

Church Conference

On Sunday, September 28, members of the First United Methodist Church of Deming, NM, met in the Sanctuary of the church for our annual Church Conference. Present to lead the meeting was Rev. Dr. Beverly Jones, Superintendent of the El Paso District of the New Mexico Conference.

Various documents regarding church business were presented and reviewed, including one which formed a new Permanent Endowment committee.

Dr. Jones compared the El Paso District to other districts in the New Mexico Conference regarding Shared Giving performance. She urged us to do what we can and just a little bit more in order to help support these vital ministries.

The meeting was preceded by a covered dish lunch, enjoyed in the Fellowship Hall.

New Key Procedure

The Board of Trustees has defined a new procedure involving (a) obtaining and returning keys to the building and (b) alarm system enable/disable codes. This procedure is easy to understand and is currently operational—anyone requiring after-hour access to the building should be aware of this new procedure.

The church has a new safe and it contains, among other things, our building keys and key assignment records. Keys being returned after temporary use are to be given to (1) the

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church secretary, (2) the Trustees chairperson, or (3) the Ad Council chairperson ONLY. These people have access to the safe and have the responsibility of maintaining the records of who returned, and when, a temporary-use key. Returning a key to anyone other than these individuals may not result in key assignment records being updated; you will remain accountable for the key. Therefore, retain the key after its use until one of these people become available.

We understand this may be inconvenient at times and we appreciate your understanding as we continue to deal with the aftermath of our three break-ins.

New Opportunities for Growth

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

Joe will begin a monthly series that is filled with Praise Music and scripture study and reflection. This will be 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 will meet once a month beginning Sunday afternoon, October 12th at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend at your own risk.

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UMM News

Thanks to everyone's effort, we had another very successful Duck Days BBQ. It was so good that we almost sold out – desert and meat were all that were left. We served 852 adults and 120 children. After expenses we cleared a bit less than \$6,000.

Methodist Men's meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7:00 am in the Memorial classroom. All men are welcome to attend and participate.

Roman Raiders Sunday School Class

The Romans Raiders are starting a new series beginning on October 5, 2008. The class book is titled: "The Invisible War: What every believer needs to know about Satan, Demons and Spiritual Warfare" by Chip Ingram. This class meets in the east Little Lambs room in the MAC building. All are invited.

Children's Sunday School (and more)

With the return to school, the Sunday School children are moving back into individual classes. The pre-Kindergarten group is taught by Suanne and Jimmy Delk. Cyndy DuBois and Murray Baskett have the Kindergarten thru 3rd grade group. Jennifer Shafer has the 4-5th grade group, while Marge and Ed Kemp have the 6 thru 8th grade group. Sally Cooper is supervising the cooking classes. Adults are helping in other areas. All children's groups are studying the same material, but in a form appropriate to the age of the group. The High School (youth) group meets under the leadership of Sue and Rick Holdridge with their own curriculum. On Thursdays after school, Dee Huffman is teaching interested children how to play the newly-acquired hand chimes while Jo Kruger and Cyndy DuBois are teaching crafts. S.O.U.L. Kids resumed on Tuesdays. *All children and their friends are invited to join in the fun!*

And, a special Thank You to that unknown someone who cleaned out the Sunday School closets. They look great!

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-14: Younger Children's Camp (completed grades 1-4). Camp Dean is Brenda Crowe.
- ◆ June 22nd-26: Mid-High Camp (completed grades 6-8). Camp Dean is Heath Husted.
- ◆ June 22nd-26: Sr. High Camp (completed grades 9-12). Camp Dean is Jachin Ford.
- ◆ July 6th-10: 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 price. So camp will 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 or call them at 800-667-3414.

Final 2008 Camper Statistics for the NM Conference

Only 31% of NM Conference churches sent kids to camp.

Only 3.4% of kids in the NM Conference went to camp which is less than 1% of the membership in the NM Conference.

The El Paso district (membership: 3,714 kids) sent 99 kids to camp. FUMC Deming traditionally sends kids, youth and adults to a variety of camps and we'd like to send more!

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



TAKE NOTE

As October comes we focus our attention on the holiday seasons as they quickly come. Let us take every opportunity to be grateful and enjoy this changing of the seasons. Most importantly, let us remember to give thanks for each other. We are the image of Jesus that other people see.

Schedule for October

Week of October 6 th :	Regular rehearsal schedule but no Praise Band rehearsal
Week of October 13 th :	Regular rehearsal schedule
Week of October 20 th :	Regular rehearsal schedule
Week of October 27 th :	Regular rehearsal schedule

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. Musical guest Celia Whitler will touch your heart with her heartfelt songs and music. 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.



UMW News

Thanks to everyone who helped with our rummage sale—we made about \$600. A special thanks to Lynde Murphy for taking Chairman. It was her first time and she did a great job!

UMW Sunday is October 12. The guest speaker is Rev. George Miller, Lydia Patterson's Chaplain and VP for Religious Affairs.

Remember our UMW Annual Meeting October 24th and 25th. It will be held at Western Hills United Methodist Church in El Paso. The theme is *On Eagles Wings* and our mission project is Houchen Community Center. There will be a tour of Houchen prior to registration on Friday.

Our regular meeting on October 11th will be focused on World Thank Offering. Rosemary Jontra will present the program in the Chapel at 2 p.m. Refreshments will follow the meeting in the FH.

UMW Meetings and events are open to all women in the Church. Come and visit with us.

Thank You Received

United Blood Services thanks Deming-First United Methodist. "At the August blood drive, 20 people registered, which resulted in 24 units of lifesaving blood for our community.

Your efforts and the support of Deming-First United Methodist are greatly appreciated and will go a long way toward assuring a strong blood supply and ultimately saving lives.

I look forward to your upcoming blood drive scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2008."

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.



Prayer List

Jul.-Sept. 2008

Ralph Tremper, Sam Turner, Margaret Truax, Henry Vasquez family, Earl Veeder, Tim Weaver, Sally Williams.

Jean Arthur, Bonnie Baker, Linda Blazer, Shirley Breedon, Geri Buss, Neal Cameron, Nikki Carnish, Mary Chase, The Coles, John De Young, Travis Dodson, Betty Dolan, Dan Edwards, Brandy Garrett, Gerald Gaylord, Bob/Sharon Grogan, Mildred Hackett, Betty Hansford, Carol Hoefler, Bonnie Jean Hoge, J.B., Dick Huffman, Joel Hunt, Jeremy Jasso, Jeff, Fred Johnson, Glenn Kruger, Jewel Landrum, Jason Largo, Ed Leupold, Sean McLaughlin family, Jack & Betty Morrow, Lynde Murphy, Naomi Mutter, Pettigrew Family, Ann & Medford Pettit, Brian Pettit, John Plant, Art Polley, Mardena Randall, Pat Rogers, Carol Schlim, Gary Slayman, Oris & Nina Spencer, Arlene Stein, Michael Stephenson, Kathleen Swift, Sarah/Gregory Swift,

Families dealing with grief: Burkle, Arthur, Rhoads, Powers, Hoffmeister, Humphrey, Hunt, French.

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/Jarrold 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.

Prayer List Update

We will be updating our prayer list beginning October 1st. Please verify in writing the names of those to remain on the list, even if you requested "until notified." This helps us assure that our prayer list is accurate. Your help is deeply appreciated.

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Seasoned Citizens Retreat

Sacramento Methodist Assembly and Landsun Homes are teaming to offer this retreat at SMA on October 13-17. Workshops on a variety of subjects will be offered:

- ◆ Recreational & Spiritual Growth
- ◆ You and Aging Services
- ◆ Where Did My Memory Go and How Can I Find It?
- ◆ The World of Loss
- ◆ Birds in the Bible
- ◆ Am I Just a Body? A Soul? A Mind?

Registration for this event is due by October 8. Visit the SMA website www.sacramentoassembly.org/docs/SeasonedCitizenRetreat08.pdf for more information plus a registration form, or call SMA at 800-667-3414 to register.

Kingdom Come Adventure

The Kingdom Come Adventure on October 23-28 at Sacramento Methodist Assembly will be a highly inspirational experiment in living on Earth as we will in Heaven. This event will focus on finding happiness through deliberately making Kingdom choices. How do I handle temptation? How do we endure pain and failure? How can I age joyfully? How do I face loneliness? What shall I do with discouragement and bitterness? Find the Kingdom answer to these questions.

A surprising and entertaining John Wesley Adventure awaits those who attend. "The Man From Aldersgate" will be here and you won't want to miss this wonderful drama.

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

Fall CCYM

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

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

Letters from Dad Retreat

If God were to take you home today...what would your wife and children hold in their hands tomorrow that would let them know that they were the treasures of your life? THE RIGHT ANSWER...Letters from Dad. You are invited on a journey...a journey to leave a legacy of Faith, Hope and Love through the lost art of letter writing. Sacramento has been certified as a host site for this event. Here you will work through the *Letters from Dad* curriculum where you will learn to write five specific types of letters. You will learn what it means to give “THE BLESSING” to your wife, children, grandchildren and other family members. This event will take place Nov. 13-15 at SMA.

- ◆ Learn to write and say the things you have always wanted to say but just didn't know how.
- ◆ Leave treasured letters of love that will be read long after you are gone.
- ◆ Learn to speak and write these Blessings to your family.

Store, in letter form, the only three things that remain: Faith, Hope, and Love.

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

Mission Trip Invitation

All are invited to participate in the El Paso District *Operacion Hogar* Mission Trip to Juarez, Mexico on November 2-7, 2008. The cost is \$375.00 per person. Team Leaders are Rev. Skip Hodges and Dr. Beverly Jones.

The Application Form is available at www.nmconfum.com/El%20Paso%20Operacion%20Hogar%20Mission%20Trip%20Nov08.doc or you may contact the El Paso District Office by phone (915-584-9494).

The completed Application Form and the \$375 fee are due in the El Paso District Office by October 15, 2008. This is a wonderful opportunity for servant ministry just across the border from the New Mexico Conference.

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

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Love Stories

Love INC is so grateful for supporters like you who help us fulfill our mission to transform lives and our community In the Name of Christ. Here are some "Love" stories that are the result of your support. (There are more of these life-changing stories on the church website.)

An elderly lady with a broken back needed ramps built in her house because she had steps between some of the rooms. With the help of a volunteer carpenter and a local business that supplied the material, she is able to get around in her own house.

A man was totally out of, and doing without, his insulin and needed a one-time help. One of our church volunteers provided the funds and time to get this much-needed medication into his hands.

Our Bags of Hope gap ministry is where meal bags or personal items bags are colored and filled by a church youth group and then given to churches to distribute. These churches give the bags to those passing through who may only need a meal or some personal items. The ministry has also been able to use a couple of our clients to color the bags because they wanted to give something back to Love INC for the help they received.

An elderly widow woman who received meals on wheels, just wanted a hot meal on a weekend. When asked what she liked, she said, "Chicken and chocolate ice cream." These were delivered to her that same weekend. Sometimes the need seems small but the blessings are still big.

Love INC was able to coordinate four months of rides to Las Cruces for a double-amputee who needed daily treatments to clear up an infection so she could be prepared to receive prosthetic legs. We were able to put her in touch with a lot of godly volunteers who showed her the love of Christ by helping to meet this gigantic need.

Shoes were provided for a girl who was wearing her mother's shoes to school.

Love INC is piloting a money management/budgeting class for those clients that we feel will benefit by taking this step out

of a poverty rut.

And the list goes on and on, enabled by your support and prayers. Love INC can verify legitimate needs so churches, church volunteers and individuals are more confident that their gifts and talents will help meet the specific needs of the clients.

We need more volunteers so more love stories may be told, both those to work in the Clearinghouse as intake workers, and those who can run errands outside the Clearinghouse. We stand amazed at His provision.

On occasion we have the need for someone to purchase some of the following items for a client: diapers, gas card, small personal items, medications, propane, blankets, bus tickets, local bus passes, utility deposits (if client can pay back). We don't always have the resources to fill these needs. If you could offer \$20, once or twice a year, to help meet these needs, it would be a blessing. If you could help deliver any of these items, it would be a double blessing!

For more information about ways you can become part of this life-changing ministry, or to be on call to provide \$20 in assistance, please call Carol at 544-2400. Thank you.

Oddfellows Enchilada Supper, October 2nd from 4-6pm at the Oddfellows Hall on Gold Ave. \$5/plate to benefit scholarships.

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 help support a number of vital ministries, within our conference and around the world. They 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. Want to know more? Stop by the office for details.

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