



GOOD NEWS

The Newsletter of Clovis Memorial United Methodist Church July 2008

"The Mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

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FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES! You are invited to join your church friends and neighbors for Friday Night at the Movies on July 11, July 18, and July 25. The show starts at 7:00 p.m. with some comedy shorts, and the Feature Presentation starts at 7:30 p.m. It may be hot outside, but we will enjoy the air-conditioned comfort of the Fellowship Hall. This will be an enjoyable evening for you and your kids and grandkids, for your neighbors and their kids, for any kid at heart. If the fellowship hall chairs leave something to be desired for a three-hour sit-down, feel free to bring more something comfortable to sit on, and snacks to share. Cold punch and ice water will be provided. For more information, call Connie Alfaro. Here is a preview of future movies:

-Friday July 11 - "Over the Hedge" -Friday July 18 - "The Bee Movie"
-Friday July 25 - "Ratatouille"

BIG CHURCH YARD SALE: September 6 is our second annual yard sale. We need large items like furniture, tools, and yard equipment as well as clothing, etc. Please tell your friends, family and neighbors that we need contributions. All proceeds go to the Thrift Shop Mission fund. Also, if you have storage space, we have items we could set aside now for the yard sale. Please contact Gloria McClanahan.

THURSDAY NIGHT DINERS HITS THE ROAD FOR THE SUMMER: It's too hot to cook, so why not join us on Thursday night. We meet at 6:00PM at a different restaurant each week. If you are new to the church this is a great way to get know many of our wonderful Senior Citizens. We have a small devotional, eat, and have joys ad concerns. Sometimes we even sing.

-July 10th will be at the Spaghetti Warehouse
-July 17th Antonio's Mexican
-July 24th Applebee's
-July 31st Carrows by Fashion Fair

CAN WE ADOPT A CHAPLAIN? Memorial Day weekend didn't spell boating and barbecues for one member of the California-Nevada Annual Conference. United Methodist Chaplain bill Rohrer, who served at Grace united Methodist Church in Lovelock, Nevada, was battling 120+ degree weather this past Memorial Day holiday with no lake in sight – as he ministered to members of the Armed Forces in Baghdad. An organization called Adopt-a-Chaplain, Incorporated is a Christ-centered, non-profit corporation headquarterd in California which has as its sole mission "to provide spiritual and tangible support to deployed chaplains and their families." Adopt-a-Chaplain will match churches and groups that wish to "adopt" a chaplain with a chaplain of similar religious background or interest. The adopting group will send mail and goodie packages on a regular basis to the adoptee – who of course shares the wealth.

Congregational Life

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:30

THRIFT SHOP NEWS: My! My! How time flies when you are having fun. Another month another few dollars! But when we were open on June 6th and 7th we actually set a record for the period of time that Margie and I have been back. The preliminary count is just under \$1350. Most of that, again, was on Friday sales. We need to get more clients in on Saturday. We had to have our faithful volunteers work more than 2 Tuesdays again, and they came without one complaint! Thanks to all of them. Also, Janet Bonzo worked most of the two days we were open, staying late with me on Friday. Special thanks to her. We are looking forward to another open weekend in July. We were fortunate to receive another household of excesses thanks to Novelle Rogers remembering us when she moved. We sold a lot of our inventory so all donations are a blessing and we truly do feel blessed. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers. We know God hears all of them and has generously blessed us so please don't stop. Also, again, remember us with all the neat clean things you no longer need. And thank you again for remembering we cannot use electronics such as computer accessories or even old computers.

-Submitted by Pat Frey

PRAYER CHAIN: We would like to add callers to the prayer chain. This is a vital line for the needs of our church family. It requires very little time, but can reap great rewards by giving members the knowledge that prayer requests are passed along right away. If you can help us with this ministry, call Lorraine May or Minnie Eller.

SPECIAL FRIENDS: The June meeting opened with prayer after Pastor Denise, John, Pauline, Janet, Dee, Max, Nancy, Evelyn, Pat and Lorraine read the MUMC mission statement together. The Bible reading, Romans 3:22-26, was followed by the singing of Amazing Grace. The devotional was from the Upper Room Disciplines, speaking of grace as God's unmerited, free, spontaneous love for human-

ity. God's grace comes through Jesus Christ, which empowers us to accomplish things that we cannot do alone. We demonstrate God's grace in our lives through our acts of love and support of others. We are called by grace to show others we care about them by listening to them. We shared the way God has been working in our lives this past week, and gave reports on our contacts with our special friends, adding names to our list. From the Network, we heard about the survey results for the new service and the current one. Charge Conference is June 18-21, Scott's concert is June 28, there is a 4th of July all-church pot luck planned complete with fireworks, and the proceeds from the Pepsi Booth were \$352.00. This month we sent 46 cards, made 60 phone visits, and 91 home and hospital visits, which include Pat's visits at St. Agnes. We will not meet in July, so our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 12 at 1:30 in the Lose Library. We closed with this thought: 'Today, as you seek to become a good listener, set aside a regular time for contemplative prayer – to listen for God.'

-Blessings, Lorraine May

UMM MONTHLY BREAKFAST: The July meeting is cancelled with the next meeting scheduled for the 2nd of August. There will be some important changes being offered and discussed and it would be great if we could have as many there as can fit it into their schedule. We're looking forward to kicking off another year with your help and participation. See you in August.

PANTRY INFO: Here is a list of what we put in the pantry bags to give to the hungry. Each order contains:

- 1 box of cereal
- 2 cans of fruit*
- 1 fruit juice*
- 3 cans of vegetables
- 1 meat (Spam or chicken)
- 1 can of tuna*
- 1 peanut butter*
- 1 pkg. spaghetti
- 1 pkg. dried beans
- 1 pkg. rice
- 1 can soup
- 1 pkg. crackers
- 1 can tomato paste or tomatoes
- 1 pkg. mac & cheese / rice mix
- 3 pkg. dried soup
- 2 env. dried milk*

Any items that you contribute are always greatly appreciated. Starred (*) items indicate things that we run out of first. Thank you!

-Pantry Committee

TODDLER NURSERY: The toddler nursery is in need of a CD player to play music. If you would like to donate one, please get in touch with Dorrie Osback-Rose.

A SPECIAL THOUGHT: "Let people love, let people live. Have a wonderful world to live in."
-Sunshine Nouchee Moua, age 8

THANK YOU! A Special Thank You to Scott Hatfield for the Wonderful Concert he performed June 28th. Also: a special thank you to all those who assisted Scott with his performance. There were so many people involved to make this a success. All proceeds are going directly to the P.I.E. campaign to pay off the Fellowship Hall.

SPECIAL NOTE: Dear Church Family – Many thanks for your generous gift. You are so gracious and supportive – my music ministry is much easier than I imagined. I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve and trust that God will continue to guide my work. Sincerely, Kathy Cannon.

A NOTE FROM THE STAFF: The staff at MUMC would like to thank the congregation for all of their generosity and SPRC for all of their continued support.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS: I would like to express my appreciation for the prayers during my recent illness. I firmly believe my recovery was because of them, not just aided by them. -Ozzie.

NEW ADDRESS: For Pat and Bill Manske's new address, call the church office or pick up a copy of the directory in the office.

TO THE CONGREGATION: I would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and food that we received during my knee replacement surgery. Memorial UMC is a very caring and loving church family. I hope to be back in church soon to see everyone - Betty Gist

THANK YOU TO CHONG GE VUE YANG: The Facilities Maintenance Team would like to acknowledge and thank Chong Ge Vue Yang

for his help in weed control and fertilization of the church lawns. His contribution is much appreciated.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH CALENDAR:

★ Sunday 07/06/08 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Parents Time Out/PTO (Fellowship Hall); 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Youth Movie Nite (Bungalow)

★ Friday 07/11/08 7:00 p.m. Friday Nite at the Movies (Fellowship Hall)

★ Sunday 07/13/08 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting (Bungalow)

★ Friday 07/18/08 7:00 p.m. Friday Nite at the Movies (Fellowship Hall)

★ Sunday 07/20/08 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting (Bungalow)

★ Friday 07/25/08 7:00 p.m. Friday Nite at the Movies (Fellowship Hall)

★ Saturday 07/26/08 8:00 a.m. Poverello House Work Day

★ Sunday 07/27/08 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting (Bungalow)

Stewardship and Administration

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT: It takes time to fill a glass with water when it is filled one drop at a time, but it can be filled! We, too, can fund for future church projects by putting our monies into the Permanent Endowment Fund a little at a time. As the fund grows our goals are drawn nearer. Try it; you will like it! If you would like to learn more about how to add a drop to our church's Permanent Endowment Fund and help finance our church's future, please speak with Rick Hutchinson.

Worship Ministry

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord... Serve the Lord with gladness!" (Psalm 100)

ORDER OF WORSHIP: After extended discussion by those present at the June 14th Worship Planning, two adjustments were unanimously recommended. The first involved a change in the way we take our offering. Beginning in July, the offering plates will be placed at the rear of the sanctuary on each side of the exit doors so that those making an offering can deposit it there. This means that the Offertory will be removed from the Order of Worship. The second change will be the replacement of the hymn following the sermon with the anthem/special music. The purpose for this change was to have the anthem/special music be consistent with the theme of the sermon and therefore reinforce the message. A secondary benefit from these two changes is the significant reduction in the length of the service. If there are any questions regarding these changes, please contact Max Cannon.

Leslie's Salt Shaker: PLACEMENT OF HISTORICAL BIBLE EXPLAINED-

A submission to the Bright Ideas Box suggested placing the historic pulpit bible on the communion table. From time to time other people have asked about the placement and use of this bible. This was a great inquiry and gives me an opportunity to educate us on some of the meanings of the furnishings of the sanctuary and why they are placed where they are. First of all, this bible is a historic artifact of our congregation signifying to us the importance of our past history and our ancestors in faith, having come to the "new" sanctuary from the old church. As such it deserves a place of honor. There is no more honorable place for it than on the cross table. There are members of this congregation who grew up seeing this bible open and upfront every Sunday of their lives. Second, worship is theological drama. So when we enter a Christian sanctuary the chancel area needs to speak to us visually of the four most important symbols that are central to our faith:

■The Sacrament of Baptism signified by the Baptismal Font on one side of the chancel, reminding us of our baptism as Disciples of Christ.

■The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper signified by the communion altar table in the center, placed in such a way that the pastor can stand behind it and face the people. In many congregations the pitcher and chalice are placed in the center of the table on non-communion Sundays for an added visual emphasis.

■The Lectern with the Bible and the bible marker in it signifying the priority of the reading of God's word in every act of worship.

■The Empty Cross signifying to us the victory of Christ over death and evil through his sacrifice.

So these four: Font, Table, Lectern with Bible, and Cross bring together the symbols of our salvation and discipleship. The small cross table serves the function of providing a place for the candles or additional candles and an offering to God from God's wonderful creation such as flowers or a plant or greenery in as natural a state as possible, unadorned by anything human made other than the container to honor the beauty glory of God's (not the creature's) handiwork and of course, Christ's resurrection. It's about our adoration of God. During special seasons of the year such as Easter or Christmas, the flowers and greenery may be of such celebratory abundance that they take up all the room on the cross table (and all over the chancel area). When that occurs the shelving of the cross table serves as a practical and appropriate place for placing our historic pulpit bible and its display holder so these they aren't just set aside someplace in the clutter that generally gathers behind the choir fence or stuck in cupboard somewhere and forgotten about. The cross table also is an appropriate place to put the candles if they are not free standing on either side of the communion altar table or if the table is too full on communion Sundays—and it gets pretty full! The reason we do not place the historic bible on the lectern is that it is very old. The pages are thin and it will get beat up. Also, we do not use it for the reading of scripture because it is not a current translation. We use the New Revised Standard Version which is the translation which is also the version of the pew bibles and we request our scripture readers to use the NRSV so we are all on the same page on Sunday mornings. So next time you enter the sanctuary and look up front remember all that God in Christ Jesus is about and may this knowledge enrich and aid in your praise and worship.

-Pastor Denice Leslie



Pahaua Cha 07/01

Tessa Hansen-Smith 07/01

Aria Lee 07/01

Michael Sapigao 07/02

Faith Vang 07/02

Barbara Woodward 07/03

Reagan Yang 07/03

Jouvue Hang 07/04

Dhuaong Hang 07/04

Kou Yang 07/04

Tiffany Yang 07/04

Kevin Bonzo 07/05

Mary Ettelson 07/05

Lynn Seay 07/05

Eric Jennison 07/07

Betty Skidmore 07/08

Koua Vang Xiong 07/08

Kia Thao Yang 07/08

Kathryn Brister 07/09

Teng Moua 07/10

Billy Moua 07/12

Bill Sautter 07/12

Floyd Eckert 07/13

Richard Emmick 07/13

Mely Rinon 07/13

Edna Maddux 07/14

Lorraine May 07/14

Scott Cole 07/15

Juliane Vang 07/15

Ila Davidson 07/16

Jeff Garris 07/17

Judith Gross 07/17

Josie Michel 07/18

PaKou Yang 07/18

Peggy Bos 07/19

Gloria McClanahan 07/20

Georgia Holman 07/21

Garth Goudelock 07/22

Carole Linenbach 07/23

Ger Yang 07/23

Pagean Carter 07/24

Harry Rogers 07/24

Judith Tugwell 07/24

Ricky Harkins 07/25

Mike Jennison 07/25

Neal Lowrey 07/25

Patti Pond 07/29

Sue DeFranco 07/30

Bob Bowser 07/31

Dorothy Heskett 07/31

Xiong Moua 07/31

Noah Potter 07/31

Clayton Potter 07/31

Moua Xiong 07/31