



GOOD NEWS!

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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."

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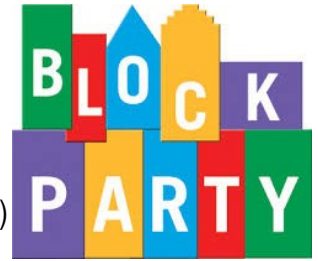
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Matthew 22:39 [...]

Love your neighbor as
yourself.



Friday, April 13, 5:30-7:30 pm

We need LOTS of people to be on site to eat dinner (\$1!) and be friendly!! Beyond that, we need people to help:

Set up, work with food, staff events such as - watching playgrounds, open mic, face painting, taking surveys, cupcake walk, clean up and more...

To help, sign up on Sundays or during the week in the church office.
Let's meet the neighbors with a party at our place!



CHURCH FAMILY CAMP APRIL 28 AT ACADEMY

Everyone of all ages is invited to Church Family Camp on Saturday April 28 out at Academy Church.
Family Camp starts with a gathering at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

This year we will explore "The Beauty of the Earth," with lessons, activities and games for everyone to join in. Dinner will be served and we will close with an evening worship service at 7:30 p.m.

More information (directions to the church, etc.) is coming soon on flyers, the Weekly Digest and the church web site. Hope to see YOU there!

May 13th

- Delicious food with
- ♦ No waiting in line to be seated
 - ♦ No tax
 - ♦ No tip

Tickets:

\$10 for adults
\$5 for children
\$30 maximum for families with young children

Schedule for Sunday, May 13th

10 am worship for ALL "Great Day of Music"
(and "farewell" to Suz De Franco)
11:30 Brunch

(The proceeds for this meal support our "Staff Appreciation" gifts.)

Tickets go on sale April 15th

*Mother's
Day
Brunch*

Upcoming Events



We all are getting "Old" but it's better than the Alternative.
A one day seminar is planned for Saturday April 21, 2018.

10 am - 2 pm, Fellowship Hall.

As one author stated "Old age is contagious but you don't have to catch it"!

It will be some lecture, but mostly interactive so we have an opportunity to share those little idiosyncrasies that are unique to aging - This will be fun not morbid! Sorry guys this is for women only.

Sign ups are needed, so we have adequate Pizza for lunch and other refreshments.
Plan to join us. Questions, Lucy Elgin, MSN, NP 322 - 8525.



United Methodist Church Day

It's time to head to the ballpark for our annual Circuit-wide outing to support our local team and raise funds and awareness for Imagine No Malaria!

The game will be on June 9 with 6:05 start time.

This year we get a free JERSEY!!

Tickets are \$15,

with \$6 of that going to Imagine No Malaria.

ALSO - it is "tri-tip Throwdown" night!

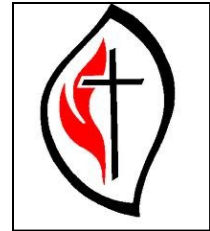


Tickets for the Grizzlies game will be on sale on April 22-May 13.

Reserve yours after worship on Sundays,

or by calling the MUMC office (559) 299-4615.

Xiong	Lee	04/02
Khou	Vue	04/03
Deena	Crosslin	04/05
Ka	Heu	04/08
Art	Daly	04/09
Howard	Vollman	04/09
Kayte	Van de Mark	04/11
Jerry	Yang	04/12
Kurt	Cline	04/14
Mee Vang	Lee	04/14
Kylee	Pachelbel	04/17
Alissa	Williams	04/17
Norma	Meek	04/19
Gilbert	Stocks	04/20
Va	Yang	04/20
Benjamin	Zastovnik	04/21
Kathryn	Cannon	04/25
Christiana	Fang	04/28
William	Nicholls	1-May
Robin	Holleman	2-May
Stan	Jenanyan	2-May
Joan	Prego	2-May
Carole	Schweitzer	3-May
Becky	Posey	8-May
Uchei	Uwaoma	8-May
Dorothy	Carr	9-May
Ly	Heu	10-May
Janet	Bonzo	12-May
Baoui	Her	12-May
Chua	Hang	18-May
Emma	Hansen-Smith	20-May
Owen	Glazebrook	21-May
Roberto	Carlos	22-May
Laura	Williams	26-May
Gouly	Yang	28-May
Marjorie	Ludwig	30-May
George	Grimsley	31-May



April 9th-Executive Board, 2pm, Library
 April 9th- Susanna Circle, 7pm, Library
 April 10th--Unit Meeting, 12:00 pm, Team A
 Serves

Fellowship Hall

**Call office if child care is needed
 299-4615**

April 25th--Wesley 2 pm, Fellowship Hall

May 7th-Executive Board, 2pm, Library

May 14th- Susanna Circle, 7pm, Library

May 15th--Unit Meeting, 11:45 am, Team A
 Serves, Fellowship Hall

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The Mission Thrift Shop



April Sale Days 6th & 7th

Work days for April are the 10th & 24th

May Sale Days 4th & 5th

Work days for May are the 8th & 22nd

Donations gladly accepted:

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am-1pm

WWD Et Cetra, The Grief Group,

We began meeting September 29th, 2012 to talk about it – our loss, our grief.

We talk about it!

It has many factors. It surrounds us.
It could be that negative force that enters our lives uninvited.
It makes us cry. It makes us laugh!
It needs an ear. It is hope!

We know we are not the cure-all.
But we desperately seek knowledge and outside comfort that will allow us to

Talk about it!

It is grief – in all its complexity.

We meet to pave the way for joy to enter our lives again.
We look for that day when, suddenly, we see a blue sky!
We notice birds are singing! Children are playing!
We know joy is on its way.
And that, dear friends, is what we, at WWD Et Cetra,
The Grief Group, do!

WWD is self funded . They meet the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 10am in the library

Glynda Ward/Bobbi Siek

The Church Pantry

The Church Pantry is a ministry of the church that helps those who need a little help feeding their families each month.

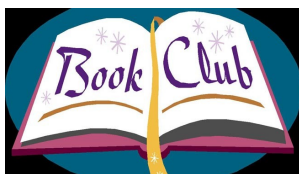
We provide a bag of food for each family monthly on Mondays.

We are currently providing help to an average of 25 families each month.

We have people from our church who donate to the pantry and we buy food from Food Maxx.

If you would like to donate to the pantry it would be appreciated. We would like items in cans not bottles to be donated as it is too easy for bottles to be broken and they are heavy.

Please contact Dorrie Osback-Rose to see what is currently needed.



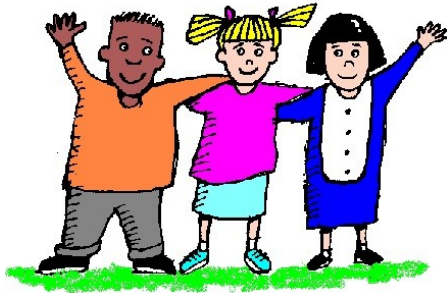
Christian Book Club

Join us on
Tuesday at 7pm in
the Library!



Flat Wesleys

We would LOVE to see EVERY MEMBER of MUMC out in the world with the Wesleys in the coming year. Prayerfully consider how you can carry the love of Jesus beyond the walls on our facilities, to be a blessing to the communities around us.



Special Friends

Mirror Mirror

Most of us have looked in the mirror at one time or another, asking the familiar fairy-tale question, Mirror, Mirror on the wall if not our loud but in our mind.

The strange thing about mirrors is they never lie. What you see is everyone sees, at least physically. And sometimes, all our best effort to accentuate the positive and downplay the negative still leaves us discontented with our looks.

But Jesus never lies either. It's just that He sees things differently than we do, He gauges our "looks" by a different mirror. We're not too short, too tall, too big or too small. He doesn't measure us by a wooden yardstick, or compare us to our peers. He knows that we are uniquely made, one of a kind, and creatively designed. He looks at our heart, not our outward characteristics.

Unfortunately we see ourselves through a veil. His followers, what He wants us to see is His reflection daily. And the more we look into His wants mirror and what He says about us, the more we'll come to believe-and-reflect-His image. When we look into His mirror, we'll see what Jesus sees; "beautiful", "loved", "redeemed," Mine.

As we look into our mirror we should ask ourselves the question, "Are we serving Him in our daily lives all we can?"

We Have some ladies on the "Prayer Chain" inviting you to help them out. To receive a call and then pray for the people they tell you about. If you wish to get more involved and make the chain bigger by calling one or two others you can do that also. This is not only for women you men can help too.

You may call the Church 299-4615 or Dee Carr 291-7316
Service

Cards	Calls	Letters	Visits	Transportation
78	62	25	34	19

Finance Report

Income in January and February did not cover the bills for those two months. This is because we have major payments in January for insurance. The property insurance bill was \$10,814 for the year and the health insurance premium for the first quarter was \$7,323. This shortfall is an annual occurrence. The carryover from previous years helps with this, but often is not enough to keep from coming out behind early in the year.

The General Fund expenses for the two months totaled \$58,181. Total income was \$36,563. We were able to make the insurance payments and all other expenses excluding apportionments by using the \$632 carried over from 2017 and borrowing from our designated funds. At the end of February, the General Fund was short by \$21,869 which will need to be made up as the months go by. Extra contributions early in the year will help with this cash flow situation and plans are being discussed to attempt to increase giving.

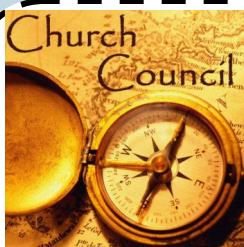
The Thrift Store raised enough to contribute \$3,200 for the Conference Tithes (apportionments). This payment toward the \$4,380 due for January and February was made at the end of March.

A major expense in March was the annual payment to Workman's Compensation Insurance which totaled \$2,135. And in April we will need to pay the second quarter health insurance premium of \$7,323.

Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute generously to make our ministries possible.

Our estimates of giving totaling \$149,099 are up from last year. Because cash flow is so tight at the start of the year we encourage people to be diligent in supporting the church at this time of the year.

As a church, we have many wonderful ministries that we are able to carry out, and many more that we carry in our hearts until we find a way to make them happen. We pray that each person associated with our church will find ways to help further God's kingdom



The Church Council meeting in February was our first test of our new format emphasizing training up ministry leaders and expanding the mission of the congregation. To this end, we spend about an hour on discipleship and leadership strengthening, and about 40 minutes on business and administration items.

We are excited to report that there are many mission and ministry opportunities coming our way in the months ahead:

We are planning "block parties" to get to know our neighbors better. We will need LOTS of help for this to be a successful outreach.

We are instrumental in getting a computer lab established in the United Methodist University in Liberia! Our next project in support of this outreach ministry will focus on equipping the UM schools that train up students to attend the University. Half of our Easter offering will go toward this ministry.

We are pleased to support Jeremiah Yang's trip to Greece to work with Syrian refugees. We are planning to have Jeremiah present in worship later in the summer to share about his experiences.

There will be a one-day event for women on aging. It is designed to be a fun day of celebration. This will happen on April 21.

MUMC is being invited to play a role in the revitalization efforts for the congregation at Calwa. Our role is not yet fully refined, but it is likely we will have the opportunity to work with a person who has training in new ways to be in ministry. This will be helpful not only to the Calwa neighborhood, but to us as well! Half of the Easter offering will go towards this ministry.

We will have fun together with the other churches of the circuit at the Grizzlies game on June 9. We will raise funds and awareness for Imagine No Malaria through this event.

The Church Council meets on the fourth Sunday of each month. Anyone may attend the meetings. They start at 12:45 pm in the library, (after we have birthday cake in the Fellowship Hall). The meetings are chaired by our Lay Leader, Jamie Belt.

Living in resurrection time. What does that mean to us? How does a people live into that promise which is already fulfilled?

I am reading a book entitled Canoeing the Mountains, by Tod Bolsinger. The author uses inspiration and wisdom gained from the Lewis & Clark expedition as a way of looking at how congregations and congregational leadership must change in these times.

One interesting concept explored is the reality of how much we humans resist change.

Even when faced with the very real possibility of death, people most often do not change. Changing eating habits, or quitting smoking, increasing exercise, or reducing stress — all of these are proven to increase health and vitality. Yet when individuals are faced with the reality that if they don't make changes in these areas they will hasten death, most do not successfully make lifestyle adjustment.

In the US today Christianity is waning. This is not true world wide. It is true here in the US. Research is showing that the model of a church providing programs for the members is no longer sustaining vital ministry in most communities. We can take that information seriously and make changes in the "lifestyle" of the congregation. Or we can go along as we have been, and hope we are not another casualty of changing times. We can make the changes needed to thrive — to the glory of God — in the world in which we find ourselves, or we can be like MANY congregations and dwindle until we eventually close the doors permanently. It won't happen quickly, but it will happen IF we don't make conscious decisions to change our way of "being church" and "doing church."

That is shocking to consider.

FORTUNATELY, there is GOOD NEWS!

The Bible accounts of Jesus' resurrection indicate that he was significantly changed when he came out of the tomb. His closest friends didn't recognize him at first. Yet, that change is our salvation! Without resurrection, Good Friday would simply be the story of a good man being unjustly killed. Instead, Christians are resurrection people! We live in anticipation of being raised to new life. That promise is ours, not only at some time in the future, it is ours today! Hallelujah!!

The BIG catch is this: we have to let go of the what has been, and be changed — raised up to what is needed to share the gospel in today's world. We cannot be raised to new life AND be the same as we have been. That new reality can seem scary.

Not everyone is a bold adventurer. Despite our misgivings and reluctance, we CAN have confidence because Jesus will lead our steps. "The Corps of Discovery" had a successful journey, in large part, because of the confidence placed in the leadership. We can have even greater confidence, because Jesus will lead us through these changing times to be the church HE needs for us to be. Trusting in Jesus we can have the confidence to reorient our thinking. As Bolsinger puts it, "If you can adapt and adventure, you can thrive. But you must let go, learn as you go, and keep going no matter what."

What does it TRULY mean to be a people of resurrection?

Members and friends of MUMC, are we ready to adventure with Jesus?

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The Living Last Supper

Presented by
Memorial United Methodist Church
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Thursday March 29th at 7pm

Friday March 30 at 7pm

Saturday March 31 at 2pm

**Child Care available on Saturday for children age 6 and under.*

The public is invited. Tickets are free.
Contact the office to reserve your tickets.
559 299-4615

This play's cast shares a short, but powerful drama about the reflection and inner turmoil of each disciple when Jesus announced he would be betrayed by one of them.

Easter Sunday Worship Services



6:30 am Sunrise at Academy (in English)
(outside in the pavilion)

8:45 am Imagine! service led by the Liturgical
Daredevils (in English) with praise band.

10:00 am Sunday School for all ages

10:00 am Hmong Language service
with praise band

11:15 am Traditional Easter Celebration Service
(in English), with choir.

12:30 pm Potluck lunch at Academy

2:00 pm Easter worship at Academy (in English)