

THE CIRCUIT WRITER

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As I become more accustomed to life on Monterey mountain, I have been astonished by the beauty of the fog that surrounds the parsonage. I wake up and go to sleep to the most beautiful view! At times, it seems to have a mystical quality. I stand in awe of God, our creator.

As I was sharing my experience with someone in our church, she told me that she had written a poem about fog. Please enjoy her words:

Fog in the Mountains

Sharp points of pine trees, Rocks jut up from the earth.

Hard and pointed, stark and dark.

The fog creeps in over the pointed mountains, and they become rounded. Over the sharp needled pines, and they become soft and blurred.

The rocks seem rounded as pebbles.

The same mountain, so different.

God's love is so like the fog.

Hurt, so sharp, so much pain, God's love takes the edges off.

Grief, so pointed, so outstanding. Knowing God's love smooths with time, takes it out of the foreground.

We can still see with the fog, though not far. In life, we can see some but not all. If we walk in fog, it coats us, our skin, and our hair. Just like God's love coats us, all over if we walk in it.

Walk in the fog. Walk in God's love. Revel in it all!

-parishioner of Monterey UMC

As we each walk in our own fog, may we know God's love more and more each day.

Blessings to you, my sweet church family,
Denna

MONTHLY & WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULING

Sunday School & Worship	9:45am & 11:00am
Youth Group	Sundays 5:30pm – 7:00 pm
Monterey Hilltop Chorale	Mondays at 6:00pm
Civitan Club	3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Cottage Ministry	Friday & Saturday, 9am – Noon
Garden Club	2 nd Tuesday of each month at 10:30am

April Worship Leaders

Liturgist	Bob Cournoyer
Ushers	Terry & Catherine Harris
Acolytes	Marcy & Keelan Milligan & Sophia

A RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS MARCH 2018

MARCH FINANCIAL RESULTS (Operating Funds)

3/1/18	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$15,073.79
	TITHES AND OFFERINGS	12,621.12
	LESS: EXPENSES	(14,354.10)
3/31/18	ENDING BALANCE	\$13,340.81

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

The Cottage is low on food for those in need.

Please pick up a few extra items on your next trip to the store – tuna fish, peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, cereal, canned vegetables, chicken or fruit, tea bags, crackers, cereal, pop tarts, etc. Leave your donations in the box in the hallway.

Burks Elementary – Granola Bars are needed for the backpacks given to 61 children each Friday to take home so they'll have food and milk for the weekend. If you'd like to contribute, please leave granola bars on the container in the hallway near the front door.

Mission Trip - Be part of an exciting mission trip of which there will be at least four different Methodist Churches. We will once again be traveling to the coast of North Carolina to help improve and repair homes damaged by hurricanes. No experience needed, only the desire to help others. We will leave May 13th and return on the 19th. This date is subject to change because of Mother's day. Anyone interested contact the church office so that we can set up a meeting.

- April 4 -** SPRC Meeting at 5:00
 - April 8 -** VBS Fun Day organizational meeting after worship
 - April 11 -** Finance Committee Meeting at 6:00
 - April 17 -** Education Committee Meeting at 6:00
 - April 18 -** Administrative Council Meeting at 6:00
- Monterey Garden Club** will meet Tuesday, March 13th at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: Lifetouch will be here to do our directory April 20th and 21st. Sign up by April 8th by calling the church office or sign the sheet on the lectern.

MONTEREY’S APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Vicki Henley
- 3 Jim Hitch
- 4 Darlene Greene
- 10 John Stott
- 13 Glenda York
- 15 Margaret Morales
- 17 Debbie Sontag
- 18 Mary Jane Lifsey
- 24 Hazel Walker
- 26 Patsy King
- 27 Saundra Gilmore
- 30 Debbie Stott

MONTEREY’S APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Richard & Suzy Jackson
- 12 Nick & Joan Axen

THE COTTAGE

The Cottage has been purged. Ready for spring cleaning items! We have given out lots of food in March and outfitted several needy persons! One of our special regular ladies was invited to sunrise service and came, so thankful! Ready for spring!
 Deb Wolfe

SPRING CLEANING

CHILDREN’S OFFERING for Heifer International **\$195.53** plus 1 paper clip, 1 button battery, 2 screws, ½ peanut and 9 tokens.

AGAPE NEWS

The following people have donated to the Agape Scholarship Fund. These donations make it possible for some students to attend our program. Thank you for your love and giving.

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| Nick & Joan Axen | Frances Eldridge |
| Heather Axen | Patricia Hudgens |
| Wanda Balsley | Robin Matos |
| Al & Jeanne Bevan | Ron & Vikki Williamson |
| Lynne & Mike Connor | |
| Lynn & Meretha Durham | |
| Lynne & Mike Connor | Memory of Vince Vanacore |

Many Thanks to our Youth Group for their help with this year’s Easter Egg Hunt. They stuffed, they set up and were a big help in making this year’s event possible. **Our new #1 Easter Bunny, Patti did the BEST job ever!** We even made a special appearance at Standing Stone Rehab. A big thanks to everyone who donated candy and be sure to look for those after Easter sales on plastic eggs. We had approximately 80 in attendance.

God’s Blessings
 Vikki Williamson





Burks Elementary – Cookies & Milk
 The honor roll students enjoyed the special cookies served by Judith Rex, Judy Webster, Marion Barwick and Kathy Herron.





Monterey United Methodist Church

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER	2 6:00p Monterey Hilltop Chorale	3	4 5:00p SPRC Meeting 6:30p Choir Practice	5	6 9:00a-Cottage Ministry	7 9:00a Cottage Ministry
8 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Service 5:30p Youth Group SIGN UP FOR PICTURE – CHURCH DIRECTORY	9 6:00p Monterey Hilltop Chorale	10 6:00p Trustees Meeting 10:30a Garden Club	11 6:00 Finance Committee 6:30p Choir Practice	12	13 9:00a Cottage Ministry	14 9:00a Cottage Ministry
5 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Service 5:30p Youth Group	16 6:00p Monterey Hilltop Chorale	17 6:00p Education Committee 6:00p Civitans	18 6:00p Administrative Council 6:30p Choir Practice	19	20 9:00a Cottage Ministry PICTURE DAY	21 9:00a Cottage Ministry PICTURE DAY
22 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Service 5:30p Youth Group	23 6:00p Monterey Hilltop Chorale	24	25 6:30p Choir Practice	26	27 9:00a Cottage Ministry	28 9:00a Cottage Ministry
29 5th Sunday Luncheon following Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Service 5:30p Youth Group	30 6:00p Monterey Hilltop Chorale					