



GOOD NEWS!

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 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."

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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
- ▶ 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 13

No ticket sales at the door.

Funds will support UVMIM trip to Liberia

Boutique - November 8 & 9 , 2019

The days are flying by and November will blow in quickly.

There has been a small group of women meeting weekly - Wednesday mornings and we will have many lovely items for purchase on Nov. 8 & 9. However we need much more! Some of you may not be able to attend weekly but if you can crochet, embroider, knit, needlepoint, cross stitch or sew - we would greatly appreciate any items you could contribute.. Baked goods are also accepted .

Friday lunch will be different, a Chicken dinner - Methodist tradition!

Saturday lunch will be an assortment of soups and dessert.

Be sure to participate as much as you are able.

Thank you, Boutique committee.

October Birthdays

Cheryl	Pachelbel	09/05
Devon	Fang	09/07
Pat	Frey	09/09
Murtaza	Shah	09/10
Michael	Crosslin	09/11
Mai Chao	Vang	09/13
Pa	Chang	09/14
Ka	Yang	09/16
Katy	Wamsley	09/18
Kang Bao	Yang	09/18
Bea	Trainer	09/20
Ruth	Ehresman	09/23
Molly	Lovgren	09/23
Richard	Crossman	09/25
Judith	Barkman	09/27
Janette	Erickson	09/27



November Birthdays

Craig	Eckert	10/02
Don	Haulman	10/02
Sara	Pachelbel	10/02
Wayne	Golden	10/06
Ann	Bianchi	10/07
Manish	Hgarg	10/08
Xoua	Kong	10/08
Matthew	Yang	10/08
Ger	Lee	10/09
Zack	Stoddard	10/11
Carolyn Ann	Pippin	10/19
Max	Cannon	10/20
Jim	McClanahan	10/20
Padao	Thao	10/22
Joyce	Lewis	10/24
Andy	Hansen-Smith	10/27
Chi	Uwaoma	10/30
Donna	Wamsley	10/30
Katelin	Williams	10/30
Carol	Febuary	10/31

Fourth Sunday Birthday

Fourth Sunday Birthday celebration - September 22nd was delightful, we had a crowd. October 27th is our next cake day. There has been a request for vanilla cake so come and see!

**Save the Date!
Advent
Dinner**

The annual
ADVENT DINNER is
Sunday, December 1 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 10.*

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

The Academy Church

October 20 at

10 a.m.

**Everyone together
for Worship at
Academy Methodist
Church**



Followed by

Academy BBQ & Boutique

10667 N. Madsen Ave. Clovis

**No Services will be held that day at
Memorial UMC**

MUMC Chancel Choir

The choir is starting to work on Advent music starting October 17 and invites members of the congregation to join us just for the season if interested.



Second Sunday Lunch!

- good food -
great fellowship - low prices -
supports many good programs!

September was served by the VIM group. the Swedish meatballs, noodles and salad were delicious with many dessert selections. There was a lot of leftovers for take home.

October is sponsored by the girl scouts, leader Anna of Wednesday night said they would be back with their outstanding Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad and dessert by others. This was positively the best last year so we're hoping for a crowd October 6th. The girls will also decorate the tables.

November will be sponsored by the VIM group, service traditional Pilipino quinine.

Crop Hunger Walk 2019

On October 20th, MUMC will gather with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world. We need Walkers and Sponsors for this event. Please see Julia Cabrera for more details and to sign up to be a Walker, Sponsor or both. Last year, MUMC had 6 walkers and raised over \$100! Join us in making a difference again this year.

Fresno/Clovis Walk

Begins at First Congregational Church of Fresno (2131 N. Van Ness Blvd. Fresno)

Sign in starts @ 1:30 p.m.

Walk Begins @ 2:30 p.m.

Registration available online-crophungerwalk.org

The Hmong UMW Invites you
to join

The Bible Journaling Group

New group will meet on the 3rd Saturdays of each month
Starting Nov 16th from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the Library.

- *Fresno And Clovis Bible Journaling and Crafts
- *Spend time in Scripture
- *Interacting with the Bible through art.
- *Being creative in your way to explore your relationship with God, *Fun with the Bible
- *Tips on Bible Journaling,
- *Sharing ideas and art work.
- *Have Fun and no drama Bible journaling is an exciting new way to spend time with God and the Bible.

It involves reading the Bible and responding to what you've read or received in the margins of your Bible, or in a notebook. You do not have to be an artist to participate. Journaling is a fun and new way to engage with God's word. You're reflecting on what you've read, pray about it, write it down, draw it, date it, tab it, paint it, color it. There is no rule on creativity as this is your personal journey in the Word. I see it as a testament of faith, so it should come from the heart. I hope that as you journal, you'll find your way back to Him as I did.

kindest Regards, Tonnah X. Her



Proud Supporters
CROP Walk 2019



Yabes and her daughter Sifralili 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

All Church Conference

All Church Conference is fast approaching!

Can you believe it has already been a year since last we gathered to do the work of the congregation of electing leadership, receiving reports, and approving pastoral compensation?

November 3, 2019 at 4 pm in our sanctuary will be our next All Church Conference. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Debra Brady, will oversee this meeting. The meeting is expected to last about one hour.

This is an important meeting!

Please put it on your calendar now and plan to attend.

UMW News

10-7-19 Tuesday Executive Board, 2 p.m., Library

10-14-19 Susanna Circle, 7 p.m., Library

10-18-19 UMW/UMM Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Police Chaplin speaking on Fresno Rescue Mission Stan & Richard will cook a dinner of meatloaf, Baked potatoes, green beans, and salad. The UMW will bring desserts.

Cost-\$12

Please bring personal hygiene items to add to our box as a gift to the Fresno Rescue Mission.

For reservations call Edie Dyer-Fottrell 264-4665

10-30-19 Wesley Circle, Library

11-4-19 Tuesday Executive Board, 2 p.m., Library

11-11-19 Susanna Circle, 7 p.m., Library

11-12-19 Unit Thanksgiving noon, Fellowship Hall

11-27-19 Wesley Circle, Library



United Methodist Women Fashion Show & Luncheon



United Methodist Women had a fun day Saturday the 21st. There were so many activities in the area it was great competition, there was great support in ticket sales and we are happy with the results.

The salad and dessert bar was fabulous as always. The tables were Fall splendor with pumpkins and leaves.

We want to thank all those that participated.

The Thrift shop outfits were timely and very budget friendly. We had 2 little girls participate. The contrast with the Biblical outfits was shocking. Biblical women were totally covered complete with head coverings. Women were gleaners, field workers, they needed their head covered, even today being out in the sun for long periods one should wear a hat. However it was Paul that pushed head coverings for women for everywhere not Jesus. Wool, flax and silk was available 2000 years ago, we have so many different fabrics today-wonderful. Fashion has changed, thank heavens! There are many theological concepts that need to be updated as well. Just something to meditate upon.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is a program of one-to-one distinctively Christian care giving that seeks to support people who are in the midst of especially difficult times in their lives. Our Stephen Ministries program is experiencing renewal as we had two new Stephen Leaders trained this summer, and have a class of four Stephen Minister trainees meeting weekly.



If you or someone you know someone could benefit from receiving this type of specialized care giving, talk with Pastor Janette or let us know by completing a card that is found in the pews and dropping it in the collection plate on Sunday morning.

If you would like to be trained as a Stephen Minister in a future training session, talk with Andy Hansen-Smith.

GROWING YOUNG

INVESTING IN YOUNG LEADERS

Memorial UMC has been selected as one of 30 congregations in our Annual Conference to receive specialized training through May of 2020 in how to reach youth and young adults with the gospel message. Our 10 am Adult Sunday School class has been reading together the book which inspired this training, and three lay people along with our pastor will attend two special workshops.

The first workshop will be in mid-October. After that event, there will be a follow-up event in our congregation to share what is being taught, and to make strategic plans for how we can welcome the generations that are currently under-represented in our congregation. Details on this event will be announced near the end of October.

Please hold our congregation in prayer as we seek to reach new generations with the good news of Jesus.

Huddles



"Huddles" is a small group spiritual growth experience.

It involves a weekly one-hour meeting for seven weeks, and approximately 5 minutes of reflection and prayer daily.

This past summer the first Huddle group was held at MUMC. Those who participated in the group felt strong benefit, and will be launching into Huddles 2 in October.

Are YOU interested in growing deeper in your relationship to God?

Would YOU like to be in a Huddle group?

Our pastor would like to start another Huddles 1 group. The meeting date and time would be decided by the participants. One need not be a member of the congregation to participate in a Huddle. Please speak with Pastor Janette if you have interest in this life-changing program.

*Finance Report***August Finance Report**

Let's shout hooray! The loan principal on our parsonage is now below \$100,000. We have been making one or two extra payments a year and it really makes a difference. After our September payment, we owed \$99,384.94.

The other good news is that we finished August well in the black in our General Fund. We came out of July with a \$2,751 deficit. Income in August totaled \$18,890 and expenses \$12,426 leaving a balance of \$3,713. However, early in September, we had large bills to pay related to the roof repair and to replace a fire door in the education wing. This more than used up the carryover from August.

In October, we will have to pay our annual electric bill, which is much higher than last year, and the quarterly health insurance premium for the pastor. This means we should try to have a carryover from September to cover these.

We did not make a conference tithe (apportionment) payment in August. Thanks to the Thrift Store, in September we will pay the rest of our June payment, all of July and a small part of August.

As of August 31, people who made Estimates of Giving were behind on their contributions by \$12,681. Other people have given even more than their estimates, so they cover some of this deficit. We are hopeful that those who are behind can catch up their giving in October. This would provide more than enough to cover the large October bills.

Special Friends

Let God have all your worries and cares, for he is always thinking about you and watching everything that concerns you. 1 Peter 5:7



The White Board is in place for you to express any need you might have. We will PRAY for you. Sad, Happy, Problems and etc. for you or any one you care about because you are precious and we wish to help. Any information will be kept within the Prayer Chain or Special Friends.

This is the way it will work; You put anything on the Board on Sunday and it will stay there until Friday for that week. I will check the messages then and clean the board. Starting fresh on Sunday all over but your Prayers are still going on. If there is something you want Prayer about but don't wish to put on the Board call Dee at 291-7316 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. If I'm not home leave message

Cards	Calls	Visits	Transportation
38	26	19	38

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. 559 291-7316

Upcoming meetings: October 10 @ 2pm and November 14 @ 2pm.

General Conference

What will happen to our denomination at the General Conference in May of 2020?

Many of you are aware of the decades-long struggle that has occurred in our denomination over the official stance on how to be in ministry to and with people all along the wide spectrum on of human sexuality.

It had been hoped that the Special Called General Conference held in February of this year to focus on this one issue would help the denomination heal and move to a place of greater unity in mission. This did not occur. Next year's regularly scheduled General Conference will, of necessity, deal with the fallout and ramifications of the decisions passed last February.

(For more information on the above topic, go to umcnews.org and search under the topic of Human Sexuality.)

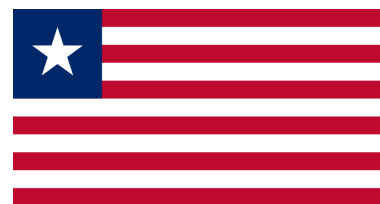
Memorial UMC has three members attending a special event in Leawood, Kansas, to discuss with about 2500 other United Methodists the proposed paths that lie ahead for our denomination.

The members are: Fran Shellenberger, Connie Alfaro and Laura Williams.

When these three return from the event, plans will be made on the best way to share the information learned with the full congregation. Please be looking for updates in the coming weeks.

Volunteers In Mission trip to Liberia

Volunteers In Mission trip to Liberia, an extension of our Friends of United



Methodist University Liberia (FUMUL), is coming together nicely! Travel dates are January 8-18, 2020. We currently have 5 members of our congregation planning to participate, and 2 people from other congregations also onboard.

Plans are underway to work at a "Mission Station" in Monrovia to run a pediatric wellness clinic for the community, train teachers on computer literacy, work with "Days For Girls" to provide feminine hygiene products to the young women in the school provide some enrichment activities with children after school.

Also, a couple of the team members will travel to Ganta Hospital to do an in-service training on how to use a donated piece of equipment.

It is more cost effective to purchase in Liberia most of the supplies we will need to run the wellness clinic, so we won't be collecting those items. Please keep an eye out in the weekly digest and the Sunday bulletins to learn of donations that are needed to be carried with us in our luggage.

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Building Bridges² of Understanding With Native American Communities

Date: October 26, 2019 10 am-3 pm

There will be: Food! Cultural Art Demonstrations ! Speakers!

**Location: Academy UMC property, 10677 N Madsen Ave., Clovis, CA 93619
(a few miles north east of Clovis, just off Highway 168)**

**Sponsored by Memorial United Methodists Church of Clovis and
Under the advisement of Leadership from the North Fork Mono Tribe**

Schedule

- *Meals and interactive booths begin at 10 am and continue throughout the event
- *Opening Ceremony with Smudging at 11am
- *Speakers 12:00-3 pm, topics changing every 30 minutes
 - *Local Historical Context
 - *Stages of Cultural Impact
 - *Tribes of Central Calif.
 - *Impact of Methodism

Ticket cost be \$12.50 for adults and \$7.50 for children, 5 & under free.

Your ticket includes:

- Entrance to the event
- One Indian Taco (one makes a nice meal!)
- One beverage
- One sample of venison jerky
- One sample of venison meatball
- One sample of acorn
- (additional tacos and beverages can be purchased on site, if desired.)