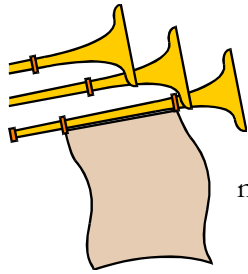


# Good News!

The newsletter of the Memorial United Methodist Church of Clovis

June 2003



## HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

The news is out! Set your calendars now! You must not miss.

### Fanning the Flame 03

Combining Healing Journey  
And  
Holy Spirit Conference

Where? Madera United Methodist Church  
When? October 9-11, 2003  
Thursday 7 pm through Saturday 6 pm  
Conference Preacher: Lollie Starbuck,  
International Christian Conference Speaker,  
Carlsbad, CA  
Conference Teacher: Rev. Phil Thraillkill,  
Pastor, Duncan Memorial UM Church,  
Georgetown, S.C.  
Reserve these dates and plan to attend!

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Plan now to wear red or some shade of flame as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of Christ's church on Sunday June 8, 2003! We will baptize and confirm youth, hear the gospel proclaimed in numerous languages and honor our graduates. The Fellowship of the Ring will chime for us.

## FATHER'S DAY JUNE 15, 2003

Our certified Lay Speaker Max Cannon will bring the message for Father's Day extolling the importance of faithful men. This will also be the last choir Sunday for the summer.

## ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE BBQ

In Honor of John Wesley and our Staff, we will have a BBQ on Sunday June 29, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. See Coach's Corner for more details of this very special day.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 18 - 22 IN SACRAMENTO

Les Lungren will be ordained an elder at this year's Annual Conference service of ordination at 8 p.m. on Saturday evening in Exhibit Hall B of the Sacramento Convention Center. Les grew up in this church and is currently serving the Dinuba congregation. Remember, Annual Conference will be in Fresno next year. We will need lots of volunteers. Pastor Laurie Hill will preach here at Memorial on Conference Sunday June 22.

## **SCRAPBOOKING NIGHT**

Get out your pictures and share some memories. Join the scrapbooking group on the third Friday of the month in the Fellowship Hall. The fun starts at 6:30 and child care is provided.

## **FELLOWSHIP HALL CARPET REPORT**

The minimal painting plan grew into a complete repainting of the walls of the Fellowship Hall and the hall way!! We just couldn't help ourselves. Starting from how great the paint under the wainscot oak trim turned out, we just took the new paint to the top!! Thanks to the efforts of many and the completion of the carpet installation, we can enjoy a very refreshed space. And, get this, the pledges called "Carpet Shares" are rolling in. They are truly "Shares of Joy" because we will enjoy the Fellowship Hall so many times over. Pledges of \$3,500 had already been committed so we only needed \$2,803.00 more. At the end of the "kick off" on Mother's Day, \$1,925 had been added to the pledges. As of May 11 we have \$5,425 pledged and need only \$878 in additional pledges. Actual amount received as of May 11 is \$1,255 from individuals during our first two weeks of pledges. Circles of joy truly abound in this project.

*This message is from your renovation team.*

## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Thank you to everyone who joined Girl Scout Troop 740 for pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, fruit and fellowship on Saturday, May 10. We had a wonderful time and raised enough money to be able to give \$200 to the church for the above-mentioned Carpet Fund! We were also able to give \$200 to the Girl Scout camp, El-o-Win, to help with bridge repairs. Our troop is truly blessed by this congregation's support.

## **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*

## **MINISTRY OPENING IN FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES**

Would you enjoy coordinating fellowship events for the congregation? Events such as an evening potluck, the Advent Dinner, Fat Tuesday/Ash Wednesday Dinner, a church picnic, etc.? If so please speak with Pastor Denice. We have the position of Fellowship Activities Coordinator open for 2003.

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Board meeting: June 2, 9 a.m., Library  
Regular meeting : June 17, 12 noon, Social Hall,  
Potluck Picnic.  
Red Bird : no meeting  
Wesley Group: June 25 , 12 noon, Potluck  
Picnic at Mary Lou Hall's home,

## **THRIFT SHOP NEWS** *by Bev Daly*

We made \$700 at the Thrift Shop in May. Our customer count is still low, but our sales per customer is up 30%. We are missing Evie Weiss, out with surgery and Lu Bailey who has retired. Join us, we have fun. We will be open on June 6 & 7. We have received a load of wonderful new stuff. We will be open in July 11 & 12 (due to Holiday) for our big half price sale. You don't want to miss it!



## **JOIN THE BOUTIQUE GROUP**

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? 9:00-11:30\* 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.

For information, call Barbara Nielson or Bev Daly.

## Care Ministries

Giving Special Care to Others

## **NEED A RIDE?**

Clovis Roundup bus service is available on Sundays to bring you to church. You must call 324-2760 by 5:00 p.m. on Friday for your reservation. The one-way cost is only \$1.

## **SAINT AGNES SERVICE GUILD**

Saint Agnes Medical Center is growing and so is their need for volunteers. If you have 3 hours a week you would like to use to help others, the Saint Agnes Service Guild wants you. Call the Saint Agnes volunteer Office at 450-3521 for information. You won't believe how good you will feel!

## **THE SPECIAL FRIENDS TEAM**

At our May meeting the Special Friends Team reviewed how it got started. Our Memorial United Methodist Church has always reached out to members and friends undergoing physical and spiritual challenges. When Pastor Denice Leslie came in 1997 we gathered together those doing this so that no one would "fall through the cracks". Max Cannon and Lorraine took the pastoral care training at St. Agnes and Dr. Wilbur Lose represented us as Chaplain at Clovis Community Hospital. The Team met monthly to coordinate visits, telephone calls and cheer cards.

In 2000 Laurence "Laurie" Hill held a refresher course for those in this ministry. Pastor Denice contributed her training in the Stephen Ministry Program, Cathy Cannon in counseling and others in Elder Services. On Oct 22, 2000 twelve team members were consecrated and committed themselves to this ministry. Since then Dorothy Carr has completed the St. Agnes course.

Current members of the team are: Bob Anderson, Max Cannon, Dorothy Carr, Minnie Eller, Pat Frey, Evelyn Haulman, Pastor Denice Leslie, Lorraine May, Pauline Middleton, Louise Smith and myself.

We are always on the lookout for those who might be called to Christian care. Also if you want a visit or a ride to church you are invited to check us out. Give us a call (Anyone on the above list or the church office) Our next meeting will be Tues., June 10 at 1:30.

*Laurence Hill*

*Special Friends Team Chair*



## Micah Ministries

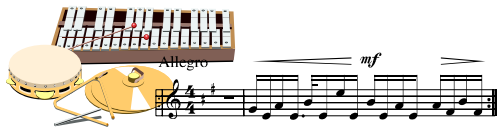
Local & World Missions

*"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"*

(Micah 6:6)

### RSVP COORDINATOR NEEDED

After a presentation by Janet Ames, Field Coordinator for the federally funded Retired Senior Volunteer program, the church Council voted to approve Memorial as an RSVP site. We are now looking for someone to serve as our RSVP coordinator. The job of the coordinator will be to log volunteer hours, enroll new volunteers and provide information about RSVP opportunities. The purpose of RSVP is to encourage older Americans to volunteer in their religious institutions and community programs. If you would like to be the coordinator, speak with Council Chair Sharon Hutchinson or Pastor Denice. If you would like to log volunteer hours for your time served in ministries of the church with RSVP please call the church office at 299-4615. Memorial has had two volunteers of the year honored: Shirley Golden for her work with Meals on Wheels and Margie Macgargee for her work with Mission Thrift.



### KOREAN CHURCH INVITATION

Looking ahead to late summer, mark your calendars now for Thursday evening August 7, 2003 when the Korean congregation will sponsor a world famous instrumental ensemble in concert at 7:30 p.m.

## 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 4:30. All members as well as newcomers are invited to come. For more information, see Jeanette Erikson 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.

## 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."*

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM JUNE 16

Each year we join Firm (Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministry) and have a vacation bible school out under the big sycamore trees including our children and youth and reaching out to the Hmong youngsters in our neighborhoods. We generally have a very large VBS and if you would like to help in any way at all from providing refreshments to helping with a game or craft table please call Lynn Seay or Diane Zastovnik or leave a message at the church office: 299-4615.

## CRAFT DONATIONS REQUESTED

The k-3rd and 4-6th graders are doing all kinds of fun craft projects. We could use baby food or small jars with lids, fabric, yarn, buttons and other craft materials you might have and not be using. If you have things to donate to the Sunday school or the nursery, please put them in a bag marked "Attention Dorrie" and put them in the church office. I will find them and add them to our inventory. Thank you.

*Dorrie Osback*

*Sunday School Superintendent*



# 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 our classes and learn different things about the Bible.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FIELD TRIP

The Sunday School Classes are going to go on a field trip to Heifer Farm in Ceres, CA, near Modesto. We will tour the farm and present them with a check from our heifer fund-raiser. We will go on June 21, 2003, meeting at the church at 7 am and leave no later than 7:45 am. All students who want to go need to fill out a permission slip. Any adults who would like to drive, need to fill out an Auto Safety certification. Please see Dorrie Osback, our Sunday School Superintendent for the forms that you will need. We also ask that you keep our trip in your prayers.

## CHILD CARE NEEDED?

If you need childcare for any meeting, event or program, please contact our Childcare Coordinator and Supervisor, Dorrie Osback, at 392-0381. Please give at least a week's advance notice. Childcare is provided on an available basis only. Dorrie will let you know if no childcare provider is available for the time you request.

Youth  
Group  
News

You Are Cordially Invited . . .

. . . to join a great group of Christian young people!

Who: All Seventh through Twelfth Graders  
Welcome!

When: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Most Sunday nights  
(Check the Youth calendar for other events of interest)

Where: The Bungalow  
Memorial UMC, Pollasky and Scott

What to Bring:

- #1 - Your Own Unique Self
- #2 - A desire to find out more about the good things God wants for you
- #3 - The willingness to put God's commandments into action

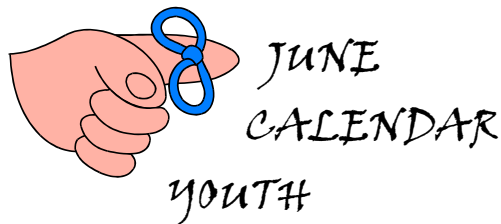
R.S.V.P. - No need, just show up!

For more details, see the Youth newsletter, or contact Youth Pastor Connie Alfaro at [connie@clovismumc.org](mailto:connie@clovismumc.org)

## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

The youth group has a band! Under the guidance of Mike and Julie Hamilton, the youth group is working hard to serve the church by leading the praise singing, and by playing special music during the worship service. The band debuted during the youth-led worship service on May 4, and they sounded great!

All youth grades 7-12 are welcome to join. You don't have to be an expert musician, you just have to want to make music for worship. Mike and Julie are great teachers--very professional, very loving, and very patient! Rehearsals are Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you are interested in joining, or have questions about the band, please see Mike or Julie after church (they can usually be found in the choir loft!) Or talk to any of the following youth band members: Katelin Williams, Eric Jennison, Richie Bonzo, Ben Zastovnik, Madeline Williams, Ian Goudelock, and Hayes Van Westervelt.



Sunday 06/01/03 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Meeting (Bungalow)  
Saturday 06/07/03 6:30 p.m. Bake-In Lock-In  
Sunday 06/08/03 After-Church  
Bake Sale/BBQ Ticket Sale Kick-off  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting (Bungalow)  
Saturday 06/14/03 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Poverello House Work Day  
Sunday 06/15/03 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting  
"Happy Birthday John Wesley" (Bungalow)  
Sunday 06/22/03 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. "All About  
You" Night (Bungalow)  
Sunday 06/29/03 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Barbecue  
Fund Raiser (Church Lawn)

## THE BUNGALOW NEEDS YOU!

Thanks to the graciousness of our church family, our youth are lucky enough to have their own place to hang out. Called "The Bungalow," the building sits right in the middle of the church property, and was converted from a house into a meeting place for the youth group. We have our own kitchen and bathroom areas, and a room full of comfortable furniture.

Through the hard work of our previous youth pastor, Kindra Snow, church family members, and the youth themselves, the Bungalow recently got new carpet, ceiling fans, swamp cooler, and a new paint job. But there's a few things left to do to make it more functional for both the youth and other church members who may wish to use the space. Here is a short list:

- Install vinyl flooring in the kitchen and bathroom
- Bring the bathroom facility into working order
- Connect the swamp cooler to appropriate water and electrical supplies
- Repair the kitchen cupboards and shelves
- Paint the kitchen and bathroom

To raise the estimated \$1,200.00 needed to complete this project, the youth group will hold two special events in the month of June: a bake sale on June 8 and a Summer Kick-off Barbecue on June 29. More details will follow in upcoming church announcements.

Memorial UMC has always been very supportive of its youth, and we thank you in advance for your help with the Bungalow Project.

## Calling All Happy Campers!

Camp is a wonderful opportunity to renew, refresh, and revive your relationship with God. Experience the wonder of his creation...in the world and in yourself. A variety of camp experiences are available.

*Adult, Family, & Other Camp*  
Adult & Family June 15-22

Explore (Mentally/Physically challenged)  
June 27-30

Desert Mystics, Desert Prophets (age 18+)  
July 22-25

District Family & Bike Camp July 17-20

Shasta Family Conference July 26-Aug 1

Nevada Sierra District Horse Camp Aug 8-10

Hispanic Family Aug 29-31

Spiritual Formation Retreat Aug 21-24

Red Ribbon/Strength for Journey (HIV/AIDS)  
Oct. 24-26

Shasta Feather Camp June 22-27



*Children K-1<sup>st</sup> grade*  
Children & parent July 21-23

*JOY (Joining Older with Younger)*  
For young children & grandparents  
July 7-11

*Children entering grades 3-6*  
New Hope June 22-27  
Discovery July 13-18  
SuperKid July 27-August 2

*Junior High, entering grades 7-9*  
SuperCamp July 6-12  
Camp Quest July 20-26  
Alive Now! Hiking Camp Aug 3-9

*Senior High, entering grades 9-12*  
Camp Resurrection Aug 3-9  
Sr. High Backpack July 27-Aug 2

For more information, log on to [www.cnumc.org](http://www.cnumc.org). Fees and registration forms are available on the Internet and in the church office. Or contact Kay Gonzalez [kgon@prodigy.net](mailto:kgon@prodigy.net) with any questions.

# Coach's Corner

June 17 marks the 300th birthday of John Wesley. We have a very special celebration planned for Sunday June 29th. That morning we will use a Wesleyan style worship service with lots of Charles Wesley hymns. In the early evening (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.) there will be a BBQ dinner in Fellowship Hall sponsored by our Endowment Committee.

Have you ever wondered what the life of a Methodist circuit rider was like? A circuit rider will visit us that evening thanks to our own Rev. Newell Knudson! We will also salute our hard working church staff. Our youth will serve and Barbara and Roger Grams and crew will cook. Yum! Tickets will be on sale shortly and proceeds will benefit our youth.

I am very excited by the progress we are making with our Hmong Ministry Outreach. With the addition of pastor Kham Dy Yang to our staff as Hmong Equipping Pastor we have outstanding leadership and experience at the helm of this ministry. Seeds are being planted and beginning to sprout. Please pray for a good harvest! We are very gradually gathering Hmong leadership and there is a lot of interest being generated in the Clovis Hmong ministry in the Hmong community. We recently received the happy news that we have received a small grant for our Hmong Ministry. The Patton fund, administered by our Conference Board of Missions has awarded us 4,000 for professional expense reimbursement for pastor Kham Dy Yang for the year 2003. We recently submitted a grant to the Board of Global Ministries requesting over one hundred thousand dollars. Kham Dy is working to incorporate the service portion of the ministry into a 501c3 non-profit so we may pursue other funding as well.

Finally I have sad news: Our very talented Music Director Scott Hatfield is

stepping down as choir director. Scott has served since 1998. Now that he is teaching full time and his children are growing up he needs more family time. Scott will remain on staff as our praise music pianist and for this we are so grateful. The Worship and Staff Parish Committees are hard at work looking for a replacement Choir Director. We will have an opportunity to honor Scott for his work. In the meantime God is good and has called us all to a really wonderfully satisfying ministry here at Memorial. I am happy to be returning as your pastor for another year and feel very blessed!

In Christ's Service, *Denice Leslie*

## THOUGHTFUL ONE-

1. Give God what's right -- not what's left.
2. Man's way leads to a hopeless end -- God's way leads to an endless hope.
3. A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
4. He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
5. In the sentence of life, the devil may be a comma--but never let him be the period.
6. Don't put a question mark where God puts a period.
7. Are you wrinkled with burden? Come to the church for a face-lift.
8. When praying, don't give God instructions - just report for duty.
9. Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.
10. We don't change God's message -- His message changes us.