



# Good News!

The Newsletter of the Memorial United Methodist Church of Clovis

October 2006

## HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Once again, Roger & Barbara Grams are sponsoring our annual All-Congregations Halloween Carnival. It will be held on Sunday October 29th at 4:30 PM. As always we will need help with the games, and lots, and lots of candy.

For those who are new, this event has been going on for many years. We encourage attendees to dress up, but it is not necessary. The Grams procure prizes all

*We're having a costume party!*



year for the games. We not only invite our church family, but the children in our neighborhood. All games and food are free. All attendees are given a certain amount of tickets (free) to play the games, and have a hot dog, chips and a drink.

This is a great opportunity to outreach to our neighborhood kids, so if you would like to donate time to the carnival, here are ways you can help:

- \* Help set up the carnival on Sun. Oct. 29
- \* donate carnival games
- \* Help run games during carnival
- \* bake a couple dozen cupcakes for the cake walk
- \* donate bags of trick-or-treat or fun-size candy

When you are ready to help, please call or see Barbara or Roger or Connie anytime.

## UNCLAIMED ITEMS

There are often items left at the church that have no designation of ownership and tend to clutter the area. It is, therefore, necessary to initiate a policy to address this problem. Beginning October 1, all items that are not claimed within two weeks after being discovered will be removed. Any questions regarding this action should be directed to Max Cannon, Building Coordinator at

[mcannon05@comcast.net](mailto:mcannon05@comcast.net)

## CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

Sunday mornings 8-12  
Newborns - 2yrs olds in baby (quiet Room) on the left side of the sanctuary  
2-5 yr olds in the toddler room in the fellowship hall.

If you need child care for a meeting, please call Dorrie Osback-Rose at 559-392-0381

Please give us 2-weeks notice so that I can schedule a child care worker for you.

Please understand that during the week I may not be able to get a child care worker for you due to school and work schedules. I will do my best to find someone for you.

Thank you, Dorrie

## Fresno-Clovis CROP Walk 2006

It's time to get out your walking shoes again! The Fresno-Clovis CROP Walk will take place at the Mennonite Community Church, 5015 E. Olive, on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration of walkers will begin at 1:00 and the Walk starts promptly at 2:30. We generally try to walk a 3 mile route, but a shorter walk of 1.5 miles will also be available. Memorial UMC has been a major participant in this Walk for 20+ years and hosted it a couple of years ago. Walkers will receive a donation envelope and will collect sponsorship donations before the Walk.

Our CROP Walk is an interfaith effort to raise funds to alleviate hunger and to raise awareness about hunger, in our own community and in the world. We join together with other Christians, Jews, Muslims and Buddhists, unified in our efforts to help those who must walk each day for food, water, shelter, education, and medical help. A portion of the funds collected go to our Community Food Bank and another portion reaches out to the hungry of the world through the interfaith organization, Church World Service.

If you would like to take part in this wonderful event or get more information about the CROP Walk or Church World Service, please see Sue DeFranco or call her at.

## Congregational Life

News of the church life and the groups that meet for fellowship and support.

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:30*

### UMW NEWS

October 2 – Board meeting, 9 am Library

October 7 – District Annual Meeting

Registration 8:30 am to 9 am – Social Hall

Morning meeting/worship 9 am - Sanctuary

Lunch 12 noon - Social Hall - \$7.00

Afternoon meeting, 1 pm - Sanctuary

October 11 – Red Bird Circle, 9:30 am – Library

October 17 – Local unit regular meeting, 10 am –

Social Hall. Program: Mary Vollman

Lunch following. Bring your own service

October 25 – Wesley Circle, 1 pm – Social Hall

### THRIFT SHOP NEWS

We were open September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and had a very lively weekend. We were short some volunteers for the holiday weekend but we sure weren't short customers. We were happy to see them and hopefully they were happy with their purchases. I want to give Janet Bonzo a big thank you. She worked the entire day on Saturday and we really appreciate that. Also thanks to the volunteers who weren't out of town and came in to work. As always, we couldn't do it without all our dedicated volunteers. Preliminary count for September is \$754.

The donations for next month have already started rolling in so we will be busy again getting them ready for purchase on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. As always, we are grateful to you for your continuing support in getting clean gently used donations to us. Thank You! And remember we welcome all our church family into the shop to browse around or just to stop in and let us know you know we are there. Several of you stopped in last month so come again. You never know when you'll find that special something you have been looking for.

We will take your contributions whenever you can bring them; if the shed and church are both closed, please call either Margie or me and one of us will come and take them. If you have a large donation, we prefer that you call us first so that your donation gets to the Thrift Shop. Our numbers are in the church directory. Thanks, again for your continuing support. Submitted by Pat Frey

## Congregational Care

*Giving Special Care to Others*

### SPECIAL FRIENDS TEAM REPORT: SEPTEMBER

Nine of us gathered on 9/12 to work toward assuring pastoral care for our members with especially critical issues in

their lives. We were: Pastor Denise Leslie, John Tallmadge, Pauline Middleton, Evelyn Haulman, Dee Carr, Margie Magargee, Janet Bonzo, Max Cannon and myself. As a greeting to ourselves we read St Paul's greeting to the church at Thessalonika, (I Thessalonians 1), substituting "Clovis" for Thessalonika.

We corrected 3 addresses, subtracted one and added 5 names to our Special Friends List, 2 to our Watch List and one to our "Special 90" (years of age) List. Our bashful, modest members reported "as best they could remember" 30 visits, 47 telephone visits and 64 cards and notes (22 birthday cards from our new member, John.) all in addition to Pastor Denise's own pastoral work. We thanked God for 3 cases of continuing healing after surgeries.

We set our next meeting for (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues.), October 10 @ 1:30 P.M. in Lose Library.

We like to have visitors. Come see us.

Cordially in Christ,

Laurence Hill, Team leader

## Renovation News

### SANCTUARY RENOVATION REPORT

As of September 15, the sanctuary is looking great with nearly all its improvements complete. The stained glass windows are all filled in! The tiled chancel floor looks great and the new lighting is very exciting which will be totally accessible on completion of the electrical work.

We had quite a march of artisans coming and going throughout the project. The painter was the last to leave having painted the window wall green, the acoustic tiles yellow, the old gold accents repainted a darker rich yellow, and the organ chambers a soft beige.

We qualified for the free painting by Dixon Painting of the narthex gold accents, toddler area fence, south side of the bungalow and the upper faded burgundy panels of the sanctuary exterior. We have also qualified for PG & E rebates for the new fluorescent lighting. At this time, the visual portion of the audio visual project is getting completed. We've made the deadline for Kendra Snow's wedding. How awesome! Your gifts and pledges reflect an active faith.

### RENOVATION PLEDGE REMINDER

Our pledges are coming in at a steady pace. Thank you as they are needed to meet the monthly payment obligation. If you got behind, please make every attempt to catch up. If there is a problem, please let Diane our treasurer know.

## Micah Ministries

Local & World Missions

*"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"*  
(Micah 6:6)

### KATRINA COVENANT

8/30/06

Dear Pastors, Church Members, and Friends,  
We have been so blessed in our Cooperative Parish ministry of Cornerstone, Covenant, and Hartzell United Methodist Churches. Our churches and our people were completely flooded in the three communities that we serve. The communities of Chalmette, the Lower 9<sup>th</sup> Ward, and New Orleans East have suffered great devastation. Since June 18, 2006, we have been blessed to be able to worship together at the Covenant United Methodist Church location in Chalmette. We average about 50 people in worship. Many of our members are still dislocated across the Greater New Orleans area, Louisiana, and in Texas, Mississippi and other places. Those who can, are working full-time jobs during the week and after hours and on weekends are rebuilding their houses and businesses. It is a continual challenge and struggle, but God is good.

We have been blessed with so much love and support from churches and individual volunteers who have come to work, to help, and to enable ministry to continue. These three churches lost all contents in flood waters that were standing in the buildings for weeks. The recovery efforts are on-going and will take a long time into the future. This week is the one year anniversary of the coming of Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005. We had hoped our recovery would be much faster than it has been. We need all of the help and support that you can offer. Enclosed is a wish list. Please prayerfully consider this wish list and what you can do to assist. Please continue to pray for us and to keep in touch.

You may contact the pastors at the following numbers:

Rev. James F. Haynes, Team Leader

Home phone (504) 469-3622

Cell phone: (504) 460-7351.

Rev. Becky and Rev. Jeff Conner

Home phone (504) 525-8031

Becky's cell phone – (504) 256-8989

Jeff's cell phone – (504) 452-0105

Mailing address is 1016 First Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

Thank you so much for being a blessing to us.

Grace and peace,

Rev. James F. Haynes, Rev. Becky D. Conner  
and Rev. Jeff Conner

## Christian Education

*"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable."*

### Wrestle with a critical issue of our times: LIVING YOUR FAITH IN A VIOLENT WORLD

Sundays, October 10-December 17 (Skip November 26) at Memorial United Methodist Church, Clovis, Social Hall - 9:15-10:15 A. M.

Laurence Hill, Teacher (Kim Leslie on 10/22)

Bible Study, Discussion, Surprise Information on

-PEACE as seen by Christianity, Islam, Judaism

-OBSTACLES to breaking cycles of violence

-KEYS to achieving a culture of peace

Invite friends including those of another faith.

No Charge except for study book \$7.00

TO SIGN UP: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

And send to church, 1726 Pollasky, Clovis, CA 93612



### YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday 10/01/06 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Movie Nite (Bungalow)

Saturday 10/07/06 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. Poverello House Work Day

Sunday 10/08/06 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting (Bungalow)

Sunday 10/15/06 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting (Bungalow)

Sunday 10/22/06 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting (Bungalow)

Saturday 10/28/06 7:00 p.m. Halloween Party/Sleepover

Sunday 10/29/06 2:00 - 5:30 p.m. Neighborhood Halloween Carnival

### HALLOWEEN PARTY/LOCK-IN

What: Halloween Overnight Party

Who: All Youth Grades 7-12 FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!

When: Saturday, Oct. 28, 7:00 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 29, 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m.

Where: The Haunted Bungalow at Memorial UMC  
1726 Pollasky/Scott Ave., Clovis

Required: COSTUME!!

Bring: Snacks to share. Sleep over supplies (pillow, sleeping bag or blanket, toothbrush, fresh clothes for church, etc.). Permission slips for you and your friends.

Plan to go: To Sunday School and Worship Service the next morning.

Questions: Call Youth Worker Connie Alfaro