



GOOD NEWS

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"The Mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

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BRING TOYS IN NOVEMBER: We are going to have a toy drive again this year, but we are going to host our own event. Pai has graciously agreed to lead the toy drive again – yay! Please bring toys to the church during the month of November and support this outreach to our community!

Registration December 3rd and Distribution December 10th.
Sign up Help!

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING:

On Sunday evening, November 27 at 6pm, the PTO and youth group will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas. If you enjoy decorating for Christmas, please come and join us! Connie Alfaro



UPCOMING ACADEMY EVENTS:

-November 20 – Soup buffet at 12:30 pm with a Thanksgiving service following at 2:30 pm.

-December 4 – Advent service at 2:30 pm

-December 24 – Christmas service at 4:00 pm with cookies and coffee following.

Pastor Saavedra & Family

Invite EVERYONE to the parsonage on Friday, December 2 between 4-9 pm to enjoy food, singing and fellowship. Our Chancel Choir will sing at 5pm. Music and games will continue throughout the evening.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Mark your calendars now! Our annual Advent dinner is on a new night! Come out on SUNDAY, Dec. 4 for food, fellowship, and fun! This potluck party will get you in the Christmas mood so don't miss it! Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact the church office to reserve a seat. Let us know if you would like to host a table--we look forward to enjoying your decorations! Any questions, Laura Williams, 351-9511 or [williams.laura60@gmail](mailto:williams.laura60@gmail.com)

LIVE NATIVITY EVENT DEC. 17 AND 18



Our Christmas Card to the community, the Live Nativity Event is planned for Dec. 17 and 18 this year. Every year the Live Nativity event gets better and better, thanks to the many helping hands and open hearts that participate! This is an ALL CHURCH EVENT, and we need everyone's help and support. Please check the signup sheets in the church lobby every Sunday and let us know how you can help. Whether you are one of our many wonderful "veterans" for this event, or you are looking for something fun and new to help ring in the holidays, YOU ARE WELCOME! If you have any questions, please see Connie Alfaro.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS



Warm Tree - during Advent each year MUMC collects items of warm clothing that we take to Poverello house to share with those most in need. We collect: Hats, scarves, gloves, socks... Anything that can help a person stay warm! If you want to wrap up your gift, please note if the gift would best be used by a man or woman, or if it is not gender specific.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE & HOT SOUP SUPPER DEC. 21

The Christmas holiday season can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member who has recently died. Unemployment or underemployment may mean a Christmas without gifts for the kids. Or it may be a time that has always been difficult. It's hard to be merry when your heart is broken.

Our Memorial UMC family has a message of love and hope to share with our neighbors. And so on Wednesday December 21, we offer a special "Longest Night" service and a "Hot Soup/Warm Heart" supper for the community. A simple supper of nourishing soup, bread, and salad will be served free of charge at 6:00 p.m. A worship service of prayer, scripture, meditation, and music will follow at 7:00 p.m.

To bring this time of nourishment to life, we need helpers willing to provide the menu items, help in setup and cleanup, taking part in the worship service, and getting the invitation out to the community. If you can help, please contact Connie Alfaro at (559) 905-2240.

2012 UMC CONFIRMATION CLASS STARTING IN JANUARY

A membership confirmation class for junior and high school students will start in January. We will use the United Methodist Church's exciting and dynamic curriculum called "Claim the Name," a six week course that explores the many aspects of God's grace and the connectedness of our church. If you are interested in attending, or have children you would like to sign up, please contact Connie Alfaro at (559) 905-2240 or at conniealfaro1313@gmail.com. Once a student roster has been developed, we will find the best time and day for the class to meet.

Watch the Sunday Announcements & Emails for more details on the Twelfth Night Celebration

A RAY OF HOPE FOR SOLAR ON CHURCH ROOF

The Green Committee has met to further look at the possibility of adding solar panels to the church grounds. Items to be decided are whether to lease or buy the panels, how much power can be produced, how much electrical bill savings can be generated, what grants and tax credits can be utilized, and if the project will pencil out financially. More and more churches are adding solar as part of their financial bottom line and their environmental mission. We will be meeting again January 8th in the Lose Library. If you are interested call Andy Hansen-Smith 360-5985

All Women's' Retreat

On January 24th an all women's retreat will be with held in the Social Hall with the topic being "Seasons of Life." more information to be announced later.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE CORNER

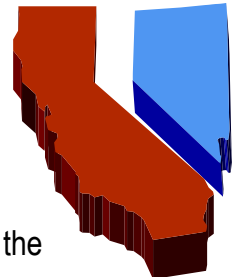
The keynote speaker at the California-Nevada Conference was the Rev. Adam Hamilton of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection

in Leawood, Kansas,--the largest in the denomination with 18,000 members.

Adam Hamilton grew up in a Pentecostal Church, but decided in college that he would like to find a different church. He did some research on various denominations, then came across a Methodist Book of Discipline and liked its order, so decided to attend a seminary that would lead him in that direction.

This church in Leawood, Kansas, had a humble beginning. Right after he was ordained, he had a burning desire to start a church, and no facility available to house a church. It seems all the schools and buildings were already being used, except a mortuary, hence the name, The Church of the Resurrection. With fifteen friends, the church was on its way, and continues to grow today.

Following Bishop Brown's State of the Conference, outlining the challenges the church faces in the twenty-first century, Rev. Hamilton said, "We must change, innovate, and improve-or die!" The crisis



we, as a church, are facing right now is becoming more relevant to the needs and challenges of our time.

He spoke from an outline, *Leading Beyond the Walls*, pointing out the difference between those churches that are highly vital, and those that are not, is effective clergy and lay leadership. Good leaders set goals for the group, care about the group, make the group members responsible. We need to unleash the Power of the Laity towards a New Testament model of ministry: "Preparing God's people to do the work of the ministry." Prayer is essential to the churches growth.

Healthy organizations have a clear MVP: (1) Mission—why we exist (to enrich people's lives). (2) Vision—where we are going. (3) Plan—a purpose. Successful churches/pastors/leaders are willing to do what unsuccessful churches/pastors/leaders are unwilling to do. Churches must be willing to do whatever it takes to make one a member of the church family. Small groups enhance membership. Book clubs, Bible studies, gatherings for meals, whatever meets a need.

Rev. Hamilton has written many books. A few were purchased at the Conference: *Why? Making Sense of God's Will*, *24 Hours That Changed the World*, *Seeing Gray in a Black and White World*, and the *Journey, Walking the Path to Bethlehem*, with the thought that they would be great for a study or book club.

A postscript to his message: *Why United Methodism Matters Now More Than Ever*.

A. Four keys for a Future With Hope: (1) Compelling worship, preaching, and community in local churches, (2) Calling and equipping outstanding new leaders, (3) Starting new faith communities, new models for small churches, (4) Incarnational and compelling mission ministry.

B. The power of the Wesleyan approach to the gospel.

Lorraine May

CLayM Certified Lay Ministry

At Annual Conference I was proud of all the persons accepting assignments to small churches, that otherwise would not have a pastor. The CA/NV Conference developed the Conference Lay Ministry Program to strengthen the churches that are unable to support a salaried pastor. This is an extension of the

Lay Speaking Program from 20 years ago. Currently 10 United Methodist Churches in three districts and a church in another denomination are being served by Conference Lay Ministers.

A Conference Lay Minister is a lay person who:

- Is mature in his or her faith, and has a strong self-image and good people skills;
- Is experienced in the workings of the United Methodist Church;
- Is willing to serve as a volunteer (without salary), doing everything in pastoral ministry except administering the sacraments and providing counseling;
- feels called and can afford to apply a significant period of time and his or her Leadership abilities to a local church;
- has been approved by his or her District Superintendent for the Conference Lay Minister Training course;
- has completed the two-week conference Lay Minister Training Course.
- has completed basic training as a local lay speaker;
- has been assigned to serve a church by a District Superintendent.

The training includes:

Bible Course work; Basics of United Methodism; Christian Education; Church Administration; Community Involvement; Preaching and Worship.

Courses offered are:

CLayMaway-two, one week, class blocks with a live instructor;

CLayM@Homeand CLayMOnline. Dates are available on our Conference website, cnumc.org.

A graduate of Conference Lay Minister Training may be placed in a pool of CLayM graduates from which Conference Lay Ministers are selected by District Superintendents for assignment to a church. This year we had 25 graduates.

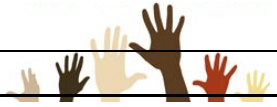
Edie Dyer

YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH EVENTS THROUGH JANUARY

- ☺ **SUN. NOV. 27 - 6 PM CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING PARTY**
- ☺ **SAT. DEC. 3 - 4 PM CLOVIS CHRISTMAS PARADE**
- ☺ **SUN. DEC. 4 - 5 PM MUSIC REHEARSAL
6 PM ALL CHURCH ADVENT DINNER**
- ☺ **SAT. DEC. 10 - 10:30 AM POVERELLO HOUSE**
- ☺ **SUN. DEC. 11 - 9:30, 11:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PLAY
- 5:15 PM MUSIC REHEARSAL
- 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUP**
- ☺ **SAT. DEC. 17 - 4:00 - 9:00 PM LIVE NATIVITY EVENT**
- ☺ **SUN. DEC. 18 - 4:00 - 9:00 PM LIVE NATIVITY EVENT**
- ☺ **SUN. DEC. 25 - NO YOUTH GROUP - MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
- ☺ **SAT. DEC. 31 - ALL CHURCH NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**
- ☺ **SUN. JAN. 1 - 5:15 PM MUSIC REHEARSAL
- 6:00 P.M. MOVIE NITE**
- ☺ **SUN. JAN. 8 - 5:15 PM MUSIC REHEARSAL
- 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUP**
- ☺ **SUN. JAN. 15 - 5:15 PM MUSIC REHEARSAL
- 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUP**
- ☺ **SUN. JAN. 22 - 5:15 PM MUSIC REHEARSAL
- 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUP**
- ☺ **SUN. JAN. 29 - FUN ON THE FIFTH EVENT**

Congregational Life



We are looking for people to help our in our child care program

We need people who would be willing to be on call in case one of our workers needs time off and our usual substitute person is not available.

We really need help in November and December. This is a paid position, and if you can only work for one service that would be fine also.

Hours are 9-12 and 1:30-5:00 on Sunday working either in baby or toddler nursery depending on which needs coverage.

If interested please call our child care coordinator:

Dorrie Osback-Rose (559) 392-0381

To my church family: Thank you for the prayers, well wishes and especially the prayer shawl during my thyroid surgery. I have been lifted up by all of you and I am so thankful for such wonderful friends. I am doing well and see the light at the end of the tunnel as I started my iodine radiation therapy this week. It's almost over and I can get back to my life.

Sharon Hutchinson

Thank you George and I want to express our appreciation and gratitude for the many thoughts, prayers, cards and phone calls over the past several months as Life Challenges have come from many directions. Our son, Aaron is doing well after the Bypass surgery and George is now recuperating at home after 10 days in the VA hospital. A church family is indeed an important part of one's Life. Blessings, Lucy

Thanks to All A note of thanks to the MUMC members that donated plants for our plant table sale at the Fall Festival/Carnival. It made a wonderful display of color and greenery, and nice choice of plants for people to select.

The addition of the Master Gardener plant clinic to answer a wide array of gardening questions was really great. Thanks to all.

iWitness by Chi Uwaoma

This is a testimony to God for His faithfulness during the last church festival. I had already given my testimony to the Imagine church service but was not able to do that at the 2nd service. So Pastor Janette wanted me to do a written testimony. I have been a member of this church for up to 6 yrs now, but I always felt that I was unfulfilled spiritually. To this effect, I wanted to leave the church. My husband can testify to that. I visited other churches and felt that they were the kind of churches I wanted to belong to, but one day while I was praying, a voice said to me, "why do you want to leave your church? God is in every church, why don't you find a way to meet your spiritual fulfillment in your church and find out how you can minister to God". That was when I approached Pastor Janette, and she asked me to organize the church carnival. I said okay, knowing fully well that I had not done anything like that before. So, I went back to God and sought his guidance again and the rest is history. The carnival committee meeting starting with 3 people but we ended up with 12 before the event. To God be the Glory. Organizing this event made me realize how amazing the members of this church are. It was Gods miracle that we pulled this event off within 2 to 3 months of organization. God worked his miracle through everyone but most of all through these special people that I definitely know I could not have done this without them.

-Pastor Janette. Who even when I thought we were not getting any where or could not do this, through her positive attitude, enthusiasm, fantastic suggestions, nudged us forward.

-Carol Schweitzer volunteered to be in charge of drinks, chili cook off/hot dog booths. She also brought in her organizational skills.

-Matt Babcock was in charge of the dinner. We all agreed that that was the best dinner ever. He really outdid himself.

-Diane Zastovnik and Sharon Hutchinson. While I was discussing with them the progress of the carnival, Diane volunteered to be in charge of publicity and she did a fantastic job. She prepared and distributed different fliers to the

public, contacted Fresno Bee, radio and T.V stations. Sharon even though was sick at that time provided valuable suggestions, she called me from time to time to check on the progress and even attended meetings when she could.

-Sue DeFranco was in charge of fair trade goods, cake walk and bake sale.

-Connie Alfaro and Ian Goudelock were in charge of carnival games. It was a big relief for me when Pastor informed me that that had volunteered the youth group to do that.

-Rick Hutchinson and Nancy Heberlein were in charge of plant sales. Nancy even brought in a botanical vendor to augment what we had.

-Darren Williams was in charge of silent/live auction and due to his versatility, he was called in at the last minute to be the MC for the day, and he perfected the job.

-Ron Zastovnic who was not even contacted, volunteered to be in charge of electricity and technical aspects of the carnival.

-Pai Yang was in charge of Hmong publicity and egg rolls.

-Max Cannon who was called at the last minute, made extra individual calls to members to ensure participation.

-Finally, a friend of mine Renee Latour, who was not even a member of this church volunteered out of the goodness of her heart to be in charge of vendors. She made up the initial fliers and vendor application and contacted the vendors. You know, God works in mysterious ways. I had only met her a few weeks before the carnival and she did not hesitate to help.

I believe that every one is called by God for a purpose, we just have to make ourselves available. I don't think I performed an impossible task, any member of this church could have easily done the same thing with positive results. I was also amazed at how every one participated in the clean up and I don't think you can get a better congregation to work with. I know we made mistakes or omissions along the way but the goal is to learn from them. So, if any one has any suggestions or would like to join the committee, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Thank you and remain blessed.
Chi.

TEAMS AND MINISTRIES CORNER

Boutique News

The Holiday Boutique 2011 is now in the history books. It is over and was a success, thanks to the members of the group who worked hard over the last year. I am happy to announce that Guin Jenanyan, Bonnie McCarty, Nell Marchbanks and Teri Scott have joined our merry group. They bring new and fresh ideas, a willness to work and great attitudes with them.

Thanks to Guin and Stan Jenanyan the lunches served both days were wonderful. They prepared meat loaf on Friday (my favorite) and lasagna on Saturday. They served home made desserts on both days and if you could not come for lunch, you missed a special treat.

The Country Store committee got the word out about goodies for our Country Store and you all responded wonderfully.

There is not enough room here to thank individuals who contributed to the success of the Boutique. Thanks to the Boutique Group ladies who work all year long on projects for our sale, donating not only their time but the supplies and materials too. Thanks to church members who made things and donated them. Thank you to our kitchen volunteers who cooked, baked, served and did dishes. A big Thank You to the strong men and women who moved the TV, piano, chair racks and tables and much more, the room looked great with these things out of the room. Thanks to those who baked for us and of course thanks for attending our Boutique.

The winners for our drawings: The quilt by Linda Buschman, the afghan by John Taylor and the 18" doll by Ethel Harder.

Now to the bottom line. After we pay our sales tax liability; the net proceeds from our Holiday Boutique 2011 are \$7,600.84.

New Ministry Angels on Wheels

November 1, 2001 is the start of this new ministry.

If you need a ride to church for service on Sunday, or another activity during the week, a doctor visit, therapy, or something else---call Edie Dyer- Coordinator at 264-4665



SKETCHES FROM THE PARISH NURSES

February 25th is All Heart Day.

There will be CPR and AED training in the Social Hall with a Heart Healthy Potluck to follow.

Blessings and good health.

-Lucy Elgin, MSN, NP



UMW NEWS:

DECEMBER

*No Ex Board Meeting

-Dec. 13 – Unit Meeting at 10 am in the Social Hall
“Souper Christmas Luncheon”

*Circle activities TBA

-Barbara Nielsen 291-0935

SPECIAL FRIENDS:

On September 8th the Special Friends met and shared thoughts about Grace, a gift we receive from God, not according to our merits but according to our needs.

Our Lord knows when and where we need help and gives it to us. We joined in singing “Amazing Grace” and read Psalm 103:1-5.

Our departing thought was “How does God’s grace support you day by day?”

Our next meeting was on October 13th. The scripture reading was from Matthew 19:16-22. “I Surrender All” was our hymn. The meditation came

from our study groups’ Celebration of Disciplines on simplicity. The Christian Discipline of Simplicity is an inward reality that results in an outward life-style. A story from “Alive Now” called “Enough Soup to Share,” reminded us that we can be rich in things that matter- rich in faith and hungry for more of God’s love for others.

Our closing thought: Is Jesus all you need?
Will he always be enough for you?

At each meeting we shared reports of visits we had with our special friends and how rewarding those visits become.

During the two months we made 24 visits, sent 59 cards and 20 notes, and had 77 phone visits, letting our special friends know how much we care about them as a part of our church family.

Think about joining us November 10th at 2:00PM.

-Blessings, Lorraine May

Fellowship Hall Kitchen Update:

In late September, several members of the Korean language congregation and the English language congregation met to re-organize and clean the Fellowship Hall kitchen. The shelves have been re-lined, dishes washed and closets cleaned.

Most of the groups in the English language congregation were contacted and agreed to jointly use all of the paper/disposable products and not bring in their own to eliminate some of the duplication of products that plagued our cupboards. We also kept out 150 sets of dishes but packed up the rest in plastic containers in groups of 10 place settings and put those in storage. There is still some work to be done: labeling the shelves and keeping inventory. The Korean and Hmong language congregations will each have their own store of disposable products but it is important to remember that if you need something in the kitchen that you don't see, to please contact Carole Schweitzer, Gloria McClanahan or Sharon Hutchinson so we can add that to the list of items. We are not done but have made a valiant effort forward so if you have any comments or concerns, please contact one of us.

PANTRY NEWS: The pantry is a great help to many people and we are happy that we are able to do this service for so many! Please remember to bring an item on

the first Sunday of the month to help keep our pantry well stocked. After the sermon that Pastor Janette gave a few weeks ago about letting others in the congregation have a chance to do things for the church, I was thinking if anyone feels a calling to take care of the pantry, please let me know! I could especially use a temporary replacement for the pantry in the next couple of months while I help with some family needs. - Janet Bonzo

Mission Thrift Shop News

Sale days: November 4 and 5, December 2 and 3, January 6 and 7

We are blessed. Our sales have been approximately \$1,400 each month. We thank everyone for bringing us things we can sell and the volunteers who give their precious time. We not only have a new roof but a new evaporative cooler provided by the church and a nice contribution from Mac and Margie Magargee. We will miss the Magargees --all the working time Margie has given and how Mac dropped in on us on working days and helped set up each sale day. Welcome to Terri Scott and Lena Leonardo who have joined our volunteer group. Also, we have so much to sell that we need more customers. Please pray for us and spread the word that we are open two days each month-- always the First Friday and the Saturday after the first Friday.
Gloria McClanahan



December/January Birthdays

Wanda Grimsley	12/01	Nancy Enloe	12/02	John Her	12/05
Sharon Hutchinson	12/05	Erin Pachelbel	12/05	Wang Pao Thao	12/05
Cecelia Acton	12/06	Dick Gist	12/06	Katherine Yang	12/15
Geraldine Montgomery	12/17	Bea Bannister	12/20	Linda Torosian	12/20
Gwen Emmick	12/22	Gao Xong Hang	12/22	Kristi Harkins	12/22
Bella Yang	12/22	Gwen Yang	12/22	Robert Markland	12/23
Dani Yang	12/24	Kim Leslie	12/27	Fue Thao	12/27
Lois Ames	12/29	Kevin Lee	12/29	Sue Vang	12/31
Margie Magargee	01/01	Shelby Cox	01/04	William Rose	01/04
Jon Alfaro	01/05	Vernon Croke	01/06	Jonathan Shue Feng Yang	01/07
Andrew Zastovnik	01/08	Christine Uwaoma	01/09	Mary Vollman	01/09
Wiley Harkins	01/11	Denise Fang Yank	01/11	Blake Glazebrook	01/19
Margie Cox	01-21	Matthew Remer	01/23	Clara Yang	01/25
Norma Croke	01/27	Rodger Pachelbel	01-27	Rick Snow	01/27
Carl Nuttina	01/29	Corinne Williams	01/29		

FROM THE PASTOR

Today, as I contemplate the birth of Jesus - the eternal light born to bring us into eternal life - I lift a prayer of thanksgiving for Kurt. Don't know Kurt's last name. Don't know how to contact him. He is just a regular sort of guy. He is also a living parable.



I am fascinated with volcanos. On one trip to the Big Island of Hawaii our group decided it was time to go visit the lava flow. We left our rooms in the morning, planning to do sight seeing and ending our day at the "best" viewing place for the lava flows. As the day wore on we realized that it was going to be

dark by the time we got to the lava flow area, so we stopped at a small store to pick up a couple of flashlights. We tossed our purchases into the trunk of our rental car, and drove on to our next stop: the Thurston Lava Tube.

I could talk for hours about how fascinating volcanos are, and about how cool are lava tubes! This particular lava tube is huge, as lava tubes go, and is easy to stroll through it with the family. We had done this before, but wanted to revisit the sight. On this day, as we got near the end of the trail we found that a side trail had been opened for the day, and we could deeper into the tube, though there were no lights provided to guide us. We began to wander deeper into the tube, and soon found we did not have sufficient lighting to continue. Lava is completely black, so without a light source we could see NOTHING! Eyes open, eyes closed - it was the same!

Those under the age of 20 thought it best to go back to the car, get the flashlights, and return to complete our new exploration. They turned around and went to fetch the devises. Those of us over 50 thought returning to the car was a long way to go, and looked around for other options.

Enter: Kurt.

Just as the kids were departing along comes this guy with a tiny little pen light. His name was Kurt. We said, "Wow! That tiny little light is pretty

effective in this pitch black cave!" Kurt said, "Come on! I'm happy to share it with you."

So we journey with Kurt to the end of the tube. It was a real adventure. The lava was uneven, irregularly shaped, dropping off in some places, getting narrow in others. We had a great conversation with Kurt as we walked, scooted, & ducked our way through the tube. He thoughtfully kept the light shining in such a way that all three of us could see the way ahead. Usually we could see about 10 feet ahead, which was enough to be able to pick the best way forward.

When we reached the end of the tube, we used Kurt's camera to take his picture, and he took our picture with our camera. Then we turned and headed back, chatting pleasantly as we avoided pitfalls and obstacles illuminated by that small penlight. As we neared the end of our journey, we met up with the kids - flashlights in hand - heading deeper into the tube.

As Christians, we often talk about "Jesus is the light of the world."

It is so true! We need Jesus to help us make it through the darkness ahead. AND, it is important to remember, each of us carries some of that light, the light of Jesus, with us wherever we go.

Daily we encounter people in need of light to help them find the best way possible into their future. Most of us think that we don't have enough of Christ's light within us to really be helpful in the overwhelming darkness of the world around us. This is a lie! Please don't believe that lie! "Regular guy Kurt" demonstrates that gladly sharing whatever light you have, even if it seems small, can make all the difference in the world for someone else.

"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!..." As we move through the weeks ahead, keep your heart and mind open to those around you with whom you can share your "little light." You will find your journey is more satisfying, the world will be a better place, and the future will be brighter for us all!



May this season of thankful celebrations be truly holy-days for each of us... -js

Interfaith Alliance of Central California

The Thanksgiving worship service of the Interfaith Alliance of Central California will be on Sunday, November 20, from 7 to 8 pm at United Japanese Christian Church in Clovis.

Check Our Web Page

Memorial's web page is not just to inform and attract new people, but it is also for YOU. Here are some things you can find there:

Resources:

Sermons: Available via our web page or on <http://sermon.net/memumc>.

- Photos (Coppermine): A place for members to store MUMC photos for future use in publications. This page is not open for public viewing.
- Calendar of Events: Synchronized with the office calendar. (via Google services)
- Forms: Such as vouchers, permission slips, calendar requests etc.

News:

- Information on the latest event happening at the church
- Notifications of service time changes and combined services.

You can help. If you see errors or obsolete info on the site, contact the office or webmaster@mem-umc.org and we will correct it. It is sometimes difficult to keep up with classes and groups that form, run their course and then disband. Ron Zastovnik



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December Special Events

Parades - MUMC is planning to participate in both the Clovis and Fresno parades! Clovis' parade will be on the night of Saturday, December 3.

Fresno's parade will be on the morning of Saturday, December 10. We hope to decorate a flat-bed truck, and have people on it promoting our Live Nativity. Help decorating the float and riding on it is joyously welcome! Talk with Connie Alfaro for more information and to participate.

Special worship services in December:

December 4: Holy Communion will be served at 9:30 & 11
2:30 pm at Academy – Advent Service

December 11: Our Sunday School will help to lead worship at 9:30 & 11

December 18: One English language service at 10:30

December 21: Longest Night service begins with soup supper at 6 pm

December 24: there are three different Christmas Eve services
4 pm at Academy - a beautiful setting for this inspirational worship
7 pm at MUMC - especially designed to be "kid friendly"
10:30 pm at MUMC - candlelight, lessons & carols

December 25: one English Language worship at 10:30 am - our choir will leads us with a special cantata they have been rehearsing

December 31: at 11:59 pm! - begin the new year with your mind fixed on Jesus!

New Year's Eve party - we had so much fun last year we want to do it again! Just show up any time after 7 pm. Bring along a game or puzzle & some munchies to share. Hang out with others from your faith family until you are ready to go home! We will be at the church through the countdown at midnight - when we join together for a time of prayer and praise. After a quick clean up we head home for a few hours sleep before Sunday morning worship on New Year's Day at either 9:30 or 11 a.m.

Decorating and un-decorating the sanctuary - the youth & PTO invite everyone to join in decorating the sanctuary on Sunday evening, November 27, at 6 p.m. And, everyone is invited to help UN-decorate the sanctuary and putting away the decorations for another year on Su day, January 8 at 5 pm. Both events will be fun, with lots of opportunities to work together as one family in the faith. **3rd**

Sunday Ballroom Dance

Edie Dryer and dance partner Jim Fairchild will review waltz, single time and triple time swing. Singles and couples are welcome. We will be in the Fellowship Hall, so wear leather sole shoes that will slide on the carpet.



Note: Due to the Live Nativity December's meeting will be on the Second Sunday December 11th

