



The Jubilate

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Sunday, April 17th

Palm Sunday

All children are invited to process at the beginning of both services with their palm branches on April 17th for Palm Sunday. Children at the 8:30 service will meet in Wesley Hall. Children at the 11:00 service will meet in Fellowship Hall.

Thursday, April 21st

Maundy Thursday

“BENEATH THE UPPER ROOM” is scheduled to be presented for our Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm, in the church fellowship hall. This drama is a work of fiction based upon the events that we, as Christians through Faith, believe to be facts. This well-known story of Christ’s Last Supper is presented in a new way and perspective. During the evening, we will fellowship around the table as we partake of Holy Communion.

Friday, April 22nd

Good Friday

There are still times available to sign up for the **Good Friday Prayer Vigil**. The Prayer Vigil takes place in the chapel of the Education Building on Good Friday. Select a time slot from 6 am to 12 am to come and pray.

Sunday, April 24th

Easter Sunday!

Easter Sunday is indeed the day that the Lord has made. Let us all rejoice together as we celebrate Christ’s resurrection!

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Our purpose:

*“We are a Church of the Ages,
Serving the Present Age by making
Disciples of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of our community
and world”*

Our vision:

*Being a spiritually dynamic, outward
focused United Methodist
Congregation enlivened by
passionate worship, equipped
discipleship and compassionate
service.*

- * There will be an all church Charge Conference on Thursday, May 5th at 6 pm, please plan to attend



We are looking for two teachers for the 5th and 6th grade Sunday school class. The start date is Sunday, May 29. Please prayerfully consider serving this precious class as they grow in their faith. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Nancy Shade, nancyshade@sbcglobal.net or by calling 682-5374.



The Media Team is searching for two more members for their team. Our Media Team prepares the power point slides and runs the media on Sunday mornings. There is a rotation schedule between team members. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Cindy White in the church office at 682-5374. Thank you, for responding to this need.

HELP IS NEEDED.

With the retirement of Cindy White, Ron White has made the decision not to run the sound system for every worship service as he does currently. The plan is to put a team in place to take care of this need. Ron is willing to head up this team and provide the training for those willing to help run the sound system for our worship services. The plan is to put a rotation system in place, so that the responsibility is shared by the team. If you are willing to be a part of this ministry, please contact Ron White, at 682-6956 or by email at rwhite1@kc.rr.com. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Just a reminder. . .

- * The deadline for Food Drive items to be brought in is Sunday, April 17th.
- * There will not be a Lenten Breakfast during Holy Week.
- * The church office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 25th.



Mark your calendar for UMW SUNDAY!

Please join us on

UMW SUNDAY, June 12th. Deacon in Residence, Rev. Erin Myslenski will give our message. UMW members are encouraged to wear red.



Parents Night Out!

The Youth would like to take care of your children while you enjoy a nice evening to yourself!

Who: Children up to 5th grade

When: April 30th

6pm*-10:30pm

Where: Education Building

Please RSVP by April 24th to Mollie at: molliefoster@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 682-5374. All donations will go towards the Youth and their summer trip!

Thanks for your support!

* Dinner will not be provided.

News from our Missionary, Helen Sheperd



March 2011

Greetings from Mongolia!

*Thank you for all of your support by your gifts and prayers. We couldn't exist without your help!
God working through you makes all of the difference.*

Goodbyes!

Holli and Erin will be leaving before you receive this newsletter. That will be a day of thanksgiving for their service and a day of sadness at their leaving. Holli is being assigned to a Washington D.C. congregation to work with the young people and plans to keep involved with Mongolians as there is a Mongolian church nearby her work place. Erin is moving to Omaha, NE where she will be working with community projects, urban gardens and a thrift store. Both of these young GBGM Mission Interns will be speaking in some churches when they return to the U.S., and I hope you have an opportunity to hear about their experiences here. They leave here with our blessings, and a hope that they will return to Mongolia some day, soon.

Playground Project:

The playground project of 2012 is beginning to take shape with a plan for the construction of a playground at both of our mission centers in Ulaanbaatar. Interested individuals may still have a chance to come with this mission team.

New Congregations:

Since last year we have planted three new congregations, located one hour from UB, 2 hours from UB, and 6 hours drive from UB. All are doing well, and are sources of enthusiasm for our settled congregations in UB.

New Church Leaders:

As you might imagine one of the major tasks is to find potential leaders for our churches and then educate and train them for leadership roles. We have two such people now studying to be pastors. One is studying in Singapore and one in Seoul, Korea. It is truly exciting to watch these young people grow in their faith from the time they are introduced to Jesus until the time they are fully educated and trained to be leaders.

New Addition to our GBGM Missionary Family:

Hyun was born 12/14/2010 to pastor Dongmin Seo and his wife Hye yun Hong and joins her two older sisters as their family serves in UB.

Grace Hospice :

This program is going well and has three new staff members as of last summer. This keeps us busy with supervision, but that is a challenging part of the work. We currently are serving 30 patients, continuously. We are wanting to expand our program, but what is really needed is to increase the staff's salaries to retain these trained doctors and nurses. Inflation has made life difficult for the staff as well as everyone else in Mongolia, with increased prices for most things from twice to three times the price of 2002 when I came here. Recently we have received an influx of individuals with spinal tumors. The main concern which keeps us busy is treating the massive bedsores with which these people have come to us for care. One of our spinal cancer patients was 21 years old and lived only about 3 months after his return from his short-lived university education.

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He was such a delightful patient and had a wonderful group of friends who stuck right with him until the end. Especially, I appreciated how they helped him to be active. One such time was when they took him to the roller rink in his wheelchair to take a few spins around the rink with them. Our only regret is that he and his family did not get to know Jesus as his family were strong Buddhists. Perhaps, it would have made for a more peaceful end for his parents.

My role is changing a little as I have had some opportunities to teach nurses about hospice care, starting with the UB University nursing students, then going to Shenyang , China, and last week to Erdenet, city in Mongolia. In the future there may be an opportunity and need for teaching a group of professionals in Russia as they seek to establish a hospice program.

Gerelt UMC Women's Bible Study:

Our weekly Bible Study at Gerelt UMC has continued to be a high point for me. Currently we are studying the Gospel according to Mark using a *Serendipity* study book with some cultural adaptations. Our group is getting better ac-quainted. The most encouraging thing is the regular participation of these women. They come regularly and usually are willing to share some things about their lives.

Spring:

Means preparing for summer mission teams. It also means enjoying the long days of bright sunlight and warmth. No longer do we have to add on 5-10 minutes each morning to get our layers of warm clothes on. It has been a long winter with lots of very cold days and only about 2" total of snow for the last six months. Also, spring means time to prepare the ground for a garden. We are ready to do both of these things at our mission centers.

Sunday School:

The little children, ages 4-7, continue to be a joy to teach.. This class has a Mongolian as the lead teacher and me as the assistant. That is so great! The children really respond to her well. Her life is so up and down, but these children seem to have an important part in her life and she is a faithful, every Sunday teacher.

Prayer requests:

- 1- Grace Hospice- That this will be a fully functioning hospice TEAM. with expertise and warm hearts.
- 2- Batkhuu, our former accountant—Please pray for his healing, physically and emotionally.
- 3- Urjee and Khishgee, our two seminary students.

Financial Status:

If you wish to send a donation, 100% of it will be sent to Grace Hospice if you write "GBGM Advance #14928A " on it. All of your support in the past has been wonderful and we urgently ask for your continued support, if you feel so led by God. We continue to be very concerned about maintaining the programs here. Any gifts would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to make a donation for the express purpose of maintaining the six churches and two mission centers and their programs, please make your donations to: (GBGM Advance #00209A Mongolia Mission Initiative).

We give thanks for all of the donations we have received to continue God's work here in Mongolia under the GBGM of the UMC.

Until next letter peace to you,

Young Christian Singers News!



YCS mini tour July 15th-18th Pop Tabs Needed!

The Young Christian Singers will be taking a mini choir tour this summer and visiting churches in the Topeka area. Their mission will be to spread God's love through the gifts of song, skits and fellowship. YCS is adopting the Ronald McDonald House as their

charity and will be collecting pop tops to donate to the house in Topeka. Any offering that is collected during their concerts will also go to the Topeka Ronald McDonald House. How can you help? By pulling off and saving the metal pop

tabs from soda cans, soup cans, vegetable cans, pet food cans, etc. You can either give them to a youth choir member, Carla Anderson, or put them in the collection buckets that are placed in the church office and the entryway of the Education Building.

A Special
THANK YOU

The farewell blessing at both Sunday services of worship on April 3 were both moving and heart-touching. A most cordial "thank you" goes to all my friends of the congregation and community. It is appropriate for me to say that so many of you have ministered to me in many different, and often unique ways.

The nine years of service to FUMC as Associate Pastor have passed rapidly. It is not easy to make this parting, but it is done in accordance with God's will for me. At this date I am uncertain about what endeavor awaits me. Nonetheless I will still continue in whatever ministry the Spirit directs.

On a lighter note, I wish to thank those who graced the farewell covered dish dinner with their presence. It was a splendid time of sharing food, laughter, music, frivolity, thanksgiving, and insults (!)

May God continue to bless you.

Pastor Gary

VBS Summer 2011

JUNE 13 - 17 9:00a.m. - Noon

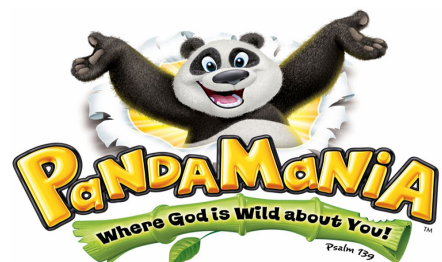
NOW:

We are looking for at least 25 Crew Leaders!
Sign up in the Youth Room or by contacting the church office.

Staff Training Celebration ~ Sunday May 15
Immediately following the 2nd service until 2:00p.m.

SOON:

Pre-Registration begins Sunday, May 1!
Supply Donation List comes out Sunday, May 1.



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“Bless Your Heart, Cindy” Weekend is going to be May 27th - 29th. We will have a retirement celebration for Cindy White and we want everyone to come join us in honoring Cindy for her 26+ years of service in our church. Friday evening, May 27th, we will have a catered dinner and entertainment. Tickets are \$14 and will be on sale May 1st - 10th for this evening. On Sunday, May 29th, we will have an informal potluck dinner after second service.

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