

GOOD NEWS!

THE NEWSLETTER OF MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, CLOVIS
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What will be happening with our Christian Education Program During the Summer Months.

Our testing has been going well. We continue to improve the basic program, and start recruiting and training more folks to help in all aspects of this ministry.

5:00 PM Sunday Dinner

IMPORTANT: meal time help is needed! As we have been testing our program, Pastor Janette has been doing much of the cooking and cleaning. Now it is time to expand the list of those who can help with this part of the program.

Do you have a heart to help people grow spiritually?

Do you enjoy cooking?

Do you like to help clean up?

Are you willing to take a turn as a team member in an effort to create a program where people of all ages can gather to learn about and grow in Christ?

If you answer YES to any of those questions, talk with Pastor Janette!



5:45 PM Classes for all ages:

Christian Education for children is taught in small groups at activity centers. There is music, story and crafts. Each activity lasts for 15 minutes. We will be looking to add more activity leaders to our ranks!

Christian Education opportunities for adults:

June: Bible study class in English is facilitated by Andy Hansen-Smith.

"Using your hands in service to God" will be taught by MUMC artisans (teaching such skills as crocheting....)



July: Bible In A Year (BIAY) begins. Pastor Janette will lead the class this month

August: BIAY continues.

Prayer - different ways we pray. This class will look at different approaches to prayer, trying different types each week.

Rev, We Woong Kim, pastor of Fresno Korean United Methodist Fellowship, is retiring at Annual Conference session this June. Let us hold him in prayer as he makes this big life transition. Let us also hold our brothers and sister of the Korean congregation in prayer as they prepare to receive a new pastor.



June July Birthdays



Chai	Yang	06/01
Katherine	Dickinson	06/02
Velda	House	06/02
Mai Thao	Hang	06/04
Brian	Jennison	06/05
Seethong	Yang	06/06
Dorothy	Sinclair	06/07
Joy	Cole	06/08
Bonnie	Harkins	06/10
Tony	Vang	06/10
Gao Ly	Yang	06/10
Pai	Yang	06/10
Luella	Bailey	06/13
Addy	Vang	06/15
Ka	Khang	06/20
Dwight	Bianchi	06/23
Barbara	Nielsen	06/23
Kou	Yang	06/29
Madeline	Williams	06/30



Tessa	Hansen-Smith	07/01
Barbara	Woodward	07/03
Dhuaong	Hang	07/04
Kong	Lee	07/04
Kevin	Bonzo	07/05
Mary	Ettelson	07/05
Eric	Jennison	07/07
Koua Vang	Xiong	07/08
Kia Thao	Yang	07/08
Danielle#	Uwaoma	07/09
Bill	Sautter	07/12
Richard	Emmick	07/13
Mely	Rinon	07/13
Lorraine	May	07/14
Nou Yeng	Yang	07/16
Yi Cha	Cha	07/17
Judith	Gross	07/17
Peggy	Bos	07/19
Celerina	Carlos	07/20
Gloria	McClanahan	07/20
Georgia	Holman	07/21
Garth	Goudelock	07/22
Carole	Linenbach	07/23
Pagean	Carter	07/24
Harry	Rogers	07/24
Ricky	Harkins	07/25
Mike	Jennison	07/25
Patti	Pond	07/29
Sue	DeFranco	07/30
Dorothy	Heskett	07/31
Clayton	Potter	07/31

MUMC & Academy UMC

are strengthening our joint ministry through prayer and Bible study. We get together on the first Saturday each month, alternating locations. We are going to study the life of Jesus, as told in the gospels. Study books are available in the MUMC office. Our next meetings will be:

June 1 @ 10:30 a.m. - at Academy. Want to carpool? We will be leaving the MUMC parking lot @ 10:05 a.m.



July 6 in the library of MUMC at 10:30 a.m.

August 3 at Academy UMC - carpool leaving MUMC at 10:05 a.m.



Watch for information about Special Friends Training Session scheduled for June or July. Plan to attend!

Lorraine May

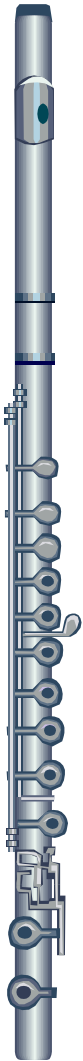


BALLROOM DANCE

7pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Singles Welcome.

For more information call Edie Dyer at 264-4665





A Special Invitation to a Special Music Event

You are cordially invited
to hear La Forza!
(augmented flute choir)
in Concert!

June 15, 2013—at 3 p.m.

In the Social Hall

Janette Erickson, Music Director

Admission is free to the Public!

Hear the

Russell S. Howard Library

Performed by

Young Virtuositic Musicians

Playing Classical Pieces from
Around the World!

More Music

We have **TWO** wonderful annual music events in June.

Hallelujah Music Fest: is a ministry of our Conference Committee on Hmong Ministry. This year's event will be held in Stockton, Ca, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 15.

There will be lots of people from MUMC going. For more details or to arrange to carpool, call the church office.

Great Day of Music - will be Sunday, June 23. This will be a combined service at 10 a.m., and almost the entire service will be sung! It is such a celebratory worship experience to which you will want to bring family and friends.

Youth Group News June/ July 2013



Movin' On Up Swim Party

Welcome 7th – 12th graders! Anyone entering 7th – 12th grades is welcome to come splash it up at our annual swim party on June 22, 2013! (Newly graduated seniors welcome too :-). Keep watching for more details.

Work Mission at Glide UMC in San Francisco

We'll be taking a short (3-4 day) trip this summer to Glide UMC in late July – more information to come soon!

UMW News

June 18—Unit Meeting
10 am, Baseball Day
-Fun & games-
Luncheon,- Salad & Hot
Dogs

All women welcome.
July—No Meetings



Upcoming Events

Stewardship/Discipleship:

Committed to Christ follow up

We had a WONDERFUL all-congregation focus throughout Lent on our commitment to Christ. We are passing Pentecost, now, and the Stewardship/Discipleship team is working to provide ways to help us keep our commitment to Christ a priority in our everyday living. We are making arrangements for a different area of commitment to be the focus of a Sunday evening Christian Education class. Here are our plans for the next few months include:

June: hands-on service - some of our skilled artisans will teach various "practical" art forms, such as crocheting

July: Bible Study - the Bible In A Year study begins this month - we encourage everyone to get involved at some level of commitment. Pastor Janette will lead the class this month

August: prayer - we will explore different ways to pray

These classes will be offered on Sunday evenings as part of the Christian Education Hour:

Dinner @ 5 p.m., classes 5:45-6:45.

If there are other ways the Stewardship/Discipleship Team can help you grow in Christ, please talk with any of the team members:

Darren Williams, Rick Hutchinson,
Sara Glazebrook, Sue DeFranco,
Pastor Janette



Bible In A Year

Beginning July 7th Pastor Janette will lead the congregation in this program designed to encourage everyone to read the Bible more - and if you stick with this program for 51 weeks, you will read the entire Bible! Weekly reading assignments will be in the bulletins each Sunday and in the Weekly Digest each Friday. For those who would like a chance to discuss the readings with others, there will be a weekly class on Sunday evenings. Prayerfully consider your involvement in this program. Perhaps this is the year for YOU to read the entire Bible!



Annual Conference Session

will be held in Sacramento, June 19-22. SOMETHING NEW for 2013: We would like to bring a couple of car loads of people to Sacramento on Saturday, June 22, to experience annual conference. If you have never attended and would like to know what it is all about, this would be a good time to check it out! Let the church office know of your interest.



TAAG Team:

Totally Awesome 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.

June 7: Family film - Madagascar 3

July 5: Flag & factually based: Lincoln

August 2: Faith - Faith Like Potatoes

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

June 15: Shakespeare in the Park at Woodward park. Play starts at 8 pm. Come early to explore the park and have a picnic

July 20: Day by the water... Perhaps at Millerton.... Perhaps sailing, too? More details to follow

August 17: hiking in Yosemite

Keep watching the Sunday announcements and the weekly digest for more details.



FOF - Fun On the Fifth.

June 30 will be our fifth Sunday - so let's get together for a picnic in the park. We will start with a potluck at 5 p.m., followed by games and activities in a luau theme. Put this on your calendar now - and look for details in the weeks ahead.



New Member class July 13. If you are interested in becoming a member of MUMC, plan to attend our New Members class on Saturday, July 13 at 2-5 pm. Let Pastor Janette know of your interest.



Homecoming weekend

October 19-20, 2013. Make plans to be in town that weekend, and invite your friends and family to join in the celebrations, too!

The theme for the weekend is: Yesterday, Today and Forever (from Hebrews 13:8)

Logo contest extended - we are inviting folks to submit an entry to be considered for the logo for our Homecoming Weekend. Submissions should be to the MUMC office no later than June 21. The voting will happen on the Great Day of Music, June 23.



Finance

Financial Summary

March 31, 2013

General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$7,652.98
Income Jan - Mar	\$71,143.43
Expenses Jan - Mar	\$74,301.04
Ending Balance	\$4,495.37



We also have about 14 designate funds which hold income until it is needed for the specified purpose. One of these funds is the Permanent Endowment which pays a certain percentage into the General Fund each year. Currently, there is \$48,497.39 in the fund. This is expected to contribute \$2,300 to the General Fund this year.

Financial Summary

April 30, 2013

General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$4,495.37
Income Apr	\$18,923.09
Expenses Apr	\$23,538.34
Ending Balance	-\$119.88

Another of the designated funds is the Memorial Fund. People donate in memory of loved ones who have died. Family members are asked to specify what church project they would like the funds to be used toward. We currently have \$8,669.31 in this fund.

Boutique News

The friendly Boutique group meets every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Social Hall. They do all kinds of crafts and needlework and are most willing to help beginners with their projects. You might learn to quilt, crochet or knit! There is a large supply closet with all kinds of goodies available for projects. The work goes to the sale at the two day Boutique show in November. Everyone is welcome to come join in the fun. You don't have to arrive on time and you can leave early or go to lunch with the group as your schedule permits. And you don't have to come every Wednesday! We look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks - Jeannette




The Haiti Mission team Provided Breakfast and Devotional for UMM



At the May United Methodist Men's meeting. The Haiti Mission Team provided a typical Haiti Style breakfast that the team had enjoyed while on their mission trip in March. This consisted of mangos, papayas, bananas, oatmeal, PB&J sandwiches, lime juice, spaghetti and spam and hard boiled eggs! The Team also provided a video and slide show to help show the post-earthquake situation in Haiti, the problems they face and the progress being made, especially, at the Thomas Food Project where the Team slept, ate, painted and worshipped.

Thank you,
Andy Hansen-Smith





Special Friends

The Special Friends met March 14th, and meditated about Jesus' journey to Jerusalem leading to His triumphant entry Palm Sunday, as told in the 19th chapter of Luke's Gospel. We pondered the question "Would you have joined those shouting "Hosanna in the highest" or would you, like some, admonished Jesus for this act of celebration?"

We shared news of friends we had contacted this month. We made 10 visits, 19 phone visits, and sent 35 cards or notes.

When we met April 11th our meditation centered around prayer. In this workshop a man asked "Why should I continue to pray when God seems to have moved away and let no forwarding address?" When prayers seem to go unanswered we often have the notion that God is mad at us! To break through this notion one can look at Jesus, who showed us the face of a God who loves and cares— who never turns away— who walks with us even through the valley of the shadow of death. All we need to hear if prayer is to be real and vital: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." Jesus' words in John 14:9. We all face struggles, sometimes over large things and sometimes over small ones. But what we discover through the witness of Christ is that we never face them alone. Another element to give us the courage to deep on praying, is the Church. As disciples of Jesus and members of Christ's body we are called to love and care. Sometimes we must ask others to pray for us, at other times, we can respond to needs by praying for others. This is what the Church is meant to be and do.


The leader concludes, when I look at Christ as he is and at the Church as it is supposed to be, I find courage to keep on praying.

We shared news of friends we've contacted. This month we made 24 calls, made 2 visits, and sent 46 cards or letters.

Our next meeting will be by June 13th at 2:00pm.

Blessings, Lorraine May

Graduates! All 2013 graduates will be honored with a special fellowship time on June 2 at 10:30 a.m. Please let the office know of anyone graduating from high school or any college or training program.



Mission Thrift Shop

From the first successful quarter, we have sent \$3,000 to apportionments. After June's sale days, we will have completed another quarter on a positive note of at least another \$3,000 for apportionments or maybe more.

Our working crews are very faithful and really get a lot done in good spirit.

I try to encourage using the Thrift Shop as a place to share our church. For example, I really admire the people at the Salvation Army trailer at the back of Sierra Vista lot. When I take them some of the items that we have rotated out that Poverello House does not take, I have had offers of prayers for me, hugs and follow up comments about my foot healing. We have many opportunities like this with our customers so when we share God's good will, I hope we experience the "Blessed to be a blessing" outcome of visiting with our customers. Persons who volunteered to help with outside greeting are very appreciated. Again, thank you for your generous contributions. We still need hardware including tools, and bath towels, dishes, small appliances and, of course, clothing. If you would like to join our helping hands, please contact me.



WWD group

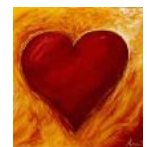
A grief support group with focus on recovering joy in our lives.

Meets the 2nd & 4th Saturdays each month beginning at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (or an education classroom when the Hall is engaged)

The basic meeting format is:

- 5 min introductions
- 10 min business
- 10 min program
- 35 min fun games

Anyone experiencing grief is invited to participate in this group. Contact Don Haulman at 291-6814 for more information.



A note from the Parish Nurses

Program on Alzheimres.

In keeping with the mission of the Parish Nurse program at CMUMC, enhancing Spiritual Growth through Physical Health Wellness; a very informative program on the challenging disease of Alzheimers was presented on April 7th, as the evening program for all interested adults. We were fortunate to have Kathy Gorman and Susan McLaughlin from Sommerfield Place as our speakers.

A review of the mystery of the disease was discussed with emphasis on the difficult, frustrating role of the Caretaker.

We were pleased to have a number of interested people in attendance with excellent participation.

Numerous information pamphlets are available on the Narthex table, Please pick one up, read to become as informed as possible We especially thank Joan Bowser for her work to make this program possible.

For more information talk to one of the Parish Nurses: Joan Bowser, Celerina Carlos, Bonnie Harkins, Helen MaGaughey, Mely Rinon and Lucy Elgin.

Look for future programs on the Brain.

**Grace and peace be with you all!**

I am soooooo blessed to serve MUMC!! I am having so much fun being in ministry with all of you! I am still energized by the trip to Haiti, and reflecting on the experiences of that trip and what it means to the ongoing mission and ministry of this congregation. Let me share with you one concept that has been dancing in my brain since April:

While in Haiti, Warren McGuffin, one of the founding members of the Thomas Food Project, had a special task for our team to do. Warren wanted us to accompany some of the members of the Haitian Methodist Church there at Thomas as they went up the hill to the irrigation ditch to make clean water for the people who draw their water there.

This seemed pretty straight forward. It turned out to be somewhat challenging. To begin with, the people of the congregation there were not used to doing outreach ministries. They were not exactly sure how to proceed. We decided not to over-think that one. We would just show up and help whoever was there.

Next, we determined we would need a car battery to run the purification system. Tuesday we started out with a list of things to do - which included getting a battery. But, in the course of that day, we had 3 flat tires. We accomplished many of the tasks, but getting the battery wasn't one of them.

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Wednesday we bought a car battery. We had to return the Thursday to pick it up - they don't charge the batteries until they are paid to do so.

Finally, on Friday, we went up the hill to make purified water for the people by the irrigation ditch. We got set up, and the machine didn't work. After fiddling with it for about 20 minutes, it was discovered that there was a blown fuse - which got replaced - and then the system worked perfectly.... for about 30 minutes.

At that point the initial filter was so plugged with dirt from the water that the system was failing. We cleaned the filter, then took turns sitting or laying on the bank of the irrigation ditch using our hands to "pre-filter" the water. Some members of the team walked back to the church/school complex and fashioned a pre-filter out of window screen. This worked well.... Right up to the point where the internal filters plugged up...

The day didn't go smoothly, but we were able to make approximately 175 gallons of purified water for 45 or so families in the neighborhood. For me, it was one of the most exciting days of ministry ever! As I look back on that day, a great irony keeps smiling back at me.

We helped the local congregation in Thomas, Haiti, reach out to the community around them because they needed some companionship as they tried an approach to ministry that was new to them. In the 3 years I have been serving here at MUMC we have had numerous conversations in various meetings trying to figure out a way to do outreach ministry to the neighbors we have here in Clovis. It was easy for us to see how the people of Thomas could reach out to their neighbors, but it is hard for us to see how we can reach out to our neighbors. It is definitely NOT that we are UNWILLING to reach out. Mostly what I hear is that we don't know what the people need. The needs are not so blatant and public as drawing water from an irrigation ditch is.

I am pleased to see that one benefit for our congregation of sending a team to Haiti is that people are becoming more serious about finding ways to reach out to the community surrounding our property. Also, our Haiti experience has taught us that there WILL be challenges and set backs. Still we will press on.

I hope you will have conversations with one another, and with me, about ways we can go out into our neighborhood and be a blessing to others in the name of Jesus. I am confident we will be surprised at how God will use us, as we become more and more able to see the needs and share God's love.

Your sister in Christ,

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May 2013

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
19 Combined Service 2pm Acad Serv & Ice Cream Social 4pm 120th meeting 7:15 Pentecost Music Fest	20	21 10am UMW	22 1 pm Wesley 5:30 Steward- ship/ Discipleship	23	24 *7 pm Ballroom Dance	25 *8am Yoga *10am WWD Group
26 *1 pm The Network *5 pm Prayer Cell	27 Office Closed	28 *8am Thrift Shop Workday	29	30		