Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

I know you will all be thrilled to know the boxes are here and will be available on our kickoff Sunday, Oct. 15 so don’t miss out and make sure to be in church. This year the plastic boxes will be provided for you by the UMMen. We are pleased to sponsor this world wide mission project for our church. There is no better way to introduce Jesus Christ to millions of needy kids around the world than with a shoebox packed with useful items. Please consider supporting this great effort. Thanks, Stan Hayes

Putting God First in Living and Giving

Do we worship idols? The answer may surprise you.

During the month of October, our church will hear about God’s generosity and our response as we experience our stewardship program, first: putting GOD first in living and giving, developed by author and pastor Mike Slaughter of Ginghamsburg Church. There will be opportunities in worship, in small groups, in youth and children’s classes, and in devotions that can be used at church or at home.

We are made in God’s image and are meant to be creators of life and hope, not the consumers of our culture’s shiny gods. We have the ability to change the world and create a legacy that will live forever in the lives of generations to follow.
Lisa’s Lines

That legacy starts when each of us takes the hard steps of financial discipline and fulfilling the call to generosity that God has placed in all of us.

The goal of this stewardship program is not to make you feel guilty. The goal is for all of us to ask questions of ourselves and be open to the possibility that God will lead us in new directions in our lives.

During the four-week program, we’ll be challenged in a number of different ways. We’ll be asked to look for the idols in our own lives (Hint: Most of them aren’t animals made of gold) and name the ways these idols enslave us, holding us back from living in the true freedom that God desires for us.

We’ll be challenged to consider the place that money, work, and debt have in our own lives. What are our common understandings of these, and might the witness of Scripture lead us to some different understandings?

We’ll be challenged to ask ourselves what it means for us to be faithful, to save, and to give. How do we balance all the competing interests in our lives? What priorities does God want us to have?

We are now preparing for our financial event November 11, **The Down-Home BAZAAR.** Ladies will be gathering each week on Tuesday, at 2:00P.M., Room #1, downstairs, to put together crafts to be sold at the bazaar. Please come and enjoy being productive as well as fellowshipping with other women. You are welcome to bring your own project to work on or work on a group project. Made at home items will be accepted.

Be thinking about an office you would be willing to fill for 2018. Election time is near.

**The Purpose of United Methodist Women:** The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is: **To know God** and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; **To develop a creative** supportive fellowship; and **To expand concepts** of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.
Upcoming Happenings
United Methodist Women

Oct. 2- Mon. - Executive Board Meeting-Baldridge Hall - 9:00 A.M.

Oct. 11-Wed.-11:30- Luncheon- Hostess: Hope Circle-
Program: “Domestic Violence”

Oct. 19&20-Rocky Mountain Conference UMW Annual Meeting-Salt Lake City
Registration forms in the Breezeway

Oct. 7 Mission U Grand Junction Crossroads UMC-
Registration forms in Breezeway

Circle Meetings

Oct. 19, Thurs. 7:00 P.M. - Mary and Elizabeth-
Hostess: Becky Clark

Oct. 26, Thurs. 9:00 A.M. - Mary Olive-
Hostess: Elaine Baker

Oct. 26, Thurs. 9:00 A.M. - Hope-
Hostess: Kay Karins

Oct. 26, Thurs. 1:30 P.M. - Faith-
Hostess: Pam Shippy

Finally, we’ll be challenged to give with our hearts, not out of obligation or a sense of duty and not just when we think the recipient deserves our gift. Instead, we’ll be challenged to give the way God gives—freely, fully, with no favorites or expectations of repayment.

It is our prayer that, at the end of these four weeks, we will have begun to grow into the individuals and the church that God knows we can be. Please join us in first: putting GOD first in living and giving.

The Finance and Stewardship Committee
Parents Night Out:

This is a great opportunity to have some adult time while your kids are well cared for! Parents Night Out is open to the community so tell your friends about it.

Hours: 6:00—9:00 p.m.

The cost is $10.00 per child with a family cap of $20.00

Activities:

October 13th: Fall Fun; We will make cookies and create fall leaf projects

October 27th: Halloween Party
Did you know about our great nursery programs?  

**Tween Night Grades 4th-8th** Every 1st & 3rd Friday of the Month 7-9 PM:
- October 6th: Sunday Supper Blessing Bags & Minute to Win It
- October 20th: Fear vs Faith Factor Lock in

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**Children's News**

The Children will be participating in Trick or Treat for UNICEF. Please help our kids support kids from around the world. See Bulletin Board in Baldridge Hall for more information.

**October Memory Verse Challenge:**
Take home sheets & coloring sheets will be downstairs in the Children’s Wing.

**Easy**
- Do not be afraid for I am with you. Isaiah 43:5

**Challenging**
- Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9
Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser will be on October 9th - October 30th. We would love to have the support of the congregation. If you are able to help sell pumpkins please see the sign up in Baldridge Hall, we have many time slots that the youth cannot work because of school.

UMYF Grades 5th-12th Sundays 12:30-2:30:
October 1st: Don’t Be Afraid
October 8th: Sunday Supper & Pumpkin Delivery
October 15th: Fear of Failure
October 22nd: Facing our Fears  ** Parents are invited to this event
October 29th: Fall Festival 1-4 PM

Fear vs Faith Factor Lock In
Join us for a lock in with the Grand Valley Youth here in Montrose October 20-21st. Check out our Facebook Page Montrose UMYF for more information!

We are looking for people to provide lunch for the youth (10-15 people) twice a month. We are asking the kids to bring a sack lunch once a month, and the youth budget will provide lunch once a month also. If interested, please see the lunch schedule on the youth table in Baldridge Hall or contact Sarah Seymour.

WE HAVE BEEN INVITED

THE UNITED Church of the San Juans in Ridgway, Colorado has extended an invitation to their brothers and sisters in Christ at MUMC to join them on a 9 day tour for the “Best of Israel”. (April17-25, 2018) There is room for up to ten more participants.

An optional pre-tour of Jordan begins April 15, 2018.

There are brochures with more information on reservations, costs, daily schedule, travel insurance, etc. on the Welcome Station in the passageway. If you are interested, Barbara Kastelic will be your contact person in Montrose.

jbkastelic@gmail.com or 249-8525)

Brown Bag Book Club
Will be meeting Tuesday October 17th at 11:30 a.m. in Baldridge Hall. Please consider joining us. This Month’s selection is: Tomboy Bride by Harriet Backus
Birthdays

Lee Elliott    10/03  Russ Smith    10/16
Beth Lambert    10/04  Scott Koehler    10/16
Colette Holm    10/05  Danny Wood    10/19
Hayden Davis    10/05  Elijah Clark    10/21
Verna Brassfield    10/06  Ramona Cornforth    10/22
John Snyder    10/06  Carol Jones    10/26
Kalib Croy    10/06  Penny Lowe    10/27
Ralph Carver Jr.    10/07  Nancy Zaenger    10/27
LaMoine Brown    10/07  Luke Hutto    10/28
Tristan Bingaman    10/08  Aiden Hutto    10/28
Betty Hayes    10/11  Jim Garner    10/30
Jeanne Allen    10/11  Joyce Kinzel    10/31
Paul Harris    10/11  Judy Best    10/31
Bob Goodhue    10/12  Pam Shippy    10/31
Marijo Ache    10/13
Don Vernon    10/15

October 14th: Haunted House
Join us as we Travel to Grand Junction to visit the Cinema of Horror. We will depart the church at 6 PM. Admission is $15

October 28th: Corn Maze
Join us as we travel to a corn maze here in Montrose. Meet at the Church at 7 PM. Price TBD

Anniversaries

Donald & Marian Ferguson    10/09
Dale & Suzanne Carter    10/12
Richard & Betty Moslet    10/17
Russ & Bonnie Smith    10/29

Questions (?) contact Sarah
(303) 594-1126
Young Adult

Keeping in Touch
As a church family, we would like to maintain ties and support our young adults who are finding themselves in new environments such as college, technical school, military, or simply a new job. Please forward name, address, email, and phone number for young adults in their 20’s to the church office. We’d like to include them in our church directory.
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