

# Good News!

The newsletter of the Memorial United Methodist Church of Clovis

June 2004

## Congratulations!

Bea Trainer received the Anita Doughtrey Award at the Clovis Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, May 18, for her work as a Volunteer with the Clovis Police Department. This achievement makes her the Clovis Volunteer of the Year. Well done, Bea! We are proud of your accomplishment.

## WELCOME OUR VISITORS

Visitors to our church are now being given a sticker to wear on their label. This will help us identify our guests. Please look for these stickers so you may welcome our visitors. Part of our welcome to guests is shown by wearing our own name tags. We want everyone to feel at home with us!

## THANK-YOU NOTE

One year ago, Karl was diagnosed with lung cancer. He is doing well and we are very grateful for your prayers and concern. God Bless! Helen and Karl Tashjian

## MUMC AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE – JOIN US!

In addition to your pastors, Denice Leslie & Kham Dy Yang attending Annual Conference June 16-19 at the Fresno Convention Center, Nancy Enloe is serving as the Oasis Information Center Coordinator and Mary Vollman are serving as a volunteer at the Oasis Information Center. Pat Frey and Crew are the Childcare Food Coordinators and Song Team, Lynn Seay is the child care equipment coordinator, and Dorrie Osback is the Childcare Staff Coordinator! Please join us for an evening or day session.

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## CHURCH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of church committees are filed in a binder on the church office counter and are available to everyone to read. The approved Minutes of the Church Council will be published in the Good News.

Thank you all! Sharon

## MUMC COUNCIL MEETING

April 14, 2004

Attendance: Sharon Hutchinson, Gloria McClanahan, Barbara Nielsen, Lorraine May, Dorothy Carr, Jean Hill, Joan Bowser, Connie Alfaro, Don Haulman, Evelyn Haulman, George Elgin, Roger and Barbara Grams, Denice Leslie, Rick Hutchinson, Diane Zastovnik, Kham Dy, Connie Alfaro

Meeting called to order by Sharon Hutchinson at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes were corrected to read: **Boutique group** submitted bylaws not “will be making bylaws”...

**Minutes** were approved as corrected.

### Joys and Concerns

Before Joys and Concerns, Denice presented materials entitled Vision and Mission Statement; Reaffirmation of our two basic long-range goals as our priorities; Growing as a Disciple of Christ at Memorial UMC.

She recommended an **annual evaluation and reassessment of the vision and mission statement.**

Motion made and carried to refer Vision and Mission Statement with Our Core Values to the Horizon team for review and report back with recommendation at the June Council meeting. Later in the meeting Connie Alfaro made the motion that was carried to approve the Horizon discipleship process for MUMC members.

After joys and concerns were shared, Denice lead us in prayer.

**Finance Report** \$20,314.00 received in the general fund. Apportionments of \$5,000 were paid. A total of \$1,500 will be paid for the alarm system. Approximately \$2,000 was pledged towards the **Second Mile Giving Campaign.** This is viewed as a success although more funds are required to meet our budget.

**Apportionment Payments** Discussed how to handle paying quarterly payments of apportionments if there is not enough money. **Motion made** and carried to pay as much as possible towards apportionments each quarter and not to deplete our funds beyond \$3,000.

**Trustee Report: Church security system** has been installed and paid for. The sensor had been knocked off the door in the social hall so trustees ask that rough housing and throwing balls in the social hall be curtailed. The **new sign** is being designed. It will include a lighted marquee readable from both sides and include information about MUMC services, Korean and Hmong services. It will cost about \$1,500, which does not include installation. A permit will be needed, electrical accommodations worked out and trustees will return to council with further details.

**Christian Education** The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are having Sunday evening meetings and Diane Zastovnik is in charge. This is an introduction to the youth group they will join in the seventh grade.

**Evangelism:** Welcome Ministry training sessions are set for May 2, May 16, and May 23, 2004 at 11:15 in room 4 New **Headsets** for hearing devices are ready. It is necessary to turn off hearing aid or take it out to use the headset.

**Youth Report** Connie Alfaro wants to put a plaque of recognition in the Eagle Scout gardening project for Ben Zastovnik. The watering system on the north side of the driveway needs repair and Connie will present to the trustees for approval

**Church Building Advisory Committee** Rick Hutchinson reported on the April 27 meeting. The committee decided that, to better understand the current use of the Church's facilities, they request the help of the Trustees to identify those portions of our buildings which are underutilized and those which, because of greater use, are bottlenecks to scheduling. To better understand future uses of our current buildings and to understand what facilities are needed for a new building, the committee suggests the creation of a special committee to complete the survey (first proposed at the November 12, 2003 Council meeting) of church members' needs and desires concerning their interests (their "heartbursts") in missional programs and services. The committee is to organize and complete the survey and report to the Council at the September meeting.

**Motion** made and carried to create a special committee to complete the survey (first proposed at the November 12, 2003 Council meeting) of church members' needs and desires concerning their interests (their "heartbursts") in missional programs and services. The committee is to complete the survey and report to the Council at the September meeting.

**Staff Parish Relations** reports there will be a staff recognition dinner on June 13 at 5:30 funded by Staff Parish.

**Mission Thrift Shop** The Thrift Shop is "going good" and will now be open every Saturday.

**Worship** committee reports next meeting will be May 8.

**Oakhurst Hymnals:** Motion made and carried to raise funds for 10 hymnals and 10 Faith We Sing songbooks for the new United Methodist Church in Oakhurst. Funding will go through the district office for better buying power.

**Kham Dy** reported Hmong worship services are going well with the lowest attendance at 90 persons! 20 youth and 10 adults attended the first Hmong youth gathering in Sacramento. On May 30, there will be a welcoming of new members.

**Elections: Motion** made and carried that the following persons be elected to serve as indicated below: Kim Leslie, Worship "Team chair; Gloria McClanahan, Council Secretary; Lynette Jordan, SPRC representative to Finance and Joan Bowser member of the Renovation Committee.

**HIPA** requirements: Because we are a church, we are not subject to HIPA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act).

**Narthex Cleanup:** Joan Bowser who helped clean up the narthex, asked how it can be kept clean. Denice suggested approaching Worship Committee for support and perhaps they would refer it to the ushers.

**Permanent Endowment Fund** Rick Hutchinson reported that the Permanent Endowment committee discussed creating sub-accounts for the Permanent Endowment Fund wherein a missional group can solicit permanent endowment funds for their particular purpose. **Motion made and carried** that Church Council approves the solicitation of funds by any church missional group for the Permanent Endowment Fund. Such funds would become sub-accounts of the current Permanent Endowment Fund and be subject to all rules and regulations of the Fund.

**Pastor's Comments:** On the 24<sup>th</sup> of April, Denice, Barbara and Roger Grams will travel to the Dinuba Methodist church and explain changes we are experiencing through development of disciples, mission statement creation, and our Horizon Team functions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria McClanahan, Secretary

Care Ministries  
Giving Special Care to Others

**INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK**

As a fundraiser, IHN is registering Ralph's cardholders. The idea is that when the Ralph's cardholder makes a purchase, a percentage of the amount spent will be donated to IHN. If anyone has a Ralph's card, please contact me at church. Thank you. Also, if you shop at Foods Co., and would like a card, I can sign you up for one.  
Mary Vollman, IHN Vice President

DISCIPLES CORNER

Disciples Corner is your space. You are invited to share your spiritual struggles, experiences, stories, insights, victories here. Your words will bring inspiration and support to all of us as we seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus. Together we will all hear the Holy Spirit speaking through us and to us! And we will grow in faith and the strength of the Lord. Submit your reflections to our Good News editor at [Mumc@clovismumc.org](mailto:Mumc@clovismumc.org) by the 15th of each month.

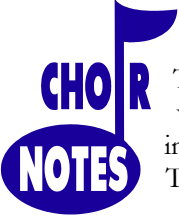
Worship Ministry  
News from the teams that support  
the Sunday worship services.  
*"Make a joyful noise to the LORD...  
Serve the Lord with gladness!" (Psalm 100)*



Music Notes

**FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING**

Our Chime Choir, Fellowship of the Ring, has rehearsal every Sunday at 4:00. All are invited to come. For more information, see Janette Erickson or Sue DeFranco.



**SING UNTO THE LORD!**

The choir is always welcoming new voices. All who would like to sing are invited to join us in rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

**Congregational Life**  
News of the church life and the groups that meet for fellowship and support.  
*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:30*

**HOOTENANY A WELL-KEPT SECRET!**

But the secret is getting out! If you enjoy great potluck fare (in abundance!), fellowship and prayer, join us every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall. Judy Gross brings her keyboard and plays old gospel tunes for us and we conclude the evening with prayer for our community and our world. Table settings provided so just drop by the deli or store or make up a dish and come for a heartwarming time.

**THRIFT SHOP**

Our first month of being open every Saturday, was very successful. In spite of Big Hat Day, closed streets, Easter vacation, income tax day and the Rodeo, our sales were over \$720. for the month. Janet Bonzo is the temporary manager. Bev Daly has had to resign due to health problems. Please consider volunteering some time.

**BOUTIQUE NEWS**

**WHO?** Anyone who likes to craft, sew, quilt, crochet, knit, ANY kind of crafting.  
**WHAT?** Do your own thing or participate in group projects.  
**HOW?** We offer instruction, patterns, ideas, encouragement, materials, and Friendship.  
**WHEN?** 9:00 am to 11:30\* Come every Wednesday or as often as you can. \*We turn into the "Out to Lunch Bunch" at 11:30.  
**WHERE?** Church Social Hall  
**WHY?** To make articles to sell at the annual November boutique, a major fund-raiser for MUMC. We would LOVE to have you.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

United Methodist Women's News

June 7 - Board meeting, 9 am Library

June 9 – Red Bird Circle, 9:30 am, Library

June 15 – Regular meeting, Potluck Picnic, 12 noon, Academy Church. Carpool from MUMC at 11:15 am.

June 23 – Wesley Circle, 12 noon. Potluck Picnic at Mary Lou Hall's home..

### Christian Education

*"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable."*



## Sunday School

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:45 a.m.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.

Our Sunday School starts at 8:45 with music then we go to out classes and learn different things about the Bible.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Each year, we have about 50 people from our church who help make our VBS a big success. We are seeking volunteers to carry on with the tradition once again this year. We need to provide six stations of games, crafts or storytelling for five nights. If you can plan a station, man a station, provide or prepare snacks, lead singing, give a donation to help defray costs, or help in any other way, please sign up in the Narthex or talk to Lynn Seay or Diane Zastovnik. All children from pre-school through sixth grade are invited to join in the fun. The program will run Monday, June 28, through Friday, July 2 from 6pm to 8:15pm.

Youth  
Group  
News

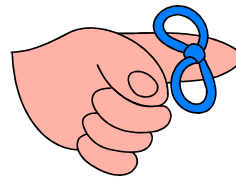
## OUR VBS NEEDS YOU!

Vacation Bible School for the younger children of our church and our neighborhood will be held June 28 - July 2, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Youth Group is again in charge of running the games portion of each day's activities. Please check your calendars and consider working at least one night that week. Youth Worker Connie Alfaro will be asking for sign-ups starting in May. Be ready to say "Yes!"

### WELCOME 7TH GRADERS PARTY

**JUNE 13**

On Sunday June 13, the youth group will hold our annual "Welcome Party" for our new 7th graders. We will meet at 4 p.m. at the Williams' house for swimming, BBQ burgers and dogs, and lots of fun! People with last names starting with A-M should bring a side dish, people with last names starting with N-Z should bring snacks or a dessert item. Drinks will be provided. For a map, permission slip, and more information, see the May/June Youth newsletter, or pick up a flyer from the church lobby. Questions? Contact Youth Worker Connie Alfaro [connie@clovismumc.org](mailto:connie@clovismumc.org)



### JUNE YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday 06/06/04 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Youth Movie Nite at the Bungalow

Saturday 06/12/04 8 am - 11 am

Poverello Work Day

Sunday 06/13/04 4:30 - 7:30 7th Graders

Welcome Swim Party/BBQ

Sunday 06/20/04 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting

Saturday 06/26/04 9 am - 11 am

Work Day at Church

Sunday 06/27/04 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Meeting (Bungalow)

Monday 06/28/04-Friday 07/02/04

6:00 - 8:30 pm VBS Help