

# GOOD NEWS!



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## Wacky Olympics

Pick your team



Make your Flag



Sunday, July 29, 2012 6 PM

(EAT DINNER BEFORE YOU COME—WE'RE JUST HAVING SNACKS)

Fun for all ages!

COME PREPARED TO:

MEET NEW PEOPLE

PLAY SILLY GAMES

CHEER ON YOUR TEAM

BRING AN "OLYMPIC THEMED" SNACK TO SHARE.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE BEST OLYMPIC THEMED SNACK IN THESE CATEGORIES:

"SWEET" "SALTY" "HEALTHY"

(BEVERAGES AND PAPER GOODS WILL BE PROVIDED)

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! REALLY! BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!



July 27th will feature  
**Fergie Jenkins**  
as a guest at  
**Christian Fellowship Night**  
Game starts at 7:05 PM

Parker Gnome giveaway to the first 2,000 fans at the game. The Grizzlies will also be wearing Farm Grown theme jerseys on July 27th, which will be auctioned off afterwards to benefit the Children's Hospital Central California.

## Upcoming Events

### Christmas Dinner in August (PTO) 08/05/12



It all started with a challenge from the Pachelbel family to the Williams, Hansen-Smith, and Alfaro families: Is your traditional family Christmas Cioppino recipe REALLY that good? (Cioppino is an Italian tomato-based seafood stew, and when served with a green salad and garlic bread, makes a wonderful dinner any-time). SO...

Everyone is invited to the PTO's Christmas Dinner In August on 08/05/12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. In addition to the cioppino stew, salad and bread, there will be other PTO family Christmas traditions available for sampling. You may make a donation toward the cost of the seafood at the door, but we really need to know if you plan to attend so that we order enough. Please **RSVP to Connie Alfaro by Sunday 07/29/12.**

### Hmong family camp is for everyone! (Aug. 2-4)

The Conference Committee on Hmong Ministry will be hosting their annual summer Family Camp at Oroville UMC, beginning after dinner on Thursday, August 2 and running through the morning of August 4.

There will be programs in Hmong and in English, with shared meals and games.

The Basic Lay Speaking course will be taught in English by Pastor Janette. and Using Your Spiritual Gifts will be taught in Hmong by Xifu Paul Joseph,

The cost for this camp is \$20 per person, with a maximum of \$100 per family.

"**Second Sunday Lunches**" is heading into its second year as a ministry of "good taste" in our congregation! This has truly been a ministry involving the entire congregation! We want to encourage people to make our fellowship hall their lunch destination on the second Sunday each month for a tasty meal, some fun entertainment, and a chance to meet members of the congregation with whom you are unacquainted.

In the months ahead, along with a scrumptious meal we will enjoy BINGO, bean-bag baseball, and a talent show.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

## 'CATCH' Workshop in August Is All About Visitors

The article below is taken from our Annual Conference website ([www.cnumc.org](http://www.cnumc.org)). There are several people from MUMC planning to attend. Carpools can be arranged for those interested in attending this one day event. Scholarship help is available if you let the church office know by August 5th.

"Inviting and Connecting Visitors" is the focus of the Saturday, Aug. 18 CATCH workshop being offered at First United Methodist Church of Loomis. It is a natural follow-up to the Leading Beyond the Walls workshop held in June, but also stands alone for the practical, put-it-in-motion-this-fall instruction we will receive.

The leader is Debi Nixon, who has been with the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, near Kansas City, from its early years, and who now serves as the Executive Director of Regional Campuses and Catalyst. Being a catalyst, translating good news into a life-giving experience for those who have not yet found a home for their heart's yearnings, is what she lives tangibly, and teaches well.

The workshop will address these topics:

- ✦ **C**larity on three important questions
- ✦ **A**ttracting visitors in your community
- ✦ **T**ransforming into a welcoming environment

- ✦ **C**onnection and doing effective follow-up
- ✦ **H**elping individuals on their journey

CATCH: Attracting and Connecting Visitors is sponsored by the Great Northern District and "Circuit on the Rise" (another way of saying "in the foothills") and will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012.

Sign up for CATCH here or at [www.cnumc.org/register](http://www.cnumc.org/register). \$25 per person registration fee includes Saturday lunch and snacks.

## Leadership Training Institute at UM Church of the Resurrection

Leadership Training Institute at UM Church of the Resurrection near Kansas City will be October 3-5 this year.

We had 5 people attend last year and they all felt it was extremely inspirational.

If you are feeling an urge to take greater responsibility in the ministries of MUMC and feel you would benefit from

receiving training in a way that can expand your thinking your thinking about possibilities

AND give you tools to make possibilities become realities

- COR Leadership Institute is for YOU!

Talk with Pastor Janette by August 21st to let her know of your interest.



## Youth Calendar:

- ▶ Sunday July 15  
5pm Music Rehearsal, 6pm youth group
- ▶ Tuesday July 17  
1 pm SSP presentation planning
- ▶ Saturday July 21  
10 am Povorello House Workday  
1pm SSP presentation run through
- ▶ Sunday July 22  
SSP presentation at 9:30 and 11 am services  
5pm Music Rehearsal, 6pm youth group
- ▶ Sunday July 29  
FOF: Wacky Olympics (see article elsewhere for times)
- ▶ Sunday August 5  
5pm Music Rehearsal, 6pm youth group
- ▶ Sunday August 12  
4 pm Back to School/Movin' on Up  
Swim Party
- ▶ Saturday August 18  
10 am Povorello House Workday
- ▶ Sunday August 19  
5pm Music Rehearsal, 6pm youth group
- ▶ Sunday August 26  
5pm Music Rehearsal, 6pm youth group
- ▶ Sunday September 2  
5pm Music Rehearsal, 6pm youth group
- ▶ Sunday September 9  
5pm Music Rehearsal, 6pm youth group
- ▶ Saturday September 15  
10 am Povorello House Workday
- ▶ Sunday September 16  
5pm Music Rehearsal, 6pm youth group
- ▶ Sunday September 23  
5pm Music Rehearsal, 6pm youth group
- ▶ Sunday September 30  
5pm Music Rehearsal, 6pm youth group



Shoua Yang 08/01	Cliff Stocks 08/26
Shirley Loakes 08/02	Edie Dyer 08/27
Cecil Leonardo 08/04	Sheila Weyant 08/29
Dorothy Doss 08/05	Tanner Potter 08/30
Mary Ann Jennison 08/05	Newell Knudson 09/02
Helen Tashjian 08/05	Patricia Davidson 09/04
Janette Saavedra 08/06	Chia Me Vang 09/04
Kathy Yang 08/06	Cheryl Pachelbel 09/05
Scott Hatfield 08/08	Leonard Babcock III 09/09
Darren Williams 08/08	Xiong Yang 09/10
Jim Posey 08/09	Michael Crosslin 09/11
Yer Vang 08/09	Karron Burks 09/13
Shia Thao Yang 08/10	Mai Chao Vang 09/13
Lucy Gadberry 08/11	Concetta Adams 09/14
Jennifer Meador 08/11	Pa Chang 09/14
Rick Hutchinson 08/14	Jim# Lowrey 09/14
Bill Febuary 08/15	Carson# Spencer 09/14
Shirley Monis 08/15	Xao Jerry Yang 09/15
Ozzie Hernandez 08/16	Sara Glazebrook 09/16
Carol Silva 08/17	Erick Seay 09/17
Glynda Ward 08/18	Katy# Wamsley 09/18
Vernon Barkman 08/19	Andrew Xiong 09/18
Viola Nutting 08/19	Margee Hutchinson 09/20
Joyce Yang 08/20	Bea Trainer 09/20
Grace Yang 08/20	Ruth Ehresman 09/23
Mary Yang 08/20	Molly Lovgren 09/23
Betty Anderson 08/21	Amy Potter 09/24
Bla Yang Moua 08/21	Judith Barkman 09/27
Grace Moua 08/21	Janette Erickson 09/27
May Chee (Sandy) Moua 08/22	Charen Polson 09/27
Elijah Yang 08/22	Pa Hang 09/28
Guin Jenanyan 08/23	Lynn Golden 09/29
LaDonna Snow 08/24	Pat Manske 09/30
Bryan Thao 08/24	
Duane Wamsley 08/24	

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

### Cafe Via

Chef Matthew Babcock has opened a restaurant near the south-east corner of Blackstone Ave. and Herndon. All reports are: the food is DELCIOUS! When you have a chance, why OT check it out?

Cafe Via  
6640 Blackstone Ave (at Herndon)  
Fresno, CA 93711  
559 447-8706

### MUMC SERVICE SURVEY 2012 New Schedule for Sundays?????



Adults, Youth, Children, Everyone needs to take the MUMC Service Survey to help with the decision. It's easy you can use the paper copy or you can do it online.

People who attend the 9:30 AM Imagine! Service go to:  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2XSRPVS>

People who attend the 11 AM Traditional Service go to:  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2NJ65QZ>

For Families with children or youth and children and youth go to:  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RBXSPGL>

Big **SHOUT OUT** to GUIN JENANYAN and her team exploring ways to upgrade and improve our fellowship hall and education building. There is a lot to do, and we appreciate all that the team is taking on!

Also, **SHOUT OUT** to CECIL & DONA LEONARDO from that team for:

Cecil has installed lights in the fellowship hall that have wireless switches near the doors and main lighting bank so that people can now move through the room from doors to light switch banks with enough light to safely pass tables and chairs without tripping! Excellent safety upgrade! Thanks! (and folks, please remember to turn off the wireless lights as you exit the building.)

Dona has arranged for carpet to be installed in the Sunday School rooms.

All the expenses for both these upgrades are covered by funds in our "renovation" fund.

### NEW COMBINED EMERGENCY FUND

The Finance Committee, Network and Administrative Support Teams voted to combine our Pantry and Pastor's Discretionary Fund to better serve the needs of those who are suffering. Beginning Aug. 1, all new gifts that come in designated for the pantry and the pastor's discretionary fund (which includes the communion offering) – or those designated "emergency fund" – will be blended into a fund that will assist needy persons not only with food, but with other pressing needs such as electric bills, rent, medical bills and gas.

All funds received prior to July 31 will continue to be separated into the Pantry Fund and the Discretionary Fund. They will be used only for those designations. Thanks to generous donors, we have over \$5,000 in the Pantry Fund which will continue to serve the hungry well into next year, even without on-going donations. The Discretionary Fund has less than \$400 and is usually used to fund only a small part of the urgent needs presented to Pastor Janette.

Again, thank you for your generosity. We appreciate all gifts that have been contributed to both of these funds. You have helped many persons in need over the years, and your contributions will continue to do so even more effectively under the new policy. Please contact Pastor Janette, Diane Zastovnik, or members of the Finance team if you have any questions or concerns about this policy.

### Annual Conference Donations

Though the generosity of our congregations we were able to send 13 Flood Buckets, many books, used eyeglasses and a cash donation to Annual Conference.





## VORP: Victim Offender Reconciliation Program

You are invited to become a volunteer peacemaker/mediator.

As part of our exploration about peacemaking and extending the denomination's encouragement to support "Peace with Justice" ministries, on June 24 Mr. Seya Lumeya of VORP shared with us about VORP's work in the juvenile justice system. We learned how the process of mediation is an effective and wholistic approach to addressing many of the problems which go through our juvenile courts. The focus on "restorative justice" helps teach personal responsibility, accountability, and how to live together in community.

Following worship that day, many people expressed desire to learn more about this approach to justice. One opportunity we have to make an important witness for the grace of Jesus is to get trained to be a mediator. If YOU would like to serve as a mediator for

VORP, you are invited to receive training either in September or October.

- ✦ Pastor Janette is planning to attend the September training event.
- ✦ Other opportunities for learning more about how to use restorative justice as an approach to life will be offered in the future. THIS TRAINING IS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED/WILLING to be VORP mediators.

The cost is \$35 for 9 hours of classroom training and 8 hours of field training as you work your first victim/offender case. VORP only asks that you serve as a mediator on 2 additional cases sometime during your first year.

MUMC folks: talk with Pastor Janette if you would like scholarship help to cover the cost of the course.

You can make a difference in the lives of victims and offenders of juvenile crime in our community.

Please consider serving your neighbor as a peacemaker, today!

2012 VOLUNTEER MEDIATOR TRAINING - on the campus of Fresno Pacific University.

Sept. 7 & 8  
Or  
Oct. 5 & 6

Trainings are Friday: 6:30pm-9:30pm  
and Saturday: 8:30am-3:30pm

For additional information please contact:

Victim Offender Reconciliation Program of the Central Valley, Inc.  
4882 E. Townsend Ave.,  
Fresno, CA 93727

(559) 455-9803  
Fax: (559) 252-4800  
E-Mail: VORP



*FINANCE REPORT*

Finance Report as of June 30, 2012

General Fund Budget:

Income Jan – Jun: 124,559.38  
 Expenses Jan – Jun: 122,196.03  
 Income over expenses: 2,363.35

**Can you BUMP up your giving?**  
**B**lessing  
**U**nimagined  
**M**ade  
**P**ossible!

All bills due through June are paid except \$3,449.51 of the amount due on Apportionments. This is about the amount due on Apportionments for 1.25 months. Thanks to the Thrift Store, we made a \$3,000 payment in July. If everyone will continue to give at the current rate, and if those who haven't already done so will "bump up" their giving by \$200 to \$400 for the year, we should be able to continue paying our bills – including all of the Apportionments. Please prayerfully consider whether you can give this extra amount.

*TEAMS AND MINISTRIES*

*Boutique News*

Wow! This year is sure flying by fast. I can hardly believe our Holiday Boutique is just 4 months away. All of our members are working very hard on wonderful items for our upcoming event. A beautiful quilt is almost finished for the Academy fund raiser and Mary Ettelson is hand quilting the one for our November sale. We added a new member to our Boutique Group a few months ago; so welcome to Jeannette Alexander.

If you would like to join us on Wednesday mornings we meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9 am.

Please call me if:

- ♦ you would like to make and donate something to our Boutique event.
- ♦ If you have a family member or friend who you think would like to come to our event
- ♦ You would like more information.

The Holiday Boutique has been a success over the years because of the dedication and talent of our members and with the support of our congregation. Thank you.

Carol Scheitzer 299-3432

*Mission Thrift Shop*

The Thrift Shop has had much success bringing in well over \$1,000 each month this past quarter. We have many happy helpful volunteers for which we are blessed and we are grateful for all your contributions.

Please seriously consider the following:



**Volunteer Job Opening:**

Join Thrift Shop volunteers in setting up at 6:30 a.m. on Friday and 7:00 a.m. on Saturday and closing down at 2:15 Friday and Saturday. Need assistance putting out signs and setting up tables and goods outside and bringing the same inside at the end of the day. It seldom takes more than 30 minutes. If you could only help one day or one setup or take down we would be most grateful. Please contact Gloria McClanahan 291-8403

## Special Friends

My thanks to Dee Carr who lead the Special Friends groups theme, *Finding God in the Mail Box* by Susie Joy Mast. Notes, cards and letters become treasured moments for our friends who are unable to be with us most of the time at meetings or church services and activities. It lets them know they have a place in our hearts and gives them something to look at time and time again.



Pastor Norm Mowery often said to our congregation, "We are the Easter People", and we thought about what it means to be one of the Easter People.

In June our Meditation came from ideas in the May/June issue of *Alive Now*, from Matthew 4:19 where Jesus, "Follow me." What do we do when we hear God's call right where we are, fulfilling our calling with the gifts God has given us, like Lydia did. Saying yes sometimes takes a person to places of radical change, danger and uncertainty, like Abraham and Sarah. The call involves a lifetime of listening, paying attention, and being willing to adjust our path. A spiritual practice, called discernment -the practice of listening for God's guidance- to be Christ's hands and heart in the world.

During those months we made 37 visits, 70 phone visits and sent 69 cards or notes to our church friends.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 12th at 2:00 pm.

God only calls us to be who we are. Have you heard Him calling?

Blessings, Lorraine May



## UMW News

2012 California-Nevada Conference Mission Education Events Sponsored by CA/NV Conference UMW Study choices are:

1. Haiti
2. Immigration in Bible
3. Poverty—Social Issue

### 1 Day Event

August 11, 2012

deadline July 15, 2012. Cost \$35.00 to be held here.

Clovis UMC 1-599-299-4615  
1726 Pollasky Ave, Clovis, CA.

**This event is open to All, men and women are invited to attend!**

Make checks payable to:  
CA/NV Conference UMW

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### UMW Weekend Events

Aug 24-26 deadline Aug 1, 2012

Hotel de Oro  
13070 Santa Nella Blvd.  
Santa Nella, CA 95322  
At HWY 33 & 5

Sept 21-23 deadline Aug 15, 2012

Holiday Inn  
1000 East 6th Street  
Reno, NV 89512

Partial Scholarships are available for Weekend Events only.



## FROM THE PASTOR

Grace and peace be with you all! Recently I made some lifestyle changes that have been much needed. Specifically, I started exercising more.

When I was in high school my best friend suggested we go out for the track team. We did this - and were in pain every day for two months! We were in such bad shape that it took us *two months* to be able to make it through the daily workouts without suffering muscles stiffness later. BUT at least two good things came out of that experience: 1) we had a wonderful time on the track team, 2) the training and conditioning we went through stayed with us for years!

However, through the years, the lack of regular exercise is showing! So, I have begun intentionally exercising again. The first day I thought I was going to collapse! But, I didn't! Yea! Now I exercise each morning, gradually increasing the workout. I am feeling better: less stress in my back and more strength in my "core" muscles. I like it!

This "rediscovering" the value of a discipline of daily exercise reminds me of the need we have for an intentional approach to our spiritual disciplines, too. Many of us can point to a time when we were "on fire for the Lord." Over time, while we may talk about our close relationship with God, the "fire" may have dwindled to embers.

We our METHODISTS! When we want to improve, we develop a system to help keep us moving forward! I am looking forward to a new approach to "intentional spiritual formation" that will be coming to MUMC this fall. It is a "methodist" approach developed at UM Church of the Resurrection (COR) in Leawood, KS.

COR is focused on helping "nonreligious and nominally religious people become deeply committed Christians." To accomplish this worthy goal, they realized they needed to articulate what they mean by the term "deeply committed Christians." Here is the definition they developed for use in their ministries: **Deeply committed Christians are theologically informed, spiritually transformed, and serving God in the world.**

A shorter way to remember that definition is **the 3 H's**:

- ♦ **Head**=theologically transformed,
- ♦ **Heart**=spiritually transformed
- ♦ **Hands**=serving in the world.

Deeply committed Christians engage their head, heart and hands for Jesus. They allow Jesus to use and renew their head, heart and hands. They open themselves to continually expand their understandings and the application of those understandings so that their heads, hearts and hands may be increasingly useful for God's purposes.

What if each person connected with MUMC made a commitment that each year they would:



- 1) attend weekly worship as often as possible
- 2) each year do at least one thing that encourages growth in each of the 3 H's (head, heart, hands)

That could be AWESOME! The more of us that make that commitment, the more we will see God's work evident in our ministries! Keep it in your prayers - you are still praying at least 15 minutes each day, right? - and look for more details in October! -js

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July 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22  *4 pm Network	23	24  *8:00 am Thrift Shop Workday	25	26	27  * Fresno Grizzlies gates open at 6:05 pm Game starts at 7:05  	28  * 8 am Yoga with Sonny, Social Hall
29 *6:00 pm The Wacky Olympics 	30	31			