



GOOD NEWS

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

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STARVATION FIGHTING SUDS - CAR WASH FOR UMCOR SUN. APRIL 11:

The sun is shining, no more rain clouds in sight – it's safe to get your car washed (we hope)! The Holy Club youth group will hold a car wash on Sunday April 11 to benefit the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and their efforts to fight hunger all over the world. Bring your car to the Scott Ave. parking lot as early as 9:30 a.m. and it will be clean and ready to go after the 11:00 worship service. All donations accepted! If you made a donation in February and received a red rain check ticket, please bring that with you on April 11. Thanks for your support!

MAKING A LIST AND CHECKING IT TWICE - NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT SURVEY:

It is time again for us to do our Natural Church Development Survey of the Eight Characteristics of Healthy Churches. Many of you have participated in the past. This is to let you know that the survey is coming as you may be selected to do the survey as you fit the criteria required. A letter will be sent out and then all who confirm will take this brief survey on Sunday, April 18 in the Fellowship Hall under the direction of Max Cannon and Sharon Hutchinson, both Spiritual Leaders. Max is also our Administrative Support Team Leader and Sharon is our Lay Leader and Team Leader of Network. We will report on the results and analysis from the Natural Church Development folks in the Good News. Thank you for your cooperation.

GOIN' GREEN – PAPERLESS STATEMENTS START THIS QUARTER: We will be e-mailing first quarter contribution statements to givers who have provided us with their e-mail addresses. Paper statements will be printed for everyone who has not provided an e-mail address. The e-mail version of the statements will be available sooner and will save staff and volunteer time and will reduce costs. Please reply to the e-mail message if you have any trouble opening the file or would still like a paper statement.

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY - APRIL 18, 2010: Your Generous Gifts help develop and strengthen Native American ministries within the annual conference if the conference has Native American ministries. Your gift will:

- Provide scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology and other schools approved by the University Senate of The United Methodist Church: (General Board of Higher Education and Ministry)
- Expand the number of target cities in the Native American Urban Initiative: (General Board of Global Ministries)

Congregational Life

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

PAYIN' IT OFF AND PAYIN' IT FORWARD:

Thanks to God and the generosity of our members, we have collected enough from renovation pledges to complete payments on our sanctuary renovation loan, which has the final payment due this July. We have been paying on this loan since July, 2006, the year we made major changes to beautify and update the sanctuary. A good number of members made four-year pledges then and most are still honoring their commitment. Others have already paid all that they had pledged. We thank them for their dedication. Renovation is an ongoing process and we hope those who pledged four years ago will continue to support projects that are in the planning stages to make our worship facilities even better. One of these projects is an upgrade of the audio-visual control area to facilitate its efficiency. We also hope that those who were not able to contribute to the earlier beautification of the sanctuary and those who were not here at that time, will consider joining in now to help pay for these projects – both aesthetic and technical – that we all enjoy.

CRAFTING CORNER: The Boutique Group consists of women who enjoy making crafts and a variety of handwork. Our projects when sold at our annual Holiday Boutique help to support the local and global ministries of our church. Our weekly meetings offer us an opportunity for Christain fellowship and to share our talents. We would like to invite you to come and see what we are all about. There are no dues or requirements to join. We have members who are willing to help you with a crochet, knit or quilt project. Or maybe you have an unfinished quilt that you would like to donate to our group. We meet on

Wednesday mornings at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall; would love to see you. If you have any questions contact Carole Schweitzer 299-3432 or Barbara Nielsen 291-0935.

FELLOWSHIP, FUN AND FOOD: Come join the Thursday Night Diners this month on a Thursday night from 5:46 p.m. to 7:43 p.m. – each week has a different theme. You will be surprised by what a great time you have! This group is for singles, doubles, and in-betweens so come join us, and get to know some great people! The Thursday Night Diners 2010 Mid Spring Schedule is as follows below: (these are only suggestions of what to bring – should you have any questions please call the Grams at 917-3175 or Dorrie Rose at 392-0381)

- 1-Apr: Dark For Maundy Thursday activities – come join in a church wide simple supper at 6 p.m.
- 8-Apr: Time to celebrate Big Hat Days in Clovis! Put on a silly hat, or a nice one! Bring your favorite dish.
- 15-Apr: One Foul Night - Baseball Season has begun so bring a 'foul' (chicken) dish or ball park food.
- 22-Apr: Time for Rodeo Days – bring cowboy food to share; beans, wieners, jerky or stews.
- 29-Apr : The first of May is around the corner – let's celebrate with sandwiches and salads!
- 6-May: Yesterday was Cinco De Mayo; come wearing your most festive outfit, and bring a Mexican food dish to share.

THRIFTY TIDBITS: Our shop was open the 5th and 6th of March to the usual crowd that awaits us on Friday. We had a good weekend, taking in just under \$1100. That is our lowest to date for the year but still very acceptable. We were short on inventory and volunteers this month so we're hoping for more of both next month. Get those closets and cupboards cleaned! We are in need of everything for the kitchen. And, of course we

always need clothing. We lowered our inventory of bedding considerably too. So I guess we just need EVERYTHING. We appreciate your help and praise God for your faithful donating. Remember, we prefer clean gently used. And, again, thanks to all our faithful volunteers for all they do! - Submitted by Pat Frey

SPECIAL FRIENDS: Special Friends group met March 11th, signed the attendance sheet and shared the MUMC mission statement. After the prayer, we heard John 17:25-26 and sang "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross". The meditation was from "A Look at Lent". We gave our reports on visits with special friends. Pauline and I helped Stella Schaa celebrate her 102nd birthday. We have added Orene Eckert and Opal Spears to our "Special 90" list. I gave a report on the Ministerial Forum that Judy and I attended, and brought back materials and information that will be helpful and available for caregivers through the Valley Caregivers Resource Center. Lucy gave a report on a Parish Nurse meeting Saturday about an additional Health Care Directive that should go on the refrigerator for paramedics to see and use en route to the hospital. We will hear more about this in the congregation. During February we made 32 calls, 35 visits and sent 64 cards. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 8th at 3:30 pm. Closing thought: As we continue our journey to Jerusalem with Jesus, let us remember that Christ gave us everything on the cross to free us to live a new life in him. Blessings, Lorraine

FOR THE WEE ONES: Our nurseries are staffed each Sunday at the following times: 9:00-12:00 and 1:30-5:00.

If you need child care at other times please give our child care coordinator a call: Dorrie Osback-Rose 392-0381

THANKS FROM THE NURSERY: Our nursery staff and children would like to thank everyone that has donated money towards the renovation of our nurseries. We are in the process of buying new toys and puzzles and things for in them. Here is our wish list if you would like to donate money or go out and buying an item. If you buy an item please call Dorrie Osback-Rose (392-0381) and let her know so that she can mark it off the wish list. If you have questions please call her.

Wish List For baby nursery:

- New soft toys (dolls, blocks, balls)
- New books (Material that can be chewed and cleaned)
- New stuffed toys to replace our old ones
- cover for the chairs
- wipes
- powder
- hand sanitizer

Wish List For toddler nursery:

- Bean bag chairs
- Small fleece blankets (or material to make them)
- Dolls and clothes
- Cars and trucks, (matchbox cars and tonka trucks)
- Turtle sand box and sand (we will lock the lid)
- Bouncy Balls
- Small pool for water play

Wish List If there are any handy people in the congregation that would like to build something:

- Cubby boxes for children to put their belongings in
- Monkey bean bag toss out of plywood

UMW NEWS :

- April 4 – Executive Board meeting in the Library at 9:00 am.
- April 11 – UMW Sunday at the 11 am service. Speaker: Lucy Elgin
- April 14 – Red Bird Circle meeting in the Library at 9:30 am.

- April 20 – ****ALL CHURCH INVITATION:** Trip to the Clovis Botanical Gardens. We will meet at the church at 10 am to carpool. Bring a sack lunch; drinks will be provided. We will be presenting a memorial tile for ALL Clovis Methodist women, to be placed near the flagpole. Come join us!
- April 28 – Wesley Guild meeting at 1 pm in the Social Hall. Program: Edie Dyer – Angels.

YOUTH NEWS

- † **SUNDAY 04/04/10 – NO YOUTH MEETING – HAPPY EASTER!**
- † **SUNDAY 04/11/10 – 9:30 A.M. FUND RAISER CAR WASH FOR UMCOR – 5:00 P.M. YOUTH MOVIE NITE, BUNGALOW**
- † **SUNDAY 04/18/10 – 5:30 P.M. HOLY CLUB MEETING, BUNGALOW**
- † **SATURDAY 04/24/10 – 8:00 A.M. POVERELLO HOUSE WORK DAY**
- † **SUNDAY 04/25/10 – 5:30 P.M. HOLY CLUB MEETING, BUNGALOW**

FROM THE PASTOR

LESLIE'S SALT SHAKER: By now you know you will be receiving a new pastor as of July, 2010. It's exciting to think about what the future will bring our way! A new door opens, a new adventure begins!

Hopefully by the time you read this it will only be a matter of a week or possibly two before the announcement of who the new pastor will be is made. I look forward to hearing as much as you do!

I've never left a church I didn't love. Ministry is such a joy. I know you will continue to make great strides forward in vitality and growth. You've worked so hard and accomplished so much! In our time together we've said farewell to many dear ones, and welcomed in an equal

number of new folks who are now a part of our family. Your warm and loving embrace, your gracious way of making room for new ideas, new ways of doing things and new people, is because of one thing that will never change: who you are, Memorial. You understand the importance of embracing not only those who come in and those who are already here, but of reaching out to include others who long for a spiritual family and connection with God. You understand what it means to serve and what it means to give.

It is my prayer that you will find new ways to transform lives in this community and make disciples for Jesus Christ. The vision statement of our great United Methodist Church is to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Right now we are in a period of transition, exiting me as pastor and preparing to welcome your new pastor. I know I can count on all of you to assist with this transition in any way you can, and so I thank you all for your gifts, your time, your efforts and your love.

- Pastor Denice

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