



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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Special Combined Services in October



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 7 is World Communion Sunday. We will once again join Memorial UMC with Fresno Korean UMC for a service of Worship & Holy Communion. The schedule for that day will be:

♦ 10 am Sunday School for all ages

(with FKUMC's children's ministry joining with MUMC 's program that morning.)

- ♦ 11:15 am Combined worship
- ♦ 12:15 pm International Potluck!

Bring your favorite food to share and enjoy our time together.

Then on...



October 21 we are invited and encouraged to celebrate Academy's Sesquicentennial! (See related article on page 3 in this newsletter.) Since there is not going to be a full Sunday morning worship service at Academy, we will gather at 8:45 am at MUMC for a of worship, before heading to Academy to enjoy a day of celebration there.



Boutique News

Isn't the change to our weather great? We finally have an end to the extreme hot temperatures and are going into autumn. And with the wonderful cooler days and the coming of autumn comes The Holiday Boutique.

Save **Friday, November 9th and Saturday, November 10th.** for the 2018 Holiday Boutique. We will open the doors at 9am with lunch served from 11:30- 1AM. The boutique needs members of the church to provide baked goods for the Country Store. We also need more handmade items to sell. Anyone can donate to the boutique; Hmong and Korean congregation members, men, non-members are so welcome to donate. Our drawing will be on Saturday around 2PM. We will have a quilt, an afghan and 18" doll and wardrobe. All items are handmade including drawing things. Help: We could use your help to setup and put away and help in the kitchen. This event is a large fund raiser for Memorial United Methodist and we need your support. More information is available: Call Barbara Nielsen 291-0935, Carole Schweitzer 299-3432 or Becky in the office 299-4615.

CROP Hunger Walk -

We are just weeks away from the Annual Fresno CROP Hunger Walk on October 21st.

Location:
1130 N. Wishon Ave. (Wishon & Olive).
Fresno, Ca. 93728

Registration Time:
1:30 PM

Walk Time:
2:30 PM

Walk Distance:
1.5 miles

Contact:
riomesa1@gmail.com



August / September Birthdays

Robert	Cole	10/01
Craig	Eckert	10/02
Don	Haulman	10/02
Sara	Pachebel	10/02
James	Xiong	10/02
Wayne	Golden	10/06
Ann	Bianchi	10/07
Xoua	Kong	10/08
Matthew	Yang	10/08
Ger	Lee	10/09
Zack	Stoddard	10/11
Elijah	Glazebrook	10/16
Carolyn	Pippin	10/19
Max	Cannon	10/20
Jim	McClanahan	10/20
Padoa	Thao	10/22
Joyce	Lewis	10/24
Andy	Hansen-Smith	10/27
Edward	DeFranco	10/30
Chi	Uwaoma	10/30
Donna	Wamsley	10/30
Katelin	Williams	10/30
Carol	Febuary	10/31



All church clean up day is Saturday, Nov 17th.

Come join us at 8 am for a free pancake breakfast hosted by our UMM. At 9am work begins to make our place SHINE! Bring cleaning supplies and equipment with you so lots of people can be working at the same time. Something for all skill and energy levels! We hope to have a GREAT turn out and support for this effort to spruce up our grounds and facilities.



Save the Date! Advent Dinner

The annual ADVENT DINNER is **Sunday, December 2 at 6pm** in the church Fellowship Hall. This is our annual Christmas potluck dinner and each table is beautifully decorated by members of the congregation. You can sign up to decorate a table and invite your friends to sit with you and/or welcome others. Sign-up sheet to host a table or to attend will be available beginning **Sunday, November 11.**

If you need further details, please contact Sharon Hutchinson at 299-0622.

Stacy	Lee	11/04
Tosh	Cook	11/07
Jamie	Belt	11/08
Bon Van	Yang	11/09
Diane	Zastovnik	11/10
Marlene	Remer	11/16
Ger	Yang	11/18
Fang Soua	Yang	11/22
Luke	Stoddard	11/23
Connie	Alfaro	11/25
Garland	Woodward	11/25
LeRoy	Ehresman	11/28
Ruth	Lind	11/30
Nora	Uwaoma	11/30

Walk to Emmaus Reunion

WTE Reunion Group at Edie's home 10-24 and 11-28 7 pm.

Nov. 1-4 Men's Walk to Emmaus at Hanford 1st Presbyterian Church
Nov. 8-11 Women's Walk To Emmaus at Hanford 1st Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday Lunch!

Second Sunday lunches continue to be well received. Thank you to the UMW for the delicious lunch in September.

October is sponsored by Nurses and Friends. Look for Witches stew and brew, along with biscuits and a delicious dessert. October 14th don't miss it.

Fourth Sunday continues with the Birthday celebration on October 28th and November 25th.

These are opportunities to visit with your friends and get better acquainted with others. Fellowship is part of our Methodist tradition.

The Academy Church

The Academy Methodist Church, built in 1868 and in use every year since, is celebrating its 150th Anniversary on October 21, 2018. You are invited to enjoy the fun and good fellowship. Past Ministers are being invited too. The day begins at 10 am with a Dedication Service followed at 10:30 by a Living History Festival. Enjoy a trip back in time. Try a game. The winner splits the pot. Check out the displays, demonstrations, crafts, listen to the stories. Feel free to come in the costume of an earlier era. Our traditional and eagerly anticipated Smoked Tri-Tip BBQ dinner with all the fixings will be at noon. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 10 years and under. At the Boutique you can take a chance on the beautiful raffle offerings or take home a tasty goodie from someone else's kitchen. The Church is located at 10677 Madsen Ave., just north of Hwy 168.

Please let the office know if you plan to attend so that there is sure to be plenty of food.

R&R and Art

Designed to delight your artistic and culinary pallets



The holidays are fast approaching, with wonderful celebrations and also increased stress and fatigue.

Why not plan a day of fun as you let out your artistic side, and enjoy delicious food?

Our first "R&R and Art" will be on Saturday, December 29, in the MUMC Fellowship Hall.

It is designed to allow people to decompress from the fast-paced holiday season. It is a PERFECT opportunity to spend significant quality time with visiting family and friends.

The flow of the day is:

- ✦ 9:30 am - check-in, prepping work area, enjoying specially prepared snacks
- ✦ 10 am to noon: painting project with Roberto.
- ✦ Noon is a beautifully prepared meal with something for every diet
- ✦ After lunch people who have time and have not yet completed their project may continue painting.

The cost of \$40 per person includes:

- All art supplies
- Artistic direction and coaching
- All food and beverages

Everyone takes home their own artistic creation.

This is a TERRIFIC Christmas gift to give family and friends! Reservations are needed and gift certificates can be provided.

Painting with Roberto

Classes continue on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the library.

All are welcome for this fun and relaxing time

\$2 donation for supplies. (All included).



Church Pantry

The Pantry served 20 families the last 2 months.

We are in need of

- ✦ Chili Beans (cans)
- ✦ Fruit peaches or fruit cocktail
- ✦ Spaghetti Sauce (**cans only**)
- ✦ Peanut Butter
- ✦ Soda Crackers
- ✦ Juice

Prayer Chain

Prayer changes things! The power of prayer is an amazing blessing, and can be a great gift for others when offered on their behalf.

MUMC has an active prayer chain. It provides a beautiful service to those in times of great need.

The prayer chain would like to add people to their ministry. Here is what YOU would be asked to do:

Add your name & phone number to our prayer chain list.

Be willing to have one person call you with prayer requests. (Yes, it is OK if you can't always answer your phone, as long as you have a reliable voicemail service.)

When you receive a prayer request, be willing to call one person (assigned to you) to pass along the prayer request.

Remember to pray for those requests you have received.

Finally, to honor this ministry as a sacred trust and keep things private. (No gossiping.)

If you would like to be part of this life changing ministry, talk with Dee Carr, our prayer chain coordinator. 559-291-7316

Special Friends

WE ARE ALL USING A FOUR LETTER WORD

I enjoy using the four letter word and I do many times during the day. I was born during the Depression and things were different than they are today. One time it was around Christmas time and I was taken down town to see the pretty windows of the stores. It was a wonderful time and I fell for a big beautiful blond doll that I thought I could not live without. For the next weeks my poor parents felt I'm sure that they could not hear another thing about this doll, with all my talk and yes crying about my big beautiful doll. As Christmas came near in my heart I was trying to think that my dream would not come true. My parents would use the old saying . "Hope makes the World go round."

Christmas Day came and I ran out in my P.J's and no doll. I was heart broken but I knew things were tight and I tried to show it was okay. During this time both my parents worked and we didn't open any presents until they were home from work. Oh what a LONG Day! Finally the time came when we could open gifts. Mom told be to bring in the broom so she could clean up the mess and you guessed it I found my Doll. I still cry a little when I think about it.

By now you know that one of my favorite words is "HOPE." I have a feeling that many of you use this word many times also.

I hope you have a good time.
I hope you get better soon.
I hope you can find _____.
I hope you have a happy birthday.
I hope your trip is wonderful.
I hope you get _____.



The list goes on and on but always try to give the ones you meet a gift of Hope.

Service to others:

Cards	Calls	Visits	Transportation	Misc.
82	30	28	29	7

Upcoming meetings October 11 @ 2pm and November 8 @ 2pm.

UMW News



- 10-1-18 Executive Board, 2 p.m.
- 10-8-18 Susanna Circle, 7 p.m.
- 10-9-18 Unit meeting noon
- 10-19-18 Combined UMM/UMW Dinner
- 10-31-18 Wesley Circle, 2pm.
- 11-5-18 Executive Board 2 p.m.
- 11-12-18 Susanna Circle, 7 p.m.,
- 11-13-18 Unit meeting noon
- 11-28-18 Wesley Circle, 2pm

Green Team

Green Team News: Ohm Hour

If you guessed this is referring to a time for meditation, not quite, although meditating could be a good way to spend an Ohm Hour.

This is a program run by Ohm Connect for reducing the use of electricity during times of especially heavy demand, when particularly dirty energy sources come into use. It is also a way to get paid for using less energy during those times.

If you sign up for the program, Ohm Connect will notify you of an Ohm Hour coming the next day. Most will be in the evening. They will set an amount of electricity you can use during that hour, based on your usual usage at the time. If you use less than the maximum, you get paid.

Or the church gets paid. We have a Memorial United Methodist Church Team. You can choose to have your Ohm Hour earnings sent to the church. Right now, we have one family on the church team and the church has already received \$223 from Ohm Connect.

You can read the details at <https://ohmconnect.com>. Please also contact Diane or Ron Zastovnik if you have questions or are interested in participating.



UMM -UMW

combined dinner is October 19th in the Fellowship Hall.

Our speaker is CPL Christopher Hutchinson of the Clovis Police Dept. He will speaking on the issue of **"Homeless in Clovis - How can we Help!"**

Our chef will be Stan Jenanyan, cooking up his special

Stephen Ministry



Stephen Ministry - Our Stephen Ministry continues provide a powerful service for those going through especially difficult challenges. Stephen Ministry care givers are lay people trained and equipped to provide one-to-one in-depth Christian support for a care receiver dealing with tremendous struggles. Usually a care giver meets with their care receiver for an hour once a week.

Do YOU feel God is asking you to participate in this type of caring ministry? Our community is in need of more trained Stephen Ministers.

We are looking to have a training program beginning in January.

If you would like to be part of that training, please talk with Susan Jennings 559-291-3399 or Pastor Janette 559-299-4615

United Methodist Men



Men of all ages are welcome to join us serving a Pancake Breakfast on November 17 from 8-9:am in the Fellowship Hall. See you there! If you have questions talk with Darren Williams President of MUMC's UMM

Finance Report

We have made some progress on reducing our deficit over the last few months. General Fund income in May, June, July and August exceeded the expenditures in those months. This was due largely to the \$11,668 raised through extra mille giving. It was also due to most expenditures being kept as low as possible.

Through August, our total general fund income was \$174,339. Expenditures were \$182,704. We began the year with a balance of \$602, so the deficit as of August 31 was \$7,763. This is down from a deficit of over \$20K earlier in the year! Way to go, team MUMC!

We will need to stay diligent in our giving through the end of the year in order to once again pay our Conference Tithe (apportionments) in full. The goal is within reach!

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.

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

USING YOUR IRA RMD FOR A QCD

The alphabet soup in the title is referring to required minimum distributions (RMD) from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA). Anyone who has an IRA and is over 70.5 years old must withdraw a certain portion of his or her IRA each year. Instead of having the funds distributed to oneself, one can have any part of the funds donated directly to a qualified charity such as the church (a Qualified Charitable Distribution QCD).

The advantage of this is that when the check is made out to the church, the donation does not count as income. Of course, it also does not count as a donation for those who itemize on their Federal taxes. It is mostly an advantage for those who use the standard deduction because it can reduce their taxable income without changing the amount of their deduction. Even those who itemize might get some advantages from the lower income.

We would also hope that you might consider adding a tithe of whatever your savings might be onto your donation to the church.

You can read more about this at <https://www.irs.gov/retirement-plans/retirement-plans-faqs-regarding-iras-distributions-withdrawals>, or <https://www.robinsonsmithwealth.com/blog/why-you-should-consider-using-your-ira-rmd-for-charitable-gifts> or <http://time.com/money/4528803/give-charity-ira-account> or at other sites by Googling "using RMD for charity."

Please check with your tax preparer for specific advantages for you.

What's happening with our Hmong Language Ministry?

As you know by now, Xf Yeu was appointed to serve Atwater UMC. The decision by our Bishop to make this appointment change came in June, with the new appointment beginning July 1. Within our Annual Conference boundaries we do not currently have anyone who is available to be appointed to serve as Associate Pastor with emphasis in Hmong Language Ministry.

While our District Superintendent and our Bishop are searching throughout our United Methodist connection for the right person to bring to our congregation, ministry is continuing strong with these adjustments:

1. Pastor Janette attends the Hmong Language service each week, meets with the leaders of our Hmong Language Ministry very regularly, and has full pastoral oversight of the ongoing work in this ministry.
2. Those previously trained to be Lay Speakers are taking turns bringing the message on Sunday mornings.
3. The members and friends in our Hmong Language Ministry (HLM) are being especially intentional about encouraging each other during this time of transition.
4. The Lay Speakers will have a special training course to bolster those who are currently serving in this way, and to train up more people to join in leading the worship services.
5. The HLM and Pastor Janette are participating in a special training with Conference leaders to help strengthen our lay leadership in ways beyond leading worship.
6. Our HLM are doing extra fundraisers to lessen the deficit in our general budget.

It is true that we are currently moving through significant transitions. More important is the knowledge that God is with us through it all, working to accomplish God's will and purposes for our congregation.

Let us continue to lift in prayer all the ministries of MUMC, and especially our Hmong Language Ministry. As we wait upon the Lord, may what we are saying and what we are doing be pleasing to God, and make a powerful witness for Jesus.

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Our Live Nativity

continues to grow each year in outreach to our community. We need EVERYONE's help to make it a beautiful evening for all our guests.

Please mark your calendars NOW to keep the dates open:

Saturday, December 15
and **Sunday, December 16.**
MUMC participants plan to be onsite from 5-9 pm.

Let's begin praying now for this ministry, and look for planning meetings in the coming weeks.



This year we have seen an abundance of natural disasters wrecking communities all across our nation. While we in the Clovis area are giving thanks that we have not been directly impacted, our hearts go out to so many who have lost so much. From that place of blessing and gratitude we offer our assistance to those who have lost everything.

The supplies in the UMCOR depot are very low. Our Church Council is encouraging MUMC to raise the funds to sponsor 125 flood buckets, in honor of our 125 years in ministry. Invite your family and friends to sponsor a bucket! Perhaps you can sponsor a bucket for someone you know who was impacted by the fires and floods. Each bucket costs approximately \$37 to fill. Let's raise the funds in the month of October, and plan to pack the buckets at our Blow-Out Celebration on **November 25.**



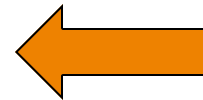
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All-church Conference



Each year in the fall we have a special meeting to elect officers for the coming year, to set the pastor's salary for the coming year, and to update our membership rolls.

This year we will have a special Blow-Out Celebration
on November 25, 2018 beginning at 2:30 pm.
(We will be heading home by 4:30 pm — before it gets dark!)



Our District Superintendent, Rev. Debra Brady,
will be on hand to preside over the business portions.

We will also have a fun time of celebrating our ministries:

Special video debut.

Looking at our Flat Wesley outreach.

and honoring 125 years in ministry by packing 125 flood buckets for UMCOR.



- ▶ **PLUS** - we will have our initial Pictorial Directory Distribution at this event!!
- ▶ Party food!!! Bring your favorite "grazing" food (snack food, finger food) to share.

It is going to be a FUN afternoon together! You WILL want to be there!!