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**First United Methodist Church  
Artesia, NM**

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# Artesian Well Newsletter

*October 17, 2018*

## *From the Pastor's Pen*

Church Conference - Sunday, October 21, 2018

One of the marks of the United Methodist Church is conferencing. As you read, John Wesley's journals, you will find Wesley meeting with pastors and congregations. The content of those meetings often dealt with theological issues. The UMC still holds conferences (General, Jurisdictional, Conference and Local), but most of the content is now business and administration. General conference meets every four years and is the main voice of the UMC. Jurisdictional conference also meets every four years. Their main function is the election of bishops. Each Conference meets annually to conduct business of the conference and to ordain clergy.

Our Local Church Conference will be held this Sunday following worship. Our District Superintendent, Ernie Vineyard will lead this meeting. All Full Members of FUMC Artesia have voice and vote in the Church Conference. The agenda items that require vote are: setting the pastor's compensation (for the position not the person), electing church officials for 2019 and electing and

continuing candidates for ministry.

The church conference is also a time to celebrate the ministries of FUMC Artesia. Ernie has asked us to reflect on two questions. One, What impact does this congregation have on the community? Two, What impact will this congregation have three years from now?

Since the conference will follow worship, we will have a potluck meal, and then conduct the business. I hope you will join us for a special worship service and then stay for the meal and the meeting. Our fall focus is, "Sowing for an Awakening." Psalm 126:5-6 will be our focus.

Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.  
Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow,  
will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

In His Hands,

Monty

P. S. The Pastor's Fall Bible Study is "God's Healing Community." This is a study on the church's ministry of healing. We are meeting each Sunday evening at 5:00 (Meeting Room).



Kendra Powell, O.D.

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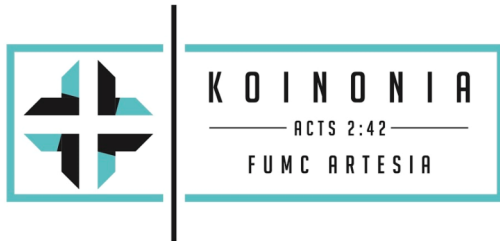


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## Koinonia Student Ministries



This past Sunday, our students froze their fingers off painting and preparing bricks to be sold as a craft at Arts in the Park as a fundraiser for MOPS (Mothers of Preschool Children)! Make sure and go visit the MOPS booth at Arts in the Park on Saturday to support this ministry of our church!

### Service Projects for MOPS



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## **Fall Youth Studies**

We are now well into the flow of things with Fall Youth! I asked the kids what they would like to study for most of the semester, and they had several great ideas. For Wednesday night Bible Study we are studying my absolute favorite subject...well I mean..besides Jesus...you know what I mean...King David!! They asked for it, I swear! We are about a month in on King David on Wednesday nights, and are having great difficult discussions about the difficult parts of the stories!

On Sunday nights, we are studying different Christian denominations with our Sr. High. We are intentional every week to begin by explaining that this study is to see what our similarities are, and to just somewhat touch on our differences! The point of this study is not "This is why Methodists are great and everyone else is horrible!" Instead, the point is to see that we all have far much

more in common through Christ than we do differences, and to be better informed of what we individually believe!

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### **Service Projects**

The last Sunday of every month, the youth will be working within the community, and hope to be able to serve many of our own who may need some help around the house. We are open to any kind of project, and want to put out our dates ahead of time this year so that if you have a major project, you can let us know well ahead of time and we can make sure to have enough people and equipment when the time comes! Here are our dates for work projects for the rest of the Fall!

October 28th

November 18th (Christmas Lights)

December 30th

As these dates come up, feel free to call us at the office or let Russ know that you have a project for us! This is so important to our youth group as we strive to be doers of the Word and not hearers only! We also dream of this becoming a church-wide project. So please, adults, look at these dates and see if maybe you could give up one Sunday afternoon this Fall to serve the people of your church and community!



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October is here and so is Pastor Appreciation! Please take this time to recognize and appreciate our two wonderful Pastors - Monty & Russ!

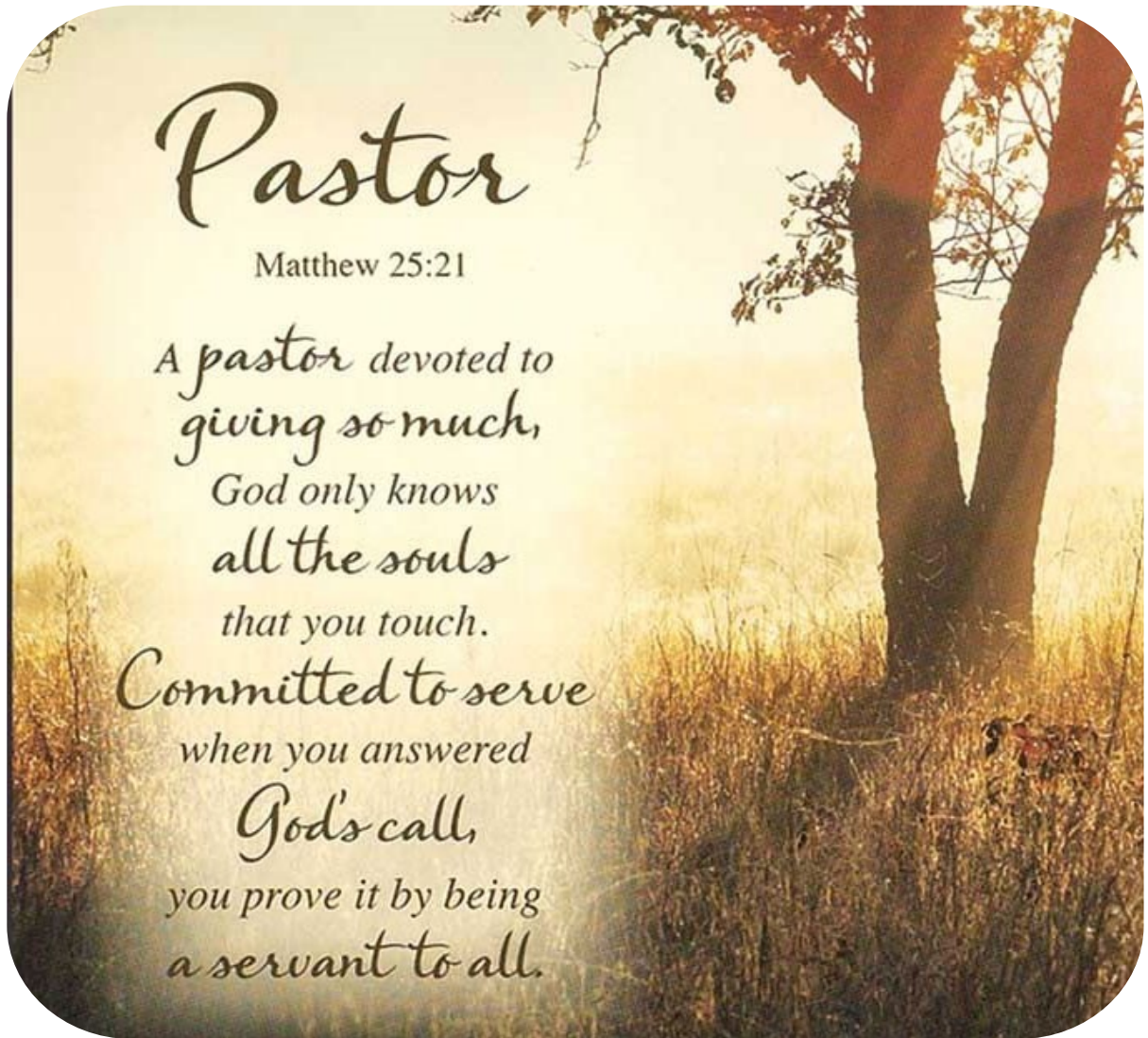
Last year we asked the congregation to send donations to Sacramento Camps in honor of Monty. This year our Education Building is in need of some renovation/remodeling of the old church offices. Our church is growing and in desperate need to use the facilities that we currently have. Any donation towards this project in honor of Monty is greatly appreciated!

If you would like to donate in Honor of Russ - the Youth is a great Ministry to support! All funds go to food, supplies, or new a/c units for the Youth Room.

No matter what one chooses to do... a warm thank-you, a hand shake, a card of appreciation or a simple gift will send the message of how much Monty & Russ are loved and appreciated by their church.

Please bring your cards or letters of appreciation to the church office & we will present them on Sunday, October 28!

Thank you,  
Shane Hall, SPRC Chair



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***FUMC - Artesia***



**Sunday, October 21, 2018**, we will have a our annual Church Conference right after worship service following a "Potluck" lunch in our Fellowship Hall.

Rev. Ernie Vineyard, our New District Superintendent will be here to lead us in the election of church officials for 2019 and other church business. Please bring a dish to share!



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## *Phase 1 of Mission Transformation*

Saturday, November 10, 2018



FUMC - Artesia,

Thank you for your wonderful support for Mission Transformation! Let's celebrate the opening of the "Front Porch"!

Please join us on **Saturday, November 10, 2018, from 2-4 p.m.** to celebrate this new beautiful building, and to pray for it to be used for God's purpose in this ministry.

Join us for worship, fun, fellowship, and refreshments on The Front Porch!

Please bless us with your attendance.

**RSVP by October 27th!**



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## ***Denham/Worley Bridal Shower***

Saturday, November 3, 2018



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## *Meals on Wheels*

November is around the corner! Our dates to deliver meals are Nov. 5th-9th and Nov. 12th thru 16th with routes 1 and 2 each week.

Please consider these dates and call Mary Liles @575-365-4771 or Sandy Schuetz @575-308-8160 if you would like to volunteer your time for this great Ministry!



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## *Methodist Women*

# Fall Bazaar

It's time again for a visit to "grandma's attic". We are in need of items to sell. Holiday decor, dishes, home decorations, and misc. items would be greatly appreciated! No clothing please. Please call or text Noreen at 575-420-8133 for more information.

The **Methodist Women's Group** will be having their **Annual Fall Bazaar** on **Saturday, November 10, 2018, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00. p.m.** starting off with Cinnamon Rolls and coffee! There will be a **Bake Sale, Homemade Crafts, Attic Treasures and a Chili & Cornbread Lunch!**

The Bazaar is free to attend but an

Adult Lunch is \$8.00/Child Lunch is \$5.00  
(Please come join the food, fun, and fellowship!)



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## *Youth Pie & Cake Auction*

Our **Annual Youth Pie & Cake Auction** will be **Sunday, November 18, 2018**, right after Worship service! The youth will provide the brisket lunch! All proceeds will go towards Sr. Youth Mission trip to Mobile, Alabama and Jr. Youth Camps to Sacramento!



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## *Thank You's*

Dear F.U.M.C. Artesia,  
Thank you so much for the care box. It means





a lot to know there are people back home  
thinking about me.

Love,  
Shawna Johnson

Dear FUMC Members,

Thank you for all your prayers, concerns, and cards for me following my broken wrist and injured back at La Fonda Restaurant. I spent two and two-thirds months in Roswell at Brookdale Assisted Living Center.

You sent me a beautiful green ivy plant which I am now enjoying back home in Artesia. A special "thanks" to Ronnie Null for delivering the plant to me in Roswell.

In addition to living at the center, I received physical therapy from a private company in Roswell and they were very good.

With much love for my church family,  
Evolyn Terpening



A special note of thanks...straight from my heart.

Thank you for thinking of me when you sent out the boxes! It was greatly appreciated!

Sharon DeMerritt



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**OCTOBER & NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**10/19-11/09**

**10/19**  
Brian Kilpatrick

**10/20**  
Evan Johnson

**10/22**  
Rhaela Stall

**10/23**  
Bryan Henderson  
Shawna Hope  
Mitch Johnson  
Donna Solt

**10/24**  
Max Ratliff

**10/25**  
Valerie Vaughn

**10/27**  
Chris Garcia

**10/29**  
Jennifer Frost  
Jennifer Knowlton  
DeShea Wallace

**10/30**  
Gina Torres

**11/01**  
Stephen Dickerson  
Bob Railey

**11/02**  
Jarrod Davis  
Jessie Lee

**11/03**  
Thomas Irby  
Wesley Knowlton

**11/04**  
Sandy Schuetz

**11/05**  
Theresa Johnson

**11/06**  
Barbara Chandler  
Ross Menefee  
Seth Menefee  
Katie Smith

**11/07**  
CHarlie Ebarb

**11/09**  
Camille Douglas  
Dwight Menefee

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**10/18: MOPS @9:30**

**10/21: Church  
Conference @Noon**

**10/28: Pastor  
Appreciation Sunday**

**11/04: Church Potluck**

**11/10: Methodist Women  
-Fall Bazaar @9:00**

**11/12: Methodist Women  
@5:30**

**WORSHIP  
ATTENDANCE:**

**09/30/18 - 134**

**10/07/18 - 110**

**10/14/18 - 100**



OCTOBER & NOVEMBER  
ANNIVERSARIES

10/27

Oscar & Cristina Maldonado

11/08

Jess & Cindy Lou Carpenter

11/09

Jon & Donna Solt

11/12

Lowell & Norberta Irby  
Johnny & Noreen Teel

11/23

Jeff & Britt Ebert

11/24

Jerry & Debby Pardue



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