

#### MOUNTAIN VIEW MESSENGER

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#### **MAY2018**

#### a people of God, learning to love like Jesus

#### THE BRIDGE BUILDER

I recently read the story of two brothers who lived on adjoining farms. These brothers had quarreled over some matter and a great bitterness stood between them. One of the brothers even went so far as to have a creek built on the property line to separate their two properties. Then one day a carpenter appeared at the other brother's house asking for work. The brother showed the carpenter the creek and said, "Look what my brother did. He built this creek to keep us apart. I want you to build a fence so high that I won't ever have to look at my brother again." The carpenter immediately went to work; surprisingly, he knocked on the man's door at the end of the day claiming to have finished the project he had been assigned. When the man went to see the fence, he found a bridge instead. The carpenter had bridged the creek and the other brother, seeing the bridge, was so moved by the mistaken notion that his brother had built a bridge to reconnect them that he came down to meet his brother on the bridge where the two of them embraced and were reconciled.

As you know, Jesus was a carpenter. In the Latin translation of the New Testament, he is often called the *pontifex*. A *pontifex* is a bridge builder. So you see, Jesus the carpenter came to build bridges. He came to build bridges of reconciliation between us and God, between us and our enemies, between us and our neighbors, between us and our fellow Christians, and between us and all of creation. As I look out on the world, I see many bridges that need to be built. The question is this: Will we join Jesus in building bridges or will we build fences? Second Corinthians 5:18 says, "God...reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." We are called to be bridge builders!

Mountain View UMC exists to make disciples who love like Jesus, creating a world where God's love reigns! If we want to be faithful to our purpose, then we must be about the ministry of reconciliation and the business of building bridges. Over the next several weeks of worship, we'll explore what this means from a variety of angles. Come to worship where you'll be reconciled to God and better equipped to be a reconciling influence in our world!

#### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

#### April 29 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Reconciled at the Dawn of Time Colossians 1:15-20

#### May 6 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Liturgist William Nickelsburg
Communion Servers: William, Rusty Merrill & Jo Lied

Sermon Reconciled to God Scripture Colossians 1:18-23 Special Music Chancel Choir

### May 13 - 7th Sunday of Easter-Mother's Day

Communion - Woodland Park Senior Center

Liturgist Lois Smith

Sermon Reconciled to Each Other

Scripture Matthew 5:21-24
Special Music Mountain View Ringers

#### May 20 - Pentecost

Liturgist Jane Pino

Sermon Reconciled to Enemies, Outcasts and Aliens

Scripture Ephesians 2:11-22 Special Music Chancel Choir

#### May 27 - 1st Sunday In Pentecost/Kingdomtide

Liturgist Jerry Burnham

Sermon Reconciled to All of Creation

Scripture Colossians 1:19-20 Romans 8:18-23

#### June 6 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

The Ministry of Reconciliation 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Past sermons (audio) @ www.mt-viewumc.org

## CHURCH EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

# ADULT LEARNING AND SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

#### **SUNDAY MORNINGS 8:30 - 10:00 AM**

# **Contemporary Christian Roundtable New Study**

On May 6, 2018 the Contemporary Christian Roundtable (CCR) will begin a study of the book *If the Church Were Christian: Rediscovering the Values of Jesus* by Philip Gulley. The study will commence for ten weeks, ending on July 8, 2018. Philip Gulley is a Quaker minister, writer, husband and father. He is the best-selling author of *Front Porch Tales* and coauthor of *If Grace Is True* and *If God Is Love.* He hosts Porch Talk on the Emmy Award-winning Indiana PBS affiliate WFYI show "Across Indiana." Gulley lives with his wife and two sons in Indiana and is a frequent speaker at churches, colleges and retreat centers across the country.

The Contemporary Christian Roundtable is an adult Sunday school class within Mountain View United Methodist Church. The group has three objectives. They are to (1) study topics which will empower and inform our faith, (2) enhance our ability to articulate and express our faith and (3) be a supportive and reconciling faith community within the larger Mountain View community. We

honor and celebrate the diversity of all God's creation and welcome ALL people (including all sexual orientations and gender identities), regardless of who they are, where they have been, or what they believe. All are invited to join us in study, service, prayer, and the thoughtful, honest sharing of our faith journey.

The CCR meets in the Multipurpose Room directly behind the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 am each Sunday morning. Members of the group take turns at leading the class discussion. Please join us.

**LIVING BIBLE CLASS**: Meets Sunday morning at 9:00 am in room 109 on the sanctuary level of the church. Current study is *Thirteen Apostles*. Contact Pat Hoffman at 719-686-5301 for further information.

**VOICES IN PRAYER:** Meets Sunday morning immediately following worship at the front of the sanctuary to pray for concerns that have been shared during worship.

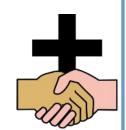
**WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT MINISTRY:** Thursday mornings at 10:00 am at the church. Our current study is titled "Jesus the One and Only" by Beth Moore. It consists of video sessions and homework. If you would like any additional information contact Dianne Shafer at 687-4133.

# DYING WELL: FACING THE END OF LIFE SEMINAR SATURDAY, MAY 19 FROM 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM MVUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Bible says, "there's a time to be born and a time to die." Yes, death is as much a part of life as is birth. Despite that fact, we rarely think of death and try our best to avoid it. Nevertheless, if we want to live well and die well, then we should take some time to plan for life's final act! On Saturday, May 19, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, we'll host a seminar on *Dying Well: Facing the End of Life* in our fellowship hall. Although the agenda is currently being finalized, we will likely explore some or all of the following topics: 1) estate planning, 2) advanced medical directives, 3) funeral planning, 4) choosing assisted living facilities, 5) grieving, 6) settling the estate, 7) paying bills and finding closure. A potluck luncheon will follow; please bring a dish to share. Call (719) 687-3868 to register.



#### **Greeters Invitational Role**



- Be on Time
- Always wear your name badge
- Greet and welcome ALL with excitement let them know we appreciate their presence!!
- If visitors ask, refer them to information at the welcome desk
- Greeters are the first, and may be the only interaction a visitor will have with our church – please ensure they feel welcome
- Conserve our heat; help lower our energy costs on especially cold days, limit the time doors are kept open



Interested in this important ministry? Contact Jessica at 719-771-0220

# WOMEN'S SECOND CUP OF COFFEE

May 8 & 22

Second and fourth Tuesdays from 9:00 - 10:00 am, all women are invited to meet at Pamela Gore's home. Babies and preschoolers welcome. A short devotional will be shared and time will be devoted to building relationships. Coordinator: Ottie Baumgardner 687-2646. Call for more information. **Please come!** 



#### **MOUNTAIN VIEW MARTHAS**

Wednesday, May 16 ~ 12:30 pm

Multipurpose room

Prepare crafts for Vacation Bible School. Bring scissors, glue and markers

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY UMC!**

April 23, 1968... Dallas, Texas. That was the day the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church came together to become the United Methodist Church. The day was marked with high hopes and bold dreams about how these two denominations which had been so close in so many ways could now move forward as one. The great Albert Outler was asked to preach the sermon for the uniting ceremony. The title of the sermon was "The Unfinished Business of an Unfinished Church." Reading it 50 years later, it is still a powerful statement of who we wanted to be and what we wanted this church to become. Outler looked back to the days when there were actually five branches - the Methodist Episcopal Church in the north, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, the United Brethren Church, the Evangelical Association and the Methodist Protestant Church. He said, "Where once, scarcely a generation ago, there were five churches, now there is one. Where once our difference kept us apart, now they are overcome or at least contained within a larger circle of committed fellowship." (From Happy Birthday...and how many more? by James Harnish)

That last sentence is critical to our present and future ministry as a denomination. "Where once our differences kept us apart, now they are overcome or at least contained within a larger circle of committed fellowship." In a fragmenting world like ours, God looks for a church that will model unity in diversity for all to see; for only such a church can call our divided world away from the path of greater and greater division into the ways of peace, harmony, and reconciliation. Happy Birthday UMC! May God grant you the grace to continue this witness to unity in our divided world as you follow Jesus Christ. Amen!

**FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS:** Do you like breakfast? Would you like to fellowship with your friends from church? There are three groups that meet for breakfast on a regular basis. The Men's Emmaus Alumni Group meets at the Hungry Bear restaurant every Wednesday at 7:00 am. The Women's Emmaus Alumni Group meets every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:15 am at the Smokehouse. Graduates of the Emmaus Retreat Program, or those interested in learning more, are welcome to attend. An open Men's Fellowship breakfast also meets at Grandmother's Kitchen every Friday at 7:30 am.

# MOUNTAIN VIEW Help Spread the Word in Our Community

The Invitational Ministry Team is using an affordable, useful, creative approach to broaden visibility to Mountain View throughout our community. They have created a functional, eco-friendly "tool" which we can all use: reusable shopping/tote bags complete with the MVUMC logo.

Hopefully, by using logo bags, it could potentially spark interest or conversation about our church. This could also easily open the door for an invitation to come visit our church, plus attach a face to the church.

Aside from serving as a communications tool, using recyclable shopping/tote bags is a step toward leaving a smaller footprint on our planet, helping us to be good stewards of God's beautiful natural resources.

Bags will be available for purchase <u>Sunday April</u> <u>29</u> and <u>May 6</u> in the Narthex. Cost is \$2.00 per bag, to recover costs only.

Thank you for supporting this approach to helping spread visibility of MVUMC within Teller County and surrounding areas. - The Invitational Ministry Team

# Do You Know a Mom that has Lost a Child? Fourney of the Heart Conference at the Glen Eyrie Castle May 12, 2018 www.HeavenlyHopeandHealing.org

#### **EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY TEAM**

The church re-alignment of following our mission of Making Disciples Who Love Like Jesus organized into five teams of Invite, Initiate, Educate, Missions and Worship. The Educational Team's purpose is to provide intentional discipleship.

We have many adult groups in place for Christian learning and sharing. The groups are two Sunday School classes, two early morning men's breakfast groups and one women's group meeting at local restaurants, Women's Second Cup of Coffee, Mountain View Marthas and Women's Enrichment.

Sunday morning opportunities exist for newborns through fifth grade. Youth meet on Sunday evenings.

For more details of any group, please contact Ottie Baumgardner, Educational Team Leader at 687-2646 or ottiebaum@gmail.com

#### **HOST HOMES/FAMILIES NEEDED**

We are looking for 4 family's/church members to host Counselors from the Eagle Lake Camp that is to take place June 11-15. Each house would be responsible for providing a light breakfast and dinner for the students, and invite them into your home for lodging. This camp is hosted by 4 local Woodland Park Churches including Mountain View. We're partnering to bring life-on-life ministry through counselor relationships in the midst of an exciting camp experience. Inflatables, eurobungy, gaga ball and other highenergy activities are only the beginning. If you are interested please contact Marci Nickelsburg - marcinickelsburg@gmail.com for more information, or visit <a href="https://eaglelakecamps.com/day-camp-host-family/">https://eaglelakecamps.com/day-camp-host-family/</a>.

# PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN OUR CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY ON HUMAN SEXUALITY

The United Methodist Council of Bishops is expected to publish a report on human sexuality and homosexuality no later than early July. A special General Conference of our denomination will meet in February of 2019 to act on the recommendations in that report. Our Church Council has authorized a survey of the congregation to determine what you most value about the ministry at Mountain View, what you most value about the ministry of our denomination, and what your views are regarding issues surrounding homosexuality. Members and active constituents will receive a letter by mail explaining this survey. The survey will be administered during existing small group meetings and following worship during the month of May. Please participate in this very important survey to assist our church in planning how to strengthen our existing ministries and how best to respond to the denominational report and subsequent denominational actions. And please keep in mind that our goals are to foster mutual understanding among church members of divergent views, to maximize unity within our congregation, and to bring all of us together around our stated purpose of making disciples who love like Jesus in order to create a world where God's love reigns!

# UPDATE ON OUR STRATEGIC PLAN GOD IS WORKING AT MOUNTAIN VIEW

As you know, *Mountain View UMC exists to make disciples who love like Jesus, creating a world where God's love reigns*. We accomplish our purpose as we **Invite** people to follow Jesus, **Integrate** them into the life of the congregation, **Educate** them in the meaning of discipleship, and **Employ** them in missional ministry in Jesus name. Earlier this year, we reorganized our program committees around these four ministry tasks to form four Ministry Teams: 1) an Invitational Ministry Team, 2) an Integrational Ministry Team, 3) an Educational Ministry Team, and 4) a Missional Ministry Team. Two other ministry teams support these four teams in their work – The Worship Team and the Stewardship Team. These teams met recently in a Council on Ministry to celebrate what they have accomplished this year and to lay out their plans for the future. Each team is doing great work and all are helping us move forward in meeting our purpose. For example:

- The Invitational Ministry Team: Designed Mountain View tote bags to be sold at cost to the congregation in order to heighten our church's visibility in the community. These tote bags will also be given free of charge at the Mountain View booth planned for the Farmer's Market and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at Memorial Park. Increased our level of advertisement in a variety of local media. Planning a block party for the community and a banquet to honor leaders of those outside organizations that meet in our church.
- The Integrational Ministry Team: Established a team to follow-up on guests, visitors, seasonal attendees, and absentees. Established a mentorship program to follow-up with new members to ensure they integrate into the life of the congregation. Oversaw food ministry in support of families needing meals during times of sickness/crisis. Gave MVUMC mugs to all of the new residents in the Clock Tower apartment complex. Provided transportation for those needing transport to doctor's appointments, etc.
- The Educational Ministry Team: Hired a new Director of Children and Youth Ministry. Started a puppet ministry during Sunday school. Shifted to a rotational curriculum with children designed to facilitate learning through art, music, science, and cooking projects. Partnered with Missional Ministry Team to execute a mission trip to Belize. Exploring ways to better reach our younger members. Planning Vacation Bible School and supporting a community-wide Day Camp for children ages 7-12 scheduled for June.
- The Missional Ministry Team: Executed five local mission projects (One Nation Walking, Marion House, Lion's Camp, Food Pantry) and one international trip (Belize). Raised nearly \$4,000 through communion offerings since the beginning of the year. Planning multiple mission projects for the next quarter.
- The Worship Ministry Team: Oversaw special seasonal services for Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Raised \$565 dollars through the annual Easter offering to support the ministry of Daybreak Adult Day Program.
- The Stewardship Team: Began developing a 12-month stewardship calendar. Instituted monthly stewardship moments to celebrate what God is doing through Mountain View as we use our time, talent, and treasure for his glory. Working to develop annual stewardship emphasis and a program for planned and legacy giving.

As you can see, all of our program teams, supported by our finance, trustee, staff parish, and nomination committees, are doing great work! Please pray for them as they lead us forward in making disciples who love like Jesus, creating a world where God's love reigns!

#### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS**

Wednesday, May 2, 9:00 am Children's Ministry Team Meeting

Parent Survey has gone out. Please respond to help our Children's Ministry Team plan for the Summer!

#### MOUNTAIN VIEW

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

- · Volunteers for Vacation Bible School
- Dates: June 6th-8th 5:30pm-8:00pm, Sunday, June 10th 10:30am
- · Teachers and Youth Helpers
- · Dinner Preparers/Kitchen Help
- . Decorators and Craft compilers
- · Music Leader for Songs

Those interested may email Children's Ministry at marcinickelsburg@amail.com



# YOUTH MINISTRY MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MEET SUNDAY FROM 4:30 - 6:00 PM

#### YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 6 - Time TBD Homeless Mission Project in Colorado Springs

Saturday, May 12 - Lock-In

Sunday, May 13 - Mother's Day Bake Sale

Sunday, May 20 - 4:30-6:00 pm

Sunday, May 27 NO YOUTH GROUP-MEMORIAL DAY

Saturday, June 2, 7:00-1:00 - Rummage Sale

#### **ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE -**

Saturday, June 2 from 7:00 am until 1:00 pm. Donations may be dropped off in the church basement. Our youth group is small but mighty and determined to continue making a difference by



participating in mission projects nationally and locally. **Please NO clothing or broken items and AB-SOLUTELY NO ELECTRONICS.** The cost to dispose of electronics will reduce the overall profit. Thanks for supporting our Youth.

CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS? READY TO DOWNSIZE? WE WILL START TAKING ITEMS IN MARCH.



DROP OFF YOUR ITEMS TO THE CHURCH BASEMENT, OR CALL MARCI TO SET UP A TIME. 719-551-8779

NO ELCTRONICS OR CLOTHING



CHOICES Baby Bottle fund raising campaign starts Sunday, May 20 and concludes on Sunday, June 10. This is our annual opportunity to support CHOICES financially. Pick up your baby bottle in the narthex on Mother's Day, put loose change, bills, or even a check in it between Mother's Day and Father's Day. Return the bottle to the narthex starting on Father's Day. This campaign raises needed funds to support CHOICES throughout the year and increases community awareness of the services provided by CHOICES.

#### FINANCE FACT - APRIL 2018

31-Mar-18									
	Monthly			Annually					
	Actual	Budget		Actual	В	udget	Variance		
Tithes & Offerings (pledged)	20,721		386	71,62		65,809	5,818		
Tithes & Offerings (unpledged)	6,309		781	12,85		16,191	(3,337)		
Other Revenue	55	,	308	1,04	-	323	722		
Total Revenue	27,085	31	,475	85,52	_	82,323	3,203		
Total Expenses	22,912		,702	75,83		74,288	(1,545)		
Revenue over Expenses	4,173		,773	9,69		8,035	1,658		
Mortgage Principal Reduction*	(4,647)	·	,630)	(13,03		(12,978)	(54)		
Net Cash Flow	(474)		,143	(3,33		(4,943)	1,604		
*Includes payments from unrestricted					,5,	(1,51.5)	2,001		
Important Notes for March 2018:									
(1) Pledged revenues were under budg	get for the month b	y \$4,665.							
(2) Unpledged revenues were over bu									
(3) Expenses were under budget for th				end due to th	ne pro	operty insura	nce paid in Jan	iuary.	
Mortgage Principal Reduction									
	Monthly			Annually					
Undesignated funds (see above)	\$4,647.00			\$13,032.	00				
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Total Fund Balances			1,5	527,514.36					
General Fund Total			(1,466,134.93)						
Cash in Operating Checking Covering Designated Funds			61,379.43						
Operating Bank Account (March, 2018)				87,671.26					
Owed to restricted fund(s)									
Cash to cover designated funds				(61,379.43 <u>)</u>					
Unrestricted cash to pay bills				26,291.83					
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Restricted Fund Balances				8,077.72					
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From Operations Checking				-					
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# Our Mission: Making Disciples Who Love Like Jesus!

#### **2017 COMMUNION OFFERINGS**

Jan - Habitat for humanity ~ \$991

Feb - Community Cupboard ~ \$936

Mar- Help The Needy~\$1123

Easter donations - DayBreak ~ \$495

Apr - One Great Hour of Sharing

May - Woodland Park Senior Center

Jun - Conference Offering

Jul - TBD

Aug - Local Fire Stations

Sep - TBD

Oct - World Communion

Nov - Welcome Home Warrior

Dec - Alternative Gift Market



# Woodland Park/Teller County Community Cupboard and Divide Food Pantry



May items: cereals. There is a box in each entryway for your donations.

The Little Chapel Food Pantry in Divide distribution dates are Mondays, May 14 & 28.

Divide Food Pantry continues to need clean, used egg cartons and plastic bags. There is a container in each entryway for those items.

**EYE GLASSES**—old eyeglasses are being collected in the narthex by the Missions Committee and



will be donated so others may have the gift of better vision.

#### **BATTERY BUCKET**



There is a "battery bucket" in the narthex for recycling used batteries

# COMMUNION OFFERING MAY 6 FOR WOODLAND PARK SENIOR CENTER

This month's communion offering will support the work of the Woodland Park Senior Center. The purpose of the Woodland Park Senior Organization is to promote the general well-being of Seniors in Woodland Park and Teller County by providing social interaction, recreation opportunities, mental stimulation, healthful activities, and educational programs on topics of interest to members. You are encouraged to participate in the many activities at the Center and to give generously to our May 6 communion offering. For more information about the Center, check out their website at: http://woodlandparkseniors.com.

Red Bird Mission participates in the following for support of their School: You collect the box tops from General



Mill's products and bring them to church and put in the in the big cardboard soup can located in the narthex, we will then send them to Red Bird Mission and they will redeem the box tops for items or cash for their School. Thank you for helping support Red Bird Mission.

# Community Outreach Opportunity Help Cut Firewood

If you like to exercise, enjoy fresh mountain air and at the same time, help someone heat their home, come join the group one Saturday a month to cut firewood. Help the Needy has an organized event, the 3rd Saturday of each month. Volunteers run a log splitter, help cut, stack or load firewood into vehicles.

Next Work Date: May 19 (third Saturday) Location: Beside Fire Station on County Line Road

Time: 9:00 am - Noon

For further information, please contact the Lebarios at 332-1640.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITY** We need volunteers to work from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm on Saturday, June 9 at the Marian House Soup Kitchen. Their address is 14 West Bijou Street in Colorado Springs. Parking is available in the parking lot. Enter at the rear entrance to the kitchen. If you would like to car pool from the church parking lot, please meet us at 9:20 am. We will be serving lunch and cleaning up. Please contact Joe Baumgardner at 719-687-2646 with any questions.



2018 May Birthdays

6 - Val Carr

7 - Keith Sheldon

8 - Clas Thelin

9 - Marcia Myers

11 - Savannah Williams

12 - Avery Morgan

12 - Angela Thelin

15 - Debby Elliott

16 - Suzie Graf

19 - John Schafer

20 - Scott Mosher

26 - Margaret McKinney

30 - Charles Schroeder

30 - Linda Arthur

30 - Madelyn Elliott

30 - Ceacy Thatcher

31 - Marci Nickelsburg

#### 2018 MAY ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Rich & Debbie Resling

3 - Gary & Stephanie Brown

3 - Bryan & Judy Critchlow

5 - David & Vicki Sapp

8 - Tom & Liv Fritz

10 - Keith & Maryanne Sheldon

29 - Paul & Cathy Davis

#### **HOLY HOSPITALITY HOSTS**

January - Bell Choir

February - Children's Ministry Team

March - Nominating & Lay Leadership Committee

April - Educational Ministry Team

May - Integrational Ministry Team

June - Chancel Choir

July - Trustees

August - Mission Committee

September - Mountain View Marthas

October - Worship Committee

November - Finance Committee

December - Invitational Ministry Team



Drivers Needed The Integrational team needs more drivers for those in our congregation that need rides to appointments. Most of the time, the ride goes someplace here in Woodland Park or to Colorado Springs. Let

the church office or Marcia Myers 687-6021, know if you have the time.

Did you know?

We have medical equipment available for your emergency use. If you need a wheelchair, cane,



walker, etc. you are encouraged to borrow them from the church. We will also store your used yet clean and operable equipment for others to use. The church office will determine if they are appropriate and needed for our stash. Let's help each other!

# MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN CAREGIVERS



You want a home visit

Are in the hospital or a rehab center

Have lost a loved one

Want a ride to an appointment

We are praying for you.

Contact Marcia Myers at 687-6021 or Pastor Michael at 687-3868. Emergencies (401) 824-9055.

#### **FOOD MINISTRY**

There are many folks in our congregation who are experiencing difficult times with health issues.

Questions have been asked, "How can I help?, Is there anything you need?"

This question has spurred the idea of creating a supply of meals that will be kept in our church freezer. When a need arises, we'll be prepared to help.

As we create meals at home, let us keep this ministry in mind by adding a few extra ingredients to be packaged. Let's have fresh meals stored in the freezer; not haphazard left-overs. Aluminum containers tightly sealed should be clearly marked with contents, reheating directions and the date prepared. The meals will be delivered as needed.

Watch for further updates as this ministry evolves. Hopefully in a positive and blessed direction.

For further information, contact Stephanie Witman at 719-291-3888.