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**AHOY MATIES - IT'S ALMOST HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL TIME! -MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>, for our annual Halloween Carnival open to everyone. This carnival is for all ages 0-100+. This year our theme will be Pirates and More Pirates. The carnival will be from 4:00pm to 5:30 pm. As always we will need all the help we can get to run the booths, make cupcakes and cookies, and donate lots of candy. The Grams (Roger and Barbara) work on this carnival all year long procuring prizes and developing games for the young and old. We encourage you to bring you children, grandchildren or even great grandchildren to this event. This event is always free. Should you have any questions, or would like to help, please contact the Grams.

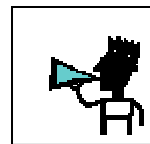


**CROP Walk October 14<sup>th</sup>** - You are invited to step out to raise funds and raise awareness about the tragedy of hunger in our community and in our world! The Fresno-Clovis CROP Walk for Hunger will take place on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:30. The walk will begin and end at United Christian Church, 1038 West Shields Avenue in Fresno. The Walk covers a three mile route, but a shorter distance will also be available. Walkers use an official sponsor envelope to collect donations from sponsors and then have a wonderful time walking with others from various area churches and organizations for a great cause. Of the funds raised by our Walk, 75 percent goes to Church World Service and its partner organizations and is used to response to the needs of people in 80 countries of the world. CWS provides disaster relief, refugee assistance, and provides sustainable self-help and development CWS is at work today in the Sudan assisting the victims of violence and civil unrest, in Indonesia aiding earthquake victims, and still at work in Louisiana helping in the rebuilding of the areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina. The remaining 25 percent of funds raised will go to two local agencies, the Community Food Bank and the Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries Community Gardens program, helping the hungry in our own area. Last year's Walk raised about \$25,000. If you would like to walk, sponsor a walker, or need more information, please see or call Sue DeFranco. If you can't walk, won't you please keep our walkers and the success of our Walk this year in prayer.



**THE YARD SALE! THE YARD SALE!** Saturday, October 6 from 7 to 11:30 a.m. We hope you are all coming. It will be a lot of fun!! Don't forget to bring your donations. Ask your family, friends and neighbors for donations. Call the church if you need help getting your large items to the Fellowship Hall during the week of October 2 - 5. The office will call me and we'll take care of it. -Gloria McClanahan and team.

# Announcements!!



**Healthy Coffee Hour** - You may have noticed some changes on our table during the fellowship time after worship on Sunday. With a growing interest in promoting healthy eating and with the knowledge that some of our brothers and sisters here at Memorial UMC have health conditions that require them to watch what they eat, we are trying to provide some healthful alternatives to cookies and other sweets. You will see low-fat, low-sodium crackers, fresh fruit, and vegetables appearing more on Sunday morning as well as less heavily-sweetened drinks. We always appreciate your donations of home-baked or purchased goodies, but we are trying to make some changes that will benefit us all. If you feel so inclined, your donation of some of the healthy items mentioned above or others that have not would be much appreciated as well. Thanks so much. -Sue DeFranco



**SPECIAL CARE VOLUNTEERS** - Saint Agnes Medical Center is looking for caring, compassionate people to assist with spiritual care and Eucharistic Ministry. Volunteer training classes will begin in Mid-October. Training will provide tools to use in volunteering for the Center for Spiritual Care as well as in your own faith community. Please call 450-3708 for registration or for more information.

**LOCAL CHRISTIAN NEWSPAPER** - Do you think that there is a need for a Christian newspaper in our community? A place to list bible studies that are going on and other events that are happening at churches and schools? If you are interested in helping to start a group in our community with this venture call Michael at 313-9802 M-F 9-4.

**SHARES CARD** - The fundraising committee has found an easy way for everyone to contribute 3% to MUMC of each dollar you spend for grocery shopping. MUMC will be participating in the SHARES Card program by Save Mart supermarkets. Each time you shop, you show your SHARES card at the check-out stand and 3% of your grocery bill will go directly to Memorial United Methodist Church. The card is free and there is no link to your bank account or credit card. It is not a gift certificate and no cash is involved. The only information that Save Mart requires is your first and last name and you can use it at Save Mart, Food Maxx or S-mart Foods. You simply take the S.H.A.R.E.S. Card to a Save Mart Supermarket, S-Mart foods or FoodMaxx store and you can start using it to earn 3% of every purchase. Each time a card is used, 3% of the value is automatically transferred to the church or organization under the members' name. The group will receive an electronic statement each month with the value added and percent earned by individual members and a total value and percent earned by the church or organization. Earnings will be sent to the church or organization electronically on a monthly basis. In a few weeks, we will have a table set up at church to enroll you in this program and to answer your questions. - The MUMC Fundraising Team

**EARNING POTENTIAL THROUGH THE S.H.A.R.E.S. PROGRAM**  
What your church or organization can earn based on 3% contribution on every dollar.

Monthly Purchase Per Participant	25 Participants	50 Participants	100 Participants	250 Participants	500 Participants
\$200	\$150	\$300	\$600	\$1,500	\$3,000
\$300	\$225	\$450	\$900	\$2,250	\$4,500
\$400	\$300	\$600	\$1,200	\$3,000	\$6,000

## YOUTH EVENTS

Sunday 10/07/07 5:00 p.m. Movie Nite (Bungalow)  
 Sunday 10/14/07 NO MEETING  
 Sunday 10/21/07 5:30 p.m. Meeting (Bungalow)  
 Friday 10/26/07 6:00 p.m. Halloween Party/Lock-In  
 Saturday 10/27/07 8:00 a.m. Poverello House Work Day  
 Sunday 10/28/07 2:30 - 6:00 p.m. Halloween Carnival



**What:** Halloween Overnight Party **Who:** All Youth Grades 7-12 **FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!** **When:** Friday, Oct. 26, 7:00 p.m. through Saturday, Oct. 28, 8:00 a.m. **Where:** The Haunted Bungalow at Memorial UMC, 1726 Pollasky/Scott Ave., Clovis **Required:** COSTUME!! **Bring:** Snacks to share, sleep over supplies (pillow, sleeping bag or blanket, toothbrush, clean clothes for the next day, etc.), permission slips for you and your friends **Plan to go:** To Poverello House the next morning **Questions:** Call Youth Director Connie Alfaro



# Mark Your Calendars!!

**UMM BREAKFAST MEETING OCTOBER 6, 2007 CANCELLED** - The meeting for 10/06 has been cancelled due to multiple activities involving the church campus and also member participation in a Clovis festival. The next meeting will be 11/03 and will be chaired by Rick Hutchinson. Information concerning the November meeting will be forthcoming.

## NEW CLASSES AVAILABLE

**-Rational Christianity: Dialogue with the Author Dr. George O. Elgin.** When: Sunday evenings 7:30-9:00, from Oct. 28 to December 2, 2007 Where: George and Lucy Elgin's home Cost: 10.00 for the text (scholarships available) Registration: limited to 12

**-Applied Christianity: A look at the lives of famous Christians** When: Monday Evenings 7:30 – 9:00 October 29 – December 10 (7 sessions) Cost: \$10.00 (scholarships available) Method: Opening Video Presentation, questions, comments and dialogue Presenter/Discussion Leader: Dr. George Elgin

**-New Adult Class - "Don't Know Much About the Bible"** Remember that oldie from 1960 by Sam Cooke, a song called "Wonderful World"? "Don't know much about history. Don't know much biology. Don't know much about a science book. Don't know much about the French I took..." Kim Leslie will offer a new adult class at 9:30 Sundays, starting October 7, called "Don't Know Much About the Bible." If you don't know much about the Bible, or even if you do but would like to know more, or if you have questions you were always afraid to ask, this class is for you! We'll take a "quiz" to identify quotations from the Bible vs. those from other sources (Don't worry, we'll all fail it together!) Taking a cue from *The Bible for Dummies*, no questions will be considered dumb. Watch people embarrass themselves in response to basic questions about the Bible asked by Jay Leno, and you'll feel better about how much you *do* know. Some questions we'll consider include: Who wrote the Bible? When was it written? Who edited it? What languages was it written in? What literary genres does it include? There are puns in the Bible?! What is (are) God's name(s)? Who were the *hapiru*? Where is the only fable in the Bible found? Whose donkey talked to him? What are ziggurats? You mean to tell me there's erotic love poetry in the Bible? Why is *Ecclesiastes* the most popular book among college students? Who in the world were Philemon and Onesimus? What is *apocalyptic* writing?



**SENIOR CHALLENGERS PRESENTS DR. RICHARD GENTZLER** on October 13 from 8:30 – 3:30 at Wesley UMC (1343 E. Barstow, Fresno, 93710, phone: 224-1947). Dr. Gentzler is the director of the center on aging and older-adult ministries for the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee and is also a nationally recognized teacher, writer and leader in the field of aging and spirituality. Join your friends for a stimulating and entertaining day! The cost is \$12.00 per person, or \$20.00 per couple, which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and all materials. Seating is limited, so call Wesley UMC to make reservations. If you have questions, you can call Carole Urzúa.

**FRESNO DISTRICT TRAINING DAY** - This year the Fresno District Training Day will be November 2&3 at St. Paul's United Methodist and will feature Bill Easum, author, lecturer and church consultant. Friday, Nov. 2 is designed for pastors and key lay spiritual leaders. The theme will be "The Making of a Great Leader". Saturday November 3 will be designed for leaders, vision teams, committee members, and anyone who would enjoy a day of learning and encouragement. The theme will be "The Effective and Faithful Church of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The program will run from 9am to 4pm each day the cost is \$49 for one day or \$75 for both days. To register, call the church office - 299-4615 and let Sara know which day or days you would like to attend. There will also be a flier on the bulletin board in the office for more info. Scholarships are also available.



**WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING OCTOBER 7** Because of caring United Methodists, deserving students receive the opportunity for a quality education. The World Communion Sunday offering provides scholarships for U.S. (racial-and ethnic-minority) and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels. Please give generously on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday of October. Your gift makes a world of difference! Thank you!

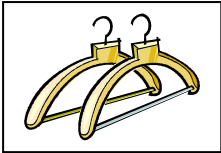
# SPECIAL NOTES



**The First Tuesday of the Month** - I love our healing service. It is so pleasant to quietly come in, sit down and just “be there”. The sun is often setting in the fall and spring and as we gather on the right side of the worship center, it is a time to be thankful and a time to ask for a little help or support. The short service is pleasant. A request for concerns can be shared with the group or brought forward personally. We share joys also. Our training text is “Blessed to be a Blessing” and when I, or a team member crosses a forehead with oil saying: “Jesus loves you and wants you to be whole”, we’ve been blessed too. Every first Tuesday at 7:00 is special for me and I hope for you too—see you there. Gloria McClanahan and the Healing Service Team

**THANK YOU FROM THE FUNDRAISING TEAM** – Thank you all so much for making the brunch a wonderful event, and thank you to the praise team for providing a lovely ambiance. We appreciate every one of you!

**THRIFT SHOP NEWS** – We had a wonderful weekend this month, both in weather and receipts. Our preliminary count is \$1,000!! We made it, and couldn’t have done it alone! Thanks to so many people: our faithful volunteers, our continuing customers, and most of all, you, our church family. Thank you again for all of the wonderful donations and for making sure that they are clean and only slightly used. Also, we are grateful for all of the actual new things. We received many items that had not been used at all. Those, of course, always sell immediately. In October, we are looking forward to the big yard sale, and wondering



how that will work. We are hoping it will bring even more folks to our church grounds and that they will also wander inside our shop. It should be interesting! Mark your calendar for that Saturday and come join in the fun! Again, thanks for your continuing support. We love you.

**SPECIAL FRIENDS** – Tuesday September 11<sup>th</sup> found John Tallmadge, Pauline Middleton, Minnie Eller, Dee Carr, Evelyn Haulman, and Lorraine May gathered around the Lose Library table for a Special Friends meeting. The meeting was opened with a joint reading of our church’s mission statement, followed by a prayer, the singing of “All Things Bright and Beautiful”, and the Bible reading Mark 4:1-20, The Parable of the Sower. After viewing a picture of a hibiscus plant growing beside a barbed wire fence, a comparison was made between the picture and the parable of the sower. The Cross of Jesus, like this barbed wire, becomes a cornerstone support of our family. A request was made from Kaiser Permanente Hospital seeking volunteers to help with the spiritual needs at their hospital. Training was offered Sept. 22, 2007. We discussed the idea presented before of taking a CD of the Sunday Morning worship service to Special Friends requesting one. Ron Zastovnik was contacted to help implement this suggestion. We briefly shared joys and concerns in our own lives, then gave a report on our special friends. Our outreach during the summer included 29 visits, 45 phone visits, sending 59 cards and sending two written letters. Barbara Nielson is now coordinating the drivers with special friends needing rides. Two days are usually required to fill a request. Our meeting closed with a reminder to sow love and faith in a wonderfully reckless fashion, and see what God will do with our happy sharing. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Lose Library. Come join us!! - Lorraine May.



## **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





BIRTHDAYS!!

Craig Eckert 10/02  
Gaofoua Hang 10/02  
Don Haulman 10/02 S  
ara Pachelbel 10/02  
Anne Iseli 10/04  
Kong Meng Moua 10/04  
Tyler Abbott 10/06  
Wayne Golden 10/06  
Kou Hang 10/06 Ann Bianchi 10/07  
Leonard Babcock 10/10  
Pauline Middleton 10/10  
Dhawb Hang 10/11  
Zack Stoddard 10/11  
Abigail Davis 10/15 Ngia Lee 10/15  
Gail Davis 10/16 George Elgin 10/16  
Joe Lee 10/16 Timothy Vang 10/16  
Xue Lor Xiong 10/16 Lily Collier 10/18  
Carolyn Ann Pippin 10/19  
Marilyn Weyant 10/19  
Max Cannon 10/20 Tara Leslie 10/20  
Jim McClanahan 10/20  
Laurence Hill 10/22  
Ernie Sapigao 10/22 Jina Vang 10/24  
Jerry Vang 10/24 Joan Bowser 10/28  
Edward DeFranco 10/30  
Donna Wamsley 10/30  
Katelin Williams 10/30  
Carol Febuary 10/31