



# GOOD NEWS!

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021**

THE NEWSLETTER OF MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, CLOVIS  
"THE MISSION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS  
CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD."

## Memorial United

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## *Blessing of the Animals* *Saturday* *September 25, 2021*

*Memorial United Methodist Church*

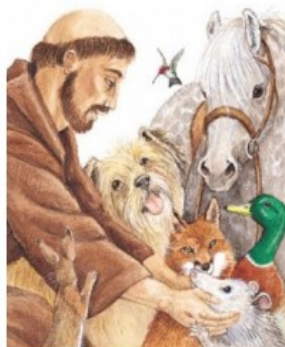
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All are welcome  
No admission charge  
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

All animals must be on leash or in enclosed pet carrier.

## September Birthdays

Cheryl	Pachelbel	09/05
Devon	Fang	09/07
Pat	Frey	09/09
Michael	Crosslin	09/11
Mai Chao	Vang	09/13
Pa	Chang	09/14
Ka	Yang	09/16
Katy	Wamsley	09/18
Kang Bao	Yang	09/18
Bea	Trainer	09/20
Ruth	Ehresman	09/23
Richard	Crossman	09/25
Janette	Erickson	09/27

## October Birthdays

Craig	Eckert	10/02
Don	Haulman	10/02
Sara	Pachelbel	10/02
Ann	Bianchi	10/07
Xoua	Kong	10/08
Matthew	Yang	10/08
Ger	Lee	10/09
Zack	Stoddard	10/11
Carolyn	Pippin	10/19
Max	Cannon	10/20
Jim	McClanahan	10/20
Padao	Thao	10/22
Joyce	Lewis	10/24
Andy	Hansen-Smith	10/27
Chi	Uwaoma	10/30
Donna	Wamsley	10/30
Katelin	Williams	10/30
Carol	Febuary	10/31

## Save the Date!

Advent  
Dinner

The annual  
ADVENT DINNER is  
**Sunday, December 5 at 6pm**  
in the church Fellowship  
Hall. This is our annual  
Christmas potluck dinner and  
each table is beautifully  
decorated by members of the  
congregation. You can sign  
up to decorate a table and  
invite your friends to sit with  
you and/or welcome oth-  
ers. Sign-up sheet to host a  
table or to attend will be  
available beginning  
*Sunday, November 14.*



## CHIME CHOIR

We will begin chime choir practice on  
Friday, September 17th at 5:00 pm.  
to 6:00 pm.

All who are interested please let  
Jenny Robertson know at [robertson0577@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robertson0577@sbcglobal.net) or at  
559.696.0425. We will be following  
the mask mandate .

## The Academy Church

**October 16 at  
10:30 a.m.**

Academy BBQ &  
Boutique

10667 N. Madsen Ave. Clovis,

## Upcoming Events

Boutique Sale  
Save the dates  
Friday and Saturday



November 13, 14, 2021

There are groups meeting weekly - Wednesday the crochet, knit, embroider group, Thursday - the sewers. Both groups are working diligently to have many handmade items ready. We will need others - the Candy, Cookie, Pie bakers, not to mention the Jelly makers.

If you have questions, call the office or check us out on Wed or Thursday.

Oh yes, the quilt is ready!

There will be a table at Blessing of the Animals!

**Thank you, Boutique committee.**

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

### Fresno/Clovis CROP Hunger Walk

October 1 - 17, 2021

Fresno, California

## Crop Hunger Walk 2021

This year, we'll be walking together, but apart. While our walk may look different, the needs could not be greater. Many in our community and around the world are still struggling because of the impact of Covid-19.

Register online and use the fundraising tools on the website to raise critical funds for the invaluable work of Church World Service and our own Central California Food Bank. You can email your personal fundraising page to friends and family, and you can set up a Facebook Fundraiser to really do some strong fundraising. Click Getting Started to learn more!

Then, walk at the time and place of your choosing anytime from October 1-17. You can walk with your family, with your friends, or with your team.

Fresno and Clovis, let's step up to end hunger!

Register at

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/fresnoc>

## All Church Conference

Our annual church charge conference is scheduled on Tuesday, 11/30. We will gather to do the work of the congregation of electing leadership, receiving reports, and approving pastoral compensation?

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Debra Brady, will oversee this meeting. The meeting is expected to last about one hour.

**This is an important meeting!**

**Please put it on your calendar now**

## Stephen Ministry

Our Stephen Ministries program has experienced some losses and is currently on hold.

Stephen Ministry is a program of one-to-one distinctively Christian care giving that seeks to support people who are in the midst of especially difficult times in their lives.

If you would like to be trained as a Stephen Minister in a future training session, talk with Andy Hansen-Smith.



## Widows and Widowers and Divorcees

WWD, Etc. is a grief support group originally organized for Widows and Widowers. Soon after, Divorcees were added, followed by "Etc." so that the group could provide welcome and outreach to anyone experiencing grief, such as loss of a child, sibling, job, or a long distance move. Membership is not limited to members of the church; WWD, Etc. is open to anyone experiencing grief.

WWD, Etc. meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays from 10 AM to 12 noon the church Library. Meetings are confidential; they are a place where it's OK to cry. Unable to meet during the Pandemic, as of mid- July we have returned to the church Library. Currently we are enjoying attendance by Pastor Vathanak Heang, who has told us how much he appreciates that such a group exists here at MUMC.

WWD, Etc. does not have officers, committees, or rules, but we do have a leader, Michael Golden, who followed Glynda Ward in that capacity in 2020. There is usually a program volunteered by one of the members based on their experience with grief; on occasion we have an outside speaker.

Pre-pandemic, we brought refreshments and made coffee for the opening of the meeting. For now, we follow the church Covid rules, using hand sanitizer, wipes, and bring our own coffee or bottled water. When the pandemic is behind us, there will again be refreshments during meetings.

Following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday meeting, those interested formerly went to a restaurant. Now that we are meeting again we are continuing the restaurant visits after every meeting for anyone who wishes to attend.

We do not "do" anything other than meet, but at those meetings we receive help with our own grief and help others with theirs by providing support for each other. At our August 28 meeting we will decide on a pledge in support of the kitchen renovation. Our meetings are somewhat structured in that the first hour is devoted to conversation and a program; the second hour is spent playing a fun game guaranteed to leave everyone laughing when they walk out the door.

Most importantly, we want to reach out to those who may need grief support. We rely on church members and those who see our meeting notices in the Bulletin and on the church calendar to let us know when to reach out to someone. The easiest way to reach us is to call the office – the staff will have contact information for us.



**UMW** Goodness, it's been a long time since we have had the opportunity to meet as a unit. Just as we thought the virus was conquered, we hit a rebound.

So ---we are on hold once again.

The board has continued to meet by phone connection so we have supported each other through our isolation.

The International Fashion Show has had to be postponed once again.

We must be cognizant of the Public Health Risks of the C-19 Virus, which has been characterized as the most mysterious virus of all times.

We shall persevere:

If not vaccinated - get vaccinated

Wear a mask when indicated/appropriate

Be very diligent with Hand washing.

Blessings, Lucy



**UNITED METHODIST MEN**

**Executive Board Meeting**



Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.-at Luna's  
located on Pollasky Avenue, between 3rd & 4th Streets

**All Men are invited to our meeting  
September 16 at 6:30 p.m.  
In the fellowship Hall**

## *Thrift Shop*

**Finally we are open again!**

**We had our largest sale days ever  
in July!**

If you can help with sorting, pricing,  
or displays, the Thrift Shop Work  
Team

is working every Tuesday from

8 a.m. until 11 a.m

or until it is too hot!

Come and join in the fun.



Open the first Friday  
and following Saturday  
of every month,  
8:00 am- 2:30 pm

**September 3 & 4**

**October 1 & 2**

**November 5 & 6**

**December 3 & 4**

*Finance Report*

The good news is that in June our income exceeded what we paid out. We carried over a deficit of \$3,993 from May and by the end of the month it was only \$534.

But finances did not go as well in July. Our income for the General Fund was only \$11,653 and our outgo was \$14,629, leaving a deficit of \$3,510 – almost as much as it was in May.

Less than \$12,000 a month is not enough to meet our obligations. We need to average about \$18,000 a month to reach the almost \$218,000 we budgeted for the year and even this was a reduced amount from our pre-covid budget.

At this point in 2019 our income was more than \$18,000 higher than it is this year. If people who are giving less now could return to their 2019 level of giving – or even increase it – we would be in a better position to carry out the work that God has planned for us. As Pastor Vathanak preached on Sunday, what Jesus asks us to do can be hard, but we hope that those who can will try.

We are always grateful for those who continue to contribute faithfully to the best of their ability and hope that those who can give more will help to make up for those who cannot.

*Special Friends*

I want to thank everyone who has helped with our Bear drive we now have enough bears for our Christmas project.

We are working on sending cards in Sept and Oct and are working on our Christmas project.

Wishing all good health and stay safe.

Remember God is always with you.

Dee Carr



## Pastor's Message

**Romans 15:13:** "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! I pray that you all are safe and well.

It has been two months since Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño appointed me as your pastor. It has been a great two months. I enjoy serving you all. Your smiles, laughter, and compliments have made it easy for me to assimilate into our faith community. The church leaders have also been instrumental in helping me to get to know different ministries in our church. Thank you very much for your warm welcome and loving support.

I have learned a lot about our community by visiting and talking with many of you either in person or on the phone. Many of you also have come to my office to get to know me better. This is a strong beginning of our relationship. As we are walking along our spiritual journey and trying to answer God's call in our lives, we will encounter obstacles. Some of them are small, some are challenging, some are complex, some are stressful. No matter what forms they come, I am not afraid because I know I won't be alone. God is with me. You all are with me. We all lift each other up. Let's continue to grow this relationship because it is the key to strengthen and grow our beloved faith community.

The highlight of our church ministries is Sunday Worship Service. Many of you have told me that the Spirit is in the house. I agree. The service is full of joy, enthusiasm, positivity, and hope. I get the energy from you; and you get it back from me. How nice it is when we complement each other. I pray that you experience God's healing power, love, and grace during our service.

Despite the pandemic, the attendance continues to grow. A couple Sundays ago, we had 88 people worshipping Jesus in our beautiful sanctuary. If you have not returned to our worship service yet, I encourage you to do so. It is worth it to see all our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ. I cannot wait to see 100, 110 or 120 in the house. The more the merrier, don't you agree? We come to worship Jesus because we know that Jesus loves us; and he tells us to love one another. Therefore, I always remind you that I love you. Jesus loves you. And there is nothing you can do about it.

Friends, as I pray for you all in a regular basis. Please remember me and my family in your prayers as we are still transitioning into this wonderful community of Clovis. Give me a call or come and visit me when you can. If you cannot, let me know, and I will go visit you. Let's continue to love one another as Jesus has commanded us, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another." John 13:34-35

Together in Christ,

Rev. Vathanak Heang

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