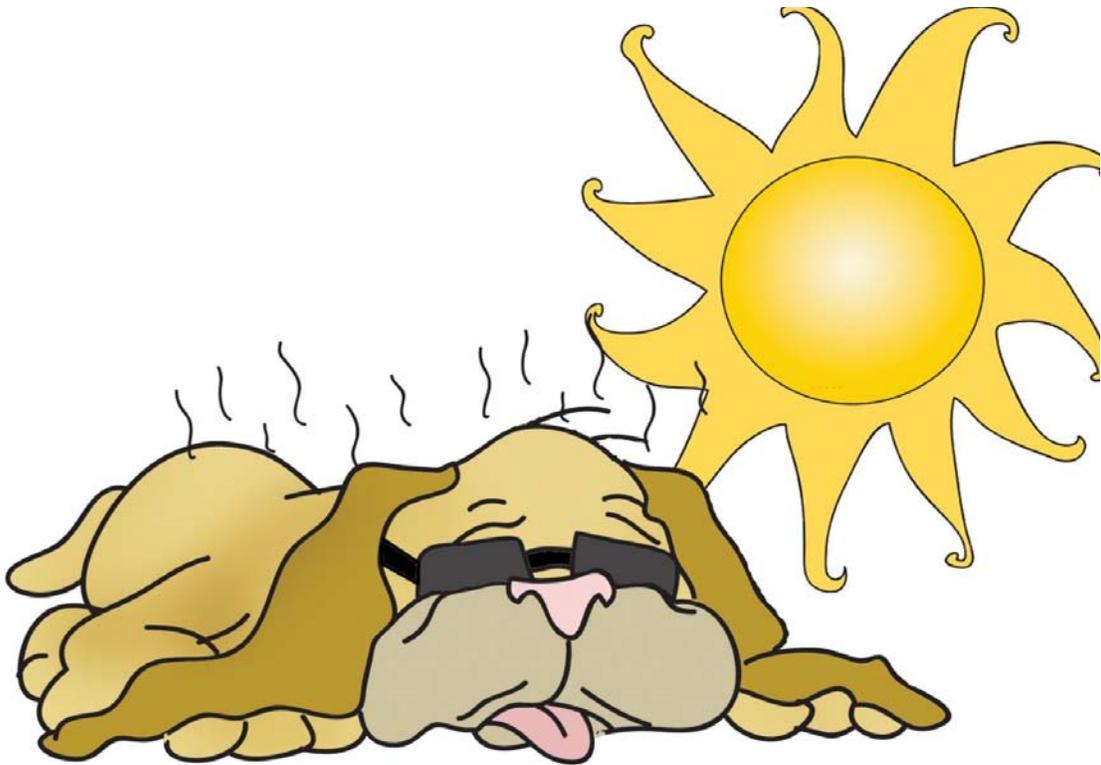


The Methodist Messenger

In the Spirit of John Wesley

“Bringing faith into life by loving God



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I recently had a discussion with someone who wanted to know about the mission/purpose statement of our church, which is as follows:

“FUMCH exists to Bring Faith into Life by Loving God and all people as He Love us.”

This person shot me a puzzled look and asked, “What do you mean by bring faith in to life by loving God and all people?” The question made me realize that often what I think is clear isn’t always clear to someone else... and that maybe I needed to explain what I mean by those words. I can resume our mission statement in these two words, invite and engage. This month we will start with “invite.”

Years ago, the United Methodist Church claimed its mission as “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” I think it is a good statement, drawn from Jesus’ charge to the disciples in Matthew 28:16-20. But I found myself really thinking about the word “make.” What must the church do in order to make disciples? The first step comes with an invite. In Mark’s gospel, Jesus is walking along the Sea of Galilee when he sees Simon and Andrew fishing with their nets. Jesus calls out to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” (Mark 1:16-17) Can you see it? The life of each disciple’s journey began with an invitation to “Come and see.” For some, that invitation came directly from Jesus. For others, it came from one of the disciples.

This detail matters to me and it should matter to you. We often speak of wanting our church to be welcoming to others...and it should be. But there is more to being an invitational church, much more. Being invitational means that we are giving out invitations to “come and see” this community and to hear about Jesus. Being invitational means that we take an active role not just in opening our community to the outsider, but actually being outside the church and issuing invites into the church and into our lives.

Perhaps the best Biblical model comes in John 4, when Jesus talks with the Samaritan Woman. After her encounter with Jesus, she goes and tells the people of her village, “come and see the one who told me everything I did.”

We can point to John 1, where Philip, after being invited by Jesus to follow him, runs to his brother Nathaniel and says, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote: Jesus of Nazareth, Son of Joseph.” (John 1:44-45) Nathaniel wasn’t impressed, wondering aloud if anything “good” could come out of Nazareth. Philip’s responded with, “Come and see.” (John 1:46)

Are we a “come and see” kind of church? Or are we a church that opens its doors, hoists a sign, and hopes that someone happens to walk through the door on their own accord?

I hope and pray that we can quickly answer with a “Come and See”!

In Christ,
Pastor Pablo Róvere

Centering Prayer Guidelines

- Choose a sacred word as a symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within you.
- Sit comfortably with your eyes closed, if you choose and silently introduce your sacred word.
- Begin to focus on your breathing, slow breathing in and out.
- If other thoughts enter and your mind wanders, return ever so gently to your sacred word.
- At the end of your prayer period, return slowly and know God is with you.

Walk with me in a journey of faithfulness.

A commitment in seven different aspects of our Christian faith.
7 Holy habits of Christian faithfulness:

1. Examine your prayer life,
2. Your relationship with Christ,
3. Reading the Bible,
4. Faithful worship attendance,
5. Financial gifts to God,
6. Serving God with our hands,
7. Sharing the Good News of God's LOVE with others.

I invite it you to take the next step in growing your own Faith and helping others to do the same.

"Be a Channel of God's Grace"

Pastor Pablo Rovere

~Thanks for the Help~

Hi everyone, by now you know about my recent fall. I want to thank you for keeping me in your prayers. I also want to thank those of you (in my words "babysat" me) so Larry could run errands and such. All your help has been appreciated. I was looking forward to VBS. Now Candy gets to have fun with the kids in crafts.

Thank you, Andrea McDonald, 559-360-4477

Buildings and Grounds Report Jim Gregory

- Craig True has applied caulking around the high stain glass windows, representing the Great Commission, in the west side of the sanctuary. Because of the height, this required renting a scaffold. Approximately 55% of the caulking was replaced.
- A replacement air vent 12-inch turbine was replaced on the sanctuary classroom roof.
- A replacement window screen was installed in an education building classroom.
- The new sanctuary sound booth has been built and installed. Now we just need to hook every up and begin testing.
- Hanford Rug shampooed the carpets in Mary Lane Hall, Millie Kraft Lounge, and the hallways.
- The mini-mart next to our parking lot has a new owner.
- The fire extinguishers were given the annual servicing by Jorgensen.



ANOTHER CHANCE TO GIVE

Blood Drive

This particular blood drive is a first-time project for one of the Youth organizations in Hanford, the Hanford LEO Club.

*Monday August 26th @ 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ the Salvation Army, Hanford Corp. 380 E. Ivy Street, Hanford.

This one earns you the "pint for a pint" coupon at Baskin Robbins.

- David (559) 584-2911

Everyday Disciples: John Wesley's 22 Questions

These are another 8 of the 22 questions the members of John Wesley's Holy Club asked themselves every day in their private devotions over 200 years ago.

1. When did I last speak to someone else about my faith?
2. Am I defeated in any part of my life?
3. Am I proud?
4. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
5. Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisees who despised the publican?
6. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard?
7. If so, what am I doing about it? Do I grumble or complain constantly?
8. Is Christ real to me?

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/everyday-disciples-john-wesleys-22-questions> (07/26/2019)

About The Holy Club " John and Charles Wesley and a handful of other Oxford students devoted themselves to a rigorous search for holiness and service to others. The Holy Club, the name given to John and Charles Wesley's group by their fellow collegians in mockery of their emphasis on devotions, was the first sign of what later became Methodism... - <https://www.christianitytoday.com/history/issues/issue-2/holy-club.html> (07/19/2019)

Design for Discipleship

(Developing disciples of Jesus Christ)

These studies will develop a deep and abiding relationship with God and actually put into practice what has been learned from the Bible. These studies have SEVEN Design for Discipleship books, total of thirty six chapters. The Design for Discipleship studies have been carefully planned to help you:

- 1 Establish a program of personal study of the Scripture.
- 2 Examine the great truths of the Bible and your response to these.
- 3 Learn and practice the essentials of discipleship.

Studies are every Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.

Price of each book will be \$7.50

Second Book: "The Spirit-Filled Follower of Jesus" (five chapters) is available through Pastor Pablo

Any questions, contact Pastor Pablo

Please keep the following in your prayers this month:

Prayers for the victims of natural disasters and of violence across our nation and *in all parts of our world*. With Christians around the world, we pray for peace with justice and for health, safety and well-being of our neighbors near and far. Prayers for everyone who is struggling spiritually, physically, financially & emotionally; Thanksgiving for all the church volunteers;

Prayer for: For Dianna Newton and the Castanon family for their wellbeing , Lindora Perez and her family, Rebecca Eversall, Andrea McDonald with her recent fall, Bob & Jan Junell, Marilyn Peden, Jennifer Wagner, Sherrie, Dorothy Jensen, Jan Creelman, Bonnie Peters, Frank & Bonnie Butterway's son Richard enduring health problems, Mary Delgado, Kari Snow dealing with health issues, Preston Goldston and family, Mary Durham's nephew Cody Todd enduring health issues, Rebecca Eversall's nephew, Matthew, with his recovery, Fel Beland's brother, Billy Tuazon, Fel's niece Zoi Ceberra, Carol Collar's nephew, Pollie Geissler's relatives, Reverend Andrew Fowler, her brother, Rev Bonifer, Baquiran with a difficult decision leaving the ministry, their 2 daughters in college, Pastor Pablo's mother, Nora, dealing with breast cancer.

**Shower Ministry/Canned
Food Drive**

There are two white baskets in the church narthex.

One is there to collect soap, tooth brushes and toiletries for the shower ministry at the Pentecostal Church of God at the corner of Green and 11th Streets.

Dental floss, toothpaste and small (like hotel rooms have) bottles of shampoo are especially welcome.

The other basket is there to collect non-perishable food items for the ministry at the Soup Kitchen at the Episcopal Church on Douty Street.

Please check the dates on these non-perishables, as we can't share pired items.

We participate in these established ministries rather than duplicate them, and they do depend on us. If you haven't had the opportunity to donate in a while, the baskets are still there.



**Mission Service
Opportunity**

Friday, August 16, 2019

8 a.m. to noon
(or any part thereof)

Salvation Army
380 East Ivy Street

*Join us each month in helping
distribute fresh food to those in
need*

in our community.

Volunteers are needed!

Many hands make light work!

Canned foods are needed!



laundry love

Laundry Love is a cooperative effort between our church and the First Presbyterian Church (with a regular donation from Lakeside Community Church) to offer a regular opportunity for people who are struggling financially to come and do their laundry. Laundry Love provides soap, money for the machines, food and fellowship.

Our next Laundry Love event is planned for
Thursday, August 15, 2019
from 3-7 p.m.

Volunteers are needed! Talk with Peggy Gregory or just come on by!
Star Laundry
S. 11th Avenue (Near Big Lots)

Ministry Support Team (MST)

MST is the leadership group in our church that is tasked with caring for our resources; money, staff and building. They usually meet every second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Next date will be: August 8th

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

The 2nd & 4th Sundays
of the month
at 2:00p.m. at

HANFORD

POST ACUTE

Rehabilitation Center
1007 W. Lacey Blvd. Hanford

FYI~

There will be no Stitching Group or Women's Bible Study during the month of August.

Carole Hester~

Board of Discipleship

BOD is the "Think Tank" of our church at which all church participants dream and suggest programs to help us all in our journey of faith and service.

At the BOD meetings **everyone is welcome** to bring an idea or a concern about any of the following practices:

- Worship
- Christian Education
- Service to the Community
- Mission and Outreach to the World
- Spiritual Growth
- Social Activities in the church
- Youth Activities

Everyone is invited to attend to help us come up with ideas to help the church grow and reach out to the community.

Our next scheduled meeting will be:

August 7th at 3:30 p.m.

What Happened to All Those Bags???

Remember all those bags of clothes we collected during Lent? Well, little by little they have been taken to St. Brigid Community Outreach Center (formerly St. Vincent de Paul Center).

One of the volunteers there made a point to tell me how much they appreciated our donations and how clean and nice they were. Good job, Methodists!

Peggy Gregory

WORSHIP CONNECTIONS

Worship Coordinator

August 4: Peggy Gregory
August 11: Mary Jane Gozun
August 18: Chris Payne
August 25: Cat Barclay

Lay Worship Leaders

August 4: Larry McDonald
August 11: Rebecca Eversall
August 18: Sue Hensel
August 25: Carol Collar

Ushers

August 4: Jim Gregory, Mike Bertaina
August 11: David Beeman, Mike Bertaina
August 18: Jim Gregory, Mike Bertaina
August 25: David Beeman, Jim Gregory

Counting Team

August 4: Sue Hensel, John Meadows
August 11: Vicki Beeman, Patty Ferrell
August 18: Sue Hensel, Karen Shoemaker
August 25: David Beeman, Jim Gregory

Coffee Hour

August 4: Boone
August 11: Randles
August 18: Patty Ferrell
August 25: Cat Barclay

Greeters

August 4: Chris Payne
August 11: Sue Hensel
August 18: Patty Ferrell
August 25: Bertaina

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



August Birthdays

Donna Noonon	Aug. 7
Janice Alves	Aug. 11
Jeanette Keith	Aug. 13
Kyle Klein	Aug. 18
Mackenzie Wagner	Aug. 29



August Anniversaries

Larry & Andrea McDonald	August 5
Frank & Bonnie Butterway	August 9
Verne & Polly Adams	August 16

Is your Birthday or Anniversary not listed?

Let the office know so we can include you not only in the Newsletter, but the Church Directory.

At FUMC Hanford, we take the vows of membership very seriously. We have promised to uphold the United Methodist Church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.



Sunday Schedule
 9:00 am Children & Adult
 Sunday School
 9:30 am Praise Team Rehearsal
 10:30 am Worship Service &
 Coffee Hour following worship

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1) 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School	2) 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School	3)
4) Communion Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	5)	6) 7:10 a.m. Men's Bible Study	7) 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship & Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Board of Discipleship (BOD) 6:00 p.m. Design for Discipleship "The Spirit-filled follower of Christ"	8) 6:00 p.m. Ministry Support Team (MST)	9)	10)
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