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Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

7:00 pm, in the Sanctuary

Monte Vista Christian Church



Bring family and friends to participate in this very meaningful service as we begin the season of Lent.

Week of Compassion Monte Vista Christian Church February 21-28, 2010



Special Guest Missionary
Mark Behle (Bailey)
Lesotho, Africa, February 21

He will be with us at both worship services—8:15 am and 10:30 am.

With our youth at 9:15 am.

With us at 11:45 am in Bethany Hall as he shares his work experience in Lesotho. **Bring a dessert!** Meal provided.

Last Sunday After Epiphany – February 14, 2010
Worship Services at – 8:15 & 10:30 am Sunday School at 9:15 am
Sermon: *I Love My Wife, I Love My Dog...* – Rev. Laurie Lewis
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, 1 John 4:7-21
Special Music: *Be Thou My Vision* – Chancel Choir

Update on 100 Days of Prayer

What a wonderful experience of prayer is happening in our congregation. 261 people have been matched up into 87 triads of prayer! Moreover, the Elders are praying for 16 people associated with our community who for whatever health reasons need prayer but are not capable of participating. The response has been overwhelmingly positive. A special bonus has come from Art and Pauline Vermillion who asked to be included and may be able to join us for the celebration lunch.

Don't forget to continue your daily prayers and set aside a little time each day to consider how the prayers of others are affecting you and your life.

"...how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"
Luke 11:13b

Church World Service Kit Totals

Please note the total of kits made was 349 so we surpassed our goal. YEA!!! Of that number the youth made a total of 72 Hygiene Kits and 14 Baby Kits. I am thankful our congregation has taken on this mission. Many of our members have asked, "How can we make this a long-term commitment?" The youth have committed to making this a long-term mission and we also need to develop some way in which our congregation can continue to make kits throughout the year.

Thank you to each of you for this wonderful work that makes helping others possible.

Denise Hamilton

Save the Date

Our next blood drive will occur on Sunday, morning March 14th. Every two seconds someone requires a blood transfusion. Be a real sweetheart and sign up in the Welcome Center/narthex or call Jennifer Thorne-Lehman at 888-4941.

A Letter of Thanks

Thank you for your generous and faithful gifts! In 2009 you were one of the Top 250 Congregations in your support of the Disciples Mission Fund. Also I am interested in visiting your congregation to say thank you in person. **Todd Adams, Associate General Minister & Vice President, Christian Church (DoC)**

Wow – Saints!!!

Many thanks to the Membership and Outreach Ministries in their planning for the Super Bowl. Fun was had by all generations from pre-schoolers to senior adults. Laurie said in her sermon Sunday that in the record books the event next to Thanksgiving that the most calories were consumed was the Super Bowl! Appetizers and dessert were prepared by MVCC members and friends. **Frank & Suzanne Shaffer** prepared the main meal of brisket, beans, and coleslaw. **Chris Smith** searched for prizes and snack food items--and made announcements. And **Bill Larson** set up the game on a big screen. YEA TEAM!!

Prayer Group Focus for February 17

Pray for groups studying *Shape of Our Lives* for an understanding of personal transforming influences in their lives.

Martha Nell Simpson

February's History Cabinet

February's History Cabinet features events of MVCC that happened in the 1950s. Come look at what we did that decade.

**CAN YOU CALL ME BY MY NAME
WITHOUT MY NAME TAG?**

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns: **Bill Artman, Maerean Brooks, Will Carroll** (Shelley Andes father), **Joyce Carter, Mary Cox, Jerry Clark** (Pat Barbier's brother), **Stephen Dyer, George & Phyllis Elliott** (former members), **James Eppard** (friend of Lou & Shirley Blackwell), **Sean Gallegos** (friend of Peyton Sawyer), **Dora Gammon, Nelle Guinn, Hoyt Hardwick** (Walt Hardwick's father), **Glenn Hulkenburg** (nephew of Nance Crow and Bill Sullivan), **Anna & Grace Hutzel, Chika Kanitani** (the Hamilton's daughter's sister-in-law), **Sonja Klise, Kay Lambert** (niece of Dorothy Ashcraft), **Tom Laury, Wiley Shaw, Jan Stone** (friend of Tatlocks), **Don Tatlock** (Charlie Tatlock's brother in Haiti), **Elizabeth Thorpe, Mary Thorpe, W. B. Tillett** (husband of Doris Tillett), **Nellie Veley** (Kay Lamb's aunt).

Elder: **Pat White** is Elder on Call for February.

Christian Children's Fellowship

CCF had a terrific time last Sunday. We collected \$100.61 for the Roadrunner Food Bank in our participation with the *Souper Bowl Sunday*, a national grass roots effort by youth and kids to raise funds for local food banks on

Super Bowl Sunday. So far 2,833 groups have reported in around the country and over \$4,310,900 has been raised for local food pantries!

In addition to games, we also enjoyed great food from Rhett and Mac's Mom and Dad, music with Shari and Bob, and we made 17 Valentine Goody Bags for our homebound. We will be delivering them sometime this week.

DON'T FORGET the Bake Sale on Valentine's Sunday. **Parents:** bring lots of goodies to sell. We are trying to raise money for the train ride to Lamy this spring. *Oh Boy!*

Bulletin Board

- ◆ **Elders Meeting & Study Group**, Saturday, Feb. 13, 9:00 am, Re-S Rm.
- ◆ **Youth-Prepare for Bake Sale**, Saturday, Feb. 13, 4-6 pm (pizza following), BH.
- ◆ **CCF/Youth Bake Sale**, Sunday, Feb. 14, 11:45 am, Welcome Center.
- ◆ **Aerobics**, Sunday, Feb. 14, 12:30 pm, BH.
- ◆ **Book Study**, Monday, Feb. 15, 7:00 pm, Manzano del Sol. (*The Shape of Our Lives*)
- ◆ **Presidents' Day**, Monday, Feb. 15, Office Closed.
- ◆ **Faith Journey**, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 10:00 am, LR.
- ◆ **Renewal Team**, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7:00 pm, BH.
- ◆ **Wed. Night Book Study**, Wed., Feb. 17, 6:00 pm, LR. (*The Shape of Our Lives*)
- ◆ **Ash Wednesday Service**, Wed., Feb. 17, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary.

MAKE A FRIEND WEAR YOUR NAME TAG.

Weekly Attendance

Worship Attendance – 1 st Service	22
Worship Attendance – 2 nd Service	112
Christian Education (including Hygiene Kits)	88

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Haiti Earthquake Emergency

Marie Sylsalve has a new son, McAnley, who was born 12 days after the January 12 earthquake. She has hope for her infant son, saying, "Everything that comes his way will be good." But life right now is hard, she says. She also has three other children. The family's home was destroyed and Sylsalve presumes her missing husband is dead.

Church World Service is working with local and international partners to provide emergency aid to families like Sylsalve's: CWS Kits and Blankets, tents, food packages, medical supplies and water.

Nearly a month after the quake, Ernst Abraham, the director of longtime CWS partner Service Chretien d'Haiti, has praised CWS for its quick response in Haiti and for its steadfast support of its Haitian partners.

Said Alex Morse, who is working with CWS in Haiti, to Religion & Ethics Newsweekly, "The pastors in Haiti that know their communities and know their needs are able to call us up with whatever things they need, and we're able to secure those materials for them within 72 hours."

(Your support is urgently needed. Your support for Church World Service, CROP Hunger Walks and Blankets+ program helps to end hunger and sustain lives. We need your prayers and gifts for this vital work now more than ever. Contributions may be sent through your church or directly to Church World Service, PO Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515 or www.churchworldservice.org.)

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Pat White Elder on Call - February

Servants for February 14

Usher/Greeter – 1st Service

Kay Lamb

Prayers at the Table – 1st Service

Janice Sanchez & Effie Medford

Greeters in the Narthex – 2nd Service

Maerean Brooks & Margaret Galloway

Ushers – 2nd Service

Kathy Hamilton & John McKiernan

Prayers at the Table – 2nd Service

Bill & Karen Chalverus

Worship Leader

Dr. Robert Turner

Offering Stewards

Dan Thorpe & Bob Brown

Communion Preparation

Bill & Karen Chalverus & Bill & Marcia Larson

Sound System

Fred Giombolini

Communion to Homebound

Adeline Wheeler

Servants of the Table

*Mike Daniel, Sharon Gregg, Kathy Sallee, Steve Sallee, Jim Davis, Marcia Larson, Nancy Miller, Karen Daniel