

Good News!

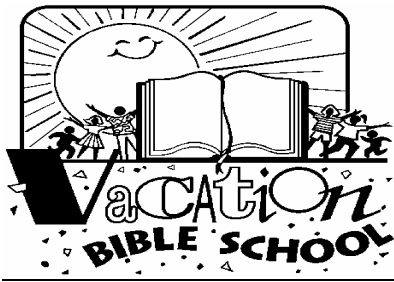
The Newsletter of the Memorial United Methodist Church of Clovis

June 2005

GOODBYE NOTE

It is with much sadness that we say goodbye to this great church. We left our home in Georgia 16 years ago and are now returning. Every church God has led us to has given us many opportunities to serve Him and to meet many wonderful people – this church has been on exception. It has been a joy to be a part of this church family. Thank you for your love and friendship. We will miss you greatly. May God continue to guide and direct this church in ways that will bring glory to His name.

Lynn and Erick Seay



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

All children from pre-school through sixth grade are invited to join in the fun at our neighborhood Vacation Bible School. The program will run Monday, June 20, through Friday, June 24 from 6pm to 8:15pm. Our theme this year will be “God’s Garden.” Each aspect of the evening will deal in some way with how we can grow in God’s grace.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

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 four to 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 Tammy Stoddard or Diane Zastovnik.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At the April meeting, the Trustees, after reviewing the Financial Committee’s proposal to refinance the Social Hall notes, deferred action requesting clarification of some points. The May meeting was called May 10th for review of the above Financial Committee’s revised request. The request was approved and referred to the church Council. Landscaping Phase 2 was approved.

THANK-YOU NOTE

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and the Clovis United Methodist Church for generously donating chairs. I guarantee they will be put to good use. The staff and I are very grateful that you chose the Central Valley YMCA Camps at Sequoia Lake as the recipient of this donation.

ACADEMY CHURCH BARBECUE

The Annual Summer Barbecue at the Academy Church will be held on Sunday, June 12th. The church service will begin at 2:30 pm, with the barbecue following at 3:30 p.m. A tri-rip dinner will be served, \$10 for adults and \$3 for children 6 and under. Be there for fun & good food.

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)

GIVING TO UMCOR

The General Board of Global Ministries thanks Clovis Memorial UMC for your gifts to missions:

Disaster Response USA

Global: Contain Your Joy

Tsunami Relief

Total \$1,192

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Music Notes

FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING

DO I HEAR MUSIC?

There's a song in the air, and we need you to help bring it to life! The Fellowship of the Ring Chime Choir begins a new season of music and worship, and we invite you to join us at a summer/fall planning meeting next Sunday (June 5) after church. See next week's bulletin for more details.

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

THURSDAY POTLUCK

The Thursday night potluck group will take a break for the summer, and then resume on the first Thursday in September.

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S MEETING FOR JUNE 4TH

The meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00am with a surprise breakfast; a surprise because I haven't worked up the menu yet. There will be a presentation by Pastor Denice concerning the recent workshop she attended on Igniting Ministries, a television and welcoming ministry of the United Methodist Church. Come and bring a friend and enjoy great fellowship.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S NEWS

June 8 – No Red Bird Circle

June 21 – Regular meeting potluck picnic at Academy Church, 11:30 am. Carpool from MUMC at 11:15 am

June 22 – Wesley Circle Picnic, 12 noon, at the home of Judy Gross.

GRIEF RECOVERY GROUP

All are welcome to our Grief Recovery Group, now meeting monthly on the first Tuesday, 11 am to noon, beginning April 5th.

Financial & Stewardship News

ATTENDANCE & FINANCE STATISTICS

April 2005

Attendance Total 626 (Weekly Average 157)

Hmong Attendance Total 210 (Weekly Average 74)

Total Attendance 841

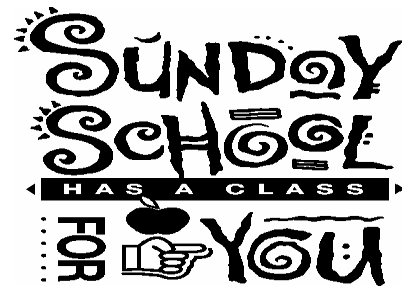
Total Weekly Average Attendance 210

Total offering \$22,375

Needed for Budget \$18,076

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.

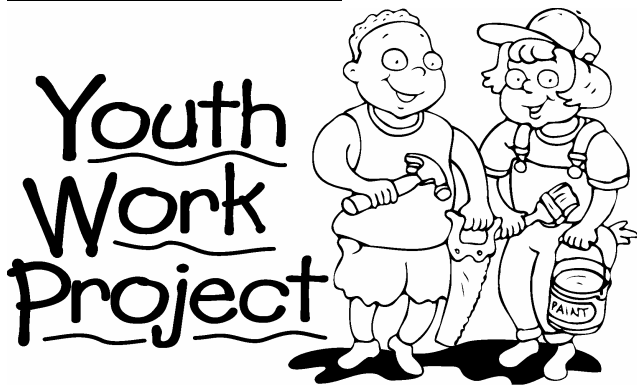


Christian Education

"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 & ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 a.m.

YOUTH NEWS



WORK DAY AT POVERELLO HOUSE SATURDAY, JUNE 4

This month, Poverello House has a different assignment for us, to join other volunteers and make hundreds of sack lunches for a special need. We will work there at a different time, June 4, 1:00-4:30 p.m. I hope you will join us: The time spent together helping other people really brings us closer together, and it lets us get a clear picture of the needs of many families in the Valley. All youth grades 7-12 are invited--bring your friends! If you have any questions, please contact Youth Worker Connie Alfaro.

OUR VBS NEEDS YOU!

Vacation Bible School for the younger children of our church and our neighborhood will be held June 20-June 24, 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. Be ready to say "Yes!"

WELCOME 7TH GRADERS PARTY JUNE 18

On Saturday June 18, the youth group will hold our annual "Welcome Party" for our new 7th graders. We will meet at 4 pm for swimming, BBQ burgers and dogs, and lots of fun (Location to be announced)! If you know of a seventh grader (or any youth grades 7-12) who would like to join us for this and other fun events, please invite them! 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, more information, or questions, contact Youth Worker Connie Alfaro
connie@clovismumc.org.

YOUTH CALENDAR

Saturday June 4, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. Poverello House Work Day (different time!)
Sunday June 5, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. BBQ Swim Party at the Leslies
Sunday June 12, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Youth Nite at the Movies (Bungalow)
Saturday June 18, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Welcome 7th Graders Swim Party (Location TBA)
Sunday June 19, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. NO MEETING - Father's Day
Monday June 20-24, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School
Sunday June 26, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting (Bungalow)



RECYCLING UPDATE

Many have asked me for a list of those items we can recycle. Currently, we can recycle almost all newsprint such as magazines, phone books, and newspapers. It would help if the magazines and phone books are separated from the newspapers. Otherwise, I have to do that myself. Since I need to repackage almost all of the newspapers so they can be safely stacked, there is no need to try to package them. Placing them in a cardboard box is OK. This also allows them to be maintained in good condition. If they are crumpled to the point that they cannot be packaged, they are not recycled through our normal channels. We do not recycle cereal boxes or cardboard. Those items need to be recycled through the city. This is also true for plastic containers. We recycle only the large soft drink plastic bottles.

One last item; please do not place junk mail and personal correspondence in the packages. Due to the smaller size, they can not be safely included in the packaging and are discarded. Plus most of them make for very dull reading. If you have any questions, please call Max Cannon..