



Sherwood United Methodist Church

Reaching out to the hungry: in body or spirit

May 2015

The United Methodist Church is called to be a community, diverse and united in God's saving love, sent out in vital life-giving ministry for and with Jesus Christ.

The Most Important Things In Life

There is a saying I think you've probably all heard that goes, "The most important things in life aren't things." Essentially it's the same way of saying what Jesus said so long ago, "...for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." And of course he wasn't the first to express this ancient wisdom. It has been around for a long time. The writer of Ecclesiastes wrote it this way, "Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them; I kept my heart from no pleasure. . . . Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had spent in doing it, and again, all was vanity and a chasing after wind. (Ecclesiastes 2:10-11)

Religious teachers, philosophers, sages and spiritual leaders have said pretty much the same thing for a very long time. But we have yet to trust in the truth of it. We believe it's true, but we don't really trust it. If we did our lives would be much simpler than they are.

Chase bank's elaborate TV commercial to promote it's Visa credit card goes like this, "I want it all.....I want it all.....I want it all.....and I want it now!" Get Chase's Visa card and you can have it all....and you can have it now. And I guess that is the best characterization of our culture's

values that I can think of. And those values have been the major contributor to the economic nightmare our country has found itself in.

Luke 12:13-15
Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

But even the scariest nightmare has an antidote. Sometimes the most effective antidote is simply to wake up. And to wake up in this case is a matter of spirit and will.

As a matter of spirit we need to spend time quietly and honestly listening to the deepest longings of our hearts. What are you really hungry for? What really matters to you? What do you most need to find? In my case my deepest hungers are to love and to be loved, to be in caring relationships, to be forgiven often, and to give of myself in ways that make a difference.

As a matter of will we will devise plans that divest our lives of the unnecessary things that clutter and complicate

our lives. And then we will act on those plans.

I believe our Christian tradition has ample resources that can help us both in the area of spirit and of will. It is the kind of help that will open up surprising sources of deep joy, and allow us to experience all the life we were created for.

Lee



YOUTH CORNER

So spring has sprung! We are gearing up for the end of the school year, preparing for Mission Trip and working with BUMP, the Blackfeet United Methodist Parrish. We will be headed to Browning Montana which is located near Glacier National Park in the NW part of Montana. During the day we will be working on fencing, painting and other light projects. In the evenings we will be helping with a Vacation Bible Study for younger kids. 6 youth are committed to going and Dawn Perazzo and Lana Painter will be leading the week.

The Blackfeet United Methodist Parish has been serving the communities of Babb, Browning and Heart Butte since 1882. The parish is located in North Western Montana on the east side of Glacier National Park. The ministry's primary focus is with the Blackfeet Nation and surrounding communities. We are looking forward to this experience. Please pray for our youth as we prepare for this experience. We will leave on Sunday, June 14th and return on Saturday, June 20th.

Youth Meetings

- Sunday, May 3 Youth Meeting 6:30pm
- Sunday, May 10 No Youth Mother's Day – Celebrating Moms
- Sunday, May 17 Youth Meeting 6:30pm (may meet at Gibbs Cemetery. More info coming)
- Sunday, May 24 No Youth – Memorial Day Weekend
- Sunday, May 31 Youth Meeting 6:30 – May be doing a service project – moving Cole Family 😊



United
Methodist
Women

The Sherwood United Methodist Women will be meeting on Wednesday, May 20, and Wednesday, June 17 at 11 a.m. at the Sherwood Senior Center, and after our short meeting, enjoy a delicious lunch for only \$3. For April the cook prepared a delicious pork roast with a baked potatoes, vegetables, salad and dessert!

All women of the Church are invited.

Did you know?...

Organized in 1869, the UMW's mission was and is to nurture and support each other and to support national and international projects and partners improving the lives of women, children, and youth with prayers, volunteer and advocacy efforts and financial gifts.



LAYETTE MINISTRY



Beverly Jerden and Anne Poe delivered a dozen baby layettes to Meridian Hospital family clinic and birthing unit. They were thrilled to be chosen for this mission and look forward to seeing us again soon. We are looking into the possibility of giving shawls for nursing mothers and/or clothing items for children older than newborn.

Sue Caldwell donated a huge amount of yarn, crocheted items and needles to the church for our use in these activities. Sue works with Helping Hands ministry also.

Many thanks to all of the wonderful Sherwood Methodist parishioners for contributing to this ministry.

HELPING HANDS FOOD MINISTRY

Give a hand to Helping Hands. Donate food, help with sorting, or volunteer on box packing or distribution days (third Saturday of the month), or join us on Mission Sundays!



BIRTHDAYS



MAY

- 3 Helen Martin
- 5 Lana Cole
- 10 Marv Worthy
- 12 Odge Gribble

If you have a birthday in May and we missed it, please let Holly know and we'll get it on the list!



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Church Calendar At A Glance for May 2015

Sunday, May 3 at 10:00AM—**Pastor Bob
Garwig Preaching**

Sunday, May 10 at 10:00AM—
Worship—Mother's Day

Saturday, May 16 at 9:30AM —
Helping Hands Food Box Distribution

Sunday, May 17 at 10:00AM—
Mission Sunday

Wednesday, May 20 at 11AM —
UMW meet at Sherwood Senior Center

Sunday, May 24 at 10:00AM—
Worship

Sunday, May 31 at 10:00AM— **Worship**

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