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Haiti Mission Team:

The Haiti team is planning a series of meals at local restaurants to help raise funds for the mission trip next March. It is hoped that this approach can utilize support from people beyond the membership of MUMC.

Also, it is important to stress that the money raised through this comes from the cost of the meal. If you eat out at restaurants now and then, without spending any more than you usually would, the Haiti team receives a portion to help send them on their way! (If you don't eat out, please don't feel bad if you don't join us at the restaurants! This type of fundraiser is aimed at receiving a portion of money that is being spent anyway by people in MUMC, their family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc. It is important to emphasize that it is money people are spending anyway.)



Haiti Pizza Fundraiser Monday Sept 24th

Enjoy a delicious pizza and help send our mission team to Haiti! Join us at Me & Ed's (Ashlan and Fowler) from 5-9pm, Mon, Sept. 24th and 25% of your PIZZA purchase will be donated to our church (ie, a \$10 pizza=\$2.50 donation). You must present a flyer along with your order so that the church receives the proceeds. Applies to dine-in or take-out pizza only; no delivery or other food or beverage items qualify. Please help our mission team by attending and also handing out flyers. The Monday Night Football game that night features the Green bay Packers vs the Seattle Seahawks, so if you know of a fan, encourage them to come also!



Café Via Fundraiser for Haiti

Do you enjoy meeting your friends for mealtime after worship on Sundays? Our October meal will be a special Sunday Brunch at Cafe Via, the new restaurant opened by our very own Babcock brothers! The food there is TERRIFIC! We are so excited to head to Blackstone just south of Herndon for a wonderful afternoon together.

Tickets will be available for pre-sale throughout October from Haiti Team members and the church office. . The suggested donation is \$20-25. (Yes, you can decide for yourself how much you want to donate)

Invite your friends from other churches to meet you there!

Bring your friends, family neighbors!



Your ticket price includes:

Selection of beverages

Fruit salad

Pastries

Wonderful buffet of "breakfast for lunch" entrees

Tax, tip

and live entertainment!

Sunday, October 28
Cafe Via, 6640 Blackstone Ave.
Doors open at 12:45 pm

Upcoming Events

Crop Walk

Get Those Walking Shoes Out...CROP Walk for the Hungry is Coming! Oct 14th

The CROP Walk for the Hungry has been a part of the Fresno-Clovis community for over 25 years and it's almost time for this annual event again. The Walk will take place at First Congregational Church, 2131 N. Van Ness at 2:30 P.M. Walkers will walk a 1.5 mile or a 3 mile route, raising money AND raising awareness in our community about world hunger and the need right here in our own area.

Did you know that out of 2,000 CROP Walks that take place in the U.S. each year, our Fresno/Clovis Walk is in the top 100 for participation and for the amount of money raised? We are also very proud of the fact that this Walk is the most faith-based Walk of any in California, involving people from a diverse variety of faiths, walking together to help those who are hungry. Money collected benefits world hunger organizations and our own Community Food Bank. If you are interested in walking, sponsoring a walker, or walking "in spirit" please see Sue DeFranco.



UMW

Oct. 1-Board Meeting 9:00 am,
Library

Oct 10-Red Bird Circle 9:30 am,
at the Home of
Lorranine May
1635 Scott Place 299-1890

Oct. 16-Unit meeting 10:00 am,
Social Hall.
Program-will be brought by
Pastor Janette Saavedra.

Oct. 26-Wesley Circle 1:00 pm,
Social Hall

Nov. 13-All UMW Thanksgiving
Feast.

Academy Church Circle

Annual Boutique

October 20, 2012

11:00 am

Held in the pavilion area.

1:30 pm Deep Pit BBQ

Thanksgiving Service

November 18, 2012

2:30 pm

Followed by

Coffee and Cookies.

10667 N. Madsen Ave., Clovis, CA, 93619

Thanksgiving Concert

Janette Erickson

Principal flutist of the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra.

Laura Porter

Principal Harpist of the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra.

Scott Hatfield

Pianist, noted composer and Musician at MUMC

November 18, 2012

doors open at 4:45 pm Concert at 5:00 pm

The program will begin with the haunting flute solo by Debussy-Syrinx. It was written in 1913 and incidental music to a play, was lost and then found by the widow of Louis Fleury, to whom the piece was dedicated.

The concert will continue with music for flute and piano with Janette and Scott. Included are the Mozart "Andante in C", the Spanish-sounding "Andalouse" by Pessard, the very French "Pan" by Donjon and Bozza's "Night on the Mountain." Pan was the mythological creature, who was supposed to be half man and half goat. He was part of the inspiration for Syrinx (after chasing Syrinx, losing her and playing the forlorn melody) and also depicted in "Pan," a rather programmatic, Romantic piece, featuring Pan outdoors amongst the birds, chattering river, wind and trees.

Bozza's "Night on the Mountain" begins with rather medieval-sounding arpeggios in the piano, has a slow, regal melody, a free cadenza and fast, witty scherzo.

Three church hymns for flute and harp will follow: "On Eagle's Wings," "Amazing Grace" and "This is My Father's World."

The minister who wrote this beautiful hymn often said that he was going out "to look at My Father's World" on his hikes.

"The Garden of Adonis" is written for flute and harp. It contains Asian melodies that are very meditative.

The last piece is Ibert's famous "Entraç'te" for flute and harp. It may be the fastest piece ever.

**Ticket suggested donation of \$25.00.
10% of the tickets donations will go to
MUMC Emergency Fund.**

All Church Conference Nov 25th

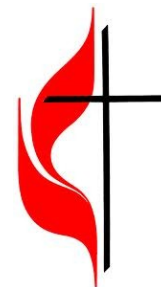
Our Network Team was thinking about ways to build our relationships with the other UMC in Fresno & Clovis area. A suggestion came up that we join together with other UM congregations in our circuit for a celebration of ministry and all-church conference night. This idea went to the other congregations and has been well received!

So... Save the date:

November 25 at 5 pm.

As the details are worked out updates will be shared in the Weekly Digest and Sunday Announcements. **BE SURE TO SAVE THE DATE!** It's gonna

be a wonderful time together - fun, inspirational, uplifting, challenging, and totally worth your time!



Toy Drive Kick Off November 4th

A donation box will be in the Narthex for toys to be given at Christmas to Clovis Area Children.



October-November Birthdays

Oct—Dec Special Events

October

- 7- World Communion Sunday,
Combine Service at 10AM
Ministries Fair & Potluck
- 13-Blessing of the Animals
- 14-Crop Walk
- 20-Accademy BBQ &
Boutique
- 27-28, Youth Halloween
Lockin

November

- 4- Toy Drive Kick-off
- 9-10- Home for the
Holidays Boutique
- 18-Thanksgiving Concert

December

- 1—Clovis Electric Parade
- 2—Advent Dinner
- 8- Toy Drive Registration
- 15-Fresno Holiday Parade
- 15—16- Live Nativity
- 24—Toy Distribution
- 24- Academy Service
- 24- MUMC 7:30 pm Service
- 24 -MUMC 11pm Service

Robert Cole	10/01	Edward DeFranco	10/30
Craig Eckert	10/02	Chi Uwaoma	10/30
Don Haulman	10/02	Donna Wamsley	10/30
Sara Pachelbel	10/02	Katelin Williams	10/30
Anne Iseli	10/04	Andres Yang	10/30
Cleo Yang	10/04	Carol Febuary	10/31
Tyler Abbott	10/06	Margaret Nicholls	11/05
Wayne Golden	10/06	Candace Yang	11/06
Kou Hang	10/06	Maya Simpson	11/08
Ann Bianchi	10/07	Roberta Coon	11/10
Ger Lee	10/09	Diane Zastovnik	11/10
Leonard Babcock	10/10	Robert Sinclair	11/13
Christina Thao	10/10	Blanche Spencer	11/13
Dhawb Hang	10/11	Evie Weiss	11/13
Zack Stoddard	10/11	Shannan Yang	11/14
Nancy Lee	10/15	Richard Polson	11/15
Gail Davis	10/16	Helena Yang	11/15
Elijah Glazebrook	10/16	Marlene Remer	11/16
Carol Ann Pippin	10/19	Luke Stoddard	11/23
Marilyn Weyant	10/19	Connie Alfaro	11/25
Max Cannon	10/20	Garland Woodward	11/25
Jim McClanahan	10/20	LeRoy Ehresman	11/28
Joyce Lewis	10/24	Ruth Lind	11/30
Joan Bowser	10/28		

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Farwell to The Armentrout Family

before they exit stage right...

We have enjoyed having the Armentrout family as part of our congregation for these past 2 years. The family will be moving to Colorado at the end of October because of job relocation. We wish them all well and God's blessing upon them!

Before they leave there will be one final opportunity to see Kyle on stage! Yea! Kyle has one of the lead roles in the upcoming high school production:

Midsummer/ Jersey (an entertaining blending of Shakespeare and Jersey Shore)

Dan Pessano Theater on the
Clovis North High School campus
Oct 11-13 & 18-20 @ 7:30 pm.
Matinees on Oct 13 & 20 @ 2 pm
\$8 students & seniors, \$10 adults

Café Via

We would like to thank all of you for your prayers, patronage and great reviews.

We really appreciate it
Bucky and Matt

Come in and see us at.....

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

See's Candy Sale

Benefits Haiti Mission Trip



The Haiti Mission Team is selling See's chocolate bars and lollipops to raise money for their mission trip during Spring Break 2013.

You can support their efforts by purchasing the bars and pops from team members or in the church office. You can also check out a box of 24 to sell at your place of business, service club, etc. If you are interested in selling or buying please contact Sue DeFranco 298-7658 or Connie Al-faro323-1938. As Darren Williams said, "See the need...sell the See's."



School Supply Drive A Great Success!

Thanks to your generous donations of supplies and cash, a total of 21 backpacks were filled with a wonderful assortment of school supplies. Thank you to our Sierra Vista Elementary volunteers from the United Methodist Women for delivering the backpacks to the school. It takes a village to raise a children...may God bless you for helping us reach out to the children of our "village."



Boutique News

Old Traditions Live On

This time of year brings many changes; wonderfully the weather cools down a little, school begins with challenges enough for all, the county fair is almost here and for me thoughts of Thanksgiving and our Holiday Boutique. It's a busy time isn't it?

A change of season brings around the beginning of some things and the end to others. There are special events and holidays to prepare for and attend. I still enjoy watching children walking to the bus stop in my neighborhood. Oh, how I remember the smell of freshly sharpened pencils and the feel of new shoes wearing a blister on my foot. The other day I enjoyed watching a huge flock of geese feeding on a freshly cut corn field at Fresno State.

I have been reading a little on the history of our church and learned that having a fund raiser boutique is nothing new; years ago ladies of the church held a fund raiser called the Fall Bazaar. The description reads just like our current boutique but describes the event held in the basement of the old church. My grandmother was an active member of this church and I like to think of her being with the boutique ladies and me as we put this yearly event together.

Note: If you would like to read more, check out **100 Years in Ministry** written by Diane Slocum-Zastovnic, a few copies are located in our library.

The boutique group would like to invite you and your family and friends to attend our 2012 Holiday Boutique. Please save the dates; Friday and Saturday, November 9th and 10th. We will continue the tradition by holding a boutique with a wonderful lunch served each day with all proceeds going to further the mission of the United Methodist Church. If you would like to donate a hand-made item for our event; please contact me, Carole Schweitzer, 299-3432 or Becky Posey in the office.

Thank you for your support.

Special Friends

The Special Friends Group met in July and August on the second Thursday of each month. For our prayer in July we read The Lord's Prayer from the New Zealand's Prayer Book. Our meditation centered on Chapter 2 of A Companion for The Journey, in conjunction with Pastor Janette's sermons on the Lord's Prayer. We added a new member, Frank Pokorney, to our special "90" 's list. Our departing thought was ' Does the Lord's Prayer take on a personal meaning in my life?

In August we thought about the importance of Shabbot (rest) for our mind, body and soul, following the message in Genesis 2:2 "...and the seventh day God rested." We shared ideas for Shabbot found in the July/August issue of "Alive Now". The departing thought: Have you enjoyed a Shabbot today?

During a transfer from one place to another, we lost contact with one of our special friends because the information on her church emergency card was our dated. We feel a need to update all the church members' cards, being sensitive to privacy issues and discussed ways of implementing this task. You should be hearing about the plan soon, and we hope that you will be instrumental in completing the task.

It has been a very busy summer with the group, making 55 visits, 43 phone visits, and sending 93 cards or letters, letting friends know how much we miss them and care about them.

We will meet on Oct 11th & Nov.8th at 2:00pm. We welcome new members to this mission of caring. Blessings, Lorraine

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report as of
July 31, 2012

General Fund Budget:

Income Jan – July:	143,952.94
Expenses Jan – July:	143,615.10
Income over expenses:	3,337.84

Summary

The income on hand is being held for building maintenance. Thanks to the Thrift Store, we made a \$3,000 apportionment payment in July.

All bills due through July are paid **EXCEPT** \$3,171 of the amount due on Apportionments. This is about the amount due on Apportionments for 1.2 months. 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 100% of the Apportionments.

Please prayerfully consider whether you can give this extra amount.

Can you **BUMP** up your giving?

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Mission Thrift Shop

We should be named Mission Thank You Shop! First of all, we thank all the generous people who remember us and give nice, gently used and clean items. In addition to clothing, we need dishes, kitchen items, home accessories, small furniture (like what would fit in someone's car), for example small tables, plant stands, storage pieces, one or two chairs or bar stools, etc. This past month there have been so many donations that many people have worked extra hard to get them ready for the big weekend. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers. In September we brought in just over \$1,500. Way to go!



Gloria McClanahan and Janet Bonzo

2nd Sun lunch

We are in the 2nd year of our 2nd Sunday Lunches! In the first year of this tasty ministry we served approximately 900 meals and raised \$4025.08 to further our ministries!

At October's meal we will "tip the cap" to the season's end as the "national pastime" moves into the playoffs. We will have grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, salad and dessert and play "bean bag baseball."

In November our youth & Haiti mission team will bring us a 2nd annual chili cook off! **DON'T LIKE SPICEY FOOD?** There will be tasty chili for you, too! (Last year one of the top prize winners was "Mild-No-Bean-Turkey Chili!")

We are looking forward to seeing YOU at lunch the second Sunday each month!

Adults & Youth \$5 and children \$2.

The Lord's Prayer

Throughout the summer in our worship together we walked through the Lord's Prayer. At the end of the sermon series the congregation was given the homework to write the Lord's Prayer in their own words. Below are the inspirational prayers that were turned in. Please, don't just read them - pray them!

Our Father in heaven
 Reveal who you are
 Set the world right
 Do what is best.
 As above, so below
 Keep us alive with 3 square meals
 Keep us forgiven with you
 And forgiving others
 Keep us safe from ourselves and the devil
 You are in charge
 You can do anything you want
 You are ablaze in beauty

The words Lou likes best—translation from the Message Bible Matt. 6:9-13

Yes, yes, yes

Dear Father in heaven,
 We adore you.
 We await your second coming when Heaven and Earth will be in peace and harmony once again.
 We ask for daily comforts to nourish our bodies and our minds as well.
 Forgive us of our wrongdoings as we should forgive those who have wronged against us.
 Guard us from Satan and from the temptations of the world,
 Give us the strength to overcome the everyday temptations in this world.
 For you are omnipotent!
 We give thanks for that-YES!

Janet Bonzo

Our Father, my dear heavenly Father, glorious is your name.
 Thy kingdom come, your will Lord not my will be done. I ask that your will be present in my life each and every day.
 I ask that you help me to provide for my daily needs and to help those who struggle to have food and shelter.
 Please help me to be more understanding of others and to forgive them as you forgive me.
 Help me not to be tempted by the ways of this world but to show me the beauty of life, my life, lived in your word, your way.
 For you Dear Father is the kingdom, the power, the glory and my salvation forever. Amen

Carole Schweitzer

Dear father in heaven
 Blessed be your name
 The kingdom I hope for
 To understand your will
 Nourish my body, mind and soul
 Forgive my sins as I forgive those who have sinned against me
 Protect me from temptation for I am helpless alone
 I put my trust in your power and glory now and forever.
 From Nancy H- in my words

Caring Father who reigns on high,
 Blessed be your name above all others.
 Make us aware of the coming of your kingdom
 That we may strive to bring it on earth, too.
 Please nourish our bodies each day as we show our gratitude.
 When we feel others have sinned against us,
 May we respond to them with forgiveness.
 Let your light shine before us so we may
 Avoid the temptations of the darkness
 And be saved from the evil of this world.

Our heavenly father, we glorify your name on earth, as in heaven.
 Grant us a bountiful harvest to share with those who are in need.
 Be generous and forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Strengthen our resolve to stay strong,
 And not be led astray.
 Our goal is your kingdom on earth, as in heaven

Our Father who abides in Heaven.
 We hold thy name sacred.
 We will carry out your will throughout the universe.
 Let us earn our Daily nourishment.
 Forgive our debts when we have forgiven our debtors.
 Help us to avoid temptation.
 Keep us from Satan's arms.
 Nothing gained unless earned

John Tallmage

Our Abwoon,* Giver of our very lives,
 Who reigns over all that is seen and unseen,
 May your name be honored apart from all others.
 May your *reign* come.
 May the whole earth make way for your will to be done,
 Just as your word is fulfilled in your divine household.
 Give us today enough for this one day—
 Food for our bodies , love for our hearts,
 Wisdom for our minds.
 Forgive us for our misdirected choices,
 For knowingly and unknowingly
 Breaching you heart and wounding others—
 Forgive us as much as we mend the relationships
 and cancel the debts of those who have wronged us.
 Spare us from being put to the test of our temptations.
 Strengthen us and free us from captivity to the power of evil.
 For all the authority, power, praise, and thanks belong to you alone,
 Now and for all time, and even beyond time itself.
 So may it be.

Kim Leslie, based in part on Aramaic meanings.

*Aramaic: father, devine father (but at root genderless parent)

Our Father, which art in heaven,
The one who watches over us
 Hallowed be thy Name.
Let us all honor you.
 Thy Kingdom come.
Make our world be like yours,
 Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven.
Do what is best here as it is where you are
 Give us this day our daily bread.
Help us to have what we need.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
Do not hold my sins against me,
 As we forgive them that trespass against us.
Help us to forgive as you do.
 And lead us not into temptation,
Help us not to do the things we shouldn't
 But deliver us from evil.
Save us from bad things
 For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory,
For you are the way we want to be,
 For ever and ever.
Always
 Amen.
So be it

Becky Posey

Our God and creator deserves our full attention and praise on Him. That we would be so into God that every part of our being would act as the hands and feet of Jesus and model His life on Earth. If we expect forgiveness for our sins then we also better learn forgiveness of those around us. The Lord is always with us and never wants evil or tempting things in our life, but it is still they are with us even if we end up in a negative situation. In the end, all that matters is that we submit to God's will and love, and give thanks for His will concerning you.

Amen

(ad lib by Lisa Armentrout)

Dad, I'm writing these words to thank you and praise you. I can't reach out and touch you, but I feel you with me. When I was a little kid, I thought "your kingdom" was a place far away, up in a cloud or something, but I know now that you aren't far away... you're walking right beside me. It's hard for me to believe that you care for someone as insignificant as me, but I know you do. You are awesome!

I wish everyone could know you, Dad... in my town, my country, my world. If only this world could be like your kingdom. And it could if we could just learn to live by your word, share, open our hearts to each other as you have opened your arms to your children.

I ask for just enough food to satisfy me today and maybe a little extra to give to someone in need. Forgive me for seeing the needs of others and not reaching out. I dishonor you when I judge others so please help me to forgive when I'm feeling hurt or disappointed, angry or resentful.

Daddy, pull me out of harm's way when sin comes looking for me or when I'm finding it on my own. All that I have, all that I am, all that I will ever be.. It's all because of you. -Amen

By Sue DeFranco

Dear Heavenly Father,
 In the heavens above,
 Whose name is honored
 May your kingdom come
 And your wills, not mine, be done on this earth as in heaven.
 Please provide for my daily needs.
 Please help me to forgive the sins of others, so you in turn can forgive my sins. Lord, help me to even forgive those who are not remorseful for the pain they have caused my loved ones, for I know if I cannot—then you cannot forgive mu sins.
 Keep me from temptation and evil.
 Yours is the kingdom and all power and glory forever.
 Amen

Pat Long

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September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 *Sunday School Kick Off *4 pm	24 4:30 pm AST Meeting 5-9 pm Support	25 *8:00 am Thrift Shop Work- day	26 1:00 pm Wesley Circle	27	28	29
30 PTO Biking						



**WORLD
 COMMUNION
 SUNDAY**

Sunday, October 7

Special multilingual combined worship service at 10 a.m.!

- State of the congregation address & celebration of ministry slide show

After worship enjoy:

- Ministry Fair - see displays from many of the ministries of MUMC- learn about what we are doing - get involved!

AND - something new this year:

- Potluck lunch at 11:30 with Fresno Korean UMC.

(FKUMC will set up while MUMC worships - MUMC will clean up while FKUMC worships)

Bring a dish to share and plan to "break bread" as one family!