



# GOOD NEWS!

**NOVEMBER 2021-DECEMBER 2021**  
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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Join us for a  
**Genuine Hmong  
Cuisine take-out  
YOUTH FUNDRAISER!**

**When:** November 6<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Memorial UMC of Clovis,  
Fellowship Hall  
1726 Pollasky Ave,  
Clovis, CA 93612

**Time:** Between 11:00AM – 12:00PM

**We will be selling the following items:**



**EGG ROLLS \$15.00 a dozen**

**Dinner plate \$7.00**

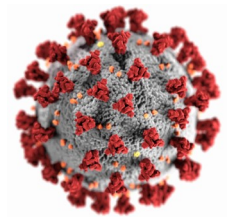
## House Meeting Nov 6th at 11 to noon

How has the pandemic impacted you?

We want to hear from you, and see what we as a church can respond to the impact. You are welcome to invite your friends, families and neighbors to attend as well.

Please plan to join us on that day to share your stories, hear from others, and pray for each other.

There will be eggrolls for sale on that day as well. You can pre-order the eggrolls if you wish.



## Getting to Know Pastor Dec 4th 10 till noon in the Library



On July 29th, Pastor Vathanak Heang invited everyone to come to get to him better. Not everyone could attend. This similar event will happen again on December 4th from 10 to noon in the Library. All new members and those who could not make the last Getting to Know Pastor event are invited.

Pastor will tell us his childhood, faith journey and some Fresh of the Boat stories.

All church ministries will also be presented so people are familiar with what our church is doing.

Light refreshment will be provided.

## Charged Conference Nov 30th.

4-4:30 DS with SPRC

4:30-5 DS with pastor

5-5:30 DS with charged conference

(Members of Church Council)

Four main items we will discuss are

- Church membership report
- Approval of pastor's compensation
- Election of church leaders\
- Certification for candidates for

## Advent Dinner

The Advent Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, December 5.

Due to COVID restrictions we have not completed the plan for what type of dinner it will be.

Sharon is working on a plan and more information will be coming.

Let Sharon know if you have any ideas.





### Longest Night Service/Blue Christmas

Dec 21, at 6pm

- In the midst of all the wonder, joy and celebration of Christmas, with its carols, parties, decorating, baking, gift giving, and family time, it's easy for us to forget that in our own church there are many for whom the idea of Christmas joy is not part of the season this year.
- You are invited to join our Longest Night Service on December 21st at 6pm to pay attention to the special needs of people who are "blue" or in pain at this time. This service happens on the winter solstice, just a few days before Christmas. It is a contemplative service that recognizes the fact that people are in pain and blend it with the fact that Jesus came to offer hope.



### LIVE NATIVITY EVENT

**DEC. 12, 2021**

**You and your family & friends are invited to the Live Nativity event between 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

It is Memorial UMC's telling of the Christmas story, featuring live actors, music, and the story of Jesus' birth told through scripture.

**Make this an Annual Christmas tradition!  
Walk through rehearsal Dec 13th at 6:30pm**

**Please contact Connie at 559 905-2240 to see how you can help with this gift to our community event.**

**We need all types of help from set-up to gathering props to acting to parking attendants. There is a job for everyone!**

## Upcoming Events



### Welcome New Members

Mark Toua Yang      Pam Mao  
 Destiny Cha          Daniel Peters  
 Ray and Sharon Damir  
 Jack & Margaret Constantino

### November Birthdays



Stacy	Lee	11/04
Candace	Yang	11/06
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	Luke	11/23
Connie	Alfaro	11/25
Ruth	Lind	11/30

### December Birthdays



Wanda	Grimsley	12/01
Nancy	Enloe	12/02
Cydney	Fang	12/04
Michael	Uwaoma	12/04
John	Her	12/05
Sharon	Hutchinson	12/05
Erin	Pachelbel	12/05
Cecelia	Acton	12/06
Sergio	Hinojosa	12/10
Karolyn	Lambert	12/10
Cha Wa	Yang	12/15
Maiger	Xiong	12/16
Michelle	Yang	12/16
Kong Meng	Xiong	12/18
Gwen	Emmick	12/22
Kristi	Harkins	12/22
Robert	Markland	12/23
Richard	Fottrell	12/24
Kevin	Lee	12/29
Yer	Xiong	12/31

## It's Warm Tree Time!

As temperatures drop, local need rises. If you knit, crochet, sew, or do any other craft, you can give to the Warm Tree. The idea behind the Warm Tree is to give gifts that were hand-crafted with love to our homeless neighbors as they brave the colder weather. Getting a hand-made gift always feels extra special, and our brothers and sisters at the Poverello House deserve that feeling every bit as much as anyone else. If you are not able to handcraft a gift a donation of a soft warm item is welcome. All donations are gratefully accepted.

- Just wrap the gift of a scarf, hat, mittens, socks, or anything warm and place it under the tree.
- Label it as to who might want to receive it ( Man, Woman, or Child).
- They will be delivered to the Poverello House in time for Christmas cheer.



### UMW News

#### UMW November 16th

The next UMW unit meeting will be held at El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant located on the S. W. corner of Minnewawa and Shaw. Lunch starting at 11 AM in the side room will be followed by a program and meeting. All interested ladies are invited to join us, even if it's just for some conversation over lunch. Please RSVP with Julie Film, 323-0115

### WWD Etc."

**WWD" stands for Widows, Widowers, and Divorcees.**

The group added "Etc." to welcome anyone who is suffering grief whether from a bereavement, job loss, moving, all of which can be traumatic and cause grief and suffering. WWD has a leader, programs are provided by members and sometimes outside speakers. WWD doesn't "do" a thing and has no responsibilities other than to meet, we come anyone in grief, and help each other through. However-- in a first---during September 2021, WWD rose to the challenge of fundraising for the kitchen renovation, raising more than \$4,000 in pledges.

For more information contact :  
Michael, 559-348-9120.

## Youth News

Youth Fundraisers: money will be used for Camping Trip and Youth Summit next year.

- Car Wash and eggroll sale raised \$860!
- November 6th eggroll sale

Hanging out Jesus

Youth ages 12 to 19 On Zoom

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

February 21st , President's Day at Wesley UMC



## The Mission Thrift Shop

**November Sale Days  
5 & 6**

**Customer Appreciation Day  
Dec 3rd & 4th**

**Cider and Cookies will be served**  
Work days for December are the 10th & 31st.

**January Sale Days 7th & 8th**

### Finance Report

General Fund income for September was the highest amount we have had so far this year. Let's try to make that a trend and work toward similar increases in the remaining months.

It was fortunate that the income was relatively high, because the expenses for the month were almost tied with January, the highest month of the year.

General Fund income in September totaled \$23,609 while expenses were \$30,477. Because of some late entry donations from online giving, the carryover from August was a positive balance of \$2,097. This leaves a deficit for September of \$4,771.

We did pay the three-month health insurance premium for the pastor's health insurance in September after we finally received the bill from the conference. And we are caught up on his conference pension payments. We also sent the Conference the \$5,000 from the Thrift Store to almost double our conference tithe payment for the year so far. This almost covers our tithe through June, so we will need a good income from donations in the remaining months plus the assistance of the Thrift Store and the Boutique to be able to finish the payments for the year.

Our average General Fund income this year has increased to over \$17,000 a month. We need to average close to \$19,000 a month to keep up with this year's expenditures to date.

At this point in 2019, our income was more than \$17,000 higher than it is this year. If people who are giving less now could return to their 2019 level of giving – or even increase it – we would be in a better position to carry out the work that God has planned for us.



## *A note from the pastor*

Dear families and friends of Memorial United Methodist Church, the greatest Methodist church in the world.

I pray that you all are doing well physically, emotionally and spiritually.

My family and I are doing well. We have been well adjusting in this wonderful community of Clovis. My one and only wife is taking her licensing school and hoping to get an appointment with a Methodist church after she finishes her schooling. My first son Philo is in 4th grade. He likes school a lot. After school he does cross-country and Karate. My second son Shilo is in Kindergarten. He is still adjusting to school and learning to be a middle child. And my youngest son Khilo, 1, stays at home just being simply cute and adorable. My parents are also doing well. They help take care of their grandchildren when needed.

I am doing well so far. I love serving memorial a lot. Let me share with you what my usual weeks look like.

I make sure to catch up with all the administrative stuff, answer emails, attend all committee meetings (Staff Parish Relation Committee, Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, Church Council, Worship Team etc.) make phone calls to talk to and pray for our congregation, visit our congregation, do membership classes for potential new members, arrange and officiate memorial services, mentor some church members, network with other pastors and leaders in the area, invite people to attend church services, join youth mission/fund raising events, pray for all of you daily, read my bible regularly, and prepare the weekly sermon. (I wish there were 48 hours in a day and 10 days in a week.) And yes, I also make sure I take my time off to be with my family. I ask that you keep my family and I in your prayers. As your pastor, I want to be and do my best as I also want you to be and do your best as members and friends of our church. When we all do our best, we all grow, more people experience life transformation, God is glorified and His kingdom is expanded.

Friends, our God is an awesome God. He deserves our praise and thanksgiving. I ask you now to take a minute to close our eyes, breath deeply and slowly and contemplate all the blessings He has given to you... If you need, you may take a couple more minutes to pray to God. Offer him your prayer of thanksgiving and prayer of petition. You can also pause for a few second to be in complete silence to listen to Him as well. Pay attend to still small voice that is whispering in your ears.

As we are approaching our holiday season, please pay attention to our church calendar. Our church leaders have been preparing a lot of good events to help you celebrate and that you can invite family members and friends to attend so they can experience God's blessings, grace and love.

Last but not least, I would like to ask you to pray for our church leaders and volunteers. Please pray for them by names. Be grateful that God has anointed these leaders and volunteers to share their time, skills, and love to all of us. Without their help, we would not be able to do what we are doing to make disciple of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Should you have any questions or need to talk to me please do not hesitate to contact me. You all are amazing. I love you, Jesus loves you, and there nothing you can do about it.

Blessings

Rev. Vathanak Heang

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***Boutique for all Seasons***  
***November 12 & 13***  
***9am – 2pm***

***Please join us for our Annual Boutique***  
Memorial United Methodist Church  
1726 Pollasky, Clovis  
(North of Shaw Avenue)

**DONT MISS...**  
Hand crafted  
items  
& gifts.  
Country Kitchen  
Goodness.

**Drawing Tickets**  
Make a \$1 donation to  
the boutique and  
receive a  
"Thank you!" gift ticket

or

6 for a \$5 donation  
(need not be present to  
win)

**Donations accepted**  
beginning  
Oct. 24, 2021

**MUMC Office (9-1 M-F)**  
or Boutique members  
will be happy to help. 😊

**Luncheon Served**  
Each day:  
11:30 ~ 1:00 pm

**Friday's Menu \$15**  
Smoked Tri-tip, salad,  
beans, pifaf and Dessert

**Saturday's Menu \$8**  
Soup and Dessert