

GOOD NEWS!

THE NEWSLETTER OF MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, CLOVIS
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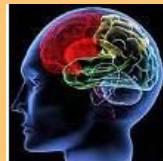


JUNE / JULY 2014

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Academy VBS Day Program

June 21, 2014 at 9 am to 8 pm

Discover early **Circuit Riders** in their original setting!

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember I am with you always, to the end of the age.
Matthew 28:19-20

Explore how this scripture text gave birth to our congregation and
to our ongoing mission in the world.

Games

Crafts

At the end of the day (7pm) the whole family is invited to
The Academy Church Sing-a-long and Ice Cream Social.

Western Style Foods



Pony rides for children



1st 20 students age 8 and older to register will
get a free ride on a full size horse!!!

Lunch and Dinner provided

Upcoming Events



Fresh Expressions



will be HERE!

May 31 - June 1

MUMC will host a district training event focusing on taking the gospel into the community. This will be a wonderfully inspiring training - everyone is encouraged to participate.

Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, June 1, 12 noon to 5 p.m.

PLUS: we will have the joy of a guest preacher at our worship service on June 1st.

One worship service that day - 10 a.m.

Lunch on Sunday will immediately follow the worship service and is free! Our youth will be serving the lunch. (Our youth are preparing to go on a work mission. If you would like to make a donation to assist them on their way, that would be much appreciated.)

Cost for the event is \$25 per person, or \$100 for a group of 5. There is no charge for childcare. For more information, contact the

BALLROOM DANCE



7pm in the Narthex
June 12th & 27th
July 11th & 25th
Singles Welcome.
For more information call Edie Dyer at 264-4665



WWD Grief Group

Special Outing to the Underground Gardens

We will be meeting at 11:00 a.m. (no error) at the Underground Garden, 5021 W. Shaw (2 blocks east of 99) on Saturday, June 28th. The tour will take about one hour. The cost is \$13. We have issued an open invitation to our church family to join us.



Men of all ages are welcome to join us for breakfast on June 7th and July 5th from 8-9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

See you there!

Thank you,
Andy Hansen- Smith
President of MUMC's UMM



Holy land trip:

Plans are underway to visit the Holy Land next spring. We currently have about a dozen people involved, and we are hoping to double this! This journey will be a pilgrimage - intentionally growing spiritually as we travel.

We plan to leave March 20 or 21, 2015.

We will visit the most famous historic and biblical sites through Israel.

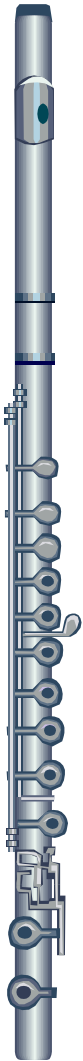
We will be in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to join in the procession

We will have an opportunity to spend one or two days assisting schools working with children of different religions - teaching the ways that lead to peace.

We are adding additional items to our travels that are of particular interest to our group.

We will head back to the USA on March 31.





A Special Invitation to a Special Music Event

La Forza (flute choir) will be returning to perform a concert at MUMC on July 12 at 3 pm. The concert is free, and any donations will go to MUMC.

The program will include works by Gabriel Faure, J.S.Bach, Zoltan Kodaly, Peter Tchaikovsky, Antonio Vivaldi, Anatol Liadov, Bela Bartok, Ottorino Respighi and Ernest Bloch. The composers are from France, Germany, Hungary, Russia, Italy, and the United States. Colleen Carlson will be the featured soloist on Vivaldi's "Summer" from the Four Seasons. Dance of the Mirlitons from the Nutcracker Ballet is a crowd favorite. Janette Erickson will be conducting, along with her former conducting teacher, Nicola

Iacovetti. The flute students are from Janette's flute studio, along with Colleen, a former student, recently graduated with her B.A. degree in flute performance from UOP in Stockton. The flute choir library was composed by Russell S. Howland, who was one of Janette's teachers. He wrote this flute choir library for her and her students. 11 pieces from this Library have been edited and published by her.

Come and enjoy some of the finest flute choir pieces ever composed and arranged. It will be a celebration!

Great Day of Music -

In celebration of Pentecost wear **red**.

Sunday, June 8 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.

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Pentecost Music Festival is HAPPENING!

This year, in addition to music, we will have demonstrations of something unique to various cultures. Plus, at the end of the evening, we will have potluck munchies to share and opportunity to test out something new from a different culture.

Sunday, June 8

7 pm - outside on the north lawn

If you have a special recipe of some small munchy-like food or dessert item from any culture - bring samples to share!



Would you like to see a **PRAYER LABYRINTH** on site at MUMC?

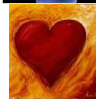
We are resuming the conversation for this wonderful addition to our property. If you are interested in helping to create this tool for spiritual formation, talk with Pastor Janette.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, June 22 at 12:30 p.m.

Youth Summer Mission to LA!

We have 10 people signed up to go on an inner city LA trip through Next Step Ministries Aug 3-9. Please pray for us as we prepare for this trip, and for all the amazing new people we will meet.

We'll be having more fundraisers, too, so keep watching for fun new opportunities to support the youth!



Upcoming Events



TAAG Team:

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

First Friday Film Fest:

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

June 6: Faith film - Amazing Grace

July 11(Fuh-Second Friday):

Flag : October Sky

August 2: Fantasy - Frozen

Third Saturday Outing:

Join the TAAG team usually on the third Saturday each month for a fun and low-cost outing.

June 14: Grizzlies Game 6 pm TAAG

Team is inviting people to the Grizzlies game with a 6:05 game time. Everyone gets their own tickets. Section 222 - ticket cost \$10. There is a double header that night - stay as late as you like!!

July 19: Shakespeare in the Park at Woodward park. Play starts at 8 pm. Come early to explore the park and have a picnic

August 17: hiking

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

The Christian Book Club

We will be reading "Heaven is for Real" during May and June. We may go see the movie also.



The Garden Committee is on hold for the sprinklers to be verified that they are working alright. Then we will have an all church cleanup day to remove all the weeds, in all the gardens, so mulch can be spread in all the gardens. Next spring we plan to start planting new bushes and plants in front of the church. Church members may designate which plant they will pay for.

Thanks, Edie Dyer



Graduates!

All 2014 graduates will be honored on June 22 Please let the office know of anyone you would like to honor that is graduating from high school or college or a training program.

2nd SUNDAY LUNCHESES

June we will be honoring Fathers. A buck a burger!

July will be hosted by The United Methodist Women.

December Gwen and Stan Jenanyan will host.

We've already made it through five months of great lunches. BUT we still need to have commitments for **August, September, October, and November**. If you hosted last year and plan to this year (even if you don't plan to) please give some thought to taking one of those months. Some have either already hosted or have committed. So I'll be happy to put your ministry in one of the four open months.

Give me a call at 974-2472.

THANK YOU!

Pat Frey



Special Friends



The Special Friends Group met April the with thoughts of Palm Sunday and Easter Events. The Scripture lesson was from Mark :- We shared thoughts about our reactions to Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Our meditation was from the Brown Bulb Story a comparison of a lily bulb planted in darkness, then watered and placed in the warm sunshine and growing to become a beautiful lily for Easter, with Jesus' death, remaining in the darkness of the tomb and coming alive on Easter morning. Easter baskets were to be assembled at the UMW Meeting and delivered to several Special Friends for Easter. Our secretary, Becky, has made gift cards for us to share with our friends when we visit as a reminder to them, and their family, that our thoughts are with them. During this month we made phone visits. Closing thought: As we see a lovely blossom unfold into a beauty of life, so may we unfold beauty of character in our lives.

When the Special Friend Group met May 3rd we read Romans :, "Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." The meditation came from the May-June issue of *Alive Now*. For the people of ancient Israel, understanding themselves as strangers and sojourners, with responsibility to care for vulnerable strangers in their midst, was part of what it meant to be the people of God. Jesus, who was dependent on the hospitality of others during much of his earthly sojourn, also served as a gracious host in his words and in his actions, Jesus promised that welcoming the stranger, and visiting the sick were acts of personal kindness to the son of man himself. Paul urged fellow Christians to welcome one another as Christ had welcomed them. Hospitality was a qualification for leadership in the early Christian communities.

In reports on special friends we heard great reactions to the Easter Baskets that were delivered to our friends and to the cards we now take on each visit. Emphases was placed on the importance of having a card on file of each church member with information in the event of an accident-someone to reach . Do you have a card on file? If not, pleas see Becky in the of- fice.

In May we made 19 phone Calls , sent 24 cards and wrote 2 letters, and made 17 visits. We'd love to add mote members to our group. We will meet June 19thh at 2 o'clock. Come!

Closing thought: Whether we are host or guest, to experience hospitality is to meet the loving heart of God.

Blessings, Lorraine

Finance

Memorial meets the challenge to Stop Hunger Now

Members of Memorial stepped up again to meet the challenge of providing 10,000 meals to people in need around the world. Our Easter offering raised \$1,430 for the cause and members and guests donated \$833 at the meal packaging event. Adding this to the \$278 designated for Stop Hunger Now in earlier weeks, we raised a total of \$2,541, more than enough to pay the \$2,500 due for the meals we packed.



Mixed blessings for MUMC finances

The status of finances at MUMC continue be mixed. We had a fantastic year in 2013 and managed to carry over \$8,508 into this year. This helped us pay some major bills during January and February and to make our first installment on our 2014 apportionments.

March was challenging. We had several more large bills. Among them were the quarterly insurance bill for Pastor Thao (\$2,553) and \$1,063 to repair outdoor lighting. In addition, we paid our apportionments for February and March which totaled \$4,698.

The total for general fund expenses for March was \$30,118. Income was \$24,605, resulting in a deficit for the month of \$5,513. Added to our deficit of \$2,556 for February, our deficit at the end of March was \$8,069.

Expenses in April leveled off. Income was \$22,745 and expenses were \$22,815 so the deficit for the month was only \$70. However, added to the amount carried over from March, this means the total through the end of April is still a deficit of \$8,139. The deficit is covered by using funds from related designated accounts until the general fund income vs. expense balance improves.

As we approach the end of May, it is clear that we will need to find ways to increase income in order to continue to fund necessary improvements such as upgrading our obsolete computers, while keeping up with our monthly apportionments and other regular bills.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed. Your generosity makes all our ministries possible.

June July Birthdays



Ly Chai	Yang	06/01
Vu	Yang	06/01
Katherine	Dickenson	06/02
Mai Thao	Hang	06/04
Brian	Jennison	06/05
See thong	Yang	06/06
Dorothy	Sinclair	06/07
Joy	Cole	06/08
My	Thao	06/09
Bonnie	Harkins	06/10
Tony	Vang	06/10
Pai	Yang	06/10
Luella	Bailey	06/13
Katie	Her	06/15
Addy	Vang	06/15
Koua	Xiong	06/17
Tuartee	Mitchell	06/23
Barbara	Nielsen	06/23
Madeline	Williams	06/30



Tessa	Hansen-Smith	07/01
Sang	Chong	07/02
Barbara	Woodward	07/03
Dhuaong	Hang	07/04
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Kong	Lee	07/04
Kevin	Bonzo	07/05
Mary	Ettelson	07/05
Reddi	Yang	07/05
Eric	Jennison	07/07
Koua Vang	Xiong	07/08
Danielle	Uwaoma	07/09
May Pao	Lee	07/12
Billy	Moua	07/12
Bill	Sautter	07/12
May	Xiong	07/12
Mely	Rinon	07/13
Lorraine	May	07/14
Her	Vicky	07/15
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
Ricky	Harkins	07/25
Mike	Jennison	07/25
Patti	Pond	07/29
Sue	DeFranco	07/30
Dorothy	Heskett	07/31
Clayton	Potter	07/31



Summer is here and so is the inventory we have been storing up since early winter.

(You remember winter; when the temperature was under 100.)

The store will be full of fine clothing items perfect for that lazy summer stroll.

The store is open the 6th and 7th of June and 11th and 12th of July.

We are in need of people to work these Friday and Saturday sales days.

If interested please contact the office



The United Methodist Church, as a denomination, is divided into geographic regions identified as an "Annual Conference." the annual conference region in which our congregation is located is called the California/Nevada Annual Conference. (CA/NV)

Each year in June the pastors of every local congregation within the CA/NV Annual Conference and at least one member of each congregation attend a meeting called, appropriately, the "Annual Conference Session" (ACS). Here is some of what happens at ACS:

Basic business is conducted. A budget for the next calendar year is discussed and set. Leadership is elected. Appointments (which pastor will serve where) are announced. At each step of the way, prayer is offered by different individuals.

Remembering that deeply committed Christians are:

Theologically informed, spiritually transformed, serving in the world the ACS includes many facets to bless those attending.

- ♦ There will be keynote speakers who help us grow in wisdom and understanding.
- ♦ There will be inspiring worship services and preaching.
- ♦ There are opportunities to serve, as well as, recognition of congregations who have been doing exemplary service in the name of Jesus.

There are 3 things in particular I would like to lift up about this year's ACS:

1) CA/NV Annual Conference, is joining with every Annual Conference in the denomination to try to eradicate deaths from malaria. We will receive an offering at ACS that will be passed in to "Imagine No Malaria." CA/NV has pledged to raise \$2,000,000 toward this effort by June of 2015. We are well over half-way to that goal. On June 8 we will take a special offering at MUMC which we will contribute to this worthwhile effort. For more information go to: <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Programs/Global-Health/Imagine-No-Malaria>

2) We collect used eye glasses which are gathered at ACS and sent to places where access to good eye care is extremely limited. If you have an extra pair of glasses in a drawer, bring it to the MUMC office and it will be carried to ACS.

3) Every year congregations that have shown inspiring dedication to the work of the gospel are recognized at a Mission Lunch. This year our very own MUMC will be one of the congregation to receive a certificate of appreciation for outstanding mission work in 2013!! Way to go MUMC!! Last year MUMC sent teams in mission to Haiti and to the UMCOR supply depot in Salt Lake City. We also packed over 132,000 meals with Stop Hunger Now, raising over \$32,500 for this effort. PLUS we paid our apportionments and askings 100%!!

I am blessed to be serving this congregation. As of this writing I believe I will be appointed once again to serve in ministry with the people of MUMC for the coming year. (Our district appointments will "fixed" on Friday, June 20. Before that time it is not "official" and subject to change.)

I encourage everyone to hold the ACS in prayer in the coming weeks. Seeking God's wisdom and guidance, we can do amazing ministries in service and praise to Jesus!

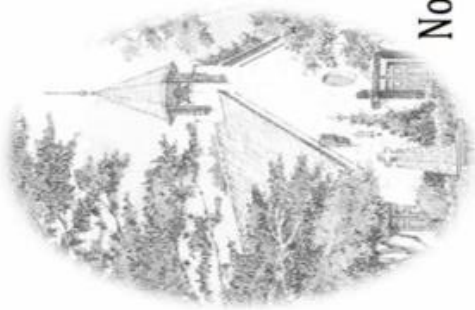
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Norm + Linda
Mowery

You're invited to a retirement celebration in honor of Pastor Norm Mowery for over 40 years of dedicated service and devoted ministry.

06.29.2014

9 am | Breakfast Gathering in the Wayfarer Garden

9:30 am | Mowery Commemorative Slideshow

10 am | Joyous Worship Celebration

11:30 am | Celebratory Reception with the Mowerys

All events will take place at the Church of the Wayfarer
Corner 7th and Lincoln Streets | Carmel, California | 93921

