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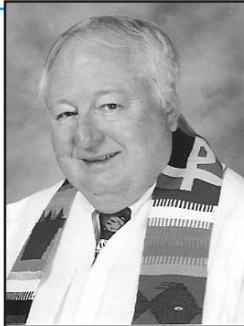
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## The Pastor Ponders



"AN 'UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL'  
BY ONE OF OUR OWN"

Robin Priestley, a woman who regularly attends early worship here, is the author of the meditation for Wednesday, October 24, 2007 published in the "Upper Room" magazine, which is the world's most widely-used daily devotional guide. This might seem a "small thing" to some, but with a daily readership of 11 million the Upper Room impacts more human lives than our nation's five most widely-read newspapers combined.

I've copied, with permission from the Upper Room, Robin's devotional for you as follows:

### "A Spiritual Tool"

Read 2 Chronicles 7:14-15

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. - Philippians 4:6 (NRSV)

My friend, Eve, gave me a "God bag," which has taught me a new



method of prayer that is simple and effective. Eve got a brown paper lunch bag and wrote on it, in purple ink, "Robin's God Bag." Then she gave it to me with instructions to write on slips of paper my concerns and worries and to

put the slips of paper in the bag.

My God bag has become a powerful spiritual tool. Writing down my prayers requires me to think about what I want or need or what I wish for another person. In the process, my prayers become clearer. Writing down prayers and putting them in the bag make my concerns tangible. When I begin to fret, I remember that I have taken my concerns to God and that I no longer have to worry about them. I can look back and see that I have prayed. My concerns are in God's hands. I can let go.

Using the God bag, I have come to expect answers to my prayers, and I am more sensitive to God's answers when they do come.

Since my God bag is such a good gift, I have made one for each of my children. I have taught my children how to use their God bags, and now they can experience for themselves a life of prayer.

Prayer: Dear God, teach us new ways to pray, and help us to listen for your answers. Amen.

**Thought for the Day  
Instead of worrying, pray.**

It's exciting to pastor a church which contains so many talented Christian disciples, of which Robin is one fine example. Praise the Lord!

*Dave King*

## MYF Fun

On Sunday, Oct. 7th, MYF enjoyed lots of yummy ice cream and made "blind banana splits." MYF also visited the Maize Maze on Oct. 13th. The Maize Maze at Los Poblanos Fields Open Space in Albuquerque, NM covers

approximately 8 1/2 acres and contains over 2 1/2 miles of carefully hand-cut paths. This year's design entitled "Branching Out" was created by Shawn Stolworthy of MazePlay out of Idaho, United States.



## Upcoming MYF Events!

October 21, 4 pm, Games and Snacks

October 28, 4 pm, Halloween Party!

November 4, 4:30 pm, BBQ at Pastor Dave's house (directions and details to follow).

## Winning Salsa Recipes



### SWEET & HOT FRUIT SALSA

2 — Mangos — peel and chop  
 ½ to 1 cup of fresh pineapple - chopped  
 1 - Red bell pepper - chopped  
 1 - Green bell pepper - chopped  
 1- Yellow bell pepper — chopped  
 1 — Small red onion — chopped  
 4 to 6 — jalapeños — chopped with seeds  
 - Depends on your level of heat (Remove seeds to decrease heat)  
 ½ to 1 cup apple juice

Mix well and marinate for two hours or over night

It also goes equally well with corn taco chips or cinnamon crackers.

Also it was suggested that it would work well with pork loin or pork chops

Dennis Trumblee--1st prize

### RECIPE FROM THE MAYO CLINIC BOOK, "HEALTHY WEIGHT FOR LIFE".

1 honeydew melon (3 lbs) peeled, seeded and cut into 1/2 inch cubes  
 1 yellow bell pepper seeded, steamed and cut into 1/2 inch squares  
 1/4 cup lime juice  
 1/2 red or Spanish onion, chopped  
 1 jalapeno chili, minced (I used Chimayo green chili)  
 2 Tblsp. chopped fresh mint

Toss all ingredients together in a medium bowl.

Alice Carter

### SALSA DEL NORTE

2 medium hot jalapenos  
 6 medium tomatoes (1- 28 oz. Can)  
 1½ red onion  
 1 medium tomatillo  
 4 stems cilantro  
 2 cloves garlic  
 1½ lime  
 Dash of salt & pepper

Mix first three ingredients in chopper.

Cut tomatillo, cilantro, and garlic into small pieces with a sharp knife (this prevents bruising).

Mix together and then squeeze lime and add salt & pepper.

Chill for 2 hours and serve.

Pam Hundley--second prize



## Missions & Stewardship

**- What do these two activities have in common?**

**- Isn't one giving of your time and the other giving of your financial resources?**

The answer is yes and no. Missions are so much more than giving of your time and talents. Stewardship is all three - time, talent, & resources. So Mission's becomes a subset of stewardship. Often times, it seems one or two people or maybe a small group become the ones who everyone sees as the missionaries of their individual churches.

It's true that these individuals do go the extra mile with giving of their time and talents. But with out the resources of the congregation, these individuals would fall short. Most mission activities are expensive; few people have the individual resources to pursue mission activities on a regular basis.

So who are the missionaries of this congregation, is it I, is it Pastor Dave, maybe Brother Aaron or Brother Jim or all of those who support Emmaus or Kairos, or any other of a countless ministries that are performed by our church.

I will not deny any of these individuals, but as I look out at each of your faces, I see the missionaries of this church. Do you all go to foreign lands or participate in each local mission? No, but each of you support our church with your offerings, your presence, and your prayers, without you there would be few missions. We might be able do very limited local missions, but would we have a major impact. Would we be showing the love of Jesus to those here and around the world?

Since I have been a member of this church, I know of the following missions that each of you participated in, maybe not in the field, but with out you they never would have happened:

- Numerous medical and construction trips to Mexico with CHIA or Christian Hands in Action - these were on-going when I got here
- A medical mission to Peru with CHIA
- Several Volunteer in Mission (VIM) mission trips to the Four Corners area to work with the Navajo Methodist churches
- Two mission trips to an ecumenical assisted living center in Quito Ecuador.
- Four Living Water International water well missions to Latin America - Nicaragua, El Salvador, and two to Guatemala.
- Countless weekends helping Habitat for Humanity
- A mission to an inner-city church in Albuquerque
- Hurricane and Flood Response - supplies and transport
- Crop Walk participants each year
- The Christmas Box Program - God bless each of you and the support we receive from other area churches
- "The Way" - a ministry which helps the elderly, the handicapped or single parents of our community with minor repairs, painting etc.
- The new Early Response Trailer - which would have been impossible with out the support of our congregation.
- I'm sure there are many others, but this is a start.
- Once we get past those missions that we directly support, there are the shared ministries of the United Methodist Church that we help support.

So Missions could not exist or at best limp along with out the individual support from

each of you. Sharing the love of Christ is the mission of the church and though we may fail at times, we keep trying. The Lord never guaranteed that we would be successful; he only asks that we be faithful in our endeavors.

You have supported this church with your offerings and you go the extra mile when it is needed. You support all of the fund raising events within our church, you provide second mile giving during times of disaster or times of need.

The Lord blesses those who feed His people (spiritually and physically). This church will be blessed, there may be hard times, but if this church supports the work of Christ - to be his hands and feet, it will be a light in the community and the world.

### FAITH AND DEEDS:

"What good is it, my Brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can faith save him?" James 2:14 (NIV)

"As the body without spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." James 2:26

### PAUL SAYS IN EPHESIANS 2:10 (NIV):

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

My friends never forget all the good you do and all the help that you provide by the generosity of your spirit.

Blessings to each and every one of you,

Dennis Trumblee  
 Outreach/Missions Chair

## THE TITHER'S SURPRISE

The Christian who begins to tithe will have at least six surprises. He will be surprised:

1. At the amount of money he has for the Lord's work.
2. At the ease in meeting his own obligations with the nine-tenths
3. At the deepening of his spiritual life in paying the tithe.
4. At the ease in going from one-tenth to a larger giving.
5. At the prudent disposal afforded to a faithful and wise steward over the nine-tenths that remain.
6. At himself in not adopting the plan sooner.

## Living Water International Guatemala - Well Drilling Mission October 19 thru October 27, 2007

A team made up of primarily Los Alamos individuals is traveling to the western coast of Guatemala to drill a water well at a school. This team will drill, teach hygiene, and share the gospel with children and the local villagers. By the time you read this we should be back.

The individuals from First United Methodist of Los Alamos are: Louise Mendius, Kim Granzow, Larry Rybarcyk, Susan Nava Trumblee and Dennis Trumblee. Individuals from other states will be joining them as well.

So why do we drill water wells? Did you know these water facts?

" 97% of the earth's surface water is saltwater?

" 2 % is frozen in Polar ice caps?

" 1% is accessible fresh water underground?

In poor countries people have no means of tapping into underground water and have to rely on surface water or shallow hand dug wells. Therein lies the problem: UNSAFE WATER.

Did you know that?

" Half of the world's population has marginal or unsafe drinking water?

" 30,000 people a day die from deaths linked to bad water?

" 80% of the sickness and death in children under the age of 5 is caused by bad water and that every 12 seconds a child dies of water borne illness?

Periodically throughout each year Living Water International conducts hands on training, sometimes near Houston other times on the job training in Central and South America where volunteers can learn to

drill water wells, pump repair, or how to teach hygiene. After this we can teach others in-country to carry-on after we have left.

Issue: You can send all the doctors you want into these countries, provide all the medical care you want to, but until you stop or cure the source of these illnesses you have only put a band aid on the problem.

Solution: Clean drinking water will stop thousands upon thousands of deaths.

So if I go what should I expect? A typical drill week in Guatemala goes something like this:

Saturday - Fly to Guatemala City - wear LWI t-shirt and long pants, go through customs, and stay in Antigua.

Sunday - Church in the morning, wear comfortable clothing (ladies - dress or nice slacks for church). Load the truck & travel to the coast in the afternoon

Monday - Work clothes, plan on getting dirty, wet & muddy, and possibly greasy (drill) (long pants, shirts or t-shirts, work boots) (Hygiene team visit village).

Tuesday - Work clothes, plan on getting dirty, wet & muddy, and possibly greasy (drill) (long pants, shirts or t-shirts, work boots) (Hygiene team - work with children and ladies from the village - probably at school).

Wednesday - Work clothes, plan on getting dirty, wet & muddy, and possibly greasy (install pump casing & develop well) (long pants, shirts or t-shirts, work boots) (Hygiene

team - work with children and ladies from the village - probably at school).

Thursday - Work clothes, plan on getting dirty (install pump & dedicate well, load all tools, etc) ((long pants, shirts or t-shirts, work boots). Back to Antigua on Thursday evening, unless we have problems with well.

Friday - hopefully sight-see (maybe a little shopping) we could go back to well, if we have issues. Evening (Stay in Antigua)

Saturday - Leave Antigua in the wee hours of the morning. (2 AM) Get to airport around 4:45 am, then fly home.

Additional info: Plan on it being hot and humid, wear appropriate lightweight clothing for conditions and bring a brimmed hat and large handkerchiefs, drink lots of water when in-country. Everyone working at the drill site will be required to wear a hardhat for safety.

Future Out-of Country missions:

January 11-19, 2008 - Living Water International, Guatemala - Well drilling on the coast, this trip has openings, but please contact Dennis Trumblee if you are interested. Susan and I are signed up for this trip.

LWI Trips with openings

Honduras:  
April 19 - 26, 2008  
August 30 - Sept 6, 2008  
Nov 8 - 15, 2008  
Dec 6 - 13, 2008



Missionaries from our church going on the October 19th mission: Larry Rybarcyk, Louise Mendius, and Dennis Trumblee (back row); Kim Granzow and Susan Nava (front row)

## Ark Appreciation Luncheon

On Friday, October 12th United Methodist women invited all of the teachers from the Ark to lunch in the Friendship Center. We in the church appreciate the dedication and devotion of the teachers and administrators to these precious children during very formidable years of their young lives.

Ladies from the UMW prepared delicious homemade soups, breads, and desserts for the occasion. From 11 am until 2 pm the Ark staff came to lunch during their breaks.

Several women from the UMW have worked at the Ark for many years and all enjoyed sharing their experiences.

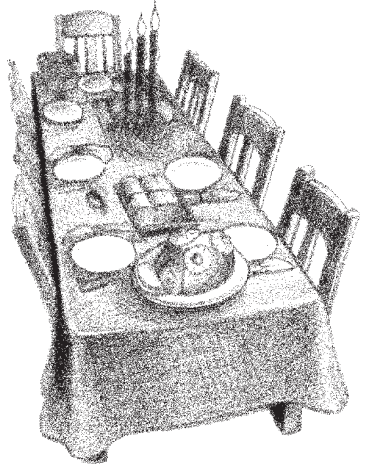
## Dining Out

All are invited to join a new Dining Out group for food and good fellowship. This is an opportunity to get to know one another better and perhaps learn of some new restaurants.

The plan is to get together at a different restaurant each month and enjoy each other's company. This will be a come when you can, no continuing commitment, event. Just sign up whenever you want to attend. We will try to meet on the same day each month so we can plan around it and will take turns choosing one of our favorite restaurants.

The initial meeting will be in October on the third Thursday, Oct. 18, 6:00 pm, at the new La Vista Restaurant located at the

Hilltop House. Call Peggy Goldman at 662-5959 or Irene Bubernak, at 662-7181 if you plan to attend so we can make reservations.



Scouts work to help redo the Ark's play area.



## Special October Days

<b>Birthdays:</b>		<i>James Barefield</i>	10/15
<i>Jon Sollid</i>	10/01	<i>Gerald Collom</i>	10/18
<i>Emma Jean Mader</i>	10/01	<i>Susan Hodgson</i>	10/20
<i>Michael Hundley</i>	10/02	<i>Ray Trimmer</i>	10/20
<i>Doris Jackson</i>	10/02	<i>Ella Leschnitzer</i>	10/22
<i>Matthew Ricketts</i>	10/02	<i>Edith Potter</i>	10/27
<i>Nels Hoffman</i>	10/04	<i>Dave Scudder</i>	10/29
<i>Alice Carter</i>	10/05	<i>Charles Knapp</i>	10/30
<i>Geniece Courtright</i>	10/08	<b>Anniversaries:</b>	
<i>George Balog</i>	10/12	October 8	
<i>Susannah Rousculp</i>	10/12	<i>Fred &amp; Hazel DeVries</i>	
<i>Peggy Goldman</i>	10/13	October 10	
<i>Don Zickert</i>	10/14	<i>Lee &amp; Jan Weinland</i>	

## Children's Sabbath

October 28th is "Laity Sunday" and members of MUMC will be celebrating Children's Sabbath on that day. The goal of the inter faith Children's Sabbath is to unite faith communities in promoting justice and to make a transforming difference in the lives of children around the world. The UMW and lay leaders will be working to present the needs of children and to foster hope and healing. Sharon Sole has worked as a teacher for many years and will be sharing the message that day.

## Methodist Men Meet

Bill Bradley, husband of To Bradley, will be this month's speaker. He will share with us his post World War II experiences in Japan from his days in the American armed forces there. He and To met while he was in Japan. We will meet at our usual time, listen, talk, and eat breakfast together. Everyone is invited.

## WANTED! PERSON FOR SNOW REMOVAL

The Church is looking for a person to remove snow from the sidewalk and entryway leading to the front door. Snowblower and snow shovel available for use. Early morning removal imperative, Sunday through Friday. \$12/hr. Call Church Office if you are interested.

First United Methodist Church called to:

Seek God,  
Share Christ's Word,  
Serve His World

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**United Skates**  
First Session:  
3rd graders & younger  
5:30 pm - 6:45 pm  
Admission \$2.00  
Second Session:  
4th graders & older  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Admission \$2.50  
**Sunday Services & Activities**  
8:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
**Wednesday Activities**  
Chancel Choir 7 p.m.



## Our Applause

Thank you to all the Scouts, Trustee members, church families and friends of the Ark who worked so hard to move the gravel out of the play area and replace it with

the wood chips. The Ark staff and students are all very happy with the results of all your efforts!

Thank You!

## Upcoming Events Highlights



### Sermon Titles

October 21 Fall Stewardship Sermon Series continues: "Stewardship Is Lordship" Dr. Dave Ring "Why Is Lordship Necessary (Part 1)?" Gospel Scripture Text: Luke 9:57-62

October 28 LAITY SUNDAY (observed)/Children's Sabbath

November 4 Holy Communion 2007 Fall Stewardship Series continues: "Stewardship Is Lordship" Pastor Ring's Message #3 of 4: "Why Is Lordship Necessary (Part 2)?"

### Women's Emmaus Walk

October 18-21

### Parents' Night Out

October 19, 6 - 9:30 pm

### Guatemala Living Water Mission Trip

October 19-27

### MF Youth

October 21, 4 to 5:30 pm in the Senior High Room-- Games and Snacks

### Disciple 9

October 22, 6:30 pm in the Friendship Center

### Staff Meeting

October 23, 9 am in the Library

### Martha Circle

October 23, 1:15 pm at the home of Marilyn Peek, 45 Puye

### Ark Open House

October 23, 5 pm

### CIC/Stewardship

October 23, 5:30 pm in the Library

### Ark Board

October 23, 6 pm in the Mid-High Room

### Newspaper Articles Due

October 24

### MF Youth

October 28, 4 pm, Halloween Party!

### Disciple 9

October 29, 6:30 pm in the Mid-High Room

### Missions Movie Night

October 30, 6:30 pm in the Friendship Center

### Staff Meeting

November 2, 9 am in the Library

### Daylight Savings Ends

November 3, 12 midnight

### MF Youth

November 4, 4:30 pm, BBQ at Pastor Dave's house

## Special Important Time Changes!!!

### Effective November 4th

1ST SERVICE CHURCH BEGINS AT 8:30 AM

2ND SERVICE CHURCH BEGINS AT 11:00 AM

## Important Pageant Dates

Sunday, December 9th--rehearsal after 2nd service, lunch will be provided

Saturday, December 15th--dress rehearsal, 10 am-2 pm, lunch will be provided, we will also have a fun craft time

Sunday, December 16th--Performance at both morning worship services, 8:30 and 11 am with a snack in-between

## Other Important Dates

Sunday, November 18th--Annual Church Conference of FUMC will be held at 7 pm. The United Methodist Women will be hosting a Mission Thanksgiving dinner at 5:30 pm that evening in the Fellowship Hall. We hope that all will plan to attend this time of fellowship and enjoy a delicious meal. All contribution will be donated to missions.

Saturday, December 15th--Attention Women of the Church--A Christmas luncheon will be held at the home of Opal Lee Gill. Mark your calendars now for this festive occasion.