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Mission Opportunities

Mission of the Month

Starting this year, the Aldersgate United Methodist Church will be adopting a Mission of the Month. Each month you will read and hear about the mission that we have adopted. For the month of March we feature UMCOR.

UMCOR stands for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Think of this organization as the Red Cross of the Church. Many times, after a disaster, UMCOR is there before any other relief agencies. This group of volunteers is ready and available wherever God's children need help. I have personally been the recipient of the ministry of UMCOR. In 2006, I served a church in the midst of a forest fire. It devastated several counties in Nebraska. As one of the pastors in



the area we put together a group of church people ready to help those who lost property. I received a call from UMCOR that said they were sending \$10,000 to a fund we put together to help ranchers who lost fence, rangeland, or just needed counseling. UMCOR works like that. The money you donate to UMCOR will be used – 100% - for disasters throughout the world. In 2006, it allowed us to do great ministry.



Already it is time for another message for the Trumpet Call. I am very glad to belong to a church that is so caring and pleasant to attend. I again want to thank the Church for responding in a time of need and making the job of preparing the budget easier. Thank you again for help making the Finance Committee budget efforts easier.
 Dave Duffy Finance Chair.

07: Bob & Nita Kingsbury

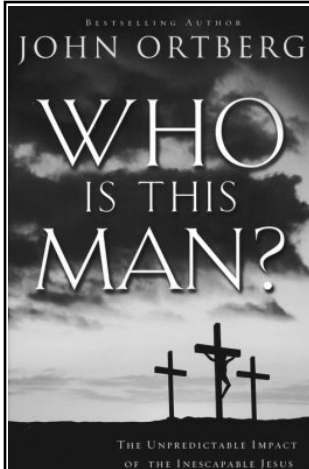


**MARCH BIRTHDAYS
 & ANNIVERSARIES**

- 03: Brandon Robinson
- 07: Josh Robinson
- 11: Daniel Harrington
- 14: Quinn Sullivan
- 20: Sylvia Marcum
- 24: Doc Jordan
- 25: Jake Richards
- 31: Marcia Lubick

- 05: Melissa Kump
- 09: Austin Kingsbury
- 12: Ed Dobb
- 17: Ethan McCaughey
- 23: Ian Boston
- 25: John Rich
- 30: Becky Rolich

Thank you to everyone that has brought salads and desserts for funerals recently. It is appreciated not only by the luncheon committee, but also the families have been very appreciative of this.



Sermon Series

WHO IS THIS MAN?

Lent has many definitions but the one that should stick with us is our understanding and relationship with Jesus. John Ortberg is a noted author and bible study teacher who writes a powerful testament to our meaning, our understanding, and our relationship to Jesus, especially during this season of Lent. We will walk with our Sunday school class and learn a bit more about ourselves and why THIS MAN is so important.

WHO IS THIS MAN?

March 5 th – “The Man Who Won’t Go Away”, using Matthew 7.28-29

March 12 th – “A Revolution of Humanity”, using John 4.1-42

March 19 th – The service will be led by Terri Belke while our pastor is on the Walk to Emmaus

March 26 th – “Jesus Was Not a Great Man”, using Philipians 2:1-11

150 YEARS OF METHODISM

We are marching closer to the celebration of the century. Mark your calendars for May 20 th and 21 st as we lift up the anniversary of the first Methodist preaching in Butte. Saturday, May 20 th will be a dessert open house held in our Fellowship Hall. We will be inviting former pastors to come and join us for this event. On Sunday, May 21 st is our big celebration. A meal after the worship service will be available to all. Field trips to the homes of former Methodist congregations will commence on April 16 th and conclude May 14 th . More information will follow. Mark your calendars today.

Forgiveness and Grace

The other day someone asked me how they could forgive themselves for what they have done, and if they can’t forgive themselves, how could they expect God to forgive them.

Nadia Bolz-Weber describes the coming of God in Jesus – by saying that God’s “loving desire to be known overflowed the heavens and became manifest in the rapidly dividing cells inside the womb of an insignificant peasant girl in First Century Palestine. This is a God who slipped into skin and walked among us full of grace and truth with sand between his toes; and who ate with all the wrong people; and who kissed lepers and touched the unclean and spoke through thirsty women and hungry men and who, from the cross, didn’t lift a finger to condemn the enemy, but instead said ‘I would rather die than be in the sin-accounting business anymore.’”

God did all of that for me, for us, for all of us, choosing to forget all of our brokenness, all of our sins and sickness, and then shows us how to walk around in our own flawed but forgiven skin; in our own sick and dying, but healing and ultimately heaven-bound souls. And in doing so invited us to see, that what the world calls “weak” may be exactly the opposite; what the world sees as “broken” may be just precisely as God designed it to be. And, in Jesus, God teaches us to be humble because of that; and vulnerable and brave; and full of faith and hope and love enough so that we might embody some measure of this grace and good news for someone else who needs it, too.

The other day I found out that a friend was dying. His number came up on my phone by accident, so I called the number to ask him to help me by working the kitchen at the Walk to Emmaus. His sister answered and let me know that he was in ICU and that hospice was on the way. Not the news I wanted, not the answer I was looking for, but a divine appointment to embody some measure of grace for someone in need of good news. My friend passed within 48 hours, but I got the chance to be there for his sister on 3 occasions and I am going to the funeral later this week.

Maybe that’s what it is all about, extending mercy and grace to someone who could use it, just as much as I can, and in doing so showing my gratitude for a living Savior who has shown me the same mercy and grace. A Savior who forgave me so thoroughly he died rather “than be in the sin-accounting business anymore.” So, I guess the lesson is, if God through his Son Jesus says I am forgiven and deserving of Grace, who am I to argue, and do I even have the right to argue a gift so freely and lovingly given.

~Brad Belke



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