



# GOOD NEWS!

**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2019**

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."

## Memorial United

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## United Methodist Women Fashion Show & Luncheon



September 21, 2019

A salad and dessert bar, plus beverages served at **12:00 noon**.  
The fashion show starts at 12:30 p.m.

Fashions from our Mission Thrift Shop & Women of the Bible.

Tickets will be on sale in the church office, and  
Sunday's at Church in the narthex.

\$12.00 ticket / \$6 for children under 12

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors.  
Proceeds will go to remodeling our kitchen

## Blessing of the Animals



**Saturday  
September 28  
10 to 1 PM.**

All pets and people are welcome.  
The public is invited to bring dogs, cats,  
birds, fish or any pet — as long as the pet  
is safely leashed or in an enclosed pet  
carrier.

There will also be general prayers for healing of pets who are ill and honoring the  
memory for those that are deceased.

If a pet cannot be brought to the service, participants may bring a photo and  
complete a special blessing card so that animals who cannot be present may be  
blessed by name.

After the service, there will be treats for pets and people, and music to enjoy.

*August Birthdays*

Shoua	Yang	1
Vang	Lee	2
Lee	Vang	2
Dorothy	Doss	5
Mary Ann	Jennison	5
Helen	Tashjian	5
Janette	Saavedra	6
Kathy	Yang	6
Scott	Hatfield	8
Darren	Williams	8
Jim	Posey	9
Lucy	Gadberry	11
Rick	Hutchinson	14
Fran	Shellenberger	14
Pla	Chang	15
Bill	Febuary	15
Karen	Ledbetter	15
Shirley	Monis	15
Ozzie	Hernandez	16
Carol	Silva	17
Alicia	Thao	17
Glynda	Ward	18
Mary	Yang	20
Elijah	Yang	22
Guin	Jenanyan	23
Aaron	Lee	23
LaDonna	Snow	24
Wanda	Swieso	25
Craig	Mitchell	26
Edie	Dyer-Fottrell	27

*September Birthdays*

Cheryl	Pachelbel	5
Devon	Fang	7
Pat	Frey	9
Murtaza	Shah	10
Michael	Crosslin	11
Mai Chao	Vang	13
Pa	Chang	14
Ka	Yang	16
Katy	Wamsley	18
Kang Bao	Yang	18
Bea	Trainer	20
Ruth	Ehresman	23
Molly	Lovgren	23
Richard	Crossman	25
Judith	Barkman	27
Janette	Erickson	27

**Fourth Sunday Birthday**

Recognition of birthdays has been celebrated on the fourth Sunday of each month for the past three years. However there was a request from Celerina Carlos and Judy Gross with July birthdays that they wanted to do a special emphasis to share with their church family. Due to schedule conflicts, that was celebrated on July 21.(3rd Sunday) Celerina's custom was to serve special Filipino noodles (Rice noodles with chicken and vegetables) which she and Roberto prepared. Judy added Black walnut Ice cream to the Chocolate cake, from her tradition. This was announced as a surprise! It was delightful for over 40 people to share in this event with other July birthday members. Thank you to Judy, Celerina and Roberto.

The birthday cake may be moved to August 18th so keep watching.

**Sing Unto the Lord!**

Join the Chancel Choir in Praising the Lord at the Traditional Service.

Practices are on Thursday evenings at 7:15 p.m.

Starting August 29th

Questions??? Contact

Jenny Robertson

559-696-0425

TO OUR CHURCH FRIENDS,

LeRoy and I would like to Thank You for all the lovely and inspirational get well notes, cards, and phone calls that were sent to us these past months. We were just overwhelmed with it all!

A Special Thank You for the many cards and notes from "Special Friends", the ladies are a real Blessing to our church.

All of you, thank you so much for all your prayers, and thinking of us as LeRoy goes through chemo. We are now waiting for Stanford Hospital to call and schedule LeRoy's surgery.

God Bless all of you,

Ruth Ehresman

### Second Sunday Lunch!

This Fellowship time continues to have excellent food and good attendance. UMM and UMW cooperated to produce the "Three Buck Ground Chuck" plus salads in June.

The Girl Scout troop of Lara Delaney provided a delicious lunch of Pork sandwiches, Chips, Cole Slaw, Fruit cup, and Chocolate Parfait for Dessert. The young ladies scurried around placing beautiful Sunflowers and Baby Breath on each table.. This group also presented the congregation with a check for \$200 dollars to thank them for the weekly use of the Fellowship Hall. Their thoughtfulness is most appreciated.

September will be Beef Stroganoff over rice with salad vegetables and dessert.

October will be the other Girl Scout troop - Spaghetti and meatballs. This is a delicious meal - don't miss it in October.

This all continues for \$5, no waiting, well mostly no waiting, no tips, no loud noise to talk over, time to share stories with your friends.

Don't miss Second Sunday.

### The Academy Church

#### Vespers, Ice Cream Social and Sing-A-Long Come and cool off Sunday,

**September 22nd at the Pavilion at 6:00 pm**

Academy Methodist Church cordially invites you to our new and improved Ice Cream Social and Sing-a-Long. It is our First Annual Vespers, a devotional service, on Sunday, September 22nd at 6pm. The short service will conclude with many familiar old hymns. This will be followed by bowls of ice cream and, as always, your choice of many toppings. It will be an inspirational meeting for both body and soul.

#### Also-Save the date

Sunday Oct 20, 10 a.m. Worship at Academy followed by BBQ Lunch & Boutique  
10667 Madsen Ave, Clovis, CA

### Why Second Sunday Lunch?

In August 2011 MUMC began a new ministry: Second Sunday Lunch. The idea was to have a meal once a month when the congregation would dine together, the cost would be kept low, and in income raised would be collected to use in funding unanticipated ministry or training opportunities that arose, and perhaps items not fully covered in the budget. The funds have been overseen at first by the Network, and now by the Church Council. Additionally, 3 to 4 times a year special ministry or mission groups would have the opportunity to provide the meal, with the proceeds for that meal going toward their project. Typically this special fundraising has gone for mission trips and for staff appreciation.

The first Second Sunday Lunch, back in August of 2011, was specially augmented Chinese Chicken Salad, prepared by Edie Dyer and her team. The meals have continued monthly, with the exception of about a year's hiatus.

All tolled, the Second Sunday lunch has been active about 8 years. In that time nearly \$16,000 dollars has been raised and used in the following ways:

Mission trips of all types — \$2700

Staff appreciation, etc. — \$5400

Leadership Development/Training for laity — \$400

Table Cloths & Room Dividers — \$1100

Outreaching ministries & Disaster Relief — \$6300

Not bad for \$5 a plate! (and \$10 on Mothers' Day)

We are grateful to all who have taken a turn to serve a meal, and all who come to dine on Second Sundays.

As the months and years unfold, let us see what more God can accomplish through us and this dynamic ministry!

## Back to Our Regular Church Schedule Sept 8.

### Worship

\*8:45am Imagine!

\*10am Hmong Language Serv.

\*11:15am Traditional English Language Worship

### Classes

\*10am Sunday School All Ages

\*11:15 am Hmong Language Adult Sunday School

## Boutique News

### The Annual Church Boutique

The theme for this years boutique is "A Boutique for All Seasons". We want to emphasize that their will be items for year round use, not just Christmas. Too often our customers are thinking Christmas. Our Wednesday group this year is small but dedicated. We hope those that cannot come on Wednesdays will be thinking Boutique and crafting at home. For those noncrafters, there will be opportunities to share in items for the country store. There will be a listing of these items in the next newsletter. The dates continue as the 2nd Friday and Saturday in November - Questions please call the church and leave your name and number and one of us will return your call. The proceeds all goes directly to the church budget for missions or needed

## Special Friends

No matter the worries I have, small or large you, O God, are here ahead of me with the promise of help and support that relieve me and frees me from getting stuck in the mire of my fear. I am thankful . Help me to feel your strength within so that I can take care of whatever difficulties come my way.

Sometimes we just need to think how many times we can call on HIM and He will answer.

Service to others:

Cards	Calls	Visits	Transportation
38	27	8	8



Can you send cards, make phone calls, or help deliver gifts to our homebound members & friends?

Come be part of our Special Friends team! Talk with Dee Carr for more information. 559291-7316

Upcoming meetings:

August 8 @ 2pm and September 12 @ 2pm.

## Huddles



"Huddles" is a small group program designed to help participants grow in their ability to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our "pilot" Huddle group began to meet in July, and will complete "Huddle 1" course by the end of August. We will be looking to have a new "Huddle 1" group, and hope to have a pilot "Huddle 2" group begin in October.

Each Huddle group meets for one hour a week for 7 weeks. In addition, there is about 5 minutes of focused homework each day.

Are YOU wanting to grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus? Do YOU want to become a more faithful disciple? Can YOU give 95 minutes each week to strengthen your Christian walk? If so, please contact Pastor Janette to let her know you want to join a Huddle!



## HOMEGROWN FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND MORE

The last Sunday in July we had some nice apples, grapes and figs on the Produce Cart in the Narthex, but most weeks this summer the cart has looked more like it was in Minnesota in Midwinter than in the San Joaquin in Summer. If you harvest extras from your gardens and orchards, please consider bringing them to the Produce Cart on Sundays. And please check the cart each week to see what luscious bounty may be there. (Figs will be in season for several weeks.) Any donations made for the produce help support our community garden.



**United Methodist Women  
150 years**

September begins the new program year for UMW. This past year has been a celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of this very important organization. There have been various name changes, policies, procedures and authorities but “never their dedication to women and children”.

Pioneer women set about to make changes for the improvement of life for women and children. They were also interested in foreign missions and that continues today. Women had to work through the stigma that a “Woman's place is in the home”!

There were eight – unbelievable that only eight women began an organization that now has become worldwide.

Our small group at MUMC has been a continual contributor to the many missions and programs. For several years over a \$1000.00 have been given to conference programs. Other local organizations have been recipients of our dedication. The Fresno Native American Medical clinic was a recipient a couple years ago, \$500 for medications.

We will continue, hopefully with as much determination as our foremothers for continual improvement of education, health and equality for women and children in the next 150 years.

The September program will be a speaker sharing her story of how she worked through an inequality issue in the work place.

Advancements have been achieved , let's continue the movement.

**UMW News**

- 8-20-19 Tuesday Executive Board, 2 p.m., Library
- 9-9-19 Susanna Circle, 7 p.m., Library
- 9-10-19 Unit meeting noon, Fellowship Hall
- 9-21-19 Fashion Show noon, Fellowship Hall
- Would you like to model? Contact Edie 559 264-4665



Men of all ages are welcome to join us for breakfast

Aug.17 and Sept. 21 8-9:30 AM  
in the Fellowship Hall. See you there!

**SAVE THE DATE  
OCTOBER 18, 2019  
AT 4 P.M.  
UNITED METHODIST  
MEN & WOMEN DINNER  
SPEAKER FROM  
THE FRESNO RESCUE MISSION  
PROCEEDS FOR KITCHEN REMODEL**






**Building use**

If you are going to be using the facilities please remember to dump the trash when you are done and take it out to the dumpster; and please put in a new bag, each trash can has extra bags in them. If they don't please let Dorrie know so she can put more into them.

If you have scheduled to use the building and your schedule changes; please let Dorrie know so we don't use heating/air conditioners for that time.

If you use the stove please clean it after you are done the next person to come in should not have to clean it before they use it.

Dorrie 559 392-0381

Every Sunday <b>Worship</b> 9 am Adult Sunday School 10 am ONE worship service in English 11 am Fellowship 11:15 am worship service in Hmong	Every Monday	Every Tuesday *7pm Christian Book Club	Every Wednesday *9am -Boutique	Every Thursday	Every Friday	Every Saturday
				1	2 *8am Thrift Shop Open 	3 *8am Thrift Shop Open 
4 *12:30pm SPRC *2:30pm Trustees		5 *6:30 pm Christian Ed Planning	6	7	8 *2pm Special Friends 	9
11 *11:15 a.m. 2nd Sunday Lunch	12	13 *8am Thrift Shop Work Day	14 *1:30 pm Circuit Meeting	15	16	17 *8am UMM Breakfast
18 *2 pm Finance Work Team	19 *6:30 pm Church Council	20 *2pm UMW Exec Board 	21	22	23	24 *10am WWD et Cetera
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<b>1 Last Week of Summer Schedule</b> *12:30pm SPRC *2:30pm Trustees	2 *8am Thrift Shop Work Day	3 *8am Thrift Shop Work Day	4 *8am Thrift Shop Open	5 *8am Thrift Shop Open	6 *8am Thrift Shop Open	7 *8am Thrift Shop Open
<b>8 Regular Schedule</b> *12:30 p.m. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lunch	9 *4pm Growing Young *6:30 pm Christian Ed Planning *7pm-Susaana Circle	10 *12pm UMW Unit Meeting	11 *2pm Special Friends	12 *2pm Special Friends	13 *8am Thrift Shop Open	14 *10am WWD et Cetera
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## Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry - In the fall of 2016, 6 people from 3 local UMCs began to meet, with a goal to begin Stephen Ministry in our congregations.



Stephen Ministry is a specialized caring ministry in which lay people are given extensive training to walk along side people who are going through exceptionally challenging times in their lives. This ministry is different from the vital caring ministry provided through our "Special Friends" ministry. (See article on page 4 of this newsletter to learn more about our Special Friends ministry.)

Stephen Ministers receive approximately 50 hours of training to empower them to provide appropriate Christian care to others. They will become a companion on a journey toward spiritual healing. The ministry is a powerful experience for both those receiving and giving care.

Through funding provided by the Conference United Methodist Women's Beulah Fund, two more people have been trained as Stephen Leaders. With this increase in our leadership base we will again be offering Stephen Ministry training. The classes will be held on Sundays, from 2:30-7 pm, beginning September 15.

Are you feeling a nudge to become involved in a ministry that brings the love of Jesus to others in a very tangible way? Prayerfully consider becoming trained to be a Stephen Minister.

## GROWING YOUNG

INVESTING IN YOUNG LEADERS

**Growing Young Cohort:** A program for congregations such as ours is being offered through the office of Congregational Development of our Annual Conference.

"Growing Young" is designed to help congregations find new ways to empower younger Christians to become leaders in our church today. Working with the Fuller Youth Institute of Fuller Theological Seminary, instruction and coaching will be provided to assist congregations seeking to CHANGE aspects of their approach to ministry in order to enable younger people to find a place to live out passionate commitment to serving Christ.

After applying for the honor to participate in this program, we are pleased that Memorial UMC is one of 30 congregations accepted into this first Cohort.

EVERYONE from MUMC for whom this is a concern is invited to participate in a webinar on this topic which will happen on Monday, September 9, 4-5:30 pm. The nature of a webinar provides an opportunity for MUMC folks to receive instruction and coaching right at home. We can gather at our church facility, or people can join in from home on their personal phones or computers. We will receive instruction, and have interactive Q&A time, as well.

Four people have been identified to be the Core Team for our congregation, which will attend, in person, two seminar trainings in Sacramento. Those people are the pastor (required), Kong Meng Lee, Soua Fang, and Andy Hansen-Smith.

You are encouraged to pray for our congregation: that we can empower young people, without causing older people to feel disenfranchised.



Four of us attended April's Circuit-wide Hospitality and Guest Readiness Conference and came away with many exciting suggestions for improvements here. Some of the suggestions can be implemented immediately at low cost, with others requiring long term planning and investment. This article will focus on short-term improvements and guest readiness.

Here, as in every church, there are two kinds of guests: Members and Visitors.

**MEMBERS - GUESTS**

Although our members are guests, we are ready for them because we expect them every Sunday.

**VISITORS - UNEXPECTED GUESTS**

Visitors to church are the same as unexpected guests showing up at your door. OUCH!

- ‡ They can find parking but maybe not the right entrance.
- ‡ They may know the hours for our services because they've looked it up, but not our office hours, which are limited.
- ‡ Our Bulletin does not include activities that would be of interest to visitors, such as 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday lunch (unless it's the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday), or that we have a Refreshment Hour after church--let alone where it is located--or activities of interest such as Boutique, painting class, Scout Troop, or quilting opportunity.
- ‡ They won't know there's Sunday School for children and adults or when/where to go.
- ‡ Our Greeter is busy handing out bulletins; there's no time to say "Hello, Nice to Have You Here", to someone new, invite them to stay for refreshments or tell them where to go after church.
- ‡ They suffer from our "Insider" language in written materials. Clemi Lee missed Easter sunrise this year because she didn't understand the term "Academy" as the location; I missed my first Christmas Eve service in 2014 for the same reason. Nor is a meeting "at Lucy's" clear to visitors.
- ‡ They don't know where to find information.

We are not ready for visitors because we are not expecting them. The April Workshop included recommendations for guest readiness that are simple, effective and inexpensive, as follows:

- ‡ Add a second greeter, free to spot visitors, welcome them, provide needed directions, and invite them for Refreshments following the service.
- ‡ Have a refreshment BAR in the narthex, (coffee, tea, water) and show visitors its location. (One recommendation was to provide a coupon for a free cup of coffee at this Bar, indicating it might not always be free in some churches.
- ‡ The invitation to our Refreshment Hour should be included during the service announcements.
- ‡ Introductions to members.
- ‡ Map of our campus near the entry.
- ‡ Visitor VIP parking near entrances.

- ‡ Provide a one-time Welcome Gift (such as a \$5 gift card to Starbucks---and for us to one of the coffee houses, such as On the Edge or Kuppa Joy, on Pollasky or Clovis Ave., right down the street. Or hand out free tickets to 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lunch.
- ‡ Include complete information in written materials: contact name, phone number, location, time. To do otherwise constitutes "insider language."

During the service, Guest Readiness announcements should be included, as follows:

- ‡ Parking locations.
- ‡ Location of Restrooms, Nursery, Sunday School, and Fellowship Hall.
- ‡ Description of all services, locations and times. If appropriate, these descriptions can include age groups.
- ‡ Provide a pew takeaway card including all pertinent information instead of a card seeking personal information from the visitor. People are reluctant to provide personal contact information in today's identity-theft world.
- ‡ Repeat questions from the congregation.

The Workshop also included suggestions for things NOT to do:

- ‡ No standup or callout during service, no raising hands, no passing of the peace, no nametag. These things put people on the spot, which is uncomfortable for introverts and strangers.
- ‡ No coffee mug, bag, shirt, or water bottle as a welcome gift – these are timeworn and dated, so sayeth the Workshop leader. Suggestions were a gift certificate, donation to a charity in the visitor's name, gift card, movie night, pizza coupon, or deck of cards.

It also included several follow-up suggestions:

- ‡ Glad you were here card.
- ‡ Phone call "Nice to have you here."
- ‡ Birthday card to kids.
- ‡ We miss you card.

Last, the Workshop included a list of things visitors won't tell you. We hope they don't apply to MUMC.

- ‡ Dirty Facilities
- ‡ Boring or Bad Service
- ‡ Poor Signage (where's the front entrance?)
- ‡ Bad Website
- ‡ No place to get information
- ‡ Unsafe/unclean children's space
- ‡ Unfriendly church members
- ‡ Discomfort with Passing of the Peace. MUMC has already made this change.

There are numerous Workshop recommendations for improvements that are more costly and require planning, such as improving and coordinating all signage and printed materials to create a 'brand' look; however, the steps above are a good place to start.

### Finance Report

As of June 30, our General Fund ended another month in the black. Income for June totaled \$23,310 and expenses were \$16,982. This left a balance for the month of \$6,328. With the deficit of \$4,014 carried over from May, the balance for the year as of June 30 was \$2,313.

Thanks to the Thrift Store, we were able to make a \$4,000 payment on our Conference Tithe (Apportionments). This is included in the expense total above. With this payment, we were part way through paying our May tithe. We should have added another \$1,000 in July to complete May and begin on June.

We are very grateful for the contributions that have been received to date! Personal contribution statements have just gone out, to help each of us be aware of our giving and help us stay current with what we estimated we could contribute.

Sometimes contributions in the summer months taper off, but many expenses do not. We do need everyone's continuing devotion to help the church pay its bills and fund its ministries.

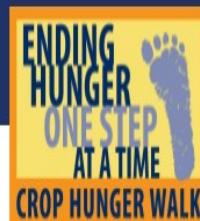
### General Conference

Pray for GC 2020 - The next General Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held in May of 2020. These conferences are held every four years, and are the only means to officially make changes in our denomination's policies and procedures.

This past February there was a "Special Called General Conference." The proposed agenda was to develop ways for our denomination to be in ministry together, with the clear recognition that there are significant differences of understanding around issues of human sexuality. The decisions made were not designed to hold the denomination together in our diversity. There has been significant push back, with many Annual Conferences stating that they will not implement the new rules when they officially take effect next January.

Therefore, MUCH attention and many pieces of legislation seeking to strengthen or reverse the decisions of the Special Called General Conference are being prepared for the regular General Conference that will be held next May.

YOU are invited and encouraged to be in prayer for our denomination. Please lift prayers daily for those elected to be delegates to General Conference for wisdom to discern what is the next best step for our denomination as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Proud Supporters  
CROP Walk 2019



Yabes and her daughter Sitralli proudly display the vegetable garden near their kitchen in West Timor, Indonesia.

Photo: Ryan Shanley



VEGGIES, EGGS,  
AND A SIDE OF HOPE

Join Us! • Participa Con Nosotros

Sunday, October 20

1:30 pm Walker Registration • Registracion

2:30 pm Walk Begins • Comienzo

First Congregational Church of Fresno

2131 N Van Ness Boulevard

CROP Walk is a community walk event in support of local and global hunger and disaster relief.  
Evento de la caminata comunitaria en apoyo del hambre local y global, y el alivio de desastres.

[www.crophungerwalk.org/fresnoc](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/fresnoc)

*Friends of UM University of Liberia,*

Friends of United Methodist University in Liberia, FUMUL, is a ministry of our congregation which began in the summer of 2016. Some background: Our denomination has used apportionment dollars to support Africa University in Zimbabwe since 1989. Prior to 2016, NONE of the other United Methodist universities in Africa received funding in this way. One university for an entire continent is not enough! The focus of our FUMUL ministry is to assist the UM university in Liberia, and the UM education system that feeds into the university. We ask the Liberian leadership of these ministries of the Liberia Annual Conference to select which of their needs will be the focus of assistance from our Clovis-based ministry, and we seek to help meet those needs to the best of our abilities, and to do so in the ways the Liberian Annual Conference determines are most useful to the Liberian people.

To date we have help bring Dr. Mator Kpangbai to our Annual Conference on three occasions to network with people here and build an expanding base of support.

We have been the catalyst to get 40 computers shipped from California to Liberia, along with medical equipment for our UM hospital in Liberia.

We have raised over \$1000 for textbooks to help rebuild the schools.

We are planning a Volunteer In Mission trip for next January to assist with medical care and technology support in one of our UM Mission Stations, as determined by the Liberian Annual Conference. The vast majority of the expense for the VIM trip will be borne by the volunteers themselves. The congregation is also given the opportunity to assist the people of Liberia by participating in fundraisers that will primarily buy supplies needed in Liberia, and to pay Liberians who work alongside the volunteers in accomplishing the week's work.

Currently there are at least four people from our congregation, and people from two other UM congregations planning to be Volunteers in Mission in January. From MUMC those currently planning to go are:

Jamie Belt  
Celerina Carlos  
Janette Saavedra  
Diane Zastovnik

The fundraisers planned include:

Italian soda sales on these hot summer Sundays  
Second Sunday lunches in November, December and January  
R&RandArt on October 19

The VIM team and the people of Liberia appreciate your support of the above mentioned events. Additional donations to MUMC to help defray the costs are also greatly appreciated by the VIM team.

*Building Bridges**'Building Bridges'*

**Building Bridges<sup>2</sup>**  
**October 26, 2019**  
**10 am – 2 pm**  
**Interactive displays**  
**Speakers**  
**FOOD!**

**\$10 admission donation pays for;**

1 Indian Taco and a beverage,  
A sample of deer meat  
A sample of ground acorn  
and helps to make a donation to  
Academy Church for the use of the  
property.

This event is truly one that can be  
enjoyed by people of all ages.

**Put it on your calendar.**

Begin inviting others to join you!  
Friends, Neighbors, Parents, Kids,  
Grandkids...  
Everyone will enjoy this day!

The event is designed to help United  
Methodists and our friends learn  
about Native Americans in our area,  
and begin forming relationships to be  
supportive friends and neighbors.

The most effective way to combat  
racism is to develop relationships of  
mutual respect with people from  
diverse backgrounds.

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Schedule  
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October 19, Sat, 3:30 pm

# R&R and Art

Designed to allow people to decompress.

PERFECT opportunity to spend significant quality time with family and friends.

The flow of the event is:

- ▶ 3:30 pm - check-in, prepping work area, enjoying specially prepared snacks
- ▶ 4 pm to 6 pm: painting project with Roberto.
- ▶ Dinner is a beautifully prepared meal with **something for every diet**
- ▶ After dinner, 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.

Tickets on sale September 15—October

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No ticket sales at the door.

Funds will support UVMIM trip to Liberia