



GOOD NEWS

The Newsletter of Clovis Memorial United Methodist Church mid-December 2010 Ph: 299-4615

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY AT MUMC: It's time to usher out the old year and welcome in the new! Join us at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall for fun, games, movies and fellowship. Please bring a snack to munch on and share. At midnight we will have a short service to share our hopes for the future, and then clean up and go home!

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES SMALL GROUPS ARE FORMING! Groups begin the first week of January 2011. A flyer is enclosed with Frequently Asked Questions and a registration form. If you still have questions, feel free to talk with Pastor Janette, or email her at pastorjs@mem-umc.org

We will schedule weekly group meetings based upon the number of people who sign up and their availability to meet. Sign by completing & returning the registration form or by calling the church office. Registrations have been coming in well and we are sure to have at least 2 small groups meeting weekly, and an online group, too!

DREAM SEMINAR JAN 21-22: Friday January 21 from 7-9 pm and Saturday January 22 from 9am-4pm. Dreams are a way to enrich your personal and spiritual life. Leader: Lucy Elgin RN, MSN and George Elgin, Dr. of Ministry. Cost: \$10 (scholarships are available) Text: Dreams – A Way to Listen to God by Morton Kelsey. Location: Memorial UMC Library or Social Hall (depending on the number of registrants). To register, call the church office at 299-4615.

THE NETWORK LEADERSHIP TRAINING JAN 9: All committee/team leaders and new committee members please join us for fun and fellowship after the 11am service in the Social Hall as we learn how to do our ministries better! There will be information about the philosophy and intent of committee work, leadership development, financial responsibilities, and time for Q & A. A light meal will be served.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT MEETS ON A NEW DAY!! Attention all Administrative Support Team members: starting in Jan of 2011 we will be meeting the 3rd Monday of the month at 4:30 pm. The January meeting will be on the 17th which is Martin Luther King Jr day – we WILL be meeting, even though it is a holiday.

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE "F" WORD - FINANCES! This important word carries a lot of responsibilities for ministry, and our Finance Committee would like to have an opportunity to talk with the congregation directly about our finances for 2011. As usual, things are tight - and also hopeful. We are excited about some new ministries beginning and possibilities for others. **On January 2 at noon we will have a Quiche Brunch** - \$5 per person - and a time to present the proposed 2011 budget and discuss various options for our future ministries. This meeting will not be a "downer"! It will be an opportunity for the full congregation to examine where we are financial and create a strategy for moving to the financial health and stability we truly desire.

SOMETHING NEW FOR THE NEWSLETTER! We are looking for ways to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us by God. This includes the use of the monetary donations made, and the use of volunteers and staffing.

One change we will be testing out for the year 2011 will be to have our newsletter printed bi-monthly. This will save a lot of staff hours, and trim about \$600 from the office portion of the budget. We will make better utilization of the Care Callers in helping people to keep informed.

Also, we are hoping to reduce mailing expenses by having the newsletters available to be picked up at the church on Sunday morning, emailing to those who prefer that, and removing people from the mailing list who don't actually want to receive the newsletter.

Enclosed in the newsletter is a postcard for use in registering your desire to continue to receive the newsletter and the preferred medium of publication (paper or electronic). Please return this to the church in the month ahead. **IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE YOUR CARD WE WILL NOT SEND/RESERVE A NEWSLETTER FOR YOU!**

Our next newsletter deadline will be January 4th, with the "mail date" Jan 15th.

Merry

Christmas




CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND SERVICES

As Christmas approaches we have many special worship services planned:

-Saturday and Sunday Dec 18 and 19 – We give our living Christmas Card to the community with our Live Nativity.

The event is from 6-8 pm.

-Sundays, December 19 & 26 – We will combine the Contemporary & Traditional services into one service both of these Sundays at 10:30 am. There will be lots of special music and wonderful storytelling.

-Tuesday, December 21 – Longest night service at 7:00 pm – a reflective time of quiet meditation and contemplation.

- Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve:

4 pm - Academy service of candlelight, lessons and carols.

7 pm - Family friendly service at Memorial

11 pm – Lessons, Carols, Candlelight, and Communion service at Memorial

*All of these are wonderful opportunities to bring family and friends to enjoy the true meaning of this holy season.



2011 Lay Leadership, Ministries and Mission Teams Leader Network

Max Cannon, Lay Leader (Pastor Janette & Pastor Wang Peo, staff)

Ministry or Mission Team Leader(s)

- Administrative Support - Kurt Cline
- Adult Education - George Elgin
- Boutique Crafters - Carole Schweizer
- Care Clusters - Evelyn Haulman
- Chancel Choir - designee from choir & Scott Hatfield (staff)
- Christian Education - Laura Williams
(Children, Youth, Young Adults) Andy Hansen Smith
- Dinners for Eight - Carol February
- Equipping - Rick Hutchinson
- Evangelism/PIE - Pai Yang
- Facilities Maintenance - Jim McClanahan
- Fellowship of the Ring - Janette Erickson
- Finance Work Team - Sonny Uwaoma
- Fundraising - LaDonna Snow & Sharon Hutchinson
- Green Team - Diane Zastovnik
- Healing Prayer Ministry - Patti Pond
- Hospitality - Gloria McClanahan
- Lay Members of AC - Lorraine May & Dee Carr
- Lay Leadership - designee from class
- Library - [Redacted]
- Marketing Team - LaDonna Snow
- Memorials and Gifts - Dona Leonardo
- Micah Missions - Sue DeFranco
- Mission Thrift Shop - Gloria McClanahan
- Older Adult Ministry - Nancy Entoe / Judy Gross
- Parent's Time Out (PTO) - Group Rep
- Parish Nursing - Lucy Elgin
- Prayer Gardens - Helen Tashjian & Howard Vollman
- Shawl Ministry - Barbara Nielson
- Sierra Villa Rest Home - Lorraine May & Judy Gross
- Special Friends - Lorraine May
- Ministry or Mission Team Leader(s)**

- Staff Parish Relations - Sharon Hutchinson
- Technical Support - Ron Zastovnik
- Thursday Night Diners' Potluck - Barbara & Roger Grams & Dorrie Osback-Rose
- Waffle House Bible Study - Mary Vollman
- Worship Planning: Traditional Service - Max & Kathy Cannon
- Worship Planning: Imagine! - Darren Williams
- United Methodist Youth - Group Representative
- United Methodist Men - Max Cannon
- United Methodist Women - Dee Carr

(Other Leaders of Ministries and Missions without Teams)

- Building Use - Max Cannon
- Counters - Bea Bannister
- Confirmation - Connie Alfaro
- Cradle Role - Dorrie Osback-Rose
- Endowment - Rick Hutchinson
- Fresno Mission & Church Extension - Pastors, Lay Leader
- Food Pantry - Janet Bonzo
- Funerals & Memorials - Leonard Babcock
- Grief Support - John Tallmadge
- Widows Support - Dee Carr

Administrative Support Team

- Team Leader - Kurt Cline
- Secretary - Lou Heberlein
- Endowment - Rick Hutchinson
- Financial Officer - Diane Zastovnik, staff
- Finance Team Leader: Sonny Uwaoma
- Hmong Representatives - Fue Thao and Addy Vang
- Korean Representative** [Redacted]
- Lay Leader - Max Cannon

- Staff Parish Relations - Sharon Hutchinson
- Facilities Maintenance Team Leader: Jim McClanahan
- Risk Management Records and Training: Dorrie Osback-Rose
- Pastors: Janette Saavedra and Wang Pao Thao

Trustees:

- Class of 2011: Ron Zastovnik, Carolyn Gentry, John Tallmadge
- Class of 2012: Don Haulman, Rick Hutchinson, Sonny Uwaoma
- Class of 2013: Edie Dyer, Kurt Cline, Guin Jenanyan

Finance Work Team:

- Team Leader: Sonny Uwaoma
- Secretary: Mary Ann Jennison
- Financial Officer: Diane Zastovnik
- Counters Leaders: Bea Bannister, Endowment: Rick Hutchinson,
- SPRC Rep: designee from the committee
- Hmong Treasurer: John Her
- Lay Leader: Max Cannon
- AST Leader: Kurt Cline
- Pastors: Janette Saavedra and Wang Pao Thao

Staff Parish Relations:

- Class of 2011: LaDonna Snow, Pai Yang, Bea Bannister
- Class of 2012: Patti Pond, Tony Vang, Dee Carr
- Class of 2013: Sharon Hutchinson – chp., Matthew Babcock, Baoui Her

CHRIST (Hmong Congregation) Leadership Team

- (Christian Hmong Regeneration in Spiritual Transformation)
- Pastor Wang Pao Thao
- Team : Ntxoov Vam Pov Yaaj; Addy Vang, Lay Leader; Fue Thao, Secretary; John Her, Treasurer and Tsooj Zeb Yaj (assistant); Tsooj Zeb Yaj, UMM; Nam Ntxoov Vam Pov Yaj (Lead), Chia Me Vang, (assistant); Gao Hang, Youth President; Ly Cai Yaj, Music; Gao Hang, Worship. Jason Her, Nyaj Ntxawg Lis, Tony Chang, Technicians, Dr. Tony Vang, SPRC, Pai Vang, SPRC and Hospitality, Addy Yang, Youth Director; Advisors of the Church: Bilia Yaj Moua, Dr. Tony Vang, Tsooj Zeb Yaj, Nyaj Ntxawg Lis, Num Yeeb Yaj, Chia Me Vang, Nou Lee Yaj