

THE GRAPEVINE

JULY, 2010

Vinland United Methodist Church

NEWS FROM PASTOR TEZENLO

The youth group had been wanting to undertake an out-of-state mission trip. However, such a trip turned out to be expensive and time consuming. So mission opportunities were explored in the locality. Also, there was another reason: to present an opportunity to all our church members to be a part of the mission. We were pleasantly surprised to discover many opportunities available locally. Consequently, we were able to volunteer our time at two local mission organizations. At Posada, a homeless shelter, nine people showed up on Monday. On Tuesday, we had ten people. Four people served on both Wednesday and Thursday at the community Soup Kitchen, where homeless people are served breakfast and lunch Monday through Sunday. Both the organizations are doing wonderful things in our community.

The summer mission not only opened up our eyes to see the availability of plenteous mission opportunities locally, but also the needs in our local community which could not have happened if we did not engage in the mission. As we listened and talked to the leaders of the organizations we felt a sense of overwhelming missional responsibility. Indeed, we felt that “the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” There are always many more needs than we can possibly meet, especially in a bad economy like we have now.

We also made a deliberate effort to engage in mission where children could be involved, because it is important to inculcate in our children a sense of mission and establishing God’s kingdom here on earth. They are the future and the face of the church. When asked, Posada was glad to have kids come and help. Consequently, besides the youth, two brothers, Wade and Clay, also joined us for two days. Kids must learn the value of serving others, and this value must be inculcated early in life. The wise man in Proverbs says, “Train up your children in the way they should go, and when they are old, they will not depart from it.”

Our special thanks to the youth and children for their encouragement and service. We are planning a ‘potato-gleaning’ mission in early fall. Keep an eye for more information and plan on joining us.

Blessings to you all!

Tezenlo Thong

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The conference began Thursday, June 17th. The evening included covenant groups, communion, and a memorial service for the pastors and their spouses who passed away this last year. The highlight of the evening was Bishop Melvin Talbert, who with inspiring words, helped me forget that I was missing being home with my kids.

Friday began for Pastor Tezenlo and I at 6:30a.m. at breakfast that included a speaker. The one I attended was very good (although it was a very nice hotel, cafeteria scrambled eggs are not good). Our speaker was from Washington D.C. and had a lot of inspiring words about making helping the poor a priority. The legislative sessions began at 8:30 and 3 of the 4 groups finished fast, but the group I was in (group B) got stuck on the last petition that we had to vote on. "Confronting prejudice against different sexual orientations" was the subject and the debate got heated pretty fast. After some amendments and testing of patience, it was tabled. Even though people voted to table it thinking they wouldn't have to deal with the issue until next year, Group B was back together the next day to finish the debate. Next came some much needed (at least for our group) worship time and lunch. We then met with our covenant groups again, followed by clergy and lay sessions. The evening was filled by going over the plenary session, appointment readings, mission reports, etc. (details can be found at www.rmc.org)

Saturday was great; the morning and after lunch 8:30 – 3:30 was given to our guest speaker, Pastor Adam Hamilton, from a UMC in Kansas City, MO. The church he pastors in Missouri is the church he planted. The first Sunday was attended by 4 people,

two of which were he and his wife. Today there are over 8,000 each Sunday. He's also a great author, and has many books available through Cokesbury (I would recommend them all). He was really outstanding and many times I felt he was speaking directly to me. After that, Group B was sent to redo our debate of AC-14A "Confronting bias against the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community". Our group, knowing it wouldn't pass with a high enough percentage to not need to be debated on the main floor with everyone, voted on it as is, passing with little over 60%. After about 30 minutes of debate on the main floor, it passed with over 80%. AC-14A states that "At every church or charge conference in the Rocky Mountain Conference there shall be discussion and commitment to confront bias against the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgender community through the affirmation of the following statement: We reaffirm that all people are children of God and of sacred worth and because of the mystery of human sexuality people differ in how they express it." Effective date 7/1/2010. Termination date 7/1/2014. Other than that, the other 14 petitions passed with no problem. Standard things like money for updating some parsonages to accommodate wheel chairs were addressed.

Sunday morning was a good experience for all. After covenant groups met, a full worship service was held, with a performance from a great choir from Denver singing in their native African language, and a sermon by Bishop Elaine Stanovsky "We don't know what conversations we miss, (opportunities to minister) by not initiating them." After the service, there was a ceremony for all the new pastors and deacons. Brett Stanislaio was licensed as a local pastor and Dr. Tezenlo Thong was ordained as an Elder; a proud moment for Vine-land United Methodist Church and its family. Scott Fitzsimmons



There will be a bridal shower for Abby Johnson Saturday, July 10 at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

VUMC SCHOLARSHIP NOW AVAILABLE

Any active friend of VUMC is welcome to apply for this scholarship to continue with their education. Please fill out the application found in this edition of the Grapevine. Fully answer the two essay questions and return them to the church office by July 15th. The amount of this annual scholarship will depend on the funds available and the number of scholarships awarded.

GALACTIC BLAST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010

Please join us for Vacation Bible School. This year it will be held the week of July 19 - 23, from 9:00 - 11:30, with lunch served on Friday. VBS this year will be a cosmic adventure focusing on our wonderful, incredible, amazing, magnificent and awesome God! We will explore the creation of the universe and learn about Elijah at Mount Horeb, the woman at the well, a blind beggar in Jericho and two disciples at Emmaus. We will also be learning about space with the help of our GPS (Galactic Praise Satellite). And get ready to meet Galileo - he's big and green! Of course, there will be music, crafts, science, food and lots of fun. So mark your calendars and bring your friends! See you on the Starship Galactic Praise in July.

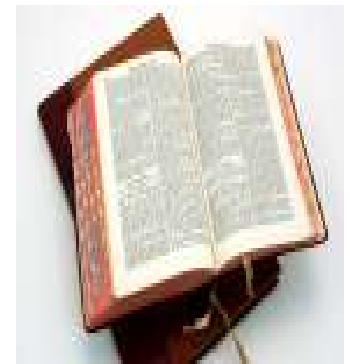
LECTIONARY FOR JULY 2010

July 4, 2010
2 Kings 5:1-14; Ps 30
Galatians 6:1-6 (7-16); Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 11, 2009
Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 18, 2010
Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52 or Psalm 82
Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 25, 2010
Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13



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THE POWER OF MISSION

The week of June 7th, our youth group (Jeff, Jon, Dara and Rhonda), along with Pastor Tezenlo, Steve, Pam, Clay, Wade and Donna; did some mission work at two local agencies which serve the homeless and hungry of Pueblo. Monday and Tuesday, we volunteered at a homeless shelter run by POSADA. We pulled weeds, cleaned out gutters, cleaned and readied apartments, repaired a gate and cleaned and organized their common room. We also got to learn more about the many services POSADA provides our community. If you would like to learn more, or maybe volunteer yourself, please check out their website or contact Ann at their main office. Wednesday and Thursday were spent at the Pueblo Community Soup Kitchen, serving breakfast and lunch. This agency is always looking for volunteers as well, but be sure to call as they can only have so many at a time. I think the hearts of those who served were touched and changed, I know mine was. All the youth agreed that they want to continue to volunteer locally. A mission trip to far away places is great, but there is so much need right here in our own backyard! As Jesus said, "What you do to the least of these, you do to me."

ANNIVERSARIES

July 2 Sherman and Shirley Welborn
July 10 Jeff and Rhonda Moffat
July 20 Tezenlo and Han Thong
July 21 Don and Alice Bloyd

YOU ARE INVITED!

*Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson
and
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Barr
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their children*

Abbigail Lee

and

Justin Robert

*on Saturday, the thirty-first of July
Two thousand ten
at four o'clock in the afternoon*

*Brush Canyon Ranch
8760 Old San Isabel Rd.
Rye, Colorado
Reception to follow*

BOOKIES

Bookies will meet July 20 at Shirley's summer home in Beulah. Car pooling will be available. Meet at the south side Starbucks at 5 p.m.

The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo by Steig Larson is the book to be discussed. Bring a salad and your evaluation of this selection.



JULY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Brant Garrett | 11 David Yarborough |
| 3 Donna Klun | 15 Trish VanEgmond |
| 3 Isabella Stuart | 20 Tezenlo Thong |
| 4 Rhonda Moffat | 21 Buford Mackey |
| 6 Brenda Johnston | 24 Nick Johnston |
| 7 Barbara Johnson | 24 Shawn Ce' Murray |
| 7 Jackie Dorenkamp | 26 Elsie Mortimer |
| 9 Kourtney Stroud | 26 Brittany Garrett |
| 10 Shawn Jensen | 28 Bill Pettijohn |
| 11 Dorothy Hartman | |

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP VINELAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1587 36TH Lane
Pueblo, CO 81006
719-948-2984

E-mail: vinelandumc@qwestoffice.net

Basic Requirements: Higher education financial assistance is available for continuing education. Applicant must be an active participant of Vineland United Methodist Church.

Basic Information: Application is due by July 15th for the next fall and/or spring semester(s).

Terms of Application: Scholarship will be awarded in two (2) equal payments for fall and spring semester.

Scholarship will be paid to the institution to be credited to the recipient's account.

Complete the application on the following page.

APPLICATION

Application must be completed on a computer or typewriter.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Most recent school attended:

What school do you plan to attend?

What do you plan to study?

What semesters do you plan to attend? Fall _____ Spring _____

Number of years actively involved at Vineland United Methodist Church?

Indicate scholarships and grants you have been awarded for the upcoming year. Include the source and amount of award.

Please type a response to the following essay questions on a separate sheet.

Tell us about your involvement at Vineland United Methodist Church. Include your activities, what you learned from these activities, your most memorable experience, and how this experience has affected your Christian growth.

How do you see yourself fulfilling the Vineland United Methodist Church's mission statement in your future? *We gather in God's grace to serve our Lord, each other, our community, and our world by spreading the love of Jesus Christ.*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 ABBY JOHNSON BRIDAL SHOWER @ 10 A.M.
11	12	13 AD BOARD @ 7 P.M.	14	15	16	17
18 120TH CELEBRATION WORSHIP AND PICNIC	19 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9—11:30	20 VBS BOOKIES @ 5 P.M.	21 VBS	22 VBS	23 VBS	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 BARR AND JOHNSON WEDDING @ 4:00 P.M.

Please pass on the gratitude of the staff and board of Posada for the great work you did at the family shelter at 1207 Elko, Monday and Tuesday, June 7th and 8th. The youth and adult volunteers did difficult work and made a measurable difference in the look and feel of the place. We appreciate all the time and energy you gave to the job. We will work on keeping up the place through the rest of the summer. It helps to have a great head start.

Posada as you know is a community based nonprofit organization that provides shelter and services to homeless families and single individuals. Last year Posada provided services and shelter to more than 4,000 unduplicated homeless men, women and children. Our staff is committed to providing a continuum of care for the homeless that includes emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent housing and a wide range of services. Advocacy for those who don't have a voice in our community is at the heart of our work. It is only with the help of the community that we can continue to help those in need in Pueblo.

From grateful hearts we thank you again for all you do for us, which allows Posada to bring Pueblo home. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anne Stattelmann
Director

Help Wanted
Church Secretary
Contact Pastor Tezenlo or
Scott Fitzsimmons

The children are the future of Vineland United Methodist Church. Sunday School teachers are needed for the upcoming year. Please consider volunteering to teach a class for half the year.

State Fair Food Booth

Clean Up

August 22

Colorado State Fair
Food Booth
August 27—September 6

Rally Sunday
September 23

JULY 18

Celebrate 120 Years Serving Our Lord
and Our Community

VUMC WORSHIP

AND

PICNIC

Outdoor Worship 10:30

Old Fashioned Picnic Following Worship

1890 Era Dress Optional

Friends and Family Welcome