabilities. **These transfers must be made directly from the manager of the IRA to the church or institution.**

The IRA rollover legislation does not extend to most planned gift instruments. However, the legislation does permit eligible donors to transfer funds to fulfill a legally-binding pledge or to a relief organization for a specific disaster relief fund. An example would be to UMCOR for relief from Hurricane Ike that ravaged many areas in Texas in September. Specific appeal numbers are available through the General Board of Global Ministries by calling 212-870-3600. It is recommended that interested donors confer with their particular IRA manager to determine eligibility.

To read more about the rollover, along with various planned giving options, visit the Foundation's site at www.nmcmfi.org or www.nmcmfigift.org. A sample IRA distribution letter is also available for downloading from the site.

The New Mexico Conference Methodist Foundation does not provide legal, financial, or tax advisory services. It is recommended that donors consult with their attorney or other tax professional for tax and planned giving information applicable to their specific situation.

Women's Depression Support Group

Our Support Group is now meeting 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.

Service Personnel “Goodie” Packs

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 1477 is sponsoring a drive to provide goodie boxes to troops serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. This is a thank you for these military personnel. They are looking for service people connected to Deming (sons/daughters, nephews/nieces, etc.).

They need a name (or a unit number) and APO addresses for these service people. This information should be given to Marilyn Gottschling at 546-3031 or (cell) 494-4518.

Please share this with anyone who might wish to have a goodie box sent to their service person in the Middle East.

FYI – boxes will include:

small bars of soap/bottles of shampoo; deodorant; chap stick; hand lotion; pocket packs of tissues; small flyswatters; hot sauce; small cans of green chile; chicken/tuna snack packs with crackers; fruit crisps; granola bars; m&m candies (melt in your mouth, not in your pockets!); small packs of nuts; beef jerky; crystal light and kool-aid to go packs; DVDs/movie; flea collars for cats (service people put these on their wrists or ankles to ward off sand fleas); anything else you think service people might like.

Fall CCYM

The Fall CCYM (Conference Council on Youth Ministries) Camp will be held November 21-23, 2008 at Sacramento Methodist Assembly. The camp preacher will be Rev. Todd Salzwedel of Community UMC in Ruidoso; Kyle Cantrell from Norman, Oklahoma, will be the praise and worship leader.

More at www.sacramentoassembly.org/docs/ccymfall08.pdf

Newsletter Deadlines

Submissions for the December and January newsletters are requested no later than November 10th and December 8th. These dates will help the editors prepare the newsletters during the very busy holiday seasons. Thank you.

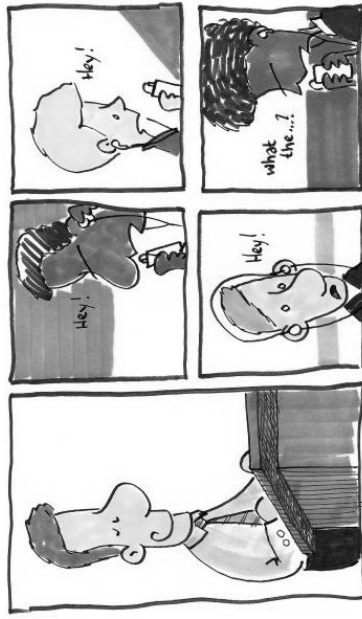
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