



Newsletter

Mancos United Methodist Church

#3 April 2009 – May 2009

Easter Week Celebrations

Easter week begins on Sunday, April 5th with Passion Palm Sunday Services at 9:00am. On Thursday, April 9th we will celebrate Holy Thursday in the sanctuary at 6:30pm and Good Friday will be held at the First Methodist Church in Cortez at 6:30pm. The men will be serving breakfast on Easter Sunday from 7:30am to 8:30 followed by the church service at 9:00 and an Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the service. Spring will have arrived and many of the flowers will be blooming. What a beautiful time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus will all the new life around us.

Church Workday

The annual Church Workday will be on Saturday, May 16th beginning at 9:00am. There is a list of many things that need to be accomplished such as reorganizing the supply rooms, cleaning the windows and screens, vacuuming the vents in the Sanctuary, painting the church sign and cleaning up the church grounds. The more people that can help will make the job go much faster as we hope to be through by noon. Bring your work clothes and tools and we will see you there. How does pizza for lunch sound?

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Game Night

A game night has been planned for Friday, May 29th in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm. Bring your favorite games and a snack to share. Just a reminder for each adult attending to bring a picture of themselves when they were a child. We will post the pictures with a number under them and everyone is to guess who that child is. You must have been a beautiful baby because, baby, just look at you now!! Right?

Heavenly Fitness ends April 30th

The last day of Heavenly Fitness will be April 30th at which time we will take a summer break and will resume on Monday, September 7th. We have had very good attendance, often 8 to 10 ladies including several people from the community. We will have a new program in the fall making three programs we can alternate with. Exercising can be great fun especially when you are working out with all of your Christian friends to upbeat Christian music. The program is geared to all levels of fitness, from the beginner to the more advanced so plan on joining us for an hour of fun, alternative worship. You can contact Connie at 533-7398 for more information.

Monument Valley by Full Moon

A trip to Monument Valley for a Full Moon Tour is planned for Sunday, June 7th. We will leave after church and will travel 3 hours and 45 minutes to Mexican Hat, Utah where we will be staying at the San Juan Inn. We will have time to check in and have dinner before we go to Gouldings in Monument Valley where we will go on a 2 ½ hour tour starting at 8:00pm. The price of the tour is \$36 per person and the room cost is \$84 for two. If you have AARP or AAA card you can get a 10% discount on your room with your card. We will be taking two vans so hopefully no one will have to drive their own car unless they wish to.

On Monday, as we return home by Blanding and Montecello, there are many natural wonders we can visit. Be sure to bring your camera as the monoliths in Monument Valley by the light of the full moon will be a Kodak moment you will not want to miss.

There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to sign up right away, please call Pastor Craig and have him add your name to the list. Connie will be back from her trip on April 13th and she can answer any questions you may have.

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April

19- Logan Richard
19- Alex Fleitz
25- Marsha Sperry
27- Craig Paschal
27- Charlie Reno
28- Andie Paschal
28- Dana Peterson
30- Zane & Dale Wright (anniv)

May

8- Zane Wright
10- Gwen Hawkins
11- Margie Russell
12- Ron & Mary Kay Lance (anniv)
13- Woody & Julie Ott (anniv)
16- Kelly Brown
16- Rachel Russell
23- Betty Alexander

Taken from various Church bulletins.

- ❖ The fasting and prayer conference includes meals.
- ❖ Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- ❖ Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help.
- ❖ The sermon this morning: “Jesus Walks on Water.” The sermon tonight: “Searching for Jesus.”
- ❖ The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.
- ❖ For those of you that have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- ❖ Miss Charlene Mason sang “I Will Not Pass This Way Again,” giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- ❖ Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- ❖ Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and the deterioration of some of the older ones.

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Ephesians 4:29 – 5:2

Rules for the New Life

²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.

³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

^{5:1} Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Proverbs 12:18, "Rash words are like sword thrusts,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing."

Proverbs 15:4, "The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life,
but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit."

A Pastor with GUTS!

Thought you might enjoy this interesting prayer given in Kansas at the opening session of their Senate. It seems prayer still upsets some people. When Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done.

We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem.

We have abused power and called it politics.

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

Amen!