



Good News!

The Newsletter of the Memorial United Methodist Church of Clovis

September 2006

SAN SIMEON MOTEL/CAMPOUT

SEPTEMBER 22 – 24

Mark your calendars and speak to Pastor Denice, Youth Director Connie Alfaro or Judy Gross if you are interested. (See article with details and registration form inside under *Congregational Life*.)

SUNDAY SEPT. 17: NEW SCHEDULE BEGINS WITH A COMBINED SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY POTLUCK LUNCHEON

The work in the sanctuary is progressing nicely. We will return to the sanctuary and begin our new Sunday morning schedule Sunday, September 17, 2006 with a combined service of worship at 10:30 a.m. to kick off the church year. Following worship we will have a potluck luncheon in the Social Hall in place of our usual fellowship time.

RENOVATION AND WINDOW DEDICATION SEPTEMBER 17

Sunday, September 17, 2006 we will dedicate the renovated sanctuary as well as all of the lovely new stained glass windows. It will be a Sunday to celebrate! Invite your family and friends!

CURRENT SCHEDULE CONTINUES THROUGH SEPT. 10

We will continue the current Sunday schedule through Sunday, September 10, 2006. We will move to the new worship time of English worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday Sept. 17 with a combined English and Hmong service. Our first Sunday for two services, *Hmong at 8:30 and English at 10:30 with Sunday School for all at 9:00 a.m.* will be Sunday, September 24, 2006.

RALLY DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Following the example of Susannah Wesley, mother of John and Charles Wesley, the Methodist Church has kept a long tradition of encouraging education and Bible learning for all its members. Memorial UMC has Sunday School classes and Bible studies for all ages.

On Sunday, Sept. 17, you are invited to Rally Day in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am. You will have a chance to find out more about the classes we offer, greet the Sunday School teachers, visit the Sunday School rooms, and share tasty refreshments. See you there!

THANK-YOU NOTES

We would like to thank our wonderful church family for all your prayers, cards, phone calls and support during our time of sorrow. Pastor Hill's guidance and support was invaluable and greatly appreciated by our family. A special thank you to everyone who helped prepare and serve the delicious luncheon. Your thoughtfulness and kindness will always be remembered.

The Nelson Family

Lucy and George Elgin would like everyone for their prayers, cards, and meals that were brought in during their recent surgeries.

Mel and Glynda Ward would like to thank their church family for the prayers, calls and cards during Mel's illness.

To the wonderful people at Clovis Memorial, Thank you for all the prayers, phone calls and cards I received during the time of my surgery and radiation therapy. It means so much to me...and a special thank you to Denice.

Dorothy Doss

John Tallmudge wishes to thank his church family for all the calls, cards and prayers during his recent hospitalization.

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

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK ANYONE??

With the lovely September evenings ahead of us, we thought it would be nice to have a Friday night out to Woodward Park for a free performance of Shakespeare's Macbeth. The shows start at 8 p.m. but it is very nice to arrive at 7 p.m. to find the perfect chair (cement amphitheater with chairs all shaded in the glomming of the day), buy a latte or tea at the Starbucks' concession (they passed out free cranberry juice tea the night we were there), and enjoy a picnic dinner on your lap. We can car pool from the church. Watch for more information in the bulletin insert or call Denice Leslie or Sue DeFranco.

UMM BREAKFAST MEETING

September 2, 2006

United Methodist Men will meet on September 2nd. We'll have the usual scrambled eggs, sausage and biscuits with a little coffee to wash it down or OJ if you prefer. The meeting will center around a discussion of a sermon Max gave to our Reedley churches on the 20th of August. I think you'll find it stimulating and interesting. Open minds, open doors, and open hearts aren't restricted to just Methodists so bring a friend and come and enjoy great fellowship.

2005 RECYCLE REPORT

Our recycling efforts for 2005 were very good. As best that I can determine, we recycled almost 13 tons of newspaper and magazines. There was nominal recycling of aluminum which we plan to increase this year. We will experience a reduction in receipts due to a forced change in where we have to recycle and we are limited in the capacity we can process each trip. Due to this relocation, we are also not getting the same amount per ton that we were last year. We are adjusting to this and should still be able to process the same amount for 2006. If you have any questions regarding the recycling program, please contact Max Cannon at mcannon05@comcast.net

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

We had a much cooler weekend to work in August than the previous month. A big thank you to Pauline Middleton for holding down the fort for us while Margie and I were working at the funeral reception. And thanks again to all the dedicated volunteers that helped out. We had another profitable weekend with the preliminary count again at \$700. We seem to be stuck on that number. But Hey! We're not complaining!

Again we have the start of another large work month of sorting, pricing, placing and all the other necessary jobs to get ready for the open two days. We sold a lot of our inventory so we are happy to start over. Keep those contributions coming. Our success depends on you. A gentle reminder, please assure your donations have been only gently used and are clean. That saves us a lot of time. And thank you in advance for your consideration.

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

SAN SIMEON SUNSETS OVER THE BLUE PACIFIC—HERE WE COME!!

It's almost time for our annual trek to the gorgeous central coast for a weekend get-a-way of lazy days, fellowship, shared food, firelight and worship on the shore line. The dates are Friday afternoon September 22-Sunday noon September 24.

The first day everyone gets there when you can. Sites open at 2 p.m. Dinner will be loaves and fishes—we eat what shows up. Those who arrive early will have flashlights ready to assist those who get in after dark. When you RSVP, give us your cell phone and we can get you the site numbers which must be selected on Friday. We also post signs. (No highway ribbons this year—the pastor was nearly resurrected last year.) Directions are available by email or hard copy from Cheryl in the church office, or use Map Quest for San Simeon State Beach. It's about 2 ¾ hour drive. Come for part of the time or all of the time. Saturday is free to sleep in, read, walk the shore, shop the beach towns, go to the castle, hike the easy camp trails, lay in the beach at San Simeon, walk the pier, eat out or in until dinner when we again do loaves and fishes.

Sunday a.m. is worship after breakfast on your own. We worship out on the shore line—an easy walk out—with communion. Bring your guitars, cameras and beach blankets or chairs. We conclude with a leftovers shared lunch and break down camp and depart at noon.

We have four large tent sites reserved at San Simeon Camp ground (about two miles north of San Simeon town (Hearst Castle), in the grassy and tree studded San Simeon loop. The sites can accommodate a total of 32 people. Also, there are motels in San Simeon including a first rate Motel 6.

COSTS: We divide up the site fees among all the on-site camp households whether you've got seven or are solo. Cost of one site is 47.50 for the weekend. We collect on site. Right now we have four sites reserved. We may need to add another.

Pets are welcome on leash.

San Simeon Registration Information Needed (May be submitted by email, snail mail or telephone to the church office at 299-4615 by Sunday September 10, 2006)

Name _____

Number in party _____

Camping _____ (We *may* be able to get an RV site if you need it and we get word ASAP.)

___ Tent ___ RV

Motel _____ Do you know which one? _____

Cell phone _____

Expected/Hoped for time of arrival _____

Please check what applies:

All weekend Fri- Sun. _____, Fri.-Sat. _____, Sat. day only _____, Sat.-Sun. _____

CAMPFIRE FUN AT SAN SIMEON

If you would like to offer some fun, s'mores, marshmallows, music or whatever at campfire on Saturday evening of the San Simeon Camp out please see Pastor Denice or Youth Director Connie Alfaro.

FRESNO DISTRICT FAMILY CAMP

A Community of Communities - Fresno District Family Retreat, September 8-10, 2006

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity for fun and fellowship, discovery, discernment, worship, play, rest and recreation. Come for the whole time, or just come up Saturday for the day. Rides and Scholarships may be available. Register today for this important event. Camp Sierra is approximately 1 hour 15 minute drive from Fresno. Take Hwy 168 to Shaver Lake. Proceed through the town, along the lake and past the dam. Just past the marina, make a left turn heading to Big Creek. Camp Sierra is a ten minute, 3.5 mile drive on Big Creek/Huntington Lake Road. Look for the Camp Sierra sign and veer to the left. Follow the road into camp until you see the large wooden sign and you are there!

Worship Ministry

News from the teams that support the Sunday Worship Services. *"Make a joyful noise to the LORD... Serve the Lord with gladness!" (Psalm 100)*

CHOIR RETURNS—AND MANY THANKS TO SUMMER MUSICIANS

Many thanks to all of you who did such a fine job of offering God your musical gifts in worship throughout the summer. Please don't feel like you have to wait for next summer if you have something you would like to do, speak with our Music Director, Kate Hunter.

The Chancel Choir will return this Sunday with pre-worship practice at 9:45 a.m. Choir rehearsals begin Thursday, September 7, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. We welcome everyone who enjoys singing. Childcare is available.

PRAISE FOLK— WE MAKE MUSIC!!

Praise Team, Praise Ensemble—whatever! We are morphing. We now have a small band of instrumentalists who are meeting to practice/jam together in addition to rehearsing with the singers. They are working up a repertoire for other venues! We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary (after 9/17) and currently in the Social Hall. If you have an instrument and want to join our mandolin, acoustic guitar, base guitar and autoharp OR if you enjoy singing all kinds of old-time gospel, contemporary RC, ethnic, or really ancient stuff—join us and bring your music ideas, voice/instruments with you. We perform as the spirit and our music director move us (and everyone's schedules permit.—Very loose group. Just come. It's fun!)

CHIME CHOIR

Time for chimers and those interested in chiming to gather! Speak with conductor Jan Erickson or call the church office if you are interested.

USHER COORDINATOR(S) NEEDED

Our faithful Usher Coordinators, Cheryl and Rodger Pachelbel are stepping down after several years of service. The job entails passing around the usher sign up sheet. Getting the usher instruction sheet out to new ushers. Updating instructions from time to time. Recruiting ushers for special holiday services. Keeping in touch with ushers.

Ushering is a very important part of our ministry of Hospitality. Ushers ease the way, make worship a seamless experience, provide much needed back up support and help new people feel at home. Please speak with Cheryl, Rodger or Pastor Denice if you have questions or would like to serve.

SERVICE IN GOD'S HOUSE: CLEAN A PEW OR TWO

Getting back into the sanctuary means we have extra housekeeping to do to spruce up. Although we can't move items back in until September 14, we can begin to clean up the pews. They are dusty and grimy with plaster dust, finger prints and bits of this and that on the seats. To clean a pew, sign up by putting your name on a pew on the poster in the social hall on Sunday mornings or in the church lobby during the week. We have 30 pews of varying sizes. Please use soft rags to dust with and Murphy's Oil Soap to clean with. We will have a bottle on the counter available until it runs out. The church is open 9 – 2 M-F unless you've got a key or know someone who does. If you need to come outside of these hours (late afternoons, evenings or very early mornings) please call Max Cannon, Building Use Coordinator to work out access. Thank you so much!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Giving Special Care to Others

SPECIAL FRIENDS TEAM REPORT

8 members gathered in the Lose Library on August 8: Dee Carr, Pauline Middleton, Max Cannon, Evelyn Haulman, John Tallmudge, Pat Frey, Margie Magargee and Laurie Hill.

We discussed more BE-Attitudes of Visiting by Katie Maxwell, such as Be Supportive, Be Silent, Be Empathetic, Be Compassionate.

We corrected addresses and reported 58 cards sent (28 from John!), 27 telephone visits and 30 home visits to our Special Friends in the past month.

We raised in prayer persons with losses, Parkinson's and accidental injuries, plus war-making.

We invite YOU to join us if you feel called to this kind of ministry, at our NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 12 at 1:30 P.M. in Lose Library.

Cordially,
Laurence Hill, Coordinator

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 MOVING

Dear brothers and sisters,

We now have the names and numbers of our three covenant partner churches in New Orleans: Cornerstone, Covenant and Hartzel United Methodist Churches in New Orleans are worshipping together at Covenant. These are in the hardest-hit areas of New Orleans. Pastors are The Rev. James F. Haynes, The Rev. Becky Conner and The Rev. Jeff Conner.

Pastor James is at 1012 St Julien Dr., Lenner, LA 70065, Cell Phone (504) 460-7351. Pastors Becky and Jeff are at 1016 First St, New Orleans, LA 70130. Becky's cell Phone is (504) 256-8989; Jeff's cell phone is (504) 452-0105. I just got off the phone with Pastor Haynes, who is delighted and agrees that we will pray for each other and is sending a list of needs we might respond to. We will share websites, church newsletters, etc. and pictures. They will pray for us as we move into our cross-cultural Sunday morning schedule.

Our Missions Committee under Jean Hill is coordinating this mission. They can use all kinds of help. Is anybody going to New Orleans who might make a visit? Send a prayer or note? Make a phone call?

IN MEMORIUM

Our love and sympathy to Howard Nelson, and daughter, Carol Silva and family on the death of Dolores Nelson. Services were held Friday, August 4, 2006 with burial at Rosehill Cemetery in Whittier.

LESLIE'S SALT SHAKER

Tell Me Your Faith Questions

In the fall when we return to our routines and the season is mellow and the days still long, it's a nice time for reflection on questions of faith. After we are all back in worship and back in the sanctuary, I will be preaching a sermon series on Questions of Faith. I want you to supply those questions. Please email me or speak with me, or

make a note on a white announcement card and let me know what your growing edges are. What do you need to be a faithful disciple? What do you question? What makes you sad, or angry or bewildered? What excites you to push forward in your spiritual quest?

Do you wonder what the cross is all about? What do people mean in popular religious culture when they talk about bridging the gap, or standing in the gap? Or why do folks speak about the blood of Christ? What is saving actually all about? Is it all an internal thing one comes to? What's it look like? Are people of other religious traditions all going to hell? Unnerve you to think about this? Let me know. Are there social issues, moral issues, behavioral issues you want me to address? What does a disciple of Jesus look like? Live like? What do disciples do? Do you wonder: Am I doing those things? What would it mean for me to do those things? Live like that?

How is Jesus present in the Lord's supper? Why can't I be re-baptized?? How do I know if I have a call to ministry? Does the church only call out and pay pastors? What other kinds of church vocations are there? What is the difference between fate and free will? How do I know when I am doing God's will? Tell me what you need to make it through the day—through the night—through your life. I want to know. Make an appointment and come see me. I'll listen and take notes. Ever wondered what the Bible says about.....ask me. What I can't work in this fall before Stewardship time, I'll work into my preaching plans for the new year.

I am looking forward to Bill Easum's day for clergy training in how to resurrect traditional pastors like me and turn them into spiritual leaders! This is the neglected direction we over-busy with the institutional maintenance/meeting to death clergy need to feed our flocks who, on average, are far better gifted to maintain the institution and gifted to carry out the myriad ministry needs of this old world.

Do you thirst for spiritual connection? It won't all happen in the brief time of weekly worship - but it is an igniting point, a reflection and time-to-take inventory point, a time of thanksgiving, praise, confession and reconnecting with our loving and amazing God. I look forward to being in worship with you!

With gratitude for God's grace,
Pastor Denice Leslie

Christian Education

"Do not be confirmed 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."

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AND GROWING CHURCHES

Mark your calendars for our annual Fresno District Enrichment Leadership Training Day here at MUMC

November 3 and 4, 2006. Friday will be a day for clergy training and the theme is “The Second Resurrection: Transforming Traditional Pastors into Spiritual Leaders.” Saturday will be a day for lay leadership and the theme is “Characteristics and Similarities Shared by Growing Churches and Declining Churches.” Our leader will be William Easum author of numerous books including *Growing Spiritual Redwoods* and *Dancing with Dinosaurs*. Bill, a United Methodist Pastor who turned Colonial Hills from a dying (dead!) church into a rapidly growing, dynamic mainline, lay based ministry in San Antonio, Texas is a much sought after national church consultant. We are very fortunate to have him come. He doesn’t mince words—he just uses his prophetic gift to tell us squarely and honestly how it is because he loves Jesus Christ and has given his whole life to him and to his church. “Its all about attitude.” “Just don’t blink!” Your pastor has his words ringing in her ears! He is a very, very exciting presenter and will knock your sox off with hope, inspiration, insight and reality about the present and the future. You know those tough questions you ask me? ASK BILL! That’s what I do. —*Pastor Denice*

TIME TO THINK SUNDAY SCHOOL-NOT JUST FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Watch the Good News and the bulletin insert for announcements about up coming adult education offerings. We currently have two Disciple 1 Bible Studies going. One weekly on Sunday evenings at 5:00 in the Library and one monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the library. Don’t worry about not getting in on the beginning—each lesson is self contained and you learn a ton!! Plus its fun.

Pastor Laurie Hill is attending two classes at UMW School of Christian Missions and has promised to return home and offer these courses for us. There are a number of excellent, new short term Disciple Bible curriculum offerings out and George Elgin has expressed an interest in them.

Also, Lucy Elgin will be offering the Legacy seminar again by request so that those who missed out will have this wonderful opportunity.

We have a Bible study on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. with Ozzie Hernandez in the Library that is ongoing. Please come.

The Witness Group will be starting up its meetings again, see Laurie Hill for more information. This group picks a study and meets on Sunday evenings for fellowship and enrichment.

Mariamamma Mathai offers a wonderful midweek bible study and the Wesley Circle of the UMW continues with their study of Children of the Bible as we return to regular schedule. It meets the fourth Wednesday at 1 p.m. and begins with a great desert!

(THOSE MISSING FIGURES!) OUR SHARE OF CONNECTIONAL GIVING

Computers are wonderful—they make it wonderfully easy to do get things done AND to screw things up. Last month’s article on our apportionment giving left out the most important part: the actual figures of our share of our conference’s connectional giving for 2006.

Our share of connectional ministry and giving (including our District Ministries) is \$50,356.

Our current unfunded portion of this is \$30,506. The grant we have received for our Hmong Ministry leadership is over \$62,000. This grant will undoubtedly continue for possibly the next three or four years. It represents the giving of a lot of faithful UM members all over this valley and the whole conference!

Our final contribution for this year is due in December. Some of the church’s ministries have adopted line items. For example our United Methodist Men have provided for our Africa University and Black College line items. Our youth are taking a line. How about your Sunday School class, music group, ministry team, fellowship, bible study adopting one? Some people in our congregation make specific pledges toward connectional funds of their choice.

Would you like to give toward the unfunded pension portion of pastors who have served this congregation in the past? Mark your giving/pledge “Other Clergy Support.”

Would you like to contribute toward the education of seminarians and clergy? Mark your giving “Ministerial Education.”

Would you like to give to the training and deployment of missionaries? Mark your giving “World Service.”

Would you like to encourage ecumenical and inter-religious relations among the religious peoples of the world? Mark your giving “E/I”

Would you like to support the ministry of our Bishops? Mark your donation “Episcopal.”

Would you like to support the ministry of our Conference staff for Youth, Discipleship, Christian Ed, Conference Office (Youth, Christian Ed, Camping, Discipleship, etc.)? Mark your check “Conference.”

Would you like to support the ministry of the national church? (Boards, Commissions, Agencies etc.) Mark your giving “General Administration”

Would you like to support our Korean evangelism? Mark your giving “Korean”.

Would you like to support Ethnic Minority evangelism? Mark your giving “Ethnic.”

Or if you just want to give to our Connectional funds write: “Connecting with Christ” on your check.

Please know that if we should be in the fabulous position of over funding one item we will spill additional funds into another line item of need. You will have the satisfaction of knowing your church is paying its fair share of Christ’s church’s ministry and mission here at home, all across the conference, the nation and around the world.

We can do this! We can do this out of very real gratitude and appreciation for all that we have received.

NEW BUILDING USE COORDINATOR

We are tickled pink to announce our new Building Use Coordinator: Max Cannon. Max is on the job. And your church thanks you! And we thank Diane Zastovnik for faithfully carrying this responsibility formally and informally in one form or another for the last eight years.

FUNERAL AND MEMORIALS COORDINATOR NEEDED

This is a ministry of Helps. If you are a person of compassion and good with follow through and love people, this may be the ministry for you. We want to provide comfort and assistance to those suffering loss and making arrangements for the services of a loved one.

The Coordinator pulls it all together from behind the scenes by making arrangements with those responsible for music, reception, custodial service, tech support, ushering etc. as well as helping the family arrange mementos, flowers etc. Speak with Diane Zastovnik if you have questions or are interested.

Coach's Corner

About Networking and Use of Projection in Worship

Networking Together: First of all, I am looking forward to networking together with the leaders of all the groups, teams, studies, committees, coffee clutches etc. etc. in this congregation on Saturday, September 30 at 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Remember, this will be a time to show and tell about our ministries, to celebrate our discoveries and victories and offer up praise to God. It will be a time to encourage each other, pray for each other, learn some tips, network together and focus on our vision: Showing and Telling Jesus’ Love Everywhere. We’ll sing our church song “Show and Tell Jesus’ Love Everywhere” and we’ll keep our time focused and begin and end promptly: A letter to leaders will go out soon.

Projection in Worship: Second, I want to talk to you about projection in worship. As you know, our long awaited new projection system will soon be installed. We will be gradually working our way into using it. We will need folks to help with the weekly presentation preparation. And we will need volunteers to run the projection on Sunday mornings in worship.

Besides all of this logistical stuff which is important, I want to address something even more important: how I understand projection in worship. Basically, I see it as a tool. A tool that allows us to enhance worship visually for the glory of God. I do not see it as an end in itself.

I believe less is better than more—we don’t come to worship to watch TV. Worship isn’t Sesame Street (with a stimulating change in visuals every 30 seconds.) We must not get into the rut of having something on the screens for every single act of our worship—or for every point of a sermon. That’s just a big distraction in my mind. Knowing us—there will be glitches—humorous and exasperating because that is the way WE are: humorous, real honest to goodness regular folks, and sometimes...well you get the picture! I hope we can also continue to do what we are good at: laughing at ourselves! We will be finding our way and we will look for your feedback.

In my imagination I look forward to bringing the world of the past as well as the present to bear on the images we use—classical art, the masters, the beauty of nature—not just for the sake of putting up a stunning visual—but as it contributes to our worship, augmenting what we are experiencing, or enhances our understanding.

You may have a photo image you find inspiring—share it with me—I can’t guarantee it will end up in worship—but it would be nice just to find a way of sharing it in some other venue—like we used to go visiting and see each other’s slides.

And speaking of personal photos, I have officiated at a number of funerals where a visual slide show, a tribute of photos greatly enhanced the celebration and memorializing of the person whose life we were honoring.

Now having said that—just what kind of criteria should we use? Well, its like music: I don’t care if a song is ancient or contemporary, pietistic or prophetic, fast or slow, in Latin or English—what matters is: Does it carry the message and flesh out the worship of the day appropriately for the purpose required in the service? That’s the type of criteria I believe needs to be used for projection of visuals in worship. What do you think?

Pastor Denice Leslie



YOUTH CALENDAR

Sat. 9/2/06 8 am to 12 noon Poverello House Work Day
Sun. 9/3/06 5 pm to 7:30 pm Movie Night (Bungalow)
Sun. 9/10/06 5 pm to 7:30 pm Meeting (Bungalow)
Sun. 9/17/06 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm Meeting (Bungalow)
Fri. 9/22 to Sun.9/24/06 Church Family Campout at San Simeon
Sun. 9/24/06 No Meeting

CALLING ALL YOUTH!

All youth, 7th to 12th grade, are invited to join our youth group at Memorial UMC. We meet every Sunday night at 5:30 pm in our bungalow, next to the playground, for the Bible Study and fun. We also help out at Poverello House every month, and other fun activities like concerts, movies, our annual Halloween party, sleepovers at the church, and trips to the snow. For more information, contact youth worker Connie Alfaro at (559) 323-1938 or connie@clovismumc.org

RENOVATION NEWS

FOR SALE, FOR SALE! SHARES IN THE SANCTUARY RENOVATION PROJECT

Thank you generous supporters for your gifts to the Sanctuary Renovation Project. For those who expressed a desire to purchase something specific, here are some suggestions:

TILE—622 TILES

10 TILES FOR \$21.90
15 TILES FOR 32.85
20 TILES FOR 43.80
100 TILES FOR \$210.00

ORGAN CHAMBERS

SPEAKER CLOTH – 28 YARDS
1 YARD \$44.50
2 YARDS FOR \$89.00
5 YARDS FOR \$222.50

ELECTRICAL WORK

\$4,000—80 SHARES AT \$50 EACH

CARPET

\$2,500—50 SHARES AT \$50 EACH

ADDITIONAL PAINTING

\$3,040 -- whatever increment you wish. If this goal is met, Art Dixon of Dixon Paint is offering to paint the following for free: Paint on children's fence, outside sanctuary west wall panels that have faded, and south wall of bungalow

HOLD ONTO THE CHURCH WITH BOTH HANDS

The Witness study group would like to share the following from the book they are presently studying entitled *There's a Hole in Your Soul That Only GOD Can Fill*, by James W. Moore, pp. 86-87.

"Let me ask you something." How committed to Christ and his church are you right now? How faithful are you really in supporting the church with your presence?

"Let me put that in perspective by asking you to think about it like this: "If your car would start one out of three times, would you consider it faithful? If your television only worked 60 percent of the time, would you consider it faithful?"

If your newspaper delivery person should skip your house every other day and an occasional Friday, would you call that faithful? If your water heater should greet you with cold water three mornings a week, would it be faithful?

If you should fail to come to work ten or twelve days each month, would your employer consider you faithful?

If you should miss a couple of house payments in a year, would your mortgage holder say, 'Oh well, ten out of twelve months—that's not too bad?'

If you attend church once or twice a month—25 to 50 percent of the time—would you say that you're faithful?"

SANCTUARY RENOVATION REPORT

Completed this week are the organ chambers, new stained glass windows installed, and the fluorescent lights behind the cross replaced all by Atkins Construction.

Coming next is the upgrading of the remainder of fluorescent lights to T-8 electronic fluorescent lighting by Tim of "City Service Lighting". Accent lighting is in the design stage. Ron Zastovnik is in the process of ordering and installation plans for the visual portion of the audio visual project. Soon to follow will be the installation of the tile on the chancel floor and then the painting and "Y" shape of new carpet, which will be down the aisle and around the chancel floor.

If you have planned to donate funds and haven't yet, don't hesitate. We want to complete as much as possible. The upholstering of the pews has been put on temporary hold and will have to be done when there are sufficient funds.

Submitted by Gloria McClanahan