

GOOD NEWS!

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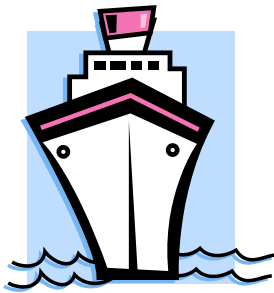


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Symbols
to see how
these
ministries
are
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to help
your
spiritual
growth

BUMP non-Cruise* on the SS Fellow-Ship



Set to embark on
a grand adventure on
Saturday, September 13.
Gathering hors d'oeuvres at 4:30 p.m.

Just Imagine...

Cruising across the ocean in style in a beautiful state room with a balcony and HUGE picture windows..

At a FRACTION of the cost of a cruise with any other cruise line!!

What's more:

- ♦ There's no need to pack, no passport required, no vaccinations or pills....
- ♦ There WILL BE a DELICIOUS meal
- ♦ FANTASTIC & INSPIRING entertainment

PLUS

You will have fulfilling knowledge that your participation is helping to change the world in powerful and glorious ways!!

Reserve your BUMP non-Cruise* cabin at the price level that fits your finances. Each cabin reservations includes TWO tickets to the Captain's Dinner. You may choose your table & seat at the banquet when you book your cabin

Cabin	# available	Fare
Penthouse Suite	1 @	\$5,000.00
Royal Suite	2 @	\$2,000.00
Sky Suite	10 @	\$750.00
Ocean View Stateroom	60 @	\$300.00
Economy Stateroom	20 @	\$150.00
Steerage Stateroom	10 @	\$75.00



CABIN RESERVATIONS may be made beginning August 3rd after each worship service, and by contacting the MUMC office.

* See back page for explanation of non-Cruise



August/September Birthdays



Shoua Yang	08/01	Newell Knudson	09/02
Shirley Loakes	08/02	Chia Me Vang	09/04
Lee Vang	08/02	Cheryl Pachelbel	09/05
Dorothy Doss	08/05	Leonard Babcock III	09/09
Mary Ann Jennison	08/05	Pat Frey	09/09
Helen Tashjian	08/05	Xiong Yang	09/10
Janette Saavedra	08/06	Michael Crosslin	09/11
Kathy Yang	08/06	Sharon Cannon	09/13
Yer Her	08/07	Mai Chao Vang	09/13
Scott Hatfield	08/08	Concetta Adams	09/14
Darren Williams	08/08	Pa Chang	09/14
Yer Vang	08/09	Sara Glazebrook	09/16
Jim Posey	08/09	Ka Yang	09/16
Gohan Her	08/09	Katy Wamsley	09/18
Lucy Gadberry	08/11	Kang Bao Yang	09/18
Rick Hutchinson	08/14	Margee Hutchinson	09/20
Bill Febuary	08/15	Bea Trainer	09/20
Shirley Monis	08/15	Ruth Ehresman	09/23
Ozzie Hernandez	08/16	Molly Lovgren	09/23
Carol Silva	08/17	Amy Potter	09/24
Glynda Ward	08/18	Judith Barkman	09/27
Viola Nutting	08/19	Janette Erickson	09/27
Mary Yang	08/20	Charen Polson	09/27
Betty Anderson	08/21	Pat Manske	09/30
Nicholas Chang	08/22		
Guin Jenanyan	08/23		
LaDonna Snow	08/24		
Duane Wamsley	08/24		
Craig Mitchell	08/26		
Edie Dyer	08/27		
Sheila Weyant	08/29		



Labyrinth:



We have a small group of people gathering design ideas and getting VERY excited about this project! They are hopeful to present ideas to the Network and AST leadership in August. Funding for this project will come from undesignated memorial funds. We are hopeful to begin work this fall, transforming an unused and unattractive spot of land in our parking lot near Scott Street into an inviting place to talk with God. Please keep this project in yours prayers. If you would like to help with it, speak with Pastor Janette or our Lay Leader, Connie Alfaro.



Imagine!Band:



The Imagine! Band will now be rehearsing on Friday evenings at 5pm. If you are interested in being a part of the music or projection ministry for the 9:30 service, you are more than welcome to come on a Friday night and we can have a chat about where your gifts can be used! You can also call or text Sara at 455-7960, or e-mail at sara@mem-umc.org.



Christian Book Club

The Christian Book Club is taking a break for the rest of the summer and will start up again in September on Tuesday nights at 7pm the library



Make A Joyful Noise!

Do you enjoy making a joyful noise to the Lord? The choir will begin rehearsals again on Thursday, August 21st at 7 P.M. and we love having new singers. We work hard on Thursday, but have lots of fun too.

The Ballroom Dance Classes are taking a break for the rest of the summer and will start up again in September on the 2nd and 4th Friday nights at 7p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If there is a dance that you want to learn ask. You do not need a partner. We rotate and help each other.

No flip-flops. For more information call

Edie Dyer at 264-4665





The Blessing of the Animals and Pet Adoption event

will be held Saturday, September 27, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Blessing service will start at 11AM. Everyone is invited. Music and refreshments will be provided. There will be animal rescue and service groups attending to provide information about their organizations.

Last year we heard so many wonderful stories about how people were a blessing to their pets, and how the pet was a blessing to its family. Please come join us at this special event.

What is happening on August 31?

James Lazarre, director of the Thomas Food Project in Haiti, will join us to give us updated information on the work being done in Thomas, Haiti.

- ♦ 8 a.m. Is breakfast with James - yummy food and initial update
- ♦ 10 a.m. Is COMBINED worship service, with more updates
- ♦ 5 p.m. Dinner!
- ♦ 5:45 pm is Christian Education hour in which James will share updates with our children

Plan to come meet James and see how WE are helping to change the world in beautiful ways! Each event will have different information.



Youth Group News

It's Almost Time!!

The youth and young adults are headed off on our inner city LA work mission trip in early August!! Please pray for all of us, our host group Next Step Ministries, and all of the new people we will meet! Join us on Sunday August 3 for a sendoff during the 9:30 and 11 am services or for a phone conference sendoff during the 3:30 service. Here are some statistics from Skid Row, where we will be meeting people experiencing homelessness:

- ▶ 57,000 Number of people experiencing homelessness in LA
- ▶ 2,000 Number of people that are living on the streets of Skid Row
- ▶ 5 Square miles, the size of Skid Row
- ▶ OF THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS :
- ▶ 24% Are living in families
- ▶ 56% Are men
- ▶ 24% Are women
- ▶ 14% Are children (under 18)
- ▶ 31% Are mentally ill
- ▶ 18% Are veterans
- ▶ 20% Are physically disabled
- ▶ 41% Were employed during the last year
- ▶ 16% Are currently employed
- ▶ 48% Graduated from High School
- ▶ 32% Hold a bachelors degree or higher education
- ▶ 33% Are Latino
- ▶ 14% Are White
- ▶ 50% Are African American
- ▶ 2% Are Asian/Pacific Islander
- ▶ 18,259 Number of shelter beds in Los Angeles
- ▶ 250,000 Number of millionaires in Los Angeles County



Upcoming Events



TAAG Team Film Festival:

Totally Awsome All Generations Team - is planning events for the entire MUMC Family.

First Friday Film Fest: the first Friday of each month gather in our fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m. Bring a comfortable chair and some munchies to share. We will heat up our big popcorn popper and enjoy different styles of movies month by month. Movies start at 7pm

- August 1: Fantasy - "Frozen"
- September 5: Factual - "42"

TAAG Team Outings

Third Saturday Outing: join the TAAG team on the third Saturday each month for a fun and low-cost outing.

- ♦ August 16-Hike
- ♦ September 20 & 21-Clovis Fest

Beverage booth: Clovis Fest is coming!! Please mark the third September 20 & 21 on your calendar and plan to work a shift or two in the Pepsi booths! Not only is this a great way to raise some funds for special ministries at MUMC, but it is a great way to connect with our community. Look for sign-up sheets in late August.



**Saturday,
Sept. 6th 2014
8:00AM to
10:00AM**

Special September Men's Breakfast

Breakfast includes: Scrambled eggs, Breakfast Sausage, Country Potatoes, Fruit Salad, Danish, Coffee, and Juice.

To pre-pay send payment to:

Clovis Methodist Men's Club at 1726 Pollasky Ave,
Clovis CA 93612

Those received by Sept 4th will be \$12 or
pay \$15 at the door.

Do you have questions? Call Darren Williams at
(559) 351-9438



MUMC & Academy UMC

Academy and MUMC are growing in ministry!

We are completing one Bible Study book that we have been using this past year. Now is an excellent time to jump in with us! In September we will begin using a book by Adam Hamilton to help us study other world religions. The Bible Study meets the 2nd Saturday each month in the MUMC library at 11 a.m.

VBS We had a FANTASTIC day together on June 21 in a one day vacation Bible school.

We will DEFINITELY plan to do this again!

Academy's Annual Country Boutique
October 18th. There will be many drawings for cool things, and an excellent lunch! Plus cool hand crafted items for sale form 11am to 2pm.



Finance

Our Finance Team has done a FANTASTIC job of anticipating income and expense for this year. At the end of June, half way through the year, we were at 50% of anticipated income for the year, and 49% of anticipated expenses.

PROBLEM: The Finance Team has been very clear since looking at the numbers last fall that our anticipated income is much LESS than our anticipated expenses, so a major fundraiser will be needed to meet the deficit

To help meet the deficit our Network Team (the leadership of all or congregational ministries) is having a HUGE fundraising "non-event" in September. Please check out the BUMP non-Cruise - and join in this fun and creative way to raise funds, be inspired by the ministry God is accomplishing in our congregation, and share in beautiful fellowship



Holy land:

There is still time to join the group planning to be in the Holy Land next Spring.

This sacred journey not only will touch us spiritually, but will offer concrete opportunity to work for peace in that region - while staying out of the line of fire!

We will be traveling March 20-31, 2015.

This will be an amazing experience.

Talk with Pastor Janette if you are interested to become part of this group.

We are hoping to recruit another dozen people.



Teams and Ministries



UMW New

Aug 25- Exec Board, Library

Sept 16—UMW, Library

Sept 24- Wesley Circle

Christian Education

Learning opportunities within Memorial United Methodist Church are expanding for our adult members! Current plans are to offer two Sunday evening classes and one Sunday morning class for adults who wish to continue their spiritual growth and education. New classes will begin

August 24, with the morning class being held in the Lose Library at 11:00, and the evening classes will start at 5:45 with location to be determined. There will be opportunities to build upon the lessons learned during our Bible in a Year project, as well as the chance to expand our knowledge and understanding of other belief systems. Discipleship and daily Christian life will also be topics in classes to come, so keep an eye on the Sunday bulletins and the MUMC website for more information. If you would like to participate in our Christian Education program, as a student, teacher, substitute, or just an idea provider, contact Pastor Janette Saavedra or Jamie Belt.



Special Friends



When the Special Friends gathered in June we considered the verse from Matthew 25:40 "In as much as you have done it to the least of these, you have done it to me." The meditation involved a gentleman who stopped to help a young girl collect apples spilled by someone rushing in the airport, putting them back on the table in a display then giving her \$40. to cover any damage done to the fruit. As he was leaving her she called out, "Mister, are you Jesus?" Only then did he realize she was blind as she continued, "I only asked because I prayed for Jesus to help me gather the apples, and He sent you. "Thank you for hearing His call."

Special Friend, Jean Lenderman celebrated her 84th birthday May 26th and past away in mid June. Lou Bailey her 103rd June 13th.

This past month we shared: 20 cards or bites, made 12 visits, and had 29 phone visits. Our next meeting will be July 10th at 2 pm.

Closing thought: Do we see Jesus in our daily walk?

Blessings, Lorraine May

Boutique News

The annual Church Boutique luncheon and craft sale will take place again this coming November 14th & 15th. The Boutique group of ladies works all year, sewing, quilting, crocheting, knitting and crafts producing various items. Proceeds from the sale go to various Church projects locally and around the world.

Additionally members of the church have participated by donating handmade items to the sale. We need the help of all of you again this year who are needle workers and craftspeople and can contribute items for our sale. It is not necessary that you attend the meetings but we invite you to attend the Wednesday morning sessions starting at 9:00 a.m. Come and go as suits your time schedule. Or drop in and see what's happening and what items others are working on. Or just come and visit.

If you have questions or need help with a project please contact Carole Schweitzer at 299-3432. And if you have an unfinished project that you need help finishing we would be glad to give you a helping hand.



Mission Thrift Shop

Special request from the Thrift Store.

More people are needed to help with the monthly Friday and Saturday sale days.

Our Tuesday work groups are now having to double their efforts by also working on both Friday and Saturday sale days.

We need cashiers (training available), baggers and store monitors (help the customers).

If you are interested in helping, or have any questions, please leave your name with the office.

As I write this, I am mindful that just about one month ago the Bishop officially announced that I would be blessed to serve at Clovis MUMC for another year. On July 13th the congregation officially welcomed me back with cake and a BEAUTIFUL green stole. I continue to tell anyone who will listen: Clovis MUMC is the BEST congregation that I have experienced in all my life! I am so blessed to serve here and am excited at the year ahead!

In the first 3.5 years of my time with you I had so much fun working with you in ministry - some of which were, in large part, my ideas. I have promised that in 2014 I will not bring forward any ideas for new ministries, but WILL support any ideas that the congregation brings forward. WOW!! I have been even busier than ever before!! All good stuff!! So many beautiful ministries being done here - a glory to God and an amazing witness for Jesus!

Sometimes when life is filled with blessings we may still become overwhelmed. I find it ESSENTIAL to my life to spend quiet time with God EVERY day! No excuses! Everyday spending at least 15 minutes of quiet time with God - soaking in grace, peace and joy.

After 15 minutes of prayer I also take time to read the Bible and to read devotional material. Today I read from Romans 8:26-34. It calms my soul and gives me strength from the inside out as I recall God's deep love for me and for each of us.

Our world seems to be in constant turmoil. Recently wars have been escalating and deaths of civilians are on the rise. Refugees all over the world leaving their homes seeking greater safety and stability. It is becoming very clear that we are not able to end the cycle of violence with human logic and good will alone. HOWEVER, God can find a way to bring a blessing to us in the worst of circumstances, and can change our hearts and transform us to be people who play a role in creating a world at peace.

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:26-28 NIVUK)

We do not know what the future holds. We do know that no matter what happens we can trust God to be working for our health and wholeness - every day bring us something beautiful, something for which we give thanks. God's Holy Spirit will even pray on our behalf when we are too overwhelmed to know how to pray! What an awesome God we serve! How blessed we are to know of this redeeming love! What a privilege to be entrusted to carry God's love and share God's love in our world!

May we live lives worth of God's trust in us....

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BUMP non-Cruise What is it?

First, a "non-Event" is a way to raise funds with less stress on everyone. It grows from the idea that doing fundraisers which bring in the neighborhood involves TONS of hours in work and outreach and often don't raise that much money. When we look at the net income we might remark, "It would be easier to just donate the money ourselves." With a "non-event," (in this case a "non-cruise,") we donate funds but do NOT actually go on a cruise! HOWEVER, since we enjoy having meals together, we WILL have "The Captain's Dinner," which is a cruise ship tradition of a formal-attire, sit-down meal and the fun of a Silent Action.

**Blessings
Unimagined
Made
Possible**

Then, BUMP is this congregation's way of encouraging each member of the congregation to increase their financial giving to support our ministries funded through the general budget. When we BUMP up our giving, we acknowledge that through our efforts GOD makes possible far more than we imagine!

2012 was our first year of BUMP giving - allowing us to pay all our bills AND 100% of our apportionments for the first time in nearly two decades. In 2013 we did not have a BUMP for the budget.

This year has brought us opportunities to catch up ministries and maintenance needs, which also has meant our general budget needs are increased. This has been anticipated, and this fundraiser was a part of the budget planning at every step. Our BUMP giving this year includes a fun theme and a TERRIFIC meal together to celebrate God's goodness and our excitement in being in ministry together.

Please prayerfully consider increasing your financial support of the ministries of MUMC through BUMP giving. We are hoping to raise at least \$20,000!! That is a BIG amount, but with God's help we will surpass this goal!

