

Circuit Rider



March/April 2015

Pastor's Page

All,

I was looking this week at the statistics around the world's smallest countries: Vatican City - the square footage of a golf course with 783 people; Monaco - the size of New York's Central Park, with 32,000 citizens; Nauru - an 8 sq mile island in the Western Pacific Ocean with 13,000 residents; Tuvalu - a 9 sq mile chain of coral islands in Polynesia with 12,000 residents; and San Marino - a 24 sq mile country located on Mount Titano north of Italy with 29,000.

What is interesting about all of them is that they are so small and are still countries, but also that in order to have a viable economy, they all need to reach out beyond their own borders for income. For all of them, tourism is one major way they bring in money.

The most interesting one for me is San Marino - it is one of the wealthiest countries in the world because of their tourism trade. It also is the oldest nation in Europe, founded in 301 AD by a Christian stonecutter named Marino. Marino and a small group of Christians went there seeking refuge from religious persecution. It is a republic, with a constitution written in 1600.

Each country does not contribute much to the whole of the world's economy. Other than the Vatican's Swiss Guards, I'm not certain what their armies are like. They probably depend on other countries for their defense. They probably can't raise all the food they need in their own territory for their population. They probably import a lot to meet their peoples' basic needs. Oddly enough, most of these small countries have a problem with people wanting to move into their territory for the high quality of life (except for Tuvalu, I believe.)

Perhaps a lesson for us in their statistics about these countries is about how much they depend on others to survive and how much others want to live in those countries. Again, all of them need to reach out to people outside of their country to support their economies.

One of the ways that a church can be successful is by showing love to everyone - and I believe we do. When we show that love, and others know it, we can increase our numbers and grow as the church did in the book of Acts. When we look attractive, when we look like we are open to others, when we do loving actions, when we reach out in love, Jesus is praised and I expect that people will come.

This is Lent, and Easter is closer than we know! Please invite (lovingly) people you know who might be interested in experiencing love in our church. Spreading our love of Christ to others might increase their quality of life. And the name of Jesus Christ would be praised!

Pastor Kay





**Daylight Savings
Is March 8th
Don't forget to
"Spring" your
clocks forward!**

Thank You

From the Fort Lupton Food Bank—Thank you for your donation. It will be put to good use. Thank you for your support.



**Pancake Breakfast @
"The Fort"
On Easter morning
following
Sunrise Service
\$5.00 for adults /\$3.00
children under 12**

Holy Week Events

April 2nd—7:00 pm
Maundy Thursday Service

April 3rd— 11:00 am—
1:00 pm Good Friday
"Time of Reflection"
Open sanctuary for a time
of communion & reflec-
tion.

April 5th—6:15 am Easter
Sunrise Service at "The
Fort"

April 5th—9:00 am Easter
Choir performs
"The Borrowed Tomb".



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January 17, 2015

Dear First United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your support of the ministry at Woyatan. According to our records, you contributed a total of \$705.16 in 2014. Because of your generosity, we were able to:

- > Hold regular worship services with an average attendance of 100 people.
- > Helping individual's get in touch with Jesus Christ and their own culture.
- > Feed hungry families;
- > Host a weekly Native Culture night during the summer
- > Have bible study
- > Provide spiritual support for individuals who were incarcerated and for their families;
- > Host a Thanksgiving feast
- > Provided about 90 children with Christmas gifts
- > Host a Christmas feast
- > Offer "Wellbriety" (a Native American culturally based recovery program) for those recovering from addictions; and also AA to help people recover.
- > Contribute to the Mission Support fund of the South Dakota Synod
- > Continue to reach out to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and grow God's kingdom in the Rapid City area.
- > Transition assistance back to society.

We thank God for you and for your commitment to the work of Jesus Christ through this ministry. May God bless and keep you today and always.

Yours in Christ,

Tracy Thompson

What does the United Methodist Church say about tithing?

While Methodism's founder John Wesley did not talk directly about tithing, he had plenty to say about stewardship. In his sermon on "The Use of Money," he described money as "an excellent gift of God, answering the noblest ends."

"In the hands of his children," Wesley said, "it is food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, raiment for the naked: it gives to the traveler and the stranger where to lay his head. By it we may supply the place of a husband to the widow and of a father to the fatherless. We may be a defense for the oppressed, a means of health to the sick, of ease to them that are in pain; it may be as eyes to the blind, as feet to the lame; yea, a lifter up from the gates of death!"

(taken from the Interpreter, July/August 2014)

				March Anniversaries	
Donald Rosenbrock	03/01	Dale Boss	03/28	Darrel & SuzAnn McCrumb	03/08
Amanda Norton	03/02	Sherrie O'Neil	03/28	Tracy & Suzan DeBerg	03/10
Lindsey Woodruff	03/03	Dave Bissell	03/28	Mike & Michelle Bettger	03/18
Kacey Payne	03/04	Barb Floodeen	03/28	April Anniversaries	
Tina Powell	03/04	Roland Purifoy	3/29	Ron & Jan Brown	04/07
Robyn Rhoades	03/04	Jon G. Frazier	03/29	Jim & Vada Roedel	04/07
Susan Francis	03/04	Levi Hunziker	03/29	Larry & Sharon Fehr	04/17
Carri Edgar	03/04	Tyler Duncan	03/30	Mike & Laura Hayden	04/19
Bella Schroeder	03/06	Ava Tijerina	03/31	Glenn & Donna Gaul	04/22
Irene Latham	03/07			Bob & Kathleen Payne	04/22
Ricky Bucher	03/07	Alan Sandberg	04/01	Troy & Jennifer Norby	04/24
Franki DeBerg	03/10	Michelle Gross	04/01		
Jocelyn Hostetter	03/11	Jullian Rentz	04/02	Kathryn Pope	04/16
Arnie Hubert	03/12	Gene Edgar	04/03	Lorna Young	04/17
Tisha Larson	03/13	Jessica Taylor	04/04	Zayden Larson	04/17
Aydin Nunez	03/15	Suzan DeBerg	04/07	Terri Ryan	04/18
Kathy Bucher	03/17	Madison Hood	04/09	Taylor Leyba	04/21
Pat Terry	03/17	Megan Hood	04/09	Austin Hatchell	04/23
Mary Martin	03/17	Gerald Veenendaal	04/10	Kathy Olson	04/24
Tina Ceretto	03/18			Teddy Duarte	04/24
Scott Frazier	03/20	Angela Standeford	04/10	Judy Ceretto	04/26
Sandee Saar	03/20	Twila Cullum	04/11	Jamie Pelis	04/26
Kristyn Clark	03/21	Kristy Lee	04/12	Cheryl Patterson	04/27
Angie Larson-Campbell	03/22	Robert Kerr	04/12	Jennifer Norby	04/28
George Breickler	03/22	Jamie Wood	04/15	Lorra Floodeen	04/28
SuzAnn McCrumb	03/22	Alice Easterday	04/15	Jeff Kerr	04/29
Vicki Wamsley	03/24	Krystin Floodeen	04/15	Gary Ketcher Johnston	04/30
Gary Johnston	03/24	Jan Brown	04/16		
Evelle Brock	03/27	Mike Hayden	04/16		
Sammie Bucher	03/27				



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8 Daylight Saving Time starts 9 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday School 11:30 SPRC meeting	9 7p Foxy Quilters	10	11 10:15 Bible Study 3:30p Christian Life Club (CL) 6:30p Youth Group 7p Choir Practice	12	13	14
15 9 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday School	16 6:30p Many Blessings 7p Mary Circle	17 7p Executive Council	18 10:15 Bible Study 1:15p Lunch Bunch -Dragon 3:30p Christian Life Club (CL) 6:30p Youth Group +2 more	19 7p Finance meeting	20	21
22 9 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday School	23	24	25 10:15 Bible Study 3:30p Christian Life Club (CL) 6:30p Youth Group 7p Choir Practice	26 7p Youth & Children's Board	27	28
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