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WHAT'S IN YOUR MESSIAH!?

Mark 1:21-28

I was recently in a meeting where someone was questioning some of the many popular religious figures of our age: "It's just hard for me to square the lavish lifestyle they live with the Jesus I read about in the Gospels. Somehow the words and the actions just don't fit!"

In Jesus' day, people were looking for a Messiah. Many claimed to be the Messiah: fiery preachers, erudite teachers, healers, rulers, politicians and even some revolutionaries claimed to be the "Messiah." What made Jesus any different? Mark takes us to Capernaum: "They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority!"

There are many different types of "authority:" the authority of external power - financial, military, national, physical, rank or position. There is also the power of an inner authority - moral integrity, personality, knowledge, competence, wisdom, compassion, conviction. We tend to think more often of Jesus' "spiritual" authority, but sometimes the Gospels do portray his "spiritual" authority as extending over disease, nature, even over death.

In Mark, Jesus ministry begins in the synagogue as a powerful teacher: "...he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." To show that Jesus' teaching was more than empty words, Mark linked his teaching/words to action. Jesus' words healed!!! His words disrupted the forces that oppressed. His teaching freed! This Messiah was measured not by beliefs and proclamation alone, but by actions that embodied his message.

For disciples, as with their Messiah, commitment is not measured in beliefs and good words. It is measured by words in action! Like Jesus, the evidence of our faith is not in our words alone, but in the fruit of God's activity and healing purpose lived out in the lives of the poor, the enslaved, the broken.

The early church demonstrated Jesus' lifestyle focused on others and committed to unselfish service.

Michael Slaughter, in Change the World, says: "The process of discipleship is moving from believers to followers; from donation to sacrifice; from moralistic principles to lifestyles of self-denial; from the pursuit of success to true significance. He quotes Alan Hirsch: "We can not think our way into a new way of acting, but rather, we need to act our way into a new way of thinking." He goes on to remind the people called "Methodists" that Wesley knew how quickly those who had been converted by enthusiastic preaching could fall away if they were not committed to acting out their faith in daily practices (scripture, service, prayer, giving, witness) and, in accountability groups, or classes.

There's an old story about a woman who hung a plaque on her kitchen wall that said, "Prayer changes things." Her husband said, "Take that down, please." She said, "Why? Don't you believe in prayer?" He said, "Yes, but I don't believe in change!"

If our lives, our world is to change, then our words and actions must change. We can begin with the words of our prayers, and make our actions follow our good intentions. We can change our actions, and they will reform our prayers. However, none of this will work without the power of Jesus, of whom it was penned: "...He whose words and works were one."

The lines of an old Spiritual speaks the truth that its not so much good words that survive:

Let the work that I've done speak for me!

When I'm resting in my grave,

*There is nothing that can be **said**.*

Let the work that I've done speak for me!

Another hymn puts it this way, "They will know we are Christians by our love."

What's in your Messiah? Upon whose "authority" do you live your life? Jesus! Thanks be to God!

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER
OF THE CHURCH FAMILY!**



**Ivan, Kortney and Thiago De La Torre; Patti Gaultney,
Jeff Korpela, Pastor Hillary at Thiago's baptism**

Pastor Hillary led the congregation in baptizing Thiago Loyd Meza de la Torre, son of Ivan and Kortney Del La Torre and grandson of Patti Gaultney and Jeff Korpela at the 9:00 am worship service on January 15th. Over the past few Sundays the children and youth created individual squares that were stitched into a beautiful Baptismal quilt by Patti Strout. The quilt was presented to Thiago in worship, a portion of which can be seen in the photo.

**IN GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO
MADE LIVING NATIVITY POSSIBLE**



Many, many thanks to all and each one of you who participated in the Living Nativity. There are many roles to fill, whether it be a Sanctuary docent, a costumed portrayer in the manger scene or helper in the costume department. There are so many people who are needed to make this event happen every year. So many people in this community enjoy seeing this "gift" our church gives to help people remember the true event we are celebrating. We couldn't make it happen without the participation of all of you.

THANK YOU! Sue Ziliotto and Sylvia Morikawa

The Pastors and Staff would also like to gratefully acknowledge and thank all the generous donors for their financial contributions to the Living Nativity. Without you, we would not be able to provide this meaningful, annual gift to the community. Many thanks and blessings to you all.



A Community of Prayer

Please keep the following people in your prayers

*Cae Brown, Joanne Flannery, Marte Franklin,
Cathy Haas, Annalea Kray, Geneva Lowry,
Renata Nicholas, Jim Pitney, Marge Quimby,
Mike Silvani, Sid Smith, Claudia Taden,
Vicky Wester, Sue Ziliotto*

Service Personnel

*Damon Belanger, Kyle Jones, Sean Jones,
Catherine Karl, Carter Langlo, Adam Lawrence,
Adam Loomis, Johnny Maddison, David Mangers,
Scott McKee, Kevin Meinert, Michael Miller,
Alycia Porter, Jeffrey Powers, Timothy Radcliffe,
Ty Smith, Joey Smith-Fletcher, Tyler Todd.*

MESSAGE FROM MARTE

Marte Franklin wishes to thank everyone for the many visits, cards, treats and prayer shawl, and most especially the prayers. Marte is feeling much better and is looking forward to seeing everyone in Church soon.

And speaking for the pastors and rest of the staff, we look forward to her return as a wedding coordinator and Assistant Financial Secretary! Many thanks to Sue Ziliotto, despite having foot surgery, has managed to keep up with paying all the bills in Marte's absence!

WARMING CENTER



**FREEDOM
WARMING CENTER**

The Warming Centers are a network of congregations that have partnered to provide a warm place to sleep on nights of cold and stormy weather. FUMC is operating as a Warming Center this week with additional weeks in February and March to follow. Our Youth served supper to those that came in from the cold on Sunday. If you would like to be included on the call list to serve on a rotation basis, please contact Pastor Alan. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the meals, there are receptacles on the tables each Sunday during fellowship time, and/or you may make checks payable to FUMC, earmarked "Warming Center Food."

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of young people working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the annual Super Bowl football game. On or near Super Bowl Sunday, young people take up a collection for people in need. They give 100% of their donation directly to the local hunger-relief charity of their choice. Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world-as they raise money and volunteer to provide food for the hungry and compassion to those in need.

On Sunday, February 6th the youth from FUMC will hold empty soup pots at the doors as people leave the services asking for one dollar (or more) which will go directly to the Freedom Warming Center. This church provides the gym as a temporary homeless shelter during rain and cold and prepares a simple evening meal. Several downtown faith based organizations offer space for the shelter, open December 1 - March 31. Last Sunday our youth participated in serving dinner at the shelter that is open this week. Every one of your dollars helps this worthwhile ministry!

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Autumn and Briana invite the youth group to enjoy an afternoon of football, games, great food and fun on Sunday afternoon, February 5th, at the Kanen home. Please see Autumn and Briana for directions. While the group watches the game, they will also be making Valentine cards for our home members.

In the spirit of Souper Bowl Sunday and it's emphasis on feeding the hungry, admission to the Super Bowl gathering will be a canned food item for Unity Shoppe.

ACOLYTES CARRY THE LIGHT!



Autumn Williams Hanson and Briana Price are reactivating the Acolyte Ministry at FUMC. The trainings were held Sunday, January 22nd. Young people must be in at least 4th grade. If someone missed training,

please see Autumn or Briana.

OPEN HEART, OPEN MINDS, OPEN HANDS AND OPEN BOOKS!

In the spirit of openness, the Finance Committee wishes to share with you the results of the stewardship campaign and the budget.

2012 Budget

Operating Expenses:	\$622,655
Operating Income:	\$577,177
Total difference:	-\$45,478



We, the Finance Committee, want to share our financial situation with you. We are going forward with the budget planning to align our income and expenses such that it is balanced. However, before we make these cuts we have sent out a letter this week to our church family requesting your consideration in meeting our expenses so that this beautiful church in the middle of Santa Barbara can continue to be a place where children and youth can grow in God's love, continue to be a center of spiritual wealth that cares and makes a difference in this community and around the world.

For further information and/or a full copy of the detailed budget please contact Patti Gaultney at patti.gaultney@cox.net.

UMW SUNDAY GUEST SPEAKER: LEAH GRIFFIN



Next Sunday, January 29th is United Methodist Women (UMW) Sunday and Leah Griffin will be speaking. Leah Griffin comes to this point having had a variety of experiences in her life. Once a high school drop-out, Leah has obtained a degree from Fuller Seminary. Along the way she has studied under a ballet Master and was apprenticed to a chef. While at Howard Payne University she met "Noor" Griffin – they married, graduated and moved to California. She has hopes to combine her study of Aramaic, Greek, and Hebrew with her love for God and her fascination with the human psyche. Leah has served on the Cal-Pac UMW's Conference Team, on the Board of Directors of David Margaret Youth and Family Services, as well as the UMW Regional School Planning Team. While currently looking for full-time employment, Leah cooks, sews, crochets, knits, serves on several church committees, hangs out with friends, goes to Disneyland with Noor and sings in two choirs – check out her Facebook page!

UMW IN MISSION OUTREACH



The January meeting of United Methodist Women featured a presentation by three leaders in the work of mission in the Santa Barbara District, shown left to right above: (front row) District Treasurer, Virginia Mothes; Church and Community Worker, Judy Atwood; and District Secretary, Patti Melsheimer, with UMW President Patty Bellinger and Vice-President for Programs Gerry Mason (back row). UMW unites women from across the District and around the Annual Conference to accomplish what would be impossible by separate churches alone. We are grateful for the work of mission carried out by the UMW of this church locally, but also by the outreach taking place by women combining wisdom, resources, and energies for mission beyond the local parish .

UMW FEBRUARY MEETING: FEBRUARY 9TH

The UMW will learn more about the activities of the local grassroots organization, the Coalition Against Gun Violence, at its meeting on February 9th in the Asbury Room. Toni Wellen, Chair of the Coalition, will speak about this one-of-a-kind gun control organization on the Central Coast. The business meeting will begin at 11:30 am, with the program to follow. Hannah Fellowship Circle will provide the lunch at noon. Join them for the opportunity to learn about the Coalition, share in fellowship, and enjoy a good lunch.



ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 21: 5:15 - 7:15 pm



It's almost time for the delicious annual Pancake Supper to benefit the Cynthia Ann Morrow Drop-In Center. This year's theme: "Come on Along - An Evening in Ragtime". If you can volunteer at this fun event, please call Robin McMann at 898-1984 or sign up at fellowship time on Sunday.



The United Methodist Church has many ways that a lay person can serve the church through the many committees and boards that provide teamwork, fellowship and action in the performing the "nuts and bolts" of projects and ministries. On January 8th, the Church Conference adopted the Lay Leadership Report for 2012 that provides a list of all committee members that will faithfully serve this year. We are grateful and thank all that have chosen to serve and participate on one or more of the many FUMC committees and acknowledge the following leaders who will service as chairs in 2012:

- Administrative Council: Tom Anderle and Nick Andonov
- Children and Family Ministries: Lisa Moiso and Diana Jennings
- Connections Team: Suzanne McAdams
- Faith And Society: Lisa Burns
- Finance: Patti Gaultney
- Growth and Fellowship Team: Staff Liaison Sylvia Morikawa
- Health Ministries: Jeanette Day
- Lay Leader: Janice Kroekel
- Lay Leadership: Pastor Hillary
- Lay Delegates: James Jordan and Julie Hayward
- Missions: Liaison Pastor Alan
- Trustees: To be voted on at first meeting
- Memorials: June Anderle
- Endowment/Planned Giving: Bob Logan
- Worship and Music: Liaison Pastor Hillary
- Altar Guild: Julie Hayward

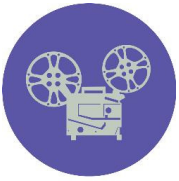
"THE MORINGA SEED" A BENEFIT FEAST

Sunday, January 29: 11:30AM - 3:00PM



"The Moringa Seed" Plan to come to a sumptuous Italian feast to benefit Sustainable Agriculture. See the article on the next page of this Carillon for more information. The feast will held in Fellowship Hall from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. The food is generously provided by the Moiso family and their Via Maestra 42 restaurant, so you know it will be good! Tickets are \$20 and additional donations are always welcome. You can purchase tickets during fellowship time or at the office during the week.

FAITH AND FILM DISCUSSION FEBRUARY 24TH AT 7:00 PM



FAITH & FILM

The cinema has a powerful impact on life in this culture, and can inform, comfort, challenge and inspire. People of faith seek opportunities to reflect on what they have seen through the lens of their faith. You are invited to attend a discussion of an Academy Award nominated movie. Since the nominations were not known at the time of Carillon printing, the selected movie will be revealed in Sunday inserts, on the website (www.fumcsb.org), and in Pastor Alan's weekly emails. You can also call the office (963-3579) for the title of the film selected for discussion.

You are invited to view the film at your individual convenience, and then gather on Friday, February 24, 7:00 p.m. in the Wesley Chapel to discuss the issues it raises for you. This will also be a chance to share your favorite picks for the Academy Awards. All are welcome.

FAITH AND SOCIETY WANTS YOU TO KNOW

According to SB County Sheriff Bill Brown: "The community needs a place where parolees can check in daily and receive training in life skills and other education. The goal is to help them change their lives, become productive citizens and not re-offend".

Alternative programs, such as Community Solutions' Day Reporting Center (DRC) in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria provide a community-based alternative to incarceration for clients on parole. Alternative programs cut crime, cut costs and build communities. Research on state recidivism rates has shown that by placing appropriate offenders in community programs under supervision reduces the potential for revocation and return to incarceration. Even small reductions in recidivism rates will generate substantial cost-savings by avoiding more costly incarceration. Day Reporting Center programs operate at a fraction of the cost of a prison bed.

Community Solutions, Inc. is committed to strengthening the connection between community and individuals. Day Reporting Programs allow clients to re-enter the workforce, to be parents, and to play a role in making families and neighborhoods stronger.

In June, 2011 the Santa Barbara DRC graduated 25 parolees from the Santa Barbara Day Reporting Center. These people have gone on to be part of the local work force, and/or have continued with their education and re-established relationships with their families.

Submitted by Bonnie Raisin

MISSIONS COMMITTEE PROVIDES INFO ON THE MORINGA SEED BENEFIT FEAST



On Sunday, January 29th, there will be an Italian benefit feast - "The Moringa Seed". The funds raised with the feast will go to Sustainable Agriculture, our African hunger project. The specific project we intend to fund is Sustainable Agriculture's expansion into northern Sierra Leone. After a long bloody civil war, Sierra Leone has had a democratically elected government for ten years and now appears to be relatively stable. It is reported that the government is running the country for the benefit of the people unlike many other African countries. Despite this, the country remains one of the poorest in the world and it has one of the very worst child death rates, a key indicator of nutrition.

The Director of Sustainable Agriculture, Mozart Adevu, a UMC missionary, has visited the two districts where training will take place and finds that they are good candidates for the program. Namely, there is a lot of opportunity to improve their agricultural output, they want to be trained, and the government has indicated a willingness to provide some help. Mozart sees many specific areas where they can improve agricultural output and nutrition including Moringa trees and beekeeping.

They are ready - now it is up to you. You can help the cause by coming to the feast and bringing your family and friends. Our last Mission fundraiser reached \$10,000. We will likely not raise that from within our congregation. The only way to reach such a goal is to invite people outside the church!!! Your invitations are critical!!!! The luncheon will be from 11:30 am - 3:00 pm with multiple seatings. The food will be generously provided by the Moiso family and their Via Maestra 42 Restaurant. So you know it will be good! The price will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 10 and under. Additional donations will be very welcome. Please let us know if you will be coming by signing up during fellowship time or by calling the church office at 963-3579.

Submitted by Dave Dwelley

SCOUT SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 12TH



This church is proud of the many scouts and their leaders who meet regularly at FUMC: Troop 1, the Webelos Scouts, Daisy Troop#50762, as well as Pack Meetings. The Scouts will take major leadership roles in worship on Scout Sunday including Troop 1 and its Scout Master Bobby Blessing.

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FUMCSB VISION STATEMENT

The vision of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Barbara is to provide a welcoming place where the congregation encompasses multiple generations, diversity is respected and celebrated, and commitments of faith lead to acts of mercy, social justice, and compassion.

We encourage and support each person on their Christian journey of faith and offer a variety of ways of connecting with God through:

Fellowship and Caring Ministries,

Understanding through teaching and learning,

Mission and Outreach,

Creative expression of Christian Faith.