



GOOD NEWS

The Newsletter of Clovis Memorial United Methodist Church September 2008

"The Mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

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YARD SALE ON SEPTEMBER 6: Hi everybody - we now have forms for you to leave on neighbor's door steps or give to friends to ask for items for the yard sale. You can pick them up in the narthex on Sunday or in the office on weekday mornings. After mentioning it to one friend, I have six boxes of goodies ready to go!! Your support is much appreciated. You can get tax receipts from the office or ask me, Gloria, to give to donors. Bring items in your cars on Sunday and put in fellowship hall or bring to social hall on September 2, 3 and 4 from 2 to 6 p.m. – we'll be there!! If item is difficult to deliver, please call me and I'll try my best to get help. All proceeds go to Mission Thrift Store. There will be a presale on Thursday night, Sept. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. Thank you, Gloria McClanahan.

CLOVIS FEST PEPSI BOOTH!! MUMC has another chance to raise some funds for our church at the annual Clovis Fest Pepsi/Water booth on September 20 and 21 this year. If you would like to help, there are 2 clipboards in the back of the Narthex between the doors – one is to sign up to help on Saturday, and the other for Sunday. Thanks for your support!! There are also T-shirts available for purchase if you would like to wear one at the booth to support MUMC for \$10. To get one, call the office at 299-4615.

IMAGINE! NEW SERVICE SOFT OPENING SEPT. 7, 9:30 A.M. *"I Can Only Imagine what it will be like to be in your presence..."* The theme and name, for our new service, *Imagine*, is taken from this song sung by *Mercy Me*. The *Imagine!* service meets at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Adult classes may meet at this hour or at the 11:00 hour with worship available at the opposite hour. Watch for class announcements coming this fall. Classes for children and youth meet at 11:00 a.m.

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE LAUNCHES SEPT. 7

9:30 a.m. *Imagine* (New worship service)
10:00 a.m. (Choir robes and warms up with Kathy Cannon in Library)
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (Choir breaks)
10:45 a.m. (Choir sings anthem with Scott in Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. Second Service (Children and youth Sunday School)

RALLY DAY SUN. SEPT 7

Sunday, September 7, will be a "Day of New Beginnings" for Memorial UMC, and that includes Sunday School. With the addition of the new "Imagine" worship service, our Christian Education classes will have a new schedule: 9:30 a.m. Adults' classes; 10:30 a.m. Fellowship and Refreshments and 11:00 a.m. Children's Classes. Join us for Rally Day at 11:00 to meet your children's teachers, see your new rooms, and enjoy goodies. See you there!

Exciting Upcoming Events!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND HYMN SING SEPT. 14, 5:00 P.M.: Bring your favorite flavor of ice cream and a topping or two to the kitchen at 5:00 p.m. The choir will dish it out while we all enjoy singing favorite hymns and eating ice cream.

DAYTRIP TO HUNTINGTON LAKE FOR PICNIC FUN, SEPT. 27: Daytrip to Huntington Lake for food, fun, fellowship and an outdoor excursion in God's beautiful creation. Our destination is the Pachelbell's family's vacation home and deck. Mark the date and watch for more details! If you have any questions, please call Connie Alfaro .

Congregational Life

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

THRIFT SHOP NEWS: Wow! Another great week end! We beat last month by a few dollars with a total of \$1177(including taxes). And again we are simply in awe and offer total thanksgiving. We keep wondering when the other shoe will fall. But while we are doing well, we simply say thank you to all of you for your donations and prayers and to our God for making it happen. We thank our volunteers again for all their help with special thanks to Jodie Booze who cashiered for us both mornings. And we offer congrats to Janet Bonzo on her 6 year anniversary of her brain surgery. She took the day off on Saturday to give thanks and to spend special time with Rich. Way to go Janet!! It's early August but we are a bit

behind on donations. We are hoping they will pick up again so we'll have lots to offer in our September opening. We know they will come in though, so we have faith. Also, remember our next opening coincides with the big yard sale so keep that in mind. And, if you have given a thought to giving a hand in the



Thrift Shop but just haven't done it yet, we will welcome you with open arms. Come on in! Blessings to you and

again, please keep us in your prayers.

submitted by Pat Frey

UMW NEWS:

Sept 10: Red Bird Circle will meet at 9:30 am in the Lose Library

Sept 16: The regular meeting will be at 10 am in the Social Hall. Newell Knudson will share with us about the 'World Day of Prayer' after which Wesley Circle will host a luncheon. Please bring your blue boxes and your own service.

Sept 24: Wesley group will dine out at a location TBA.

FRESNO DISTRICT UMW: We will have an October Celebration on Oct. 4, 2008 at MUMC. Registration and coffee hour will be at 8:30 am and the program will start at 9am. There will be lunch available for \$7. Our speaker, Dorothy Bizzini, who has been to Ghana and Kisumu Africa, Venezuela, Honduras, Belize and Mexico working on many health projects, will be presenting "Happiness is Serving Others". Look for more details in the bulletin or call the church office 299-4615.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: Due to a campus-wide yard sale in September and a UMW District Meeting in October, the next UMM Breakfast will be November 1st.

GARDENERS – How does your garden grow?

Our produce table is practically bare. If Mary Mary had been willing to help out Old Mother Hubbard, maybe she could at least have fed her poor dog some zucchini or peaches. The excess produce from your garden can provide fresh fruit and vegetables to others in the congregation who are eager to sample them, while helping to pay the water bill for our Community Garden. We need to raise about \$12 a week to supplement the payments made by the gardeners and we haven't been getting nearly that amount even though this is the height of harvest season for many crops. Let us see if we can't get more produce to turn up next Sunday.



GREEN TEAM: Did you know that the lifecycle energy cost of a bottle of water is equivalent to filling up a quarter of each disposable bottle with oil? Why produce nearly a million tons of plastic to cart billions of gallons of water all over the country when clean, virtually free water flows right into our homes? And if you say it's because of taste or other aesthetic issues, there are a [variety of filters](#) that can assist you in fixing those challenges—a much more wallet-friendly solution than buying disposable

bottles of water. And how about going one step farther and contribute the money you save by not buying water to help UMCOR drill wells for people in Darfur who don't have access to clean, life-giving water? Also, if you are still getting plastic bags when you shop, remember we have reusable Methodist shopping bags at the church for only \$1.50 each.

SPECIAL FRIENDS: Our gathering opened with Pat, Janet, Dee, Nancy L, John and Lorraine reading the mission statement of Memorial UMC, followed by a prayer. The Bible reading was Galatians 6:9, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." We sang He Leadeth Me. Our devotional, "In trying times we don't quit trying" included a verse from God's Little Devotional Book. The question what is God doing in your life brought a personal response from each member, and a report on special friends. During the summer we sent 78 cards, made 73 phone visits, 45 visits, plus Pat Frey's 90 visits with patients at St. Agnes. John also sent 2 grief pamphlets. We will not gather in September, so our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 14th at 1:30 pm in the Lose Library. A closing thought: As we embrace the changes God brings to our lives, may we remember that very change brings new opportunities to serve God and to grow.

-Blessings, Lorraine May

CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS: Thank you so much for your support of McCurdy School through the Campbells Soup labels and box tops for Education

programs. I just received notice that Campbell's soup has changed their guidelines on labels – they only want the UPC Barcode. They will also accept lids from V-8, V-8 fusion, and V-8 Splash.

A WARM THANK YOU to all of the nice people – for their prayers and cards. I am most grateful. God bless! – Helen Tashjian

YOUTH NEWS

HOLY CLUB (YOUTH GROUP) SEPTEMBER CALENDAR:

- ★ Sunday 09/07/08
 - 5:00 p.m. Holy Club Movie Night (Bungalow)
 - 5:00 p.m. Reaching a New Generation Team (Fellowship Hall)
- ★ Sunday 09/14/08 5:30 p.m. Holy Club Youth Group (Bungalow)
- ★ Saturday 09/20/08 8:00 a.m. Poverello House Work Day (different day!)
- ★ Sunday 09/21/08 5:30 p.m. Holy Club Youth Group (Bungalow)
- ★ Saturday 09/27/08 Church Family Picnic at Huntington Lake
- ★ Sunday 09/28/08 5:30 p.m. Holy Club Youth Group (Bungalow)

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: I want to thank everyone for their prayers for my mother's well and transition here to Clovis from her home. As a family we are grateful for your support. Life has its seasons of transitions and many of you have traveled this path a head of me. We all need traveling company and the guidance and wisdom of those who

have traveled this way before us. I look to you as role models and guides with thanksgiving for your presence and wisdom. It's so good to know that God's grace is abundant in you! As your pastor I have been privileged to stand with you in times of sorrow and celebration, times of health and dis-ease, and times of change as well as the daily labor of discipleship. Thank you for your faithfulness to the journey. Thank you for your encouragement and support. I look forward to another year with you as we walk this way together. May we always look to Jesus who is our guide, our leader, our Savior through all the days of our lives.

In Christ's Service, Pastor Denice Leslie

LESLIE'S SALT SHAKER: Fall is coming quickly, and at this time of year, not soon enough to say good riddance to end of summer heat! The cooler weather and coming fall color beckon us into the future as we anticipate All Saints (Halloween), Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. The rhythm of the year brings with it the stability of God's providential grace in the midst of other uncertainties in life. No matter what comes our way, Jesus Christ is the same: yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Faithfulness to the journey as his followers happens one step, one day at time. May prayer be our constant companion, scripture and watching over one another in Christ's love be our resource for support and seeking God's will in all things.

