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The Steeple Bell

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Maunder Thursday

On Thursday, April 1st at 7:00 pm, we will celebrate the event of The Last Supper. Come join us for this very moving communion experience as we remember the Disciples gathered at the table with Jesus. This year you will have the opportunity to sit at the table in groups of twelve to receive Holy Communion.



Good Friday



The Community Good Friday service will be on Friday, April 2nd at All Saints Episcopal Church, 12:05 pm. This service will be the "Stations of the Cross" with the members of the Vernon County Ministerial Alliance doing the readings. All are invited to attend.



Chancel Choir, Handbells & Wind Ensemble

On Easter Sunday we will have the opportunity to enjoy the special sounds of The Chancel Choir as they present a short Cantata featuring the music of Easter. The Handbells are planning to play that morning and the Wind Ensemble will be playing with our opening hymn. It will be great to have all of this music as part of the Easter Celebration.



Easter Sunday

- 9:00 am - Traditional Service
- 10:30 am - Annual Easter Breakfast
- 11:00 am - The Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Be sure to invite a friend to come with you on Easter Sunday and share the good news that Christ has risen today!



Video Volunteer

We would like to have some video clips of things on Easter Sunday. If you have a digital video camera and would be willing to shoot some video clips please contact the office at volunteer@umcn.info or call the church office at 667-5435.



One Great Hour of Sharing

We are observing One Great Hour of Sharing this morning since we had such low attendance on March 21st. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering allows UMCOR to use 100 percent of other gifts for the purpose designated. The offering funds UMCOR's cost of doing business providing a strong foundation that allows solid trustworthy mission and ministry around the world.

The Haiti earthquake is a perfect example of how UMCOR works. Within hours of the tragedy, UMCOR set into motion a massive relief effort that made the most of its Methodist and ecumenical partnerships.

Collaboration with other agencies is often UMCOR's first response to a disaster, but The United Methodist Church's humanitarian agency is often "the last to leave." Staff and volunteers aid the long-term recovery of an area. UMCOR is still working in New Orleans, continuing to help with recovery from 2005's Hurricane Katrina.



Easter Invitations

The Inviting Team will be handing out Easter Invitation Door Hangers at the end of service today. If every attending family of the congregation could take a couple of door hangers to distribute in their neighborhood, we can extend an invitation to individuals throughout our community for our Easter Sunday activities.



Easter Lilies

You may now purchase a lily or make a donation to the Mozambique Pastoral Support Fund in honor or in memory of someone for Easter. Lilies are \$10.00 per plant and they will be wrapped and delivered to the church. As an alternative, with at least a \$10.00 donation to Mozambique, you will not only be honoring loved ones, you will also be helping us attain our annual goal for the Mozambique Pastoral Fund. We have reserved 25 plants and there are 15 left. You can reserve your lily on the "Sign Me Up" insert on Sunday, eMail Wanda Shrimplin at wsrimplin@umcn.info or call the church office at 667-5435. All purchases and donations will be acknowledged in our Easter bulletin.

Easter Egg Preparation

The Forming Team will be preparing the Easter Eggs for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday, March 31st at 5:30 pm in the Young Adult classroom. If you want to come and help stuff Easter Eggs feel free to join us.

Easter Breakfast



Attention all men....your Church needs you for the Easter Breakfast. Once again the men are being called upon to host the Easter Breakfast. This tradition helps make the Easter Celebration a special time in the life of the church. We are seeking volunteers to bring breakfast casseroles as well as volunteers to serve the meal and clean-up afterwards. If you are willing to help you can sign-up in the "Sign Me Up" insert on Sunday, eMail volunteer@umcn.info or call the church office at 667-5435.

Lenten Series Schedule

The Community Lenten Series concludes this evening at St. Paul Lutheran Church where we will recall the Passion Story. Following the service there will be a soup supper. The free-will offerings taken during the Lenten Series will go to support local missions here in Nevada.

Lenten Prayer Services

The weekly prayer service continues each Tuesday at 12:15 pm in the sanctuary. The service is a time of prayer and meditation using both silent and verbal prayer. There are suggested scripture readings each week. These will be offered not to limit your prayer but as a way of helping to focus your prayer. As you seek to practice a Holy Lent you might want to consider putting the Tuesday prayer services on your calendar.



There will only be one service on Sunday, April 4th due to the Easter Schedule.

A Note From The Pastor

At the time I worked out the Whiffenpoofs Concert with Scott Hillier the event at Cottey College was to be a private concert. Cottey College requested to change the time and I agreed to switch the times and allow Cottey College to have the later time that they were requesting. I felt that the earlier time was better for families and for senior adults. In the meantime the decision was made by Cottey College to open the concert as a public event and not charge admission. The no admission fee came to my attention only a couple of days before it was announced in the Nevada Daily Mail. I am sorry for any hard feelings that may come about as a result of the ticket fees here at the church. However, we are doing what we promised by providing a venue for the Whiffenpoofs. We are collecting a fee for our tickets but 100% of the ticket sales go to the Yale Whiffenpoofs. I am looking forward to a great concert and am happy that we have provided a way to support the Whiffenpoofs.

Pastor Ralph

Attendance Registration Pads

On Easter Sunday you will find a newly designed attendance registration pad. The new pad reflects a desire to know where and how our members are serving others in our community. If you have provided transportation to the doctor for a neighbor put it on the list. If you baked a pie for the Habitat Luncheon put it on the list. Anything that you have done to serve others should be listed.

April Birthdays

04/01 Anne Bunton
04/02 Brenton Kafer
04/02 Andrew Heathman
04/02 Clara Swearingen
04/03 Edoline Smith
04/03 Rama Adams
04/03 Kevin Reed
04/06 Betty McClain
04/06 Caroline Taylor
04/07 Mike McCaffree
04/07 Aaron Ogle
04/07 Brynn Wolfe
04/08 Donna Good
04/09 Dale Hensley
04/09 Buddy Gullett
04/09 Matthew Thompson
04/09 Ben Fisher
04/10 Karen Polon
04/11 Bill Cowan
04/11 Karen Hertzberg
04/11 Xavier Claudio
04/11 Chloe Morris
04/11 Blair Bickel
04/12 Lauren Akers
04/12 Patrick Ferry
04/13 John Atkinson
04/13 Joseph Willis
04/13 Katelyn Brier
04/14 Michael Moore
04/15 Sibyl Graham
04/16 Erin Morris
04/17 Anna Sue Messick
04/18 Bill Hensley
04/18 Abby McCoy
04/19 Matt Ashley
04/19 Taylor Dye
04/21 Marjorie Cooke
04/21 Caleb Thorns
04/22 Colby Kenyon
04/22 Bridget Naas
04/23 Audrey Hayes
04/24 Dorothy Tyer
04/24 Denny Reed
04/24 Tim Wells
04/24 Michael Justus
04/25 Helen Brockmeyer
04/25 Mary Jo Litten
04/25 Judy Campbell
04/25 Tom Taylor
04/25 Emma Denman
04/26 Gary Hastings
04/26 Thomas Weakley
04/27 Brennan Nelson
04/27 Jacob Tietz

04/27 Nolan Rhyne
04/28 Steve Hertzberg
04/28 Owen Swearingen
04/29 Phillip Gragg
04/29 Janet Reed
04/30 Kiera Gravely
04/30 Jim Tedlock

Prayer Concerns



Prayer Requests

Dr. Sean Gravely, Kathy Rosser, Jeff and Erin Killmer, Patty Gaughan, Rev. Kim Osborn, Janet Burrell, Rev. Lester Thornton, Rev. Ron Orr, Tracy Altic, Christina Booth, Dustey Chisholm, Robert Palmer, Haley Graham, Peggy Boehs, Sheriff Ron Peckman, Stacy Symes, Joy Craft, Debbie Flanery, Cathy Baker, Jennifer Shannon, Mable Urner, Lynne Logan Clawson, Mary Alice Shannon, Daniel Meisenheimer and the people of Haiti.

Extended Prayer Concerns

Laura Brewer Ackerman, Violet Adams, Sharon Beisley, Lawrence Bower, Margie Breneman, Norine Brewer, Jim Burrell, Marty Caldwell, Lindsey Easterday, Leonard Ernsbarger, Newell Franks, Florence Fritts, Marlene Folsom, Bob Guerrant, Adam Gullett, Lance Hackleman, Jennifer Hancock, Harold Harris, Nola Hartzfeld, Bill Hensley, Wills Hensley, Steve Hertzberg, Vee Hughes, Jean LaGuire, Sandra Lang, Mary Madill, Floreine Moore, Michael Roussin, Edoline Smith, Dorothy Tyer, Sarah Walker, Eli Braswell Wilkening, Ann Wolfe, our Church, our sister church in Canda, Pastor Ester Jossias Guambe at Canda, our Bishop, our Nation and the world.

Serving Our Country

Adam Appleberry, Rodney Bastow, C.J. Hayes, Steve Oberly, Kevin Reed, Rachel Wells, Tim Wells and the US Armed Forces.

Those We Hold in Loving Care

Barone Center (2102 N Ash) - Pat Haggans
Culpepper Place Residential Care (640 E Highland) - Eloise Harry, Vivian Burris, Ruth Munz
Moore-Few (901 S Adams) - Marty Caldwell, Naomi Kraft, Betty McClain, Dorothy Tyer
Homebound - Elmer Post, Jean LaGuire
Out of Town - Dorothy Bell

The Yale Whiffenpoofs

If you are planning to attend the Whiffenpoofs Concert on Thursday, April 15th there are a few places where we need some volunteers. If you are willing to help you can sign-up in the "Sign Me Up" insert on Sunday, eMail volunteer@umcn.info or call the church office at 667-5435.

APRIL 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28 9:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship 6:00 PM Lenten Series</p>	<p>29 10:00 AM Kindermusik 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study 4:30 PM Kindermusik 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Finance Team</p>	<p>30 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 12:15 PM Lenten Prayer Service 1:00 PM Memorial Fund Taskforce 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM Kindermusik</p>	<p>31 8:00 AM Tops 3:30 PM Confirmation Class 5:30 PM Easter Egg Preparation 5:30 PM Instrumental Group Rehearsal 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>1 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>2 Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 Food Collection for Missions 9:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:15 AM Easter Breakfast 10:45 AM Easter Egg Hunt</p>	<p>5 10:00 AM Kindermusik 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study 4:30 PM Kindermusik 6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>6 6:00 AM Election Day 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM Kindermusik 6:30 PM Susannah Wesley Circle</p>	<p>7 8:00 AM Tops 8:30 AM Vernon County United Methodist Clergy 9:30 AM Quilt Guild 3:30 PM Confirmation Class 5:15 PM Faith Dogs 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 1:00 PM Senior Fun</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 9:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship 6:00 PM Staff Parish Relations Team</p>	<p>12 9:30 AM Bazaar Workday 10:00 AM Kindermusik 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study 4:30 PM Kindermusik 5:30 PM Habitat Board of Directors 6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>13 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM Kindermusik</p>	<p>14 8:00 AM Tops 12:30 PM Helping Hands Circle 4:30 PM Senior High Youth Bible Study 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>15 8:00 AM Leadership Breakfast 6:00 PM Whiffenpoos Concert</p>	<p>16 1:00 PM Senior Fun</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 Lay Speaker Sunday Mission Minute 9:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship 12:00 PM Youth Group 5:30 PM Carry- In Dinner</p>	<p>19 10:00 AM Kindermusik 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study 4:30 PM Kindermusik 6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>20 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM Kindermusik</p>	<p>21 8:00 AM Tops 11:30 AM Friendship Group 3:30 PM Confirmation Class 5:15 PM Faith Dogs 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 1:00 PM Senior Fun</p>	<p>24 8:30 AM Confirmation Field Trip 9:00 AM Faith with Works Day</p>
<p>25 9:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:15 AM Acolyte Training 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Mission Dinner 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>26 9:30 AM Bazaar Workday 10:00 AM Kindermusik 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study 4:30 PM Kindermusik 6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>27 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM Kindermusik</p>	<p>28 8:00 AM Tops 3:30 PM Confirmation Class 3:30 PM UMW Executive Committee Meeting 4:30 PM Senior High Youth Bible Study 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 1:00 PM Senior Fun</p>	<p>1</p>

Sign Me Up!

***Please remember to provide your name and contact information.
You can hand this to an Usher or Pastor Ralph.***

Name: _____

Phone: _____

eMail: _____

Easter Breakfast

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I can bring a breakfast casserole.

I would be glad to help serve the meal & help clean-up.

I can not bring a breakfast casserole but would bring something else if you contact me.

Easter Lilies

You may now purchase a lily or make a donation to the Mozambique Pastoral Support Fund in honor or in memory of someone for Easter. Lilies are \$10.00 per plant and they will be wrapped and delivered to the church. As an alternative, with at least a \$10.00 donation to Mozambique, you will not only be honoring loved ones, you will also be helping us attain our annual goal for the Mozambique Pastoral Fund. We have reserved only 25 plants and they will be sold on a first come - first sold basis. You can reserve your lily on the "Sign Me Up" insert on Sunday, eMail Wanda Shrimplin at wshrimplin@umcn.info or call the church office at 667-5435. All purchases and donations will be acknowledged in our Easter bulletin.

I would like to purchase an Easter Lily.

I would like to make a donation for support of the pastor at Canda, Mozambique.

Please show my gift....

In Honor of

In Memory of

Name: _____

Given by: _____

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- I would be willing to help with this ministry. Please contact me about what I might be able to do.
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Election Day Hospitality

Tuesday, April 6th is an election day and the Inviting Team is looking for some volunteers to help us practice radical hospitality. We are looking for six volunteers who would be willing to spend two hours here that day keeping the coffee pots going and offering a cup of coffee to anyone who comes here to vote that day. The volunteers would not be saying anything about church but would just be offering coffee, tea and bottled water. We will also be offering a treat again. What a great way to extend the church without needing to say a word other than.... Would you like a cup of coffee? If you are willing to help staff the hospitality area or make a baked treat you can sign-up in the "Sign Me Up" insert on Sunday, eMail volunteer@umcn.info or call the church office at 667-5435.

- I am willing to help host the hospitality ministry on Election Day.
- I am willing to provide a baked treat for the hospitality ministry on Election Day.
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Communications Questions

With all the new ways of communication available we are always looking at how we can best reach our members and friends. Any information that you share with us on this form will be treated confidentially. It is against the Technology Policy of our Congregation for us to share eMail addresses or cellular phone numbers. However, having that information for use in the Church Office is very helpful when we need to be in touch. Use the sheet below, eMail your information to office@umcn.info or call the church office at 667-5435.

- I do have eMail and here is my current eMail address _____
I would like to receive the following by eMail.
- The Steeple Bell (Our Weekly Newsletter).
 - The Current Prayer Concerns.
 - Faith Break (A Weekly Devotional Thought).
- I do have a cellular phone and am willing for the church office to be able to use it to contact me.
Number: _____
- I can receive text messages.
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***Please remember to provide your name and contact information on the front.
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I have always loved the story about the guy who was calling a friend and got the young daughter instead. He asked to speak to her daddy and she told him that her daddy was busy. When he asked to speak to her mommy she told him that her mommy was also busy. He then boldly asked what they were busy doing and she responded that they were talking to the police and firemen. Assuming the worst he asked what they were talking about and she said that they were looking for something. He was hooked in the conversation at this point and just had to ask what they were looking for at which point the young girl giggled and said "ME"!

On that first day of the week long ago Mary went to the tomb to find Jesus and did not find him there. However, it was not because Jesus was playing a game of hide and seek. Jesus was fulfilling the plan of salvation that God had designed for you and me. From the moment that Adam and Eve ate of the fruit of the tree in the garden God was planning the way that our relationship would be restored.

We often talk about how God came to save the world and forget that it was much more personal than that. God came for my salvation. God came for your salvation. This is a very personal story that is fulfilled on the cross and with the empty tomb that Mary found early that morning.

I want to invite you to come and celebrate on Easter Sunday with your Church Family. Come and celebrate your restored relationship with God. Come and celebrate your salvation. Come and celebrate your new life.

See You at Church,
Pastor Ralph

Moss House Collection

In 2009, Moss House provided 119 women and 114 children with safe emergency shelter where they served 6,755 meals. The house also responded to 325 hotline calls. In addition, 171 families were served through our non-residential support program and 96 people were assisted with court advocacy services.

The Sending Team is sponsoring a food collection for Moss House on Sunday, April 4th. Moss House is in need of sugar, creamer, coffee, tea bags, cereal, canned meat, bottled juice and paper products such as toilet paper. Please bring these items and look for the drop off point near the narthex.

Attendance

March 21st

9:00 am Traditional	52
10:15 am Sunday School	39
11:15 am Contemporary	21

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Stewardship

Week Ending 03/21	
General Budget	\$ 1,249.50
Sunday School	18.50
Youth Mission Trip	50.00
Easter Lilies	30.00
Mozambique Pastoral Fund	60.00
Mission Fund	5.00
Equal Exchange	12.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	280.00

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Calendar at a Glance

Sunday, March 28th

9:00 am Traditional Worship
10:15 am Sunday School
11:15 am Contemporary Worship
6:00 pm Lenten Series

Monday, March 29th

10:00 am Kindermusik
12:00 pm Women's Bible Study
4:30 pm Kindermusik
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm Finance Team

Tuesday, March 30th

6:30 am Men's Bible Study
12:15 pm Lenten Prayer Service
1:00 pm Memorial Fund Taskforce
2:00 pm Prayer Shawl
6:30 pm Kindermusik



Wednesday, March 31st

8:00 am TOPS
3:30 pm Confirmation Class
5:30 pm Easter Egg Preparation
5:30 pm Instrumental Group Rehearsal
6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 1st

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 2nd

Office Closed
12:05 pm Community Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 4th

Food Collection for Missions
9:00 am Traditional Worship
10:30 am Easter Breakfast
11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt



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