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SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Special Combined Service

- 9:00 am** **Sunday School for all ages –
and new offerings for adults**
- 10:00 am** **Combined Worship Service**
- 11:15 am** **All-church potluck dinner**

August 21 will be a very special Sunday morning at Red Mountain United Methodist Church, when we combine all three worship services into one big worship celebration at **10:00** in the Worship Center. This will be an opportunity to worship together with those in the congregation who may attend a different service and to fellowship together during the potluck dinner at **11:15 am**.

We encourage you to invite family, friends and neighbors to join us for this Special Sunday. The worship service will feature “a taste” of all three services, with music and a special time for children.

Pastor Mary



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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DOT...

*"Seeing
Through
Psalms"*



Photo: Rosemary Anderson

The Book of Psalms is filled with rich images. The poetic images of Psalms strengthen their ability to express powerful emotions.

A friend recently updated her profile picture on facebook. The photo is striking. Several trees stand against a clear blue sky bordered along the bottom by light green trees bathed in sunshine. In the foreground two trees stand on opposite sides of a narrow road, each in markedly different light. The tree on the left is bathed in light and subsequently appears lighter, washed in the bright sunshine. The sunlit trunk appears a light brown color in which fine details of the bark can be seen. Across the road the tree looks quite different. Its details obscured by shadow, the tree appears much darker to almost black in color and strikingly different than the other nearby.

This variation reminds me of the variation we find in the Book of Psalms. The Psalms contain both praise and lament along with a wide range of variation, nuance, and complexity in between. Psalms of lament and praise are contained within one book. Cries from out of the depths are included in the same book with calls for singing, playing music, and dancing.

We live in a culture that tends at times to value optimism and positive speech. Attitude is important, and being positive is a good thing. As we reflect upon the situations of our lives and our world, however, it is important to remember that there is a place for grief and cries of lament. When we can see things through the Psalms we can find comfort in knowing that the powerful, difficult, and overwhelming emotions we sometimes experience are expressed in scripture. Painful emotions can be difficult and even frightening, but there are healthy ways for them to be expressed. When we find ourselves in the midst of grief we can remember the words of *Life After Loss* author Bob Deits who writes, "The way out of grief is through it." The Psalms can remind us that there is a place for grief and sadness before God. The Psalmist recognizes God's care in the midst of difficulty and asks God to put his tears in a bottle. Reading and reflecting on this book can be a reminder that Psalms can sigh in sorrow with us, they can strengthen us to move us through times of sadness, and they can give voice to our songs in times of joy.

As we remember and reflect may we find strength and comfort in the Psalms both in the bright joy of the morning as well as in the shadow of God's wings. Thanks be to God.

*"You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle.
Are they not in your book?"*

Psalms 56:8 ESV

Peace, Dot ☺

Sunday Worship Services
7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am

O LORD, HEAR MY VOICE
...the Cries of Our Hearts

Sunday, August 7 **Psalm 42**

Why Are My Prayers Unanswered?

"I say to my God, my Rock, why have you forgotten me?"
Psalm 42:9. "O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but find no rest" Psalm 22:2. I wonder if God
hears me when I pray. How does God answer prayer?

Sunday, August 14 **Psalm 13**

How Long, O Lord?

"How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long
must I bear pain in my soul?" Psalm 13:1-2. How long will I
continue to feel discouraged? When will I get through this?
Will I get through this?

Sunday, August 21 **Psalm 119**

ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00 am

What Do I Do Next?

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" Psalm
119:105. I wish God would give me a clear script to follow.
Where is God leading me in my life? What is God's will for
my life?

Sunday, August 28 **Psalm 77**

Why Do Bad Things Happen?

"Has God's steadfast love ceased forever? Are his promises at
an end? Has God forgotten to be gracious?" Psalm 77:8-9.
"I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with
tears" Psalm 6:6. Why do the innocent suffer?

Sunday, September 4 **Psalm 10**

Where is God When It Hurts?

"Why, O Lord, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself
in times of trouble? Rise up, O Lord; O God, lift up your
hand; do not forget the oppressed" Psalm 10:1, 12. Why
doesn't God intervene? Does God feel our pain?

Sunday, September 11 **Psalm 85**

Can Good Come Out of Evil?

"Restore us again, O God of our salvation; revive us again so
that your people may rejoice in you" Psalm 85:4-7 God
always intends for good to happen. God can redeem
suffering. God works through us to be the answer of prayer
to others.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Sunday, August 21--One Combined Worship Service at
10:00 am with special music and "a taste" of all three
services. A potluck lunch follows worship. Invite friends
and guests to join you and experience Red Mountain UMC.

Sunday, September 11--Special commemorative services
remembering the **10th anniversary of 9/11**. We will honor
first responders at each service. If you know fire fighters,
police officers, emergency medical technicians or other
first responders, please invite them to join you at worship.

O LORD, HEAR MY VOICE

... the Cries of Our Hearts

People of faith have always struggled with the seeming
absence of God during difficult times. The great stories of
the Bible depict a God who seemed to be marvelously
active in the past; why, then, we wonder, does God seem
inactive in the present, especially during times of deep
distress?

Where were you, God, on September 11th? Where were
you God, when a murderer in Norway took the lives of
over 90 innocent people, mostly teenagers? Where were
you, God, when my daughter died? Where are you God,
when I don't know what to do next in my life? Why can't
I see your will for my life more clearly?

The sermon series from August 7th to September 11th
will focus on the hidden nature of God, and the haunting
questions that arise from deep in our souls . . . those
questions that surface at the very times in our lives when
we most need answers. Using the Psalms as our scriptural
base, the book Dietrich Bonhoeffer called *the Prayer Book*
of the Bible, we will be guided by the way the psalmists are
able to hold together both hurt and hope, pain and praise.
If you have a friend, neighbor or relative who is going
through a difficult time or is struggling with deep
questions, invite them to join you in worship.

*"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my
voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my
supplications! I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in
his word I hope." Psalm 130:1-2, 5*

NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL...

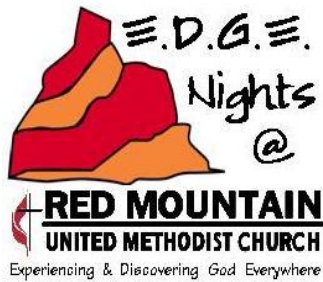
AN EXPANSION

The Preschool will kick-off its
fundraiser for the 2011--2012
school year on **August 7** at all
Sunday morning worship services.
Erin Gray, The Preschool Director,
will be sharing all the excitement of
what is happening this fall at The
Preschool. First, it will be expand-
ing in nearly every aspect of

learning. Added is a second Young Learners class since
the program was so very successful when it was imple-
mented during the last school year. Second is a state of
the art math curriculum that has been selected by the
committee and ordered for the five year olds. Thirdly, 3-
and 4-year olds will be introduced to a researched-based
and field-tested comprehensive, integrated Pre-K curricu-
lum. And lastly, new classes in Spanish and Music will
enhance the learning experience. None of this would be
possible without the support and generosity of the
RMUMC congregation. Come and share the excitement!



August Happenings...



E.D.G.E. NIGHTS PREVIEW *(Experience and Discover God Everywhere)*

Wednesday, August 24, 6:00 pm
in Madsen Hall

Join this fun-filled night and discover what **E.D.G.E. Nights** are all about. There will be puzzles, games, and yummy dessert for the whole family. Plus it will be a unique opportunity to discover what classes and special activities will be happening in the fall “kick-off” session of E.D.G.E. and...you will have the opportunity to register early!

Look for new classes and activities to begin with Session I – **September 7 through October 5**. Session II takes place **October 19 through November 16** and Session III from **November 30 through December 14**. Mark your calendars **NOW** and save your Wednesday evenings for the whole family to come to Red Mountain United Methodist Church for E.D.G.E. Nights! Each E.D.G.E. Session begins with dinner in Madsen Hall at **5:15 pm** followed by two class-sessions at **6:00 pm** and **7:00 pm**. Classes are offered for all ages—preschool, elementary, youth and adults. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided.



FINAL SUNSHINE FELLOWSHIP Thursday, August 11

Summer is fading, but it is still hot outside, so join us inside cool Madsen Hall at the final Sunshine Women Fellowship for this summer. The meetings in June and July were rewarding for all who attended and nothing less is expected at the August meeting. The evening begins with a potluck salad supper at **5:30 pm**. Following dinner **Amy Hinze** and **Cynthia Armstrong**, both Nurse Practitioners, will share their stories and why they were drawn to this rewarding profession. Don't miss this time of sharing a meal and fun along with a great program!

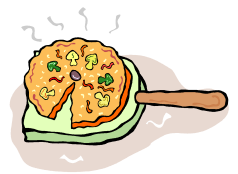
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

“**Building Peace**” is the theme for children’s classes during the month of August. Each week our Sunday morning classes will explore ways to build peace. Come and learn how we can be peacemakers for God! Here is the schedule:

- August 7 **Hospitality** -- When we show hospitality to others, we are building peace.
- August 14 **Justice** -- When we work for justice for all people, we are building peace.
- August 21 **Obedience** -- When we follow God’s laws, we are building peace.
- August 28 We are **Called Children of God** when we work for peace

ADULT FELLOWSHIP/CLASSICS

The Adult Fellowship group will be heading to Organ Stop Pizza on **Saturday, August 13**. Meet at the restaurant at **5:30 pm** to enjoy some good food, the fellowship of friends, and great organ music! Organ Stop is located at 1149 E. Southern Ave. Sign up will take place on the church patio on **Sundays, July 31 and August 7**.



FIRM FOUNDATIONS – THE HEART OF FAITH

Do you wish you had a deeper understanding of basic Christian beliefs? If a neighbor were to ask you, “What exactly is a Methodist?” would you know what to say? Do you have questions you’d like to ask about the Bible? As adults, we often wish we could have our very own confirmation class, or that we could re-take the confirmation class of our youth. Well, here it is! Come to our new class, **Firm Foundations**, which will be offered during **E.D.G.E. Nights at 6:00 pm, beginning September 7**. Led by Rev. Mary Bullis and others, the class will explore the heart of the Christian faith. Take this opportunity to deepen your faith and rediscover the foundation of what you believe. This class is for new members, long-time members, regular attendees, seekers, or anyone you’re acquainted with who would like to know more about the Christian faith. Topics include: basic beliefs, an overview of the Bible, worship and the sacraments, John Wesley’s three general rules for living, and spiritual gifts. Come and learn more about the class at the E.D.G.E. Nights Preview.

SAVE YOUR LIFE— ONE STORY AT A TIME

Put your pen in hand and join the Reflections, a writing group, when they meet on **Saturday, August 20, from 10:00 am to noon** at the home of **Bonnie Smith**. The group shares writing projects and gives support to each other with their writing. **Dana Tramba**, a Certified Life-writing Instructor, leads the group and invites anyone to join at any time. Contact Dana at Dandyt123@cox.net.

In the Fall



LIVING WELL WORKSHOP OFFERED IN OCTOBER

*Submitted by Lois Wing and
Judi Willis*

INTERGENERATIONAL ALL-CHURCH CAMP



REGISTER NOW

September 23--25

"Got Spirit?" Come spend Friday evening through noon Sunday in the cool pines of Mingus Mountain United Methodist Camp

located near Prescott Valley. Explore ways to experience God in everyday life through wonder, gratitude, hospitality, and worship. Activities have been planned with the entire church family in mind—children and adults of all generations. Lodging in comfortable retreat cabins and fabulous meals, cooked by the camp staff, help to make this a relaxing weekend for all ages. Discounted rates are available for young adults and reduced rates are offered for families with children or youth. Scholarships are also available. Registration is taking place now! Contact **Pastor Dot** at the church office.



Individuals of all ages who have been diagnosed with a chronic disease such as heart disease, arthritis, diabetes, asthma, bronchitis or emphysema are invited to participate in a Living Well Workshop, a free series of six classes, to learn more about living a healthy lifestyle, even with those conditions. Caregivers are also encouraged to attend and learn how to understand people who have these conditions. The classes, offered by health professionals from Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Health Centers, will focus on techniques to deal with such subjects as:

- ◆ Frustration and fatigue
- ◆ Pain or isolation
- ◆ Appropriate exercise to improve flexibility, strength and endurance
- ◆ Use of medications and nutritional choices
- ◆ Enhanced communication skills for use with family, friends and health professionals
- ◆ Evaluating new treatment methods

Members and friends of Red Mountain United Methodist Church are invited to an **INFORMATION SESSION** on **Tuesday, October 4, from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm**, in the Education Building, Rooms 203/204. The Living Well Workshop, beginning two-weeks later at the same time and place, starts on **Tuesday, October 18** and goes through **November 22**. A helpful, but optional, resource book costing \$15 to supplement the classes is offered, but if you register at the information session, the cost is \$10. A relaxation CD is also available for \$10. For registration information, call 480-728-5414. For child care and transportation requests, call the church office at 480-981-3833.

WOMEN'S RETREAT OCTOBER 21-23



For those who have registered, it is time to make your next payment or you may pay the balance for the Women's

Retreat, keeping in mind that all payments must be received by **October 1**. For those of you who have not registered, there is still room for you to sign up and experience this wonderful, cool mountaintop weekend experience. An exciting weekend is planned as we celebrate **ten years** of women's retreats. The first retreat was held at the Turner residence in Payson with just a small group of eight women. The last seven years, the retreats have been held at Mingus Mountain and have seen a big growth in the number attending. We will be housed in a comfortable retreat cabin and the camp hosts, **Chris and Brandon Hill**, will treat us each day to tasty and delightful meals served in the camp dining hall.

The theme year is "The Prodigal Son". You will not want to miss the special messages, worship and activities being planned. Total cost of the weekend is \$100 which includes lodging for two nights and five delicious meals. Contact **Sue Killebrew** at skillebrew@gmail.com to make a deposit or pay in full.



WALKIN' LIKE A D.S.

Men, don't miss the annual Men's Retreat sponsored by the

Desert Southwest Annual Conference taking place from **September 30—October 2** at United Christian Youth Camp in Prescott. Check-in begins at 4:00 pm on Friday and departure is noon on Sunday. The weekend includes recreation, music, relaxation and even a 9-Hole Frolf tournament (yes, that's right!) on Saturday afternoon. Registration forms with more information are available in the church office for this spiritual renewal weekend. Featured speakers include our **Bishop Minerva Carcaño**, and the District Superintendents--**Rev. Candance Lansberry, Rev. Dr. Robert Burns, Rev. Gary Kennedy and Rev. Michael Pearson**. For online registration go to www.desertsouthwestconference.org/umm. Registration deadline is **September 21**.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

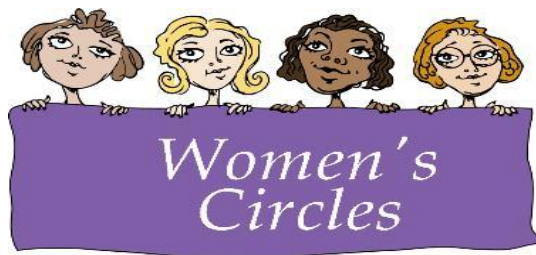
(Articles submitted
by Sue Killebrew)

OUR UMW PURPOSE

*The organized unit of United Methodist Women is 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.*

UMW EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

President – Bonnie Smith – user240546@aol.com
 Vice President – Linda Munsil – linda@munsil.org
 Secretary – GayLynn Brewer – brewerinaz@cox.net
 Treasurer – Carolyn Miller (call office for phone number)



CIRCLE MEETINGS

Circles are beginning to gear up for the fall. Monthly meetings will resume in September with the following schedule:

- Faith** – 2nd **Tuesday** at the hostess home, 6:00 pm
Chair -- Carol Taylor – caroltmesa@cox.net
- Grace** – 2nd **Tuesday** in Rooms 203/204, 6:30 pm
Chair -- Sue Killebrew – skillebrew@gmail.com
- Irene** – 3rd **Wednesday**, place TBA, 9:30 am
Chair -- Betty Rose – tombettyr@yahoo.com
- Hope** – 3rd **Thursday** in Madsen Hall, 9:15 am
Chair -- Myra Moir – myramoir1@q.com
- Rebecca** – 3rd **Thursday** at the hostess home, 9:30 am
Chair -- Verna Berndt – cvernab@cox.net
- Doves** – 3rd **Thursday** at the hostess home, 1:00 pm
Chair -- Janet Crippen – crippenaz@hotmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 11, 5:30 pm -- Don't miss out on the last **Sunshine Circle meeting** of this summer. A potluck salad supper starts the evening followed by a program. See the article on **page 4** for more information.

Saturday, October 8 – UMW Annual District Meeting takes place on our campus.

Thursday, October 20, 7:00 pm – The fall unit meeting in Madsen Hall with a special program.



UMW READING PROGRAM

More 2011 books have been added to the UMW reading cart located in Madsen Hall. Continue to read the variety of books offered and please remember to check out only **one book at a time** and return it in a timely manner so that others can enjoy it too. New books for August are:

“Getting to the Heart of Interfaith: The Eye-Opening, Hope-Filled Friendship of a Pastor, a Rabbi, and a Sheikh” by **Pastor Don Mackenzie, Rabbi Ted Falcon and Sheikh Jamal Rahman**. This deeply personal journey to interfaith collaboration offers hope for an inclusive and healing way of being together in the world. Interfaith Talk Radio provides a rich understanding of the road to collaboration by sharing their stories and challenges, and the inner, spiritual work necessary to go beyond tolerance to a vital, inclusive spirituality.

“The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir” by **Kao Kalia Yang**. Born in Thailand’s Ban Vinai Refugee Camp, Kao Yang immigrated to St. Paul, Minnesota when she was just six years old. In this moving, intimate portrait of survival, Yang describes her family’s harrowing escape from Laos, their life in the refugee camps, the hardships and great joy of caring for a growing family in a new land, and her own experiences with American life and learning. She also gives voice to the dreams, wisdom and traditions passed down from her grandmother and shared by an entire community.



- The Red Mountain UMW published a cookbook of favorite recipes and copies are still available for \$12.
- There are also special red canvas tote bags with the Red Mountain logo available for \$3.

Call the church office or one of the Executive Officers if you are interested in purchasing either the cookbook or the canvas tote bag. Each make great gift items.

DID YOU KNOW???

- The UMW is still collecting Campell’s and other product labels along with those worn-out canvas shoes. Look for the bins in the Narthex when entering the Worship Center.
- The UMW will hold a book and bake sale in conjunction with the Holiday Boutique on **November 4 and 5**. Save those books and use those cookbook recipes and plan to bake some yummy desserts to add to the sale.



Service & Mission

BECOMING DISCIPLES BY HELPING OTHERS

Submitted by Marilyn Husted

How can you help change lives and be a true disciple of Christ? Think of the needs in our community, in our neighboring countries, and ultimately in the world at large. Your church leaders recently adopted three projects and will be seeking your assistance in making dreams come true:

- Partnering with Jefferson Elementary School in Mesa to provide necessities and support to children from low-income families
- Continuing mission work at the Methodist Church in San Luis, Mexico by constructing an education unit where children and adults can learn in a safe environment. This is the same place where our youth recently built a house (*see article in next column*).
- Sponsoring the drilling of a well to provide clean and affordable water for the people in Abul, South Sudan. There is no local source of clean water and women and children walk five miles each way to bring back buckets of water for their sustenance.

Your help in changing the lives of others will be truly appreciated!



OUR YOUTH IN MEXICO

Submitted by Kathy Wooton

On July 3, the Red Mountain Youth left the church to spend a “HOT” week in San Luis Rio Colorado, Mexico, doing mission work. Working with **Pastors Bob and Randa Ray**, and **Pastor Enrique Uranda** and his family, twelve youth and five sponsors started with a concrete slab and a pile of materials and in four days built a house! From setting steel-slotted studs and attaching the siding, to installing electrical cord, insulation and drywall, these teens showed that they are not afraid of hard work. On Wednesday evening, the group attended a very moving church service led by Pastor Enrique and his praise band, and they were introduced to the family who will rent the home. The father works as a mason and the mother is busy with two daughters – one age 4, and one who was only 14 days old.

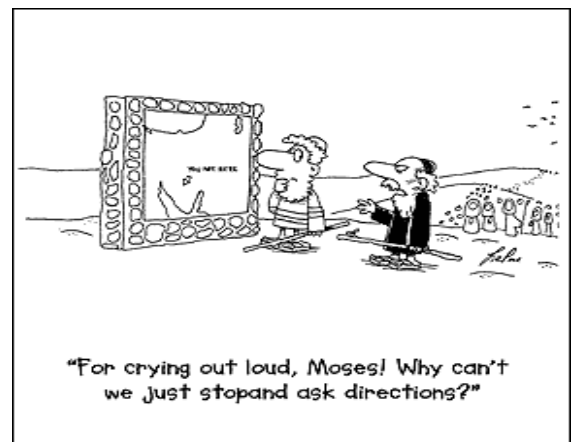
RMUMC can be very proud of its youth as they showed what it takes to be good neighbors and faithful servants. Many thanks to youth leader, **John Durkin**, his construction foremen, **John Moore** and **Jimmie Payne**, and the water girls/nurses/lunch ladies/laborers/cooks/sages, **Seema Ferm** and **Kathy Wooton**. Youth attending the trip were **Meghan Blankenship**, **Zach Brooks**, **Davina Cooper**, **Chris Cummings**, **Julina Daniels**, **Calle Durkin**, **Christian Ferm**, **Maddie Knowles**, **Brooke Payne**, **Nicole Payne**, **Andy Wooton** and **Jeff Wooton**.



CIRCLE OF PROMISE TRIBUTE TREE

*Submitted by
Karla Groenenboom*

You may have noticed a “tree” on the south wall of the church narthex and the words “Circle of Promise”. This tribute tree is to honor persons who have made a gift to the Circle of Promise planned giving program. Red Mountain UMC’s Circle of Promise program was created to provide on-going support for missions, continuing education, and other ministries of Red Mountain UMC that are not provided for in the general budget. Funds are invested and the interest is distributed according to the donors’ wishes. Keep watching as the leaves of the tree will be engraved with the names of those who have made a planned gift to Red Mountain UMC. For more information on planned giving, contact **Karla Groenenboom** 480-924-6364.



Making A Difference

REACHING OUT

All articles on this page submitted by **Marilyn Husted**,
Chairperson Stewardship Committee

"We can all be angels to one another. We can choose to obey the still, small stirring within, the little whisper that says, 'Go. Ask. Reach Out. Be an answer to someone's plea. You have a part to play. Have faith.' We can decide to risk that He is indeed there, watching, caring, cherishing us as we love and accept love. The world will be a better place for it. And wherever they are, the angels will dance."
Joan Webster Anderson—Author

Making a Difference . . . Reaching Out

This is the theme that the Stewardship Committee has adopted for 2011-12. Stewardship involves the wise and heartfelt use of our time, talents, and resources. Using video vignettes, personal testimonies, newsletter articles, and our web page, we'll be sharing stories of how people in our congregation are reaching out to change the lives of others. You'll also hear from people who have received those gifts and what a difference those gifts have made to them.

We can all reach out, in even the smallest ways, to make the world a better place. Offer a ride to someone who can no longer drive; sweep your neighbor's sidewalk while you're doing your own; smile at someone while waiting in line at the grocery store; send a greeting card or make an encouraging call to a person in distress; help pack lunches for the Men's Shelter; drop off a case or two of water for the homeless at one of the city's donation centers. There are many ways to volunteer to serve on one of the church's many committees or a task force. Opportunities surround each of us. Use what opportunities come your way or act upon your imagination (those little thoughts that come into your head) to make the world a better place.

"And wherever they are, the angels will dance."

Making a Difference . . . Reaching Out

As part of the stewardship campaign, a member or friend of our church who has been making a difference and reaching out will be featured in each issue of the Red Mountain Matters. The following is the story of one of our members who can be an inspiration to all of us.



"I have just never learned to say 'no'! I guess I have the 'yes' gene." This is the answer Sue Killebrew gave when asked why she volunteers to do so many things at Red Mountain UMC. "My parents were always involved in the church. My dad taught Sunday School and my mother was in the choir. They were very active in lots of ministries. Now my son is doing the same at his church."

Sue Killebrew is a shining example of what it means to make a difference by reaching out. When she started coming to Red Mountain sixteen years ago, she fulfilled her passion for music by joining the choir and the bell ringers. As a single mother of two boys (there are now four grandchildren), she was seeking ways to make new friends in a nurturing environment. She began reaching out to others (singles, couples, young families, seniors) who felt the same. *"If I see a need I just jump in and start it. Too many people say, 'It's a worthwhile cause, but I don't want to be responsible.'"* Then Sue takes responsibility!

She became active in the Adult Fellowship/Classics and did not understand why all events ceased in April and did not resume until October when the winter visitors returned. With Sue at the helm, there are now get-togethers all year long. *"Lots of people tell me they look forward to these monthly events. They fill a need for fellowship,"* Sue says.

The same need has been met by Sunshine Women, which are monthly meetings during the summer combining all United Methodist Women (UMW) Circles and all women who do not belong to a circle into one monthly meeting (see page 4). *"Why do we stop meeting in the summer when so many of us live here all year long?"* Sue asked herself. And she answered herself by searching out church women who had particular talents and/or interesting backgrounds that could be highlighted at these potluck events. She further reasons, *"Getting to know each other and forming new friendships are very important to all women."*

Examples of other ways Sue has reached out are many. She coordinates the 9:00 am coffee fellowship service, has been in charge of cooking for Vacation Bible School for five years, and heads up one of the five teams who cook for E.D.G.E. Nights. A few years ago when the only UMW Circle that met in the evening became too large, she started Grace Circle. When there was a call for a person to work on the church's expanded website, Sue stepped right in and now develops, monitors, and updates six of the pages.

Reaching Out is part of Sue's life. She concludes, *"I think it's important for everyone in our church to be involved in at least one activity beyond worship. The church family will guide you and nurture you and help you make a difference in the lives of others."*



Submitted by Phil Hartley,
Treasurer



I just finished watching, for the third time, Tom Watson, age 61, make a hole in one at the British Open. I can't begin to imagine what a thrill that must be, even if he has had several holes in one before. I've been within two feet of the pin a couple of times, but nothing like that shot, especially under those circumstances. I can, however, get really excited about signing a new mortgage at an interest rate that is much better than we had expected or even hoped for. Our new mortgage has an interest rate of 4.39% for the first five years. If we are able to continue to pay the same monthly amount as we now pay, the principal will be almost paid off at the end of the five years. That represents a huge saving in the total cost of our loan.

General Ministries Fund

	<u>June '11</u>	<u>June '10</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>date '11</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>date '10</u>
INCOME:	\$ 40,180	\$ 36,464	\$301,231	\$275,324
EXPENSES:	\$ 45,783	\$ 42,210	\$292,321	\$276,084
CHANGE:	(\$ 5,603)	(\$ 5,746)	\$ 8,910	\$ 760

We continue to keep ahead in our giving to the General Ministries Fund as seen in the chart above. Here we are through the middle of the year, well into our "dry" season, and we are still in the black. That's very good. Keep it up!

Mortgage Fund

	<u>June '11</u>	
Received:	\$ 9,182	Fund Balance: \$ 5,832
Dispersed:		
Interest:	\$ 6,264	Total Mortgage
Principal:	\$ 7,006	Principal: \$ 997,589
Columbarium exp:	520	

Month Mort/Colum: \$ 13,790
Shortage (\$ 4,608)

Next month we will have the numbers that represent the new mortgage. I think it is interesting that we are below the one million mark with the old mortgage. This year alone we have reduced the mortgage principal by over \$46,400.

This church can be proud of our commitment to the financial security we have established that allows a creditable bank to loan us money at such a low rate. We are not seen as a risky venture as are most other

churches. Also taken into account in order to achieve a low rate was the condition of our facility. The lending institution walked around our campus and inspected us inside and out. They were obviously impressed with our buildings and the upkeep of them. Thanks to those who were involved in the design and building of our campus. Thanks to the Trustees who work hard to keep everything clean and in good repair.

I'm certainly proud to be associated with Red Mountain UMC. I hope you are, too.



MORTGAGE REFINANCE

At about noon on July 6, the final papers were signed for our church's new mortgage refinance with JP Morgan Chase Bank. Thus ends our six-month process of securing this loan and developing a new banking relationship with Chase Bank. For the record, we were able to get a 4.39% interest rate for the first five-year segment, which is most likely the bottom figure we could have obtained during this year.

Pictured above are the happy signers of the loan: **Jennifer Ruttman**, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, **Martha Phillips and Lynn Martin**, Secretary and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and **Dan Rodriguez** representing Chase Bank. They have all worked hard to make this refinancing a successful venture.

CONFERENCE MISSION
TRIP TO AFRICA



At Annual Conference in June, an official invitation to participate in the Conference-wide mission trip to Zimbabwe was made by **Bishop McKelsky**. This exciting opportunity is scheduled for **February 2012**. For further information or to add your name to the list of those interested in participating, please contact **Bill Sanford**, Missionary of Outreach Ministries, as soon as possible by phone at 602-266-6956 ext. 217 or at his e-mail address bill@desertsw.org. A deposit of \$200 along with the application is due in the Conference office by **September 15**.



MISSION MOMENTS

*Submitted by Carolyn Ball
from the Prayer Calendar*

“You may never meet the people that get these items you are packing, but God knows your work on God’s behalf.” So

goes my usual refrain to volunteers who prepare supplies that go to our overseas mission work although that is not always the case. Some of our willing workers go on mission trips to Armenia, the Dominican Republic, Republic of Congo or Liberia. Last summer, we were offered carpentry equipment by someone whose physical limitations no longer allowed him to use the tools. We had to pick up the equipment, crate it for shipment and take it 300 miles away for shipping. Two volunteers were there when the tools arrived and were able to uncrate and assemble the tools, and train local carpenters how to clean and maintain the equipment. **Dwaine Morgan, Church and Community Worker, Mission Response Center, Western North Carolina Conference**

Mission to me means standing for justice with my neighbors, especially those who are living in poverty, who are exploited, and who are not being treated as a child of God deserves. Mission means calling out the powerful and lifting up the voices of the “least of these my brothers and sisters” (Matthew 25:40). **Christy Lafferty, Mission**

Intern who served her international placement at Accion Medica Cristiana in Managua, Nicaragua, and her domestic placement at National Farm Worker Ministry in Los Angeles, California

A TASTE OF MINGUS

Did you get a chance to purchase a “Taste of Mingus: Recipes and Stories from Mingus Mountain” cookbook last fall? Are you enjoying cooking and eating the fabulous recipes included in this exclusive cookbook? Proceeds from those sales have funded full or partial scholarships for 97 children and youth to attend camp at Mingus Mountain this summer with \$12,545 in scholarship monies dispersed. I am humbled and thankful beyond words for the impact that these sales have had on children who would never have had the church camp experience if not for these scholarships. For some children, it was their first time ever immersed in a Christian community. For others, it was their first time in the woods, away from the valley. I truly believe God called each of us to partner in these efforts and that God has blessed these efforts in magnificent ways.



Grateful to each of you, Mary Sue Ingraham

P.S. Nearly half the inventory remains, so look for future sales to take place! More scholarships for next summer!



Recently in the Hospital:

**Pat Wagner
Jackie Sidbeck
Iona Klinger**

**Mary Alice Nicola
Margaret Chlarson**



Virginia Gertsma on the death of her daughter,
Dori Rounsaville

Kim Ramelli on the death of her mother,
Carol Churchard

Ruth Schram on the death of her mother,
Alice Conklin



Thank You from our church family...

Dear RMUMC Family,

I want to take this moment to thank all of you for your prayers and comfort you gave to me in behalf of my daughter Dori Rounsaville. I especially want to thank Pastor Mary, Pastor Dot, Jan Vineyard and the Prayer Chain for all the special prayers spoken for her and for my family. Dori’s life is to be celebrated in the knowledge that so many people, known and unknown to her, were praying for her. God bless her soul.

Virginia Gertsma

Dear Ones,

“Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.” – Elizabeth Bibesco

My heartfelt thanks for your cards and prayers in the loss of my daughter Lynn.

Joyce Davis

Please remember...

When you change your mailing address, your phone number or your e-mail address, please notify the church office. Also, let us know of births, deaths, marriages, hospitalizations or omissions of birthdays or anniversaries. Call the church office at 480-981-3833 so we can keep our database current. Thanks!

August



To

- 2** Elizabeth Nellsch
- 3** Larry Lininger
- 4** Peggy Franklin
Sandra Haynes
- 5** Bonnie Amey
Steven Tharp
- 6** Roger Melaven
JoAnn Sweet
Susan Webb
- 8** Bertha Johnson
Adam Kolton
Roy Schlessman
- 9** Annalie Ewing
Ann Griffin
- 10** Melissa Enos
Manela Peterson
Brian Richardson
- 11** Damien Felger
Marcella Hoag
Christian Kim
Alyssa Olson
Lisa Rauls
John Wanzel
- 12** June Johnson
Taylor Maldonado
Phyllis Richardson
- 13** Martha Phillips

- 14** Caelyn Colburn
Connor Sampson
- 15** Cathy Jones
Michelle McCracken
- 17** Lu Dutcher
Linda Thistlethwaite
- 18** Georgiann Crouse
- 19** David Bush
- 21** Donald Ems
Brooke Payne
- 22** Sean Graczyk
Calvin Stevenson
- 24** ELane Michel
- 25** Val Grobe
Hailey Herron
Don Messenger
Nicole Payne
Robert Warriner
Margaret Woodyard
- 26** Britton Benson
Myra McNichols
Gladys Stricker
Dan Turner
Maudy Williams
- 27** Kevin Duarte
- 28** Charlotte Cummings
Jeff French
- 30** Cidni Felger
Samantha Ferm
- 31** Marilyn Husted



Sorry we missed a
Birthday –
Rita Cox on July 6



- 1** Tom and Kay Ulmer – 48 years
- 6** Eric and Mary Beth Jones –
-- 34 years
- 9** Stuart and Georgiann Crouse
-- 47 years
- 10** Jimmy and Melanie Callahan
-- 34 years
James and Sarah Downin
-- 10 years
Will and Jonelle Moore
-- 26 years
- 12** Ted and Pat Wagner-- 39 years
- 15** Paul and Janet Hutter
-- 47 years
- 16** Ron and Karen Chambers
-- 31 years
Larry and Cassie Sampson
-- 7 years
- 19** David and LaVone Bush
-- 61 years
Robert and JoAnn Sweet
-- 60 years
Bob and Carol Taylor
-- 44 years
- 22** Dave and Brenda Ellis
-- 30 years
Dave and Pat Quadlin
-- 29 years
- 23** Jim and Doris Broschat
-- 58 years
Norm and Dana Tramba
-- 36 years
- 25** Paul and Linda Thistlethwaite
-- 43 years
- 28** Dan and Polly Turner
-- 46 years
- 29** Phil and Pat Heyl -- 46 years
Paul and Joan McKeown
-- 52 years
- 31** Roger and Norma Melaven
-- 54 years



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7:45 a.m. – Coffee House Worship
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9:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship
10:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship

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