



Good News!

The newsletter of the Memorial United Methodist Church of Clovis
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SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Are you a Super Bowl Fan? If so come and join us on Super Bowl Sunday, February 6th. Watch the game and all the great new commercials on Big TV with your church family. We cheer, laugh and even cry together. We have lots of fun. Bring your favorite folding chair, a snack and something to drink to share. Hot dogs will be served to all who attend. The party starts at 3:00 PM and ends when the game is over. We have lots of fun.

NEW LEADERS ALERT:

Q: "How do I know when I am supposed to start my new office?"

A: All offices take effect with the New Year. You will get a meeting reminder for your team, committee, board etc. Notification will either be by email, phone message or postcard. Please let the office know which method of reminder is preferable to you: email, snail mail, phone call. If we do not hear from you and if we have an email address that is the way you will receive your meeting reminders.

Also, meetings for the upcoming week are announced in the bulletin insert, are noted on the Good News monthly calendar and are on the Web page calendar. If the office does not have your email please call it in or put it on the registration pad when you sign in your attendance during worship. Thank you.

EMAIL UPDATES URGED

If you have changed servers please email the office your new email. If you think you already have—do it again. We will be making up our new reminder lists for the New Year here this month and updating our directory listing in anticipation of our new pictorial directory. The task of keeping contact information up to date is a big one and now includes not only names and addresses and zips but emails, pagers and cell and fax numbers.

COUNTER BOOKS FOR YOUR INFORMATION

What is the children's education budget? How much do we have budgeted for property maintenance? How much have we spent to date on office supplies? Is there a non-budgeted fund for feeding the hungry? What did Trustees decide about xyz? I can't find my officers list. Who is on the Youth Board? How much have we sent in for World Service this year so far?

If you have questions like these and don't know where to get answers come in to the office and grab a counter book. We have counter books for minutes of meetings and for our budget with end of month expense reports for both the general fund and non-budgeted accounts. They are here for your information. The minutes of meetings are only up to date providing your committee, team or board takes minutes and turns them into the office. The minutes of the personnel committee, Staff Parish relations are not open for public scrutiny by law. If you have SPRC concerns, you are welcome to call the chair or attend the beginning of any SPRC meeting. If you need help understanding what you are reading, Diane Zastovnik, Cheryl Roblyer or Pastor Denice will assist you.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The SPRC is the personnel committee of the church. They meet every month on the third Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Lose Library and have a regular agenda. The beginning of the meeting is open to any member of the church who has a concern. Your concern will be received and a member of the committee will get back to you with a response. Please call the chair of the committee, La Donna Snow with your request. You may speak with any member of the committee. The committee is always informed of any concerns regarding the staff. For a complete list of committee members please see your officers list. The agenda for the New Year is established by the committee at the beginning of the year and will be on file in the counter book in the office.

TRUSTEES BOARD

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the oversight of the property and equipment of the church, for the maintenance, improvement and appropriate procedures for the implementation of any projects related to the maintenance or improvement of the property or the purchase of equipment. If you have a Trustee related concern, you may get on the agenda by calling the secretary of the board Rick Hutchinson. Only three agenda items from non-board members or staff are accepted for the agenda of each meeting. Building or equipment use requests or concerns should be addressed to Diane Zastovnik in the office. If you have a project request, please complete a Trustee project form in the office and put it in the Trustee mail box. Please see the officers list for a complete list of Trustees. The Board meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Lose Library.

FINANCE TEAM

The Finance Team meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room in the Office area. The agenda of the team includes review of the monthly expenditure report, proposing for approval and supervising the finalized budget, all accounting of funds and expenditures, the annual audit, the counters team, the church endowment via the Endowment Committee and memorials and gifts and bequests via the Memorials and Gifts Committee. The team also has responsibility for the annual Financial Stewardship campaign. The team is responsible for making monthly expenditure and income reports in the newsletter. A quarterly letter to all pledge units giving a more detailed financial update is included with the quarterly giving statements. The budget and the monthly expense reports are in the budget counter book for the year located on the counter in the office. The monthly apportionment giving statements are in the front inside pocket of the binder.

THE RENOVATION TEAM

The work of the Renovation Team is the gradual renovation of the church campus inside and out and the creation and oversight of a hospitable, useful and aesthetically pleasing environment. Current agenda includes the creation of a master landscape plan for the updating and completion of landscaping of the property, plans for the renovation of the sanctuary including the floor and replacement of the communion rail. All projects proposed by The Renovation Team are brought to the Board of Trustees for information and an appropriate oversight of implementation of the projects. Projects not already approved by Council are brought to Council for final approval.

LAY LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Lay Leadership Team (formerly the Nominations Committee) is tasked with the responsibility of maintaining a data base of the spiritual gifts of members, creating and maintaining a data base of descriptions of all ministries in the church and making this information accessible to the congregation; maintaining a participation tracking system for all persons involved in ministries and the annual task of filling those elected offices. The annual election of officers is reduced to Council members: chairs and leaders of teams, committees or boards and classes for the administrative committees. All other volunteers involved in ministry are listed in the annual officers list for information purposes. The Lay Leadership team meets as needed to implement its responsibilities. The new Lay Leadership Report you received already has corrections and additions. For an up to date list see the Committee Counter Book for 2005 or request a copy from the office.

EQUIPPING TEAM

The Equipping Team is responsible for oversight and implementation of the Discipleship Process: Spirit Quest. It works closely with the Lay Leadership Team in the creation and maintenance of the data base systems which support and facilitate lay based ministry and in the recruitment of appropriate leadership. It is responsible for each phase of the discipleship process including evaluating its effectiveness, resources, and content. It is responsible for the training, equipping, connecting, and mentoring of ministry volunteers and for recruiting and supporting appropriate leadership for the discipleship process. The Equipping Team will begin meeting regularly this year.

HORIZON LINE VISION TEAM

The Horizon Line vision team is responsible for the creation, oversight, evaluation and implementation of the overall vision of the church as approved by Council. It is responsible for proposing to council strategies for the direction of the church, for increasing visibility, church growth, and next steps in these areas as well as on-going education and updating of church leadership to help us in our efforts to be listening, learning, teaching, spiritual leaders in accordance with our annual conference's on-going priority for all local churches through its Quest for Quality training in transitioning the local church to lay based ministry that makes and deploys disciples for Jesus Christ. The Horizon team is currently meeting weekly in the library after worship. If you have a ministry need or question and need help or support the Horizon team will assist you. Please drop by or call Council Chair Sharon Hutchinson or Pastor Denice Leslie. Anyone interested in the vision of the church is welcome to attend.

TRUSTEES NEWS

Following the Annual Orientation of the Board of Trustees January 15, 2005 meeting, the Board elected the Officers and assigned duty responsibilities:

Chairman: John Tallmadge
V. Chairman: Mac Magargee
Secretary: Rick Hutchinson
Treasurer: Jean Hill
Electrical: Betty Gist
Bldg./Carpentry: Rich Bonzo
Finance: Jean Hill
Janitorial: Rick Hutchinson
Mechanical: Craig Eckert
Plumbing: John Tallmadge
Safety: Mac Magargee
Grounds: Dee Carr, Betty Gist

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

THURSDAY NIGHT POTLUCK

If you haven't come, give it a try. Events to come:

In February we will celebrate Fat Tuesday/Mardi Gras on the 3rd, followed by Valentines on the 10th. We will be having a soup and salad night the last Thursday of the Month.

March will be St. Patrick's Day theme on the 17th with the Irish brought out on all of us. We also celebrate birthdays the first Thursday of every month.

We eat anything and everything brought. Come and give it a try, you will be remarkably surprised. It's a great place to get to know people and share your joys and concerns.

We start at 6:15 pm with devotional and finish up promptly at 7:30pm

BOUTIQUE NEWS

Congratulations Everyone! Our sale total for 2004 was \$6,587.50. The best year yet. Keep up the good work! Thank you all.

The Boutique Group

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Feb. 7 – Board meeting, 9 am, Library
Feb. 9 – Red Bird Circle, 9:30 am, Library.

Study: Book of James.

Feb. 9 – Wesley Circle, 1 pm, Social Hall. Study lesson by Laurence Hill.

Feb. 15 – Regular meeting, 10 am, Social Hall. Program by speaker from Valley Public T.V. Luncheon Hostess: Red Birds. Bring own service. Everyone welcome!

Feb. 20 – UMW Hosting Coffee Hour after church.

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

How often have we heard "Aim High, Set Obtainable Goals, Look to the Future"? It seems to be the American Way of Life. Our church's Permanent Endowment Fund is one way we have of financing future church missions. If you would like to learn more about how our church's Permanent Endowment Fund finances our church's future missions, please speak with Rick Hutchinson or John Tallmadge.

THANK YOU FOR CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES

Every year I am touched by the thoughtfulness of those who gift me in a variety of ways at Christmas. Please know how much your gifts mean to me and how much they brighten a sometimes very hectic time of year. My family also expresses their appreciation whenever I bring something home they get to eat!

With love and thanksgiving,
Pastor Denice

PICTORAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

Don't despair! It is at the printers. Hopefully we will get it by the end of January and you will be looking at it by the time you read this!



Sunday School

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."

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:45 am
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am