



# The Jubilate

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## My Own Little World

A very popular song on Christian radio these days is "My Own Little World" by Matthew West.

In a recent blog on West's website, he describes inspiration for this song:

"I'm not sure I fully understood just what I was asking for when I reached out to all of you and with the opportunity to send me the story of your lives. And perhaps God intended for me NOT to see the whole picture beforehand because I may have been too scared to follow through with his plan for this new record. As stories began to pour in by the thousands, I could quickly sense that not only was something special taking place, but that my life was about to change.

I spent two months in a Tennessee cabin reading every story and writing songs inspired by them. During those months, my

eyes were opened to see the world outside my door like I had never witnessed before. It was as if a veil had been lifted, allowing me a rare look into the lives of everyday people. I read joyful stories about adoption and cancer survivors. I read heart-breaking stories of abuse and broken homes. And with every look into someone's life, something began to stir in my own. My Own Little World was written one night in the cabin as I found myself humbled by the realization of just how sheltered my safe little Christian life is most days. For the first time, I was truly sharing in the hurt and the pain of these other people who I've never truly seen before, and it felt good. I first walked into that cabin with my own little world being "population: me," but with each new story, God began to change all that. This is the song that talks about how the thousands of stories you sent opened my eyes and my heart to see the

world outside my door through the eyes of my savior, through the eyes of compassion.

I can honestly say that this song is inspired by **every** single story that was sent in! In my mind – if this project were a book – this would be the first chapter. My prayer is that this song sets the table for the rest of the album. We must first get outside of ourselves, look beyond our "Population One" – and begin to see the world in a different light if we are going to truly make a difference and live a life that is pleasing to God.

The last verse of the song became the prayer for this album:

*Father, break my heart for what breaks yours.  
Give me open hands and open doors  
Put YOUR light in my eyes and let me see,  
That my own little world is not about me."*

# Thank You!

The Community Blood Center once again was quite appreciative for First Church's volunteer assistance during the blood drive December 14, 2010. Fifty-eight (58) units of blood were collected. Hats off to our volunteers: Roy Ramsey, Linda French, Gary Harms, Bob Atwell, Gary and Cheryl Rader, Jim and Judy Wolfe, Doug Hall, Sue

Peckham, Bill and Maryann McAfee. And great appreciation is extended to the New Life Seekers Class who gave food and service of the sloppy Joes during the drive in memory of Dave Serena who began this project several years ago.

Maryann McAfee  
Blood Drive Coordinator

I want to thank the group of carolers who came caroling to my door on December 19th. You brought the joy of Christmas back to me. It meant so much to me. Thank you so very much!

Gladys Harmon

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### Our purpose:

*"We are a Church of the Ages,  
Serving the Present Age by making  
Disciples of Jesus Christ for the  
transformation of our community  
and world"*

### Our vision:

*Being a spiritually dynamic, outward  
focused United Methodist  
Congregation enlivened by  
passionate worship, equipped  
discipleship and compassionate  
service.*

## News from our Missionary, Helen Sheperd



Here are some excerpts from Helen's most recent newsletter:

**Dear Friends,**

**May the Year 2011 be filled with joy, hope, love, and peace as you seek to know God's will for you, and share the Good News with those whom you meet.**

**Update on "GBGM of Mongolia" Mission:**

❖ This year we have added three congregations to the UMC mission and all of them are outside of Ulaanbaatar, anywhere from 1-6 hours away from here. This has been exciting especially for the pastors, but I have, also, noticed lots of joy in the congregations which sponsor these new branch-churches. Please pray for these developing congregations. Only one of them has a Bible school trained pastor.

❖ There are children's programs this fall at both Tsaiz and Chingeltei Centers. The one at Chingeltei is for 3 hours each week-day. The children, kindergarten aged, happily come in to learn and play under the supervision of a young teacher and helper. They have a hearty snack prepared by our Mission Center cook.

We have definitely felt God's presence in Grace Hospice as we had to face some problems and make some changes which were extremely painful. The dismissal of two doctors because of conflicts led to the hiring of two brand new doctors. What a risk, but certainly worth it! Our team is now working well together!!! Thank you for your prayers and please keep praying that things will continue in this way. When I returned from 10 days in China, the team was happy to show me how well they could do without me. AND, they even jokingly told me I could leave again as the patient census had increased so much in ten days and NO ONE had died in that 10 day period. Praise God!

❖ **Blessings in 2010:**

Blessings of this year have been the **donations** which have been given to keep us operational. We are still struggling, but we survived last winter and will plan to do the same this next year thanks to your generous donations. (Our heating in the new Center is what costs us so dearly!) Along with this financial support, we have also received letters of encouragement and prayers which have been so important in supporting us as well. Thanks to each one of you.

Another two blessings have been **Holli Vining** and **Erin Eidenshink**, our young mission interns, sent here by GBGM to serve for 1 1/2 years. What a difference two bright, energetic, full of faith women can make in a mission's programs. Their hugs, when touching often is in the form of hitting in Mongolia, their flexibility and eagerness to teach English and give encouragement to young people, as well as adults and the elderly, have made a huge difference. But, there is a down-side to their coming! That is that they will be leaving the first week of March!!!! We give thanks for their service as they felt called to "mission." AND, we hurt as we prepare to say goodbye! They are preparing themselves for leaving, but that will be painful for them, too.

Still another two blessings, are the new baby for our Tsaiz UMC pastor and his wife- Dongmin Seo and Hyeyun Hong. She was born today, 12/14. They already have two daughters. And, also, Oyuntuul, a Grace Hospice nurse, is expecting a baby in the spring. We give thanks for these new lives in our mission family.

Finally, I want to mention the blessing of Batkhoo being alive for another year. Batkhoo, our former accountant is at home and is doing quite well. I visited him last week and was glad to know that his reliance on God and witnessing about God's love has not ceased. He requests strong prayers that God will make a way for him to have some very expensive medication. There are many problems associated with it, besides the fact that it costs \$1,000/day, which he does not have. Free treatment may be available, but only for a short time. Batkhoo really wants to live and is so hopeful that there may be a way for this treatment to become a reality. Please add him to your prayer list.

**Do you want to learn more about the GBGM (UMC) Mission in Mongolia?**

In 2011 if you want to know more about the UMC mission in Mongolia, please look at this internet address: **eternalmongolia.blogspot.com** OR check out "GBGM" on the internet and look under "Mongolia" and you will see more.

**Also**, the article in "New World Outlook," the GBGM magazine, September, 2010. Our two mission interns are featured there.

**We have needs for:**

**Prayers as mentioned above:** Batkhoo's health, Financial support for the whole Mongolia Mission Initiative, Grace Hospice team's cohesiveness, **Help to build a playground** at each of our two mission centers in UB. We need people to financially support this project, and also people who want to do the actual construction. If you are interested, please contact me by email.

**Donations may be made** through the GBGM Advance, by the use of these project numbers:

**Grace Hospice: #14928A**

**Mongolia Mission Initiative: #00209A**

Until next letter, may hope fill your heart during 2011.

**Helen**

## February Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Mark Gerges, Jacob Hansen, Katie Krueger, Daniel Ott	4	Robert and Betty Logan	60th
2	Laura Emmert, Tim Stroup, Amanda Vossmer	6	Kurt and Jacqueline Long	34th
3	Neal Bralley, Mary Eleanor McCluskey	11	Lloyd and Janet Treft	16th
4	Bob Cowan, Mollie Foster, Daniel Hutabarat, John McCollum, Kim Searles	14	Bill and Maryann McAfee	41st
6	Miriam Agnew, Dean Campbell, Molly Romano	14	William and Annette McCollum	11th
7	Georgia Rohrbach, Emily Wecas	14	Mike and Martha Nielsen	10th
8	Kyle Sanders, Katelyn Young	15	Mike and Karen Piper	25th
9	Miriam Cade, Kayla Cupp, Shelby Sommerla	18	Dick and Barbara Peiper	50th
10	Rebecca Bustraan, Betty Long, Frank Rohrbach	19	Jared and Rebecca Schaefer	1st
12	Carole Carey, Emma Logan, Kennedie Miller, Stacey Nelson, Eric Sigmon, Lisa Tomlinson	22	Wayne and Tonya Sumner	38th
13	Joshua Gambrell, Carl Langley			
14	Emma Miller			
16	Barbara Peiper			
18	Joshua Bralley, Steve Coats, Jay Nelson, Jack Walker			
19	Chris Wecas			
20	Kathy Barnette, Caitlin Bishop, Joyce Goss, Macy Bishop			
21	Celeta Hopkins, Dick Peiper, Cindy Sigmon, Lindsey Wepking			
22	Jonathan Andrews, Walt Jackim			
23	Arlena Butler, Sophie Carnoali, Sara LaMoe, Kaitlin White			
24	Jay Carey, Christine Corriston			
25	Robert Hale, Dale Hawley			
26	Robin Whitten			
27	Thomas Lewis, Charles Royce			
28	Marion Cocke			
29	Kellie Galley			

*With  
Sympathy*

Sympathy is extended to:

Rick, Shari, Ashley, Chris & Jacob Hansen, upon the death of Shari's father, Louis Voeltz.

Susy, Ezra, and Lane Carpenter, upon the recent death of Glenn.

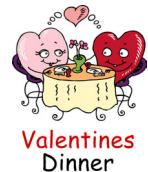


**"Valentine's Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011 at 6 P.M.**

The United Methodist Men (UMM) are sponsoring a **Valentine's Dinner on Saturday, February 12th, at 6 P.M. in our Fellowship Hall**. So mark your calendars and invite your sweetie for a date. The dinner will be catered by TenPenny Restaurant, so you know it'll be delicious; entertainment will be provided by the Cody Choraliers, so you know it'll be wonderful. Additional information will be forthcoming. Tickets are available now. Seating is limited so hurry and contact any member of UMM to make your reservations. Child care will be provided, but parents should make arrangements to feed their children beforehand.

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# February 2011

First United Methodist Church

## SUNDAY SERVICES:

8:30 AM Worship Service \* 9:45 AM Church School \* 11:00 AM Worship Service \* 6:00 PM Youth Group

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 10 am Staff Mtg 7 pm Worship & Music, Missions & Connections	<b>2</b> 3:45 - 5:15 PM Wonderful Wed 6:30 Disciple I 7 Disciple IV	<b>3</b> 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> *3 pm Youth Bells *4 pm YCS *4 pm Wesley Ringers *5:30 Youth Super Bowl Party	<b>7</b> 5 pm Celebration 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>8</b> 9:30 am Esther Cir 10 am Staff Mtg 7 pm Trustees	<b>9</b> 9:30 am Nurture & Care 3:45 - 5:15 PM Wonderful Wed 6:30 Disciple I 7 Disciple IV	<b>10</b> 12 pm Jubilate Deadline 2 pm Martha Cir 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:30 am UMM 6 pm UMM Valentines Dinner
<b>13</b> Boy Scout Sunday and Chili Lunch! 2 pm Twin Oaks	<b>14</b> 5 pm Celebration 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 	<b>15</b> 10 am Staff Mtg 7 pm Finance	<b>16</b> 3:45 - 5:15 PM Wonderful Wed 6:30 Disciple I 7 Disciple IV	<b>17</b> 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Selah from Southwestern College will be with us!	<b>21</b> 5 pm Celebration 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>22</b> 10 am Staff Mtg 7 pm Church Council	<b>23</b> 3:45 - 5:15 PM Wonderful Wed 6:30 Disciple I 7 Disciple IV	<b>24</b> 12 pm Jubilate Deadline 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5 pm Celebration 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Friends of Jesus				<b>SUNDAY CHOIR REHEARSALS:</b> 4:00 PM Youth Bells 5:00 PM Young Christian Singers 6:00 PM Wesley Ringers * indicates change in schedule	

Want to go deeper in your faith? Whether you are new to Bible study or are looking for renewal, please join us for a mid-week Bible study this spring. The following studies will have their introductory session on February 23.

### **DISCIPLE: Invitation to John**

In its wisdom, the early church chose to keep four (of the many) Gospel accounts of the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Three of these Gospels are very similar (synoptic) to each other in both what they tell about the story of Jesus and how they tell it. However, the **Gospel of John** stands apart. In it,

we find Jesus speaking not in parables but in beautiful lengthy discourses.

We overhear Jesus talking with Nicodemus, a Samaritan woman, and Mary Magdalene. We marvel at Jesus turning water into wine, calling Lazarus from the tomb, and washing his disciples' feet. We linger over Jesus' great promises: "For God so loved the world...." "I am the bread of life...." "I am the resurrection...." "Peace I

*leave with you...."* In the very first chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus issues two invitations: "Come and see," and "Follow me." They echo the invitations of this study: to come and see this Jesus—to hear him speak, to see his signs—and to consider anew what it means to be his followers.

This **eleven-week study** utilizes the **Disciple Bible Study** format for study and

small group discussion. Not only will you experience the teachings of Jesus as related by John, you will be warmed by the fellowship found in the small group setting.

Facilitator: Rita Wood  
Time: Wednesdays 9:00-10:30a.m. Study Book: \$11.



### **Heart and Soul**

Our answer to exercising both your physical body and your spiritual growth. Feel free to join us for the exercise, the bible study, or both! Whether you're an Early Bird or a Night Owl, we have the perfect time for you.

We hope you'll join us on Wednesdays for "Living Beyond Yourself", a study of the fruit of The Holy

Spirit as presented in the book of Galatians. In this 11-week study by Beth Moore, you will be guided through each trait listed in the fruit and encouraged to know the freedom of a Spirit-filled life. Through this study participants will look at the supernatural aspects of the fruit and that you cannot grow, learn, or produce the fruit

on your own. You will be challenged to develop the fruit by maintaining an intimate relationship with the Spirit of God. A Spirit-filled life truly results in living beyond yourself.

*Early Bird: 8:45 – 9:30 am  
Exercise, 9:30 -11:45 am  
Fellowship and Study*

*Night Owl: 6:30 – 7:15pm  
Exercise,  
7:15-9:30 Fellowship and  
Study*

Facilitator: Nancy Shade  
Study Book: \$15



To register: Contact Nancy Shade ~ nancyshade@sbcglobal.net ~ call 682-5374  
Registration Deadline: Monday, February 14.

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A church of the ages serving the present  
age by making disciples for the  
transformation of the world!

**We're on the web!**  
**[leavenworthfirst.org](http://leavenworthfirst.org)**

## Check Out This Important Information!

### Donations Needed for Our Children's Ministry

- ◇ Cardboard Wrapping  
Paper Tubes (empty)
- ◇ **To Borrow:**  
The Princess Diaries  
DVD (for 1/23/11)

These items may be dropped  
off at the Church Office.

- ◆ Drivers are needed to  
help get some of our  
senior members to  
church. If you can help  
with this ministry please  
contact Bea Yenney @  
682-6640.

- ◆ Church Council will  
have a brief meeting  
following the 11:00 ser-  
vice on January 23rd.

- ◆ Writers are still needed  
for the 2011 Lenten  
Devotional Booklet. If  
you would like to share  
your "God Moment",  
contact Sandy Sim-  
mons. Please keep  
your devotional to 370  
words.

- ◆ Updated Telephone  
directories are available  
in the church office.

### ◆ Missing Pronouns

You cannot pray the  
Lord's Prayer and even  
once say I.

You cannot pray the  
Lord's Prayer and even  
once say My.

Nor can you pray the  
Lord's Prayer and not  
pray for one another,  
To ask God for "our"  
daily bread, you must  
include your brother.

For others are in-  
cluded ... in each and  
every plea,  
From the beginning to  
the end of it, it does  
not once say Me.



- John Aardema
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- Rebecca Brownson
- Family of Steve Clark
- Inge Cochran
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