



# GOOD NEWS

The Newsletter of Clovis Memorial United  
Methodist Church August 2007

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### Hawaiian Luau and Silent Auction

The United Japanese Christian Church is having a luau complete with scrumptious food, silent auction, and raffle on Saturday August 11 starting at 5:30 pm to benefit the church's general fund. There will be performances by Little Blue Planet, the UJCC Kuuipo dancers, and a feature performance by the Polynesian Club of Fresno. There will also be child supervision available. For more information, contact the MUMC office at 299-4615 or [mumc@clovismumc.org](mailto:mumc@clovismumc.org). You can also contact the United Japanese Christian Church at 322-0701 or [ujcc@aol.com](mailto:ujcc@aol.com).



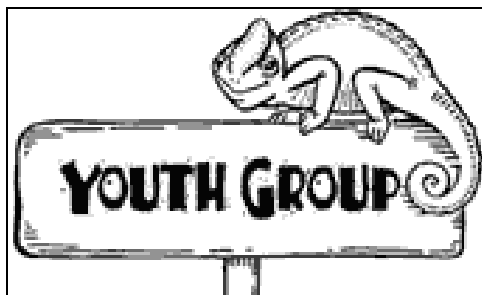
### Faith Night at Grizzlies Stadium

On Monday August 20<sup>th</sup>, the Fresno Grizzlies invite you to join in a faith night concert and ball game. Hawk Nelson and Veggie Tales will be performing and there will be a Grizzlies player testimony. Tickets are 15-17 dollars for the concert and the game. Call the church office for more information, or call Daniel Cox from the Grizzlies at 320-2533- make sure to tell him that you are from Memorial UMC so that he can seat all of us together.

### Produce Cart

Is your garden exploding with eggplant? Crawling with cucumbers? Someone may be just as excited to get your excess produce as you are to find someone who will take it. Bring it to the produce cart in the Narthex. Donations for produce help fund the water for our community garden.





### Youth Events

Sunday 08/05/07 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Movie Nite (Bungalow)  
Friday 08/10/07 Church Family Camp through Sunday  
Sunday 08/12/07 NO MEETING  
Sunday 08/19/07 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting (Bungalow)  
Saturday 08/25/07 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Poverello House Work Day  
Sunday 08/26/07 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Back to School Nite (Bungalow)

### BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT AUG. 26

What did you do on YOUR summer vacation? Swim across the lake at summer camp? Learn to walk on your hands? Take your first plane ride? All youth grades 7-12 are invited to "Back to School Night" in the Youth Bungalow at 5:30 p.m. Sunday August 26, to share your adventures. You can bring pictures, souvenirs, T-shirts--whatever! See you there!





### THRIFT SHOP NEWS

We suffered through one very hot Friday at the Thrift Shop this month. And though Saturday was cooler, it was still pretty hot. We had a good weekend though, considering that very few people came out after noon on Friday. Preliminary count for the two days is \$708. We still have a good inventory for next month and some donations waiting for us on our first work day. Thanks again to each of you for your donations.

We were pleased to welcome two new volunteers this month. Both helped on work days and when we were open. A big thank you to Gloria Mcclanahan and JoAnne Eckert.

We did again receive more computer equipment and I must implore you NOT to donate that stuff! We can't sell it because we can't test it to assure it works. And it is unlawful to dump it in a dumpster. So we have to dispose of it at a place and time when they are taking it. It's a real inconvenience to us aside from the fact that most of it is heavy. We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Submitted by Pat Frey

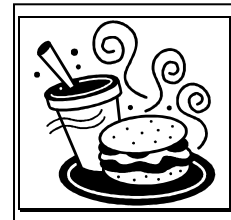


## Notes

**Permanent Endowment Fund** - As youngsters it was common to hear people to say "Let George Do It!" when wanting to avoid an unenjoyable task. So "George" always was overloaded. Now, with fewer "Georges" around, each of us must get a little bit "Georged". One way is to put our "widow's mite" into our church's Permanent Endowment Fund. Each of us "Georges" can make it grow! If you would like to learn more about how to "George-ize" our Permanent Endowment Fund, please speak with Rick Hutchinson.

### THURSDAY NIGHT DINERS

What is Thursday Night Diners? It's a group of people, all ages, singles and doubles dining together each week at a different restaurant during the summer months. If you do not attend church regularly, this is a great opportunity to meet many of the people who attend Memorial. We start with a short devotional, share our joys and concerns, have a lot of laughter, (we have some great joke tellers and always can use a few more) and a great meal. We encourage you to come and join our fellowship. The schedule for August is not finalized, but check the church bulletin, call the church office 559-299-4615, or call Barbara Grams or Judy Gross for additional information. We would love to have you.



### Boutique Reminder



Please remember the boutique when you are making that batch of jam or jelly, and set aside a few jars for the Country Store. We also look forward to your donations of craft and handwork items. We welcome new members, so come join us on Wednesday mornings. We are sponsoring a missionary this year. Carol Partridge is a missionary of the General Board of Global Ministries of the UMC. She is Director of Christian Education for the United Methodist

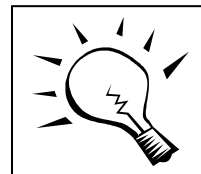
Church of Macedonia. She works especially with children, youth and women. We welcome your support in this worthwhile endeavor. The boutique will be held November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of this year.

Thank you, The Boutique Group

### ALERT

Recently several members of our congregation have received an anonymous letter requesting funds to support missions entitled THE NINE.

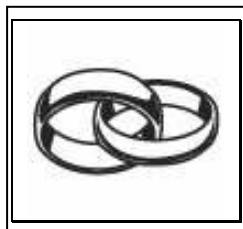
Your Finance Team is concerned about this mailing since it was sent anonymously--no letterhead--no signature and no authorization from the Official Body of the Church. If a church member (or someone you know) prepared and mailed this request it is only fair that that person/persons step forward and discuss it with a member of the Finance Team. Your Finance Team: Howard Cook, Chair, Bill Febuary, Sonny Uwaoma, Rick Hutchinson, Sharon Hutchinson, Ozzie Hernandez, Ron Zastovnik, John Erb



### NEW FORMAT FOR ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Friday Evening September 21 – Saturday, September 22

Engaged, or recently married couples will benefit from the Engaged Encounter weekend in a new format. The next Engaged Encounter – United Methodist Weekend will be held just Friday Evening September 21 and all day Saturday, September 22 in the greater Sacramento area. This new two day- Friday-Saturday format will reduce the time investment and cost for each couple. Cost of the weekend will now be \$250/ couple.



Pastors please recommend this Engaged Encounter Weekend to your pre-marital couples. Comments from couples who have attended: "It was an unforgettable experience for both of us. We heard about marriage in a positive way." "We became more certain of our decision to marry. We were able to concentrate on our relationship without the everyday distractions." The topics of communication, meeting each others needs, and commitment, and etc. will also be a help to recently married couples.

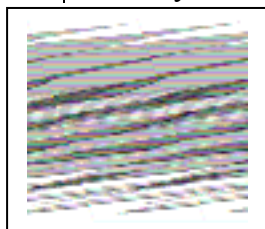
For brochures and registration information call (916-781-6785) or email – [jsangove@surewest.net](mailto:jsangove@surewest.net) Couples may also register on line at [www.encounter.org](http://www.encounter.org)

*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: 8)*

**School Supplies for Katrina Cooperative Parish Ministry**

It has become a tradition at Memorial to gather school supplies for students in need at the beginning of a new school year. Our recipients this year will be the Cooperative Parish Ministry of Cornerstone, Covenant, and Hartzell United Methodist, our Katrina covenant churches. You may bring supplies such as markers, scissors, glue, tape, pencils, etc. and deposit them in the box in the narthex. I will invite the pastors there to decide if they would like to use what we send for their Sunday Schools or if they would like to distribute to children in need in their neighborhoods. Giving a monetary gift is especially appropriate because they can then purchase exactly what they need. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please make your check out to MUMC and notate “Katrina School Supplies” in the memo section. I will mail our gifts at the end of the last week in August. I would also ask you, whether or not you are donating supplies or funds, to take a few minutes to write a personal note appropriate for a student preparing for the new school year. A few lines of encouragement and hope could mean a lot to a young person who has had their life turned upside down by the events of two years ago. A box will be provided for your notes as well. For more information, see Sue DeFranco.



**News From Carol Partridge, Our Missionary in Macedonia** - We recently received a delightful letter from Carol Partridge, the United Methodist missionary we support through our Covenant Relationship. She thanked us for our prayers and financial gifts and detailed some of the things she does serving children, youth, and women of several United Methodist congregation in and around Strumica, Macedonia. Carol is a teacher and many of her responsibilities are education-related. Her duties include developing Sunday School lessons and related arts and crafts, training Sunday School teachers and youth group leaders, and helping with Meals on Wheels and other humanitarian outreaches to the elderly and the poor. She has been working on plans for Vacation Bible School to be held in the city and in several neighboring villages. They were expecting over 200 children, many from the local congregations, but also many neighborhood children who would have their first opportunity to hear the “Good News.” She was also planning a camp for children with special needs. Forty-five excited UM youth will be traveling this month to the European Methodist Festival in Slovakia. Carol writes: “Because the UMC in Macedonia is a minority church and the members have known persecution in the past, it will be especially encouraging for the youth to experience a large and enthusiastic Methodist gathering.” She asks her covenant churches to pray for the Macedonian people, many of whom live in extreme poverty and struggle with unemployment or very low wages.



What a blessing it is to be an active partner in Carol’s exciting work! How can you support our covenant relationship? You can provide crafts, baked goods, etc. for our Fall Boutique and/or plan to do some of your holiday shopping there. The “Boutique Ladies” have generously agreed to make support of this ministry their focus. You can buy Fair Trade products, available at the Coffee Hour table on Sundays and in the church office during the week. Any profit made from our sales goes to missionary support. If you would like to learn more about Carol’s work, visit her website at [www.carolpartridge.com](http://www.carolpartridge.com) or see the mission display in the narthex mission display in the narthex.

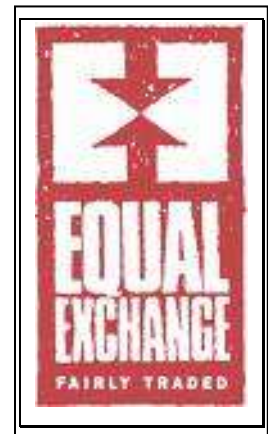
## Some Thoughts on the Climate Crisis – by Sue DeFranco

The Live Earth concerts on 7/7/07 provided a hopeful scene as I watched people all over the planet brought together by music to raise awareness about the issue of global warming and the climate crisis. A favorite moment for me was the performance by a band made up of scientists doing climate research in Antarctica. But the day brought to mind a similar event (on a decidedly smaller scale) from my high school days. In an earnest attempt to raise awareness about air pollution, my high school set aside a day when no one drove. Everyone walked or biked to school and the parking lots were empty. . . except for Mr. Beck, my sophomore social studies teacher's old, beat-up Corvair. He was, of course, questioned as to why he drove.




His answer to us stuck with me all my life. He said, "You cannot make effective change by investing one day in a problem, no matter how noble the intention. You must be willing to make a lifelong commitment and your thinking must be forever different." Now that it seems like most of us have come to some sort of an agreement that there is a problem to begin with, it remains up to us whether we want to invest just one day or give way to a new paradigm. As a person over 50, I am beginning to think seriously about what legacy I will leave my children and my grandchildren. God made this glorious earth for us with its beauty, diversity, and bountiful resources. He also charged us with a responsibility to care for this gift and with a few life style changes, we can honor God and His creation. Here are some things we can do right here at Memorial so that we can be part of the solution rather than part of the problem. Small steps, in the right direction.

1. Save energy. Turn on lights and air conditioning/heating when needed-turn them off when not. Could we swap some light bulbs for energy-saving compact fluorescent bulbs? ( I just replaced 10 standard bulbs at home with CFB's.) Studies have shown that if each American changed one bulb to a CFB, we'd save enough energy to light 2.5 million homes a year and we'd drastically cut carbon dioxide emissions, a key contributor to climate change. Carpool with a friend to worship or to church events.-enjoy the fellowship while you are saving gas and emissions.
2. Recycle, Reuse, Renew. Do you know that we use, on average, 60 or more disposable cups for our Sunday fellowship time.. That's over 3,000 cups a year. If even 10 people were willing to bring a reusable cup with their name in permanent ink on it for Coffee Hour, it would make a significant difference. If this of interest to you, let me know and I will make a place in the little kitchen for you to store your cup. I am willing to put it out for for you, wash it, and put it away each Sunday I do the Coffee Hour.
3. Buy locally. Shop at the Farmer's Market and at our Produce Cart for your fruits and vegetables. The produce is great and the amount of energy expended to get food from the grower to you is much less.
4. Buy Fairly Trade products. Did you know that any grower who produces an item for Equal Exchange, our provider of Fair Trade items for the United Methodist Committee on Relief Coffee project, is required to prove that they use growing practices that are earth-friendly? Most Fair Trade coffee is shade-grown, meaning that trees were not removed to make room for coffee planting. More trees means the earth stays a nicer place for all of us.



# BIRTHDAYS!!



Jennifer Lee	08/03
Yuna Lor	08/03
Tony Yang	08/03
Cecil Leonardo	08/04
Dorothy Doss	08/05
Maryann Jennison	08/05
Helen Tashjian	08/05
Chet Lungren	08/06
Cody Anderson	08/08
Tchay Her	08/08
Darren Williams	08/08
Ryne Hatfield	08/09
Shia Yang	08/10
Nou Lee	08/11
Jennifer Meador	08/11
Wesley Markland	08/12
Chad Cole	08/14
Rick Hutchinson	08/14
Viola Nutting	08/14
Angela Vue Yang	08/14
Bill Febuary	08/15
Shirley Monis	08/15
Ozzie Hernandez	08/16
Heather Doig	08/17
Carol Silva	08/17
Glynda Ward	08/18
Vernon Barkman	08/19
Edgar Ede	08/19
Betty Anderson	08/21
Blia Yang Moua	08/21
May Chee (Sandy) Moua	08/22
Elijah Yang	08/22
LaDonna Snow	08/24
Duane Wamsley	08/24
Heather Tomasetti	08/25
Jim Linenbac	h08/26
Cliff Stocks	08/26
Goly Moua	08/28
Sheila Weyant	08/29
Tanner Potter	08/30
George Middleton	08/31