



NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

Jesus Is Alive!

After Jesus was crucified, Joseph of Arimathea had Christ's body placed in his own tomb. A large stone covered the entrance and soldiers guarded the sealed tomb. On the third day, a Sunday, several women (Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Joanna and Salome are all mentioned in the gospel accounts) went to the tomb at dawn to anoint the body of Jesus.

A violent earthquake took place as an angel from heaven rolled back the stone. The guards shook in fear as the angel, dressed in bright white, sat upon the stone. The angel announced to the women that Jesus who was crucified was no longer in the tomb, "He is risen, just as he said." Then he instructed the women to inspect the tomb and see for themselves. Next he told them to go inform the disciples.

With a mixture of fear and joy they ran to obey the angel's command, but suddenly Jesus met them on their way. They fell at his feet and worshiped him. Jesus then said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee. There they will see me."

When the guards reported what had happened to the chief priests, they bribed the soldiers with a large sum of money, telling them to lie and say that the disciples had

stolen the body in the night.

After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the women near the tomb and later at least twice to the disciples while they were gathered at a house in prayer. He visited two of the disciples on the road to Emmaus and he also appeared at the Sea of Galilee while several of the disciples were fishing.

Scripture References: Matthew 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24:1-49; John 20:1-21:25.

In Memory of Marcella Reynolds

Here is a quote from Marcella in our 100th Anniversary History Book *"There were four of us "young mothers" who taught Sunday School and between us we had 13 children. Sunday School was before church and after Sunday School we would gather our "Broods" and settle on the back pew with our "little ones" in front of us so we could hopefully keep things at least mildly under control. There was no nursery, so parents took their children to worship with them. Several pews in front of us an elderly couple always sat. The old gentleman always dozed off during the sermon. One Sunday after the sermon began, the old gentleman, true to habit, dozed off. Some of our boys began playing with rubber bands that we had failed to confiscate prior to the service. Suddenly, one of the rubber bands shot forward and landed like a hoop around the old gentleman's ear. He started swatting at it as though it were a fly tickling his ear and he was trying to shoo it away! Needless to say, there was no way of stopping the giggles from our kids!! I am not sure whether or not we ever regained control over them that Sunday."*



Marcella Reynolds
December 1, 1927 - February 19, 2013

Many thanks to all those who helped with the dinner for the Marsella Reynolds family. We appreciated this opportunity to celebrate Marcella's life with her extended family.

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Fat Tuesday Celebration Dinner



A good time was had by all. We counted 58 in attendance!

Passover Trivia

- The Jewish holiday, Passover, is celebrated in remembrance of the Exodus of the Jews to Egypt. It takes place over eight days.
- The date of Passover is dependent on the phases of the moon.
- The Passover holiday is called Pesach in Hebrew.
- The term, Passover, specifically refers to the passing over of the first-born Jewish males when the death plague hit Egypt.
- "Seder" takes place on the night of Passover which is a festive, family meal.

And, by the way... YOU are INVITED to celebrate a SEDER MEAL, hosted by Mountainair UMC, on Thursday, March 28 at 6pm. The cost of the meal is \$1 per person. Make your reservation (505-271-0486) with Pastor Bonnie today!

IN CASE YOU HADN'T NOTICED

Our board of trustees replaced the old cross on our sanctuary with a new illuminated, metal cross. Thanks to Ladd Hagmaier, Don Fitzner, Nick Griffo, John Shively and Mel Stephenson who were brave enough to climb the tall ladder. The cross was made by Bill Simms.



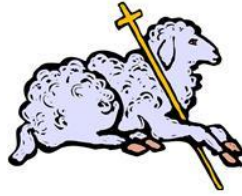
Pastor Bonnie's Calendar

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Administrative Council News

The near time activities discussed at the January Administrative Council meeting have started. Pastor Bonnie has used the book *Bearing Fruit's* Introduction and Chapters 1 and 2 as her sermon the past two weeks. It is planned to use members of the congregation to present and discuss some of the future Chapters. The first Sunday in March will see a member of the congregation to discuss the concepts of Chapter 3, "**The Two Most Powerful Words For Fruitful Leadership: So That**". This is one of the most useful and powerful Chapters in the **Bearing Fruit** book. If the church leaders can get the congregation involved in the "**so that**" process, we will go a long way in meeting our basic mission "to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to serve others". Remember it is not the activities we do that are important, but the results we achieve.

I would encourage each of you to attend as many of the Sunday services as possible during Lent and the study of the **Bearing Fruit** book. The book will help you be the person God wants you to be. Even if you cannot be in attendance, please read the complete book. The book is a very short read, but filled with great information on how to be "fruitful."

The Administrative Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that helped during the bereavement that Alma and Marcella's family endured this past month of February.

The Administrative Council remains committed to keep the congregation informed of our activities and financial status on a regular basis.

-Mel Stephenson

Methodist Men

The Methodist Men are still working on the project for the Mountainair UMC restroom modification for handicap access. This month Phil Levy completed the taping on the drywall installed by Mel Stephenson last month. The walls are ready to be painted. Tasks remaining are; remove and reinstall the sink in the restroom to the panel that replace the old door, painting walls, completing electrical work in hallway and restroom, install rugs, and install base trim.

Joyous Singers

The singers will continue to meet before church at 8am to rehearse songs. Anyone interested in joining the group, please join us at 8:00 Sunday morning.

-Jon Shively

**Happiness keeps you sweet.
Trials keep you strong.
Sorrows keep you human.
Failures keep you humble
Success keeps you Glowing**


**BUT Only
God keeps you Glowing.
Worry looks around, Sorry looks back, Faith looks up!**



Our Study of Lovett Weems' book, Bearing Fruit, got me to thinking about something I saw in a recent e-mail from the Willow Creek Association ... so I thought I'd share with you..... -Pastor Bonnie

Eleven Questions We Should Be Asking:

1. **When was the last time I heard from God? Am I doing what he called me to do?** This is the "Acts 6" question. Acts 6 is a great reminder that it's possible to be doing the ministry of God without doing the ministry God has called us to do.
2. **What should our church be known for in this community?** For a moment, ignore anyone who attends your church. What does the rest of the community know about your church? That's a better reflection of whether or not you're really accomplishing your vision.
3. **Are we really focusing our time, money, leadership, and prayer behind the things that will produce life change and community impact?** If not, there's a good chance that "fairness" is driving these decisions. Fairness never produces revolution.
4. **Is our church growing both spiritually and in numbers?** Churches that are stuck and not bearing fruit hate this question. As I've shared before, I don't believe healthy churches are necessarily big churches, but healthy churches *are* growing churches.
5. **Is there a clear path to help people take steps in their faith with the ultimate goal of them becoming fully-devoted followers of Christ?** Having a vibrant Sunday worship experience is only one component of that. I'm amazed at how many churches haven't really established a discipleship strategy beyond Sunday morning.
6. **Have we taken the time to identify what a fully-devoted follower of Christ looks like?** Most churches haven't done this, so they end up just "doing church" without any intentionality of purpose or process.
7. **Are we empowering the people of God to do God's work?** This is the "Ephesians 4:12-13" question. Declining churches pay people to do all of the ministry. Growing churches challenge people to use their gifts.
8. **Are we developing leaders?** This includes both spiritual discipleship and leadership mentoring, and I think it's what's going to distinguish the churches that last longer than one generation.
9. **Is our community any different because of this ministry?** We may need a whole new set of measures to confirm whether or not our churches are really making an impact.
10. **Do believers see their ministry happening only at the church or have they become missionaries to their families, their neighborhoods, their workplaces, their schools, etc.?** Honestly, I'm really tired of Christians thinking God saved them to go church on Sunday and then eventually experience Heaven. Our purpose is much bigger than that.
11. **Do we have the right leaders to accomplish the vision?** Read Exodus 18:18-23. This isn't some new business leadership principle. This is biblical advice that's been around for thousands of years and still applies today.

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If I had my life to live over again, I would ask that not a thing be changed, but that my eyes be opened wider. ~ Jules Renard						
31 9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair EASTER SUNDAY						



Sent with a prayer to:

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Happy Easter !

French: Joyeuses Pâques

German: Frohe Ostern

Italian: Buona Pasqua Portuguese:

Boa Pascoa

Spanish: Felices Pascuas

No matter what your language, "Nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:39