



Happy Birthday!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

14 Rosalie Scott 21 Danny Nelson 26 Rod Lorimer 26 Jan Littrell
27 Betty Freeman 30 Thelma Gray 31 Wheatley Allen

Weekly Meetings:

Sundays 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School in the Ronn Garton Library, Preston Hall
Sundays 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Sundays 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School and Childcare during Worship Service.
Tuesdays 7:30 a.m. Breakfast, Fun, Conversation, Study, Alma Mendosa Room
Tuesdays 9-12 a.m. Deacon's Outreach Program, including food and showers
Tuesdays 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
Wednesdays 3:00 Christian Spirituality Group, Library
Thursdays 9:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Alma Mendosa Room, Eidsath House
Thursdays and Fridays, Counseling appointments with Kathy Mooney, Fireside Room
Thursdays 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Alma Mendosa Room
Fridays 5:00 p.m. Ringing of our bell, honoring the week's war casualties
First Sundays Communion 10:00 a.m.
First and Third Mondays 5:30-7:30 p.m. Jr/Sr High Youth Group, 12 & up. Preston Hall
Second and Fourth Mondays 5:30-7:30 Jr/Sr High Youth Group, 1st Presby. Fort Bragg
First Mondays 5:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting,
Third Mondays 4:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting, in the Ronn Garton Library
Second Mondays 6:30 p.m. Session Meets Alma Mendosa Room
Last Wednesday Evenings of Month, 5:00 p.m. Soul Food outreach dinner, Preston Hall

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We're called to be witnesses, not lawyers or Judges.

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WELCOME THIS MORNING THE REV. DR. KAREN LEBACQZ

Please welcome the Rev. Dr. Karen Lebacqz again this morning. For more than 30 years, Rev. Dr. Karen Lebacqz taught ethics at Yale, McGill University, and in the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. Author of more than 8 books and numerous articles, she is now semi-retired and living in Mendocino. She serves on the Bioethics Committee and on the Chaplains' Advisory Committee at MCDH. She also sings with the Community Chorus and with the choir of Mendocino Presbyterian Church. She is an avid quilter and is doing research on quilts and women's theology.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

"Opera Concert at the Sanctuary"



Tickets are now on sale and available in the church office.

Benefiting the MPC Deacons' Fund

Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Tickets for Dinner at Mendocino Hotel, Opera and Dessert - \$70 (\$20 tax deductible donation)

Tickets for Opera and Dessert - (\$20 tax deductible donation)

Drop by the MPC Office to buy and pick up your tickets

or

Call - 937-5441 to make reservations

Singers Carlos Montané, tenor; Erika Raschke, soprano; Elise Marie Kennedy, soprano; Lei Pan, baritone. Executive Chef Bernd Liebergesell of the St. Francis Hotel on Union Square will be in the kitchen.

Concert Program is a virtual a World-Wide Tour of the familiar and perhaps not so familiar pieces.

Many Raffle Prizes including:

2 nights at the Sutter Home Victorian Inn

2008 Nickel & Nickel Suscol Merlot

Maple Creek Winery sampler

Dinner for two at the Mendocino Hotel,

Art work and much more.

Raffle tickets are available for:

1 ticket \$3.00

2 tickets \$5.00

10 tickets \$20.00

NEWS & NOTES

May 13, 2012

MENDOCINO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FOR HAITI



We are collecting old and reading glasses for the clinic in Haiti where John Turnbull has been recently. There is a box at the back of the church where you may place your donations. John will return to Haiti in a few months and take the collection of eye ware with him. Thank you for your help. The people of Haiti have so many needs.

ALSO LOOKING FOR SEAMSTRESSES TO SEW DRESSES FOR HAITIAN CHILDREN - Call Nancy Swehla 964-0096



A Woman's Friend Pregnancy Care Center is kicking off their annual fundraising event, the Baby Bottle Boomerang, on Mother's Day, May 13th. If you would like to help, you can pick up a baby bottle and fill it with spare change/bills and return the baby bottle on Father's Day. We hope the bottle can be a reminder to pray for the mothers and fathers and their babies, as well as for A Woman's Friend volunteers and staff.

Dear friends and family,

In my last letter I had asked you all to pray for an event called Next Steps that was going to take place in Portland OR. I explained that it was a time when we Crossworld mobilizers gather together some of the people that we've been working with for a weekend and go over some of the important aspects of the missionary journey. I wanted to let you know that God answered your prayers and really blessed those who came to the event. Everyone I talked to said it was a very valuable time in their lives and were glad that they came.

One young lady who attended wrote:

"Attending this conference helped me to re-align my near future goals with the Great Commission of making disciples. We talked through how we can (and are commanded to) make disciples wherever we live. I hope to become more intentional about developing discipling relationships with people this summer as well as during the next school year."

I was very encouraged to see people respond with an emphatic, "Yes!" as we discussed Jesus' command to go and make disciples. The disciple-making mandate given to the Church is the fundamental task we have the responsibility and privilege of investing our lives to achieve. Those that came to the Next Steps event I believe left with a greater commitment to live this out, whether at home or overseas. Praise God.

David Jones david.jones@crossworld.org

THANK YOU ALL FOR PITCHING IN AT THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH EVELYN OUT SICK – YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE !! *angels*



The Adult Sunday School Class: Giants of Christianity -- *they are just finishing the first section. All are invited and the word is that "it's fabulous".*

Devotional Classics is the subject of the Adult Class each Sunday at 9 a.m. They are studying excerpts of writing by the giants of the faith in the six historic streams of Christianity and using the book edited by Richard J. Foster and James Bryan Smith.

They are just finishing **Preparing for the Spiritual Life** with readings from C.S. Lewis, Dallas Willard, Bernard of Clairvaux, Jonathan Edwards, and St. Augustine.

Then to: **In the Contemplative Tradition**, readings will include Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen, Frank Laubach, Evelyn Underhill, and Martin Luther.

Come join us in Preston Hall each Sunday. These readings will bless your life--richly!



5/3/2012

Dear Choir and Innocent Bystanders,

Today we spent our third full day in Cape May, New Jersey, the "birding capitol of the world". There are a lot of birds here, although the neo-tropical migrants are just beginning to arrive. Today the first wave of American Robins got here; yesterday there weren't any, and today they are everywhere! We have only seen one wood warbler here (a beautiful yellow-throated warbler), but hopefully they will soon arrive in waves.

Tomorrow we are going to try an Audubon-led bird walk, to see whether a better birder can turn up new species. Tune in next week for the results!

Warren and Ginny Wade