



GOOD NEWS!

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2017

THE NEWSLETTER OF MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, CLOVIS
"THE MISSION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS
CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD."

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United Methodist Women

Fashion Show & Luncheon



September 16, 2017

A salad and dessert bar, and beverages served at 12:00 noon.
The fashion show starts at **12:30 p.m.**

Fashion's from our Thrift Shop, will be featured
and children in tradition Native American dress.
Plus a special outfit at the finale.

Tickets will be on sale in the church office, and
Sunday's at Church in the narthex.

\$12.00 ticket / \$6 for children under 12
Invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

Proceeds will go towards the Native American People and other UMW Missions.

Blessing of the Animals



The Blessing of the Animals

Memorial United Methodist Church will celebrate a
Blessing of the Animals event on
Saturday September 30 from 10 to 1 PM.

All pets and people are welcome.

The public is invited to bring dogs, cats, birds, fish or
any pet — as long as the pet is safely leashed or in
an enclosed pet carrier.

There will also be general prayers for healing of pets who are ill and honoring the
memory for those that are deceased. If a pet cannot be brought to the service, partici-
pants may bring a photo and complete a special blessing card so that animals who
cannot be present may be blessed by name.

After the service, there will be treats for pets and people, and music to enjoy.
Please come join us at this special event.

MUMC is located at 1726 Pollasky in Clovis.

August / September Birthdays

The MUMC & Academy Book Study Group

will be reading the following books in the coming months:

Wasabi Gospel by Shawn Wood is next up. We will meet to discuss this book on Saturday, August 12 at 11:30 am at Tokyo Steakhouse (Herndon at Fowler - northeast corner shopping center).

In September we will meet on at 11:30 am Saturday the 23rd at La Kebrada Mexican restaurant at the southeast corner of Fowler and Nees to discuss the book Can We Talk About Race? by Beverly Daniel Tatum, Ph.D.

We have been enjoying our book group, the books and discussions. We are planning to turn our attention to the Bible in 2018.

Come Make a Joyful Noise With the Choir

Those of us in the Choir are working in smaller groups to provide Special Music for the Traditional Service during the choir' summer break

Our first full choir practice will be on Thursday, August 24 and our first Sunday to sing in worship will be September 10. If you enjoy making a joyful noise to the Lord, come join us! We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30. We all have varying musical skill so don't ever feel like you aren't enough of a musician to join. We work hard, but we also laugh a lot and really enjoy being together in this ministry. If you have any questions, please see Sue DeFranco or any choir member.



Shoua	Yang	08/01
Lee	Vang	08/02
Yeu	Vang	08/02
Dorothy	Doss	08/05
Mary Ann	Jennison	08/05
Helen	Tashjian	08/05
Janette	Saavedra	08/06
Kathy	Yang	08/06
Yer	Her	08/07
Shoua V	Yang	08/07
Scott	Hatfield	08/08
Darren	Williams	08/08
Jim	Posey	08/09
Yer	Vang	08/09
Lucy	Gadberry	08/11
Rick	Hutchinson	08/14
Fran	Shellenberger	08/14
Bill	Febuary	08/15
Karen	Ledbetter	08/15
Shirley	Monis	08/15
Ger	Yang	08/15
Ozzie	Hernandez	08/16
Carol	Silva	08/17
Glynda	Ward	08/18
Vernon	Barkman	08/19
Mary	Yang	08/20
Nicolas	Chang	08/22
Guin	Jenanyan	08/23
Sao	Yang	08/23
LaDonna	Snow	08/24
Duane	Wamsley	08/24
Wanda	Swieso	08/25
Jim	Linenbach	08/26
Craig	Mitchell	08/26
Edie	Dyer-Fottrell	08/27

Diane	Moua	09/02
Cheryl	Pachelbel	09/05
Hosea	Yang	09/06
Leonard	Babcock III	09/09
Pat	Frey	09/09
Murtaza	Shah	09/10
Michael	Crosslin	09/11
Che Nou	Yang	09/12
Mai Chao	Vang	09/13
Concetta	Adams	09/14
Pa	Chang	09/14
Sara	Glazebrook	09/16
Ka	Yang	09/16
Katy#	Wamsley	09/18
Bea	Trainer	09/20
Ruth	Ehresman	09/23
Molly	Lovgren	09/23
Judith	Barkman	09/27
Janette	Erickson	09/27
Pat	Manke	09/30



Christian Book Club

Book Club Is on break til September 12th.

The next book is "Emmaus Code: Finding Jesus in the Old Testament"

It has 16 chapters and we will read one a week. If you would like a copy of the book contact Richard or Edie Dyer-Fottrell. Book cost between \$6-6.50.

Dream Team

For over 20 years MUMC has shared our campus with Fresno Korean UMC. Overall, we have enjoyed this mutually beneficial arrangement, similar to "landlord-tenant" relationship.

BUT – what if that changed? What would it look like to actually PARTNER in ministry?

This idea of partnership is at the HEART of the work of the Dream Team. Bringing together ALL of the ministries on campus to maximize ALL the resources God has placed before us. For example:

MUMC: (particularly the English Language Ministry of MUMC) enjoys being in control of decision about the facilities.

FKUMC: enjoys following the decisions of MUMC, but never having to divert any energy to actually figuring out how to deal with the upkeep and maintenance of the buildings.

What if both groups shifted some in their relationship? Can MUMC accept FKUMC has partners in decision making? With a willing welcome, can FKUMC take a larger role in the upkeep and maintenance of the facilities?

This is just one example of changes that can occur to deepen our support of one another in ministry.

The three pastors have been looking for examples of how this partnership might work. There will be a speaker here on Thursday, August 3 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall who can tell about one example of how that is working in a UM setting in San Diego. If you have interest or questions about how changing the dynamics of the relationship between our two congregations can work, please plan to attend the meeting on August 3rd.

**Walk to Emmaus Re-Union Group meets the last Wed of each month at 7pm at Edie's House
55486 E Byrd Ave, Fresno, CA 93727.**

Youth



GOD = LOVE
1 John 4:8

August 6-11;
we've partnered with
Fresno Interdenominational



All of the participants will get a chance to visit each site, serve each organization, and learn about ways we can serve our local commu-

Vintage Gardens
Assisted Living

— Central California Nikkei Foundation —

540 South Peach
(559) 252-4036

for dinner and worship time together.

We greatly appreciate your prayers and support.

For registration information, and registration contact Sara by August 2 at noon

559-455-7960, or sara@mem-umc.org

It's almost time!

We are so excited about the upcoming

All Conference Youth
Mission project



Refugee Ministries,
Stone Soup, Povorello
House and Vintage Gardens.



**Poverello
House**

nity with love.

We will also be visiting a different local UMC each evening

Men of all ages are welcome to join us for breakfast on August 19 and September 16 from 8-9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

See you there!

If you have questions talk with Darren Williams

President of MUMC's UMM



Boutique News

The Annual Church Boutique

luncheon and craft sale will take place again this coming November 10th & 11th. 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.

September 10 will be a TERRIFIC day at MUMC!

We will have ONE worship service at 10 a.m. We will work with Dr. Marcia Afee (an expert in worship design, and liturgy) on creating the service. We anticipate it will be a wonderful time together.

Following worship we will have a fellowship time and peruse the booths and displays at our MUMC Ministry Fair! This uplifting event will remind us of the myriad of ministries our congregation is doing on site and throughout the community. You WILL want to stop by!

Mark it on your calendar now: September 10 – ONE service at 10 a.m., followed by our ministry fair.



Great Job by our youth!

They raised \$450 for Heifer International be hives!

WHO IS ABLE
TO DO FAR MORE
ABUNDANTLY
THAN ALL THAT WE
ASK OR THINK.
EPHESIANS 3:20

That will buy 15 hives and we were only shooting for 5!



We made a difference At our Sewing Day Monday July 10th, 2017

The UMW along with the Best Fabric Friends sponsored a special Sewing Day to make reusable feminine hygiene kits for women and girls in poor towns and villages around the globe.

We all brought our sewing machines or sergers, fabric scissors and got to work.

We made 475 shields, they said it is was enough for 250 kits to send.

We really enjoyed doing this project . It make us feel good being able to help others as well as having a fun day of fellowship and great food.



Special Friends

You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house. 1 Peter 2:5

I have a friend who loss his job, a fortune, his wife, and his home. But he tenaciously held to his faith in Christ- the only thing he had left. Like Job in the Old Testament, he would not abandon God, no matter what happened.

And yes like Job he couldn't but wonder why.

One day he stopped to watch some men doing stone-work on a huge church. One of them was chiseling a triangular piece of stone.

"What are you going to do with that?" asked my friend. The workman said, "See that little opening away up there near the spire? Well, I'm shaping this down here so it will fit in up there."

Tears filled my friend's eyes as he walked away, for it seemed God had spoken through the workman to explain the ordeal through which he was passing. "I'm shaping you down here so you'll fit in up there."

Sometimes we wonder why but stop and think is He getting us ready so we will fit in up there?



Service to others:

Cards	Letters	Calls	Visits	Transportation	Text
48	0	7	21	5	11

Looking ahead to October:

October 1st is World Communion Sunday!

We will again have ONE service at 10 a.m. to celebrate communion as one ONE, in the BODY OF CHRIST!

Also at 4pm we will join in an All-Circuit World Communion Day Service at UJCC

The choir director, Diane Honda, will coordinate the all-circuit pick-up choir.

Here is the schedule

4pm: Choir practice

4:30: Event begins (music from different churches, culminating in Communion

6pm: Potluck Dinner



UMW News

The UMW are on break until August 28.

August 28 2pm-Executive Board, Library.

Sept. 11 7pm -Susanna Circle, Library

Sept. 19 11:45 Unit Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Sept. 27 2pm-Wesley Circle, Fellowship Hall

Even though on a break we are helping the UMM with salads for the 2 Buck Ground Chuck on July 30th.

We are also busy in preparation for our fashion show on Sept 16th proceeds to benefit Native Americans

Stephen Ministry



We are nearing the completion of our "pilot"

Stephen Ministers training program. All who have participated have found the experience to be very rewarding. A service of commissioning will happen in September. By mid-September we hope to be matching our newly commissioned Stephen Ministers with care receivers.

Now our attention begins to turn towards people who might benefit from working for a period of time with a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers provide distinctively Christian care to people who are facing especially difficult life situations. Everyone faces challenges and difficulties, and we all have coping skills that help us during those times. But many of us, perhaps even all of us, at some point will face challenges that seem overwhelming. It is at this time that it would be especially beneficial to work with a Stephen Minister as a "care receiver."

The work of Stephen Ministries is confidential. The congregation will know who has been commissioned as Stephen Ministers, but it will not be made public with whom the Stephen Ministers are working. The privacy of the care receiver is respected and protected.

If you or someone you know would benefit from working with a Stephen Minister, please speak with Pastor Janette or Xf Yeu.

Finance Report

As in March and April, income in May and June exceeded expenses that were paid during those two months. However, the General Fund is still not in the black because of the deficit that carried over from January and February when we paid several large annual and quarterly bills. To date, we have paid our apportionments / conference tithe for 4 of our 7 months.

The General Fund expenses (excluding apportionments) for the two months totaled \$37,636. Total income was \$42,458. At the end of June, the General Fund was short by \$2,995, which will need to be made up as the months go by. The deficit amount is borrowed from our designated funds and will be returned as it is possible. If each individual member of our church would give an extra \$11, we could clear up this deficit at once.

As a church, we have many wonderful ministries that we are able to carry out, and many more that we carry in our hearts until we find a way to make them happen. We pray that each person associated with our church will find ways to help further God's kingdom.

Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute generously to make our ministries possible.

MUMC to host a District –wide workshop on worship.

On September 9, 2017, people from across the Central Valley District will gather here at MUMC to learn how to deepen our worship experience. The leader for the workshop is Dr. Marcia McAfee, and internationally recognized expert in this field. MUMC will be paying for a team to attend – there is no limit to the number of people who can be on our team. If you would like to be on that team please let Becky in the church office know *before* 10 a.m. on August 18.

Lost and Found Items

Memorial UMC is the home of a busy church family and also hosts many groups and events. Often personal items are left behind and the clutter builds up. To help with that, we have a new practice for lost and found items.

There is a large wicker basket in the Fellowship Hall labeled "Lost and Found." Please place anything you think may be lost in that basket. If you have lost something at the church, you may check there first.

Those items will be kept there for a maximum of 90 days. At that time, the items will be donated to the church Thrift Shop or otherwise repurposed.

NOTE: Jewelry, electronic devices, keys, and other valuables should be turned into the church office for safe-keeping until they are claimed. If you have lost items of this nature, please contact our administrative staff at (559) 299-4615 or memumc@mem-umc.org

2018 marks 125 years of ministry for Memorial UMC!

Can you believe it has already been 5 years since we began to plan for the 120th anniversary celebration! Guess what? It is time NOW to start planning for next year's celebration!

At the July Network meeting these ideas were discussed as things we want to do NOW to begin to prepare for the celebration next fall:

- ♦ Pull together a team to plan the celebration event for next fall. Some of the planning that was done for our celebration in 2013 included:

Setting dates and locations, picking a theme and logo, getting tee-shirts printed, inviting guest preachers to join us, coordinating with various other activities on the weekend, arranging for entertainment and food. It was at this event that we also packed 120,000 meals with Stop Hunger Now!

You can see we need a good-sized team to make our upcoming event successful! If you are interested in serving on the team for next year's celebration talk with me or our Lay Leader, Jim Jennings.

- ♦ We will join the General Board of Discipleship's focus for the year – to stop trying to “fix” the church, and focus on being disciples and making disciples. We will be using resources developed for this purpose, through a program called, “See All the People.” (You can look it up online, if you are curious about it. I can assure you, you will be learning about it throughout the coming 12 months.)

- ♦ Going Outside Our Walls – for the coming 13 months MUMC will be looking at taking ministry outside our facilities and even off site of the property. Let's get creative in reaching out with the Gospel to our neighborhoods and community. One aspect of “going outside” is:

- ♦ THE FLAT WESLEY'S: Modelled after the children's book “Flat Stanley,” John and Charles Wesley will join our congregation in (2D splendor!) as we go out to work in our community. Throughout the year, whenever we go “outside the walls,” we will take the Flat Wesley's with us, to help us remember our roots. We will snap pictures of the Wesley's at the various ministry sites, and collect the pictures to see what God has done in our community through the people of MUMC (with help from John and Charles!)

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER: God can accomplish through us, far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine! (Ephesians 3:20)

- ♦ PLUS: the other congregations of our Circuit will join in doing ministry with the Flat Wesley's! In the coming year+ each of the 13 congregations in the Circuit will have the opportunity to do ministry with the Wesley's for one month as they become circuit riders once again!

- ♦ AND – celebrating “the world is our parish” – the members of MUMC are invited to take the Flat Wesley's on vacation with them. Wouldn't it be cool, if everyone who went on vacation took time to do some work of loving service/ministry while we are far from home? Take John and Charles with you, take a picture of yourself in the midst of ministry, and send/bring the picture to the church office with a sentence telling the “who/what/why/when/where.” We will make a display to share the ministry that God is accomplishing in the world through the people of MUMC.



I am really excited about the coming year! I hope you are, too. May God bless us richly as we focus on the mission of the United Methodist Church, “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

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FIFTH SUNDAY LUNCH

JULY 30

**2 BUCK
GROUND
CHUCK!!**



**SPECIAL
PRICE OF \$2 PER BURGER!**

WHAT A TREAT!!!

**BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS
AND JOIN THE FUN!!**

PLUS: BIG SALAD BAR!

**ALSO-GET A BIG UPDATE OF THE
LATEST UM WORK IN HAITI WITH
WARREN MCGUFFIN**

PROMISE IT WILL BE FUN!!



**Saturday,
August 5th** 

5:30pm to 8:30pm

Annual Fund Raising Event to support
the MUMC General Fund

"Happy Days"

Blue Plate Special and Dessert Bar!

50's music,

Silent auction *Come ready to bid!

**So put on your 50's duds and
join in the fun!**

Donation \$25 Adults Children \$10
Family Maximum \$75.00