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## THE PASTOR PONDER'S



### "REFRESHING THE SAINTS"

"I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints. I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints." - Philemon 4-8

Living as a Christian in a world that seems increasingly hostile to the good news of Jesus Christ can be tiring. Regularly and continuously exhibiting the love of God can be laborious. Witnessing the saving grace of the Son of the Most High can deplete the energies of even the strongest believer.

It's flippantly easy to say, "Well, just call upon the Spirit to refill you, and you'll never run out of gas." But the truth is that sometimes we each and all need someone with tangible flesh - another, like ourselves, with "skin on" - to encourage us. After all, that's why God sent Jesus to our world in the first place. And that's why, from time to time, we - your pastor included - need someone from outside our regular fellowship to come in and share the blessings of God from a fresh perspective. That's what the apostle Paul was talking about when he wrote to his friend Philemon in the New Testament. Once in a while - but with definite regularity -- we need to hear a new voice for God, an accent of encouragement that can "refresh the hearts of the saints."

To that end it's my personal tradition, each fall, to invite a proven, experienced United Methodist evangelist to come to the congregations I serve and help to "revive" - to refresh - the saints of God therein. A "revival" isn't primarily a

"crusade" to try and win those outside the faith to Christian belief, although winning the "lost" sometimes is, praise God, among the results of a revival. Rather it's a concentrated effort to encourage the faithful in their already-assigned task, the Great Commission of winning the world to Jesus Christ.

This fall, specifically October 12-15, I've invited the Rev. Wesley Putnam to be our encourager. Wes is a long-time personal friend of mine and probably the best-known active United Methodist evangelist in the U. S. A. today. His ministry to us, "Dayspring," will include elements of preaching, teaching, humor, drama, and music. His wife, Felicia, will be partnering with him in our "Dayspring." "Dayspring" will also include a special component for children called "Bible Quest." Elsewhere in this newspaper you can find a complete schedule for our church's "Dayspring."

I truly hope you'll plan on taking part in as much of "Dayspring" as you possibly can. It's not an additional church program to further sap your already-diminished vitality. Rather, "Dayspring" is designed to recharge your spiritual batteries. Come - and let your heart be refreshed, to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ!

*Dave Ring*

## LA-FUMC'S DAYSRING SCHEDULE OCTOBER 12-15, 2008

- Sunday, Oct. 12 - 8:30 and 11 AM - Wesley Putnam preaching  
9:45 AM - Wesley works with elementary SS children  
12:00 Noon - Church-wide Potluck luncheon in Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM - "Bible Quest" for elementary age children  
7:00 PM - Dayspring Worship  
8:30 PM - Dessert and reception in Friendship Center
- Monday, Oct. 13 - 7:00 AM - Men's breakfast, women welcome; Wes speaking  
6:00 PM - Bible Quest for children  
7:00 PM - Dayspring Worship
- Tuesday, Oct. 14 - 6:00 PM - Bible Quest for children  
7:00 PM - Dayspring Worship  
8:30 PM - Dessert and reception in Friendship Center
- Wednesday, Oct. 15 - 12:00 Noon -- Women's lunch, men welcome; Wes speaking  
6:00 PM - Bible Quest for children  
7:00 PM - Dayspring Worship

### FIRST LIGHT

LA-FUMC's early worship service praise band, "First Light," will play for Zia UM Church's 20th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday evening, Sept. 20th. Join them for a potluck dinner at 5 PM followed by worship at 6 PM. The address is 3368 Governor Miles Road on the south side of Santa Fe. If you'd like to carpool, contact Pastor Ring

Clara Leschnitzer joined First Methodist on September 7th  
Congratulations, Clara!

## SPECIAL SEPTEMBER DAYS

Birthdays:		Anniversaries:	
Darryl Jackson	09/02	September 2	
Ben Gibson	09/03	Gail & Jim Little	
Opal Lee Gill	09/03	September 12	
Jan Frensdorf	09/03	Doris & Darryl Jackson	
John Zumbro	09/05	September 13	
Frances Hundley	09/06	Peggy & Aaron Goldman	
Valerie Collins	09/09	September 14	
Carol Mead	09/15	Eileen & Rod Douglass	
Rachel Sheppard	09/16	September 23	
John Courtright	09/18	Marilyn & Jim Peek	
Dagne Sollid	09/22		
Bob Bryant	09/30		

**PARSONAGE YARD CLEAN-UP DAY**  
**SATURDAY, SEPT. 20TH**  
**BEGINNING AT 8:30 AM**  
**COME AND HELP OUR TRUSTEES**  
**"SPIFF UP" 226 VENADO ST. ON**  
**BARRANCA MESA**



First United Methodist Church  
called to:

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

The next edition of *Visions* will be dated October 3.  
The deadline for articles is Wednesday, September 24.

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**Sunday Services & Activities**  
8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Traditional Worship  
**Wednesday Activities**  
Chancel Choir 7 p.m.  
**Friday Roller Skating**  
First Session  
5:30 p.m. to 6:45 pm  
3rd graders & younger  
Second Session  
7 pm to 9 pm  
4th graders & older

## YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE INNERCONNECTIONS SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR WOMEN

OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 1, 2008  
AT THE HUMMINGBIRD MUSIC CAMP  
JEMEZ MOUNTAINS, NEW MEXICO  
LOOKING FOR A GETAWAY WEEKEND?

A CHANCE TO RELAX WITH FRIENDS AND OTHER CHRISTIANS?

AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENRICH YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE?  
JOIN US OCTOBER 31 IN THE JEMEZ MOUNTAINS!  
WE WILL LEAVE THE CHURCH AT 10:00 A.M. ON OCT. 31ST AND ENJOY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MORNING AT THE HUMMINGBIRD MUSIC CAMP.

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO SPEND THE NIGHT, BUT YOU CAN CHOOSE TO GO HOME FOR THE NIGHT AND COME BACK FOR THE REST OF THE RETREAT SATURDAY MORNING.

OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR IS PASTOR CECILIA LORENZEN, FROM THE SANTA CRUZ UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BEFORE OCTOBER 15, 2008. THE ENTIRE COST OF THE WEEKEND IS \$50.00.

YES! I want to participate in the Inner Connections Spiritual Retreat for Women, Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2009 at Hummingbird Music Camp.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check for \$50.00 enclosed (payable to FUMC)

## MISSION MOVIE--"CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR" SEPTEMBER 29TH 6:30 PM FRIENDSHIP CENTER

### UPCOMING EVENTS Highlights

#### Sermon Titles

Sunday, September 21, 2008 -  
Pastor Ring's Sermon:  
"Number One" Gospel  
Scripture Text: Mark 10:35-45  
(Stewardship Moment)

Sunday, September 28, 2008 -  
Observe LAITY Sunday  
(Pastor Ring will be on vacation.)  
(Stewardship Moment)

Sunday, October 5, 2008 -  
WORLD COMMUNION  
SUNDAY Pastor Ring's  
Meditation: "That's Not My  
Dog!" Gospel Scripture Text:  
Mark 14:53-59 (Stewardship  
Moment)

#### Roller Skating

September 19, 5:30 pm in the  
Fellowship Hall

#### MF

September 21, 4 pm in the  
Senior High Room

#### Disciple II

September 22, 6:30 pm in the

Friendship Center

#### Ark Staff

September 23, 5:30 pm in the  
Mid-High Room

#### Newspaper Articles Due

September 24

#### Music Class

September 24, 6:30 pm in the  
Friendship Center

#### Choir

September 10, 7 pm in the  
Sanctuary

#### City-Wide Worship & Prayer

September 25, 11:30 am in the  
Sanctuary

#### Boy Scouts

September 25, 7 pm in the  
Fellowship Hall

#### 1st Light

September 25, 7 pm in the  
Sanctuary

#### Roller Skating

September 26, 5:30 pm in the

Fellowship Hall

#### Disciple III

September 29, 6:30 pm in the  
Friendship Center

#### Missions/Outreach Movie

September 29, 6:30 pm in the  
Friendship Center  
"Conscientious Objector"

#### Music Class

October 1, 6:30 pm in the  
Friendship Center

#### Choir

October 1, 7 pm in the  
Sanctuary

#### City-Wide Worship & Prayer

October 2, 11:30 am in the  
Sanctuary

#### Boy Scouts

October 2, 7 pm in the  
Fellowship Hall

#### 1st Light

October 2, 7 pm in the  
Sanctuary