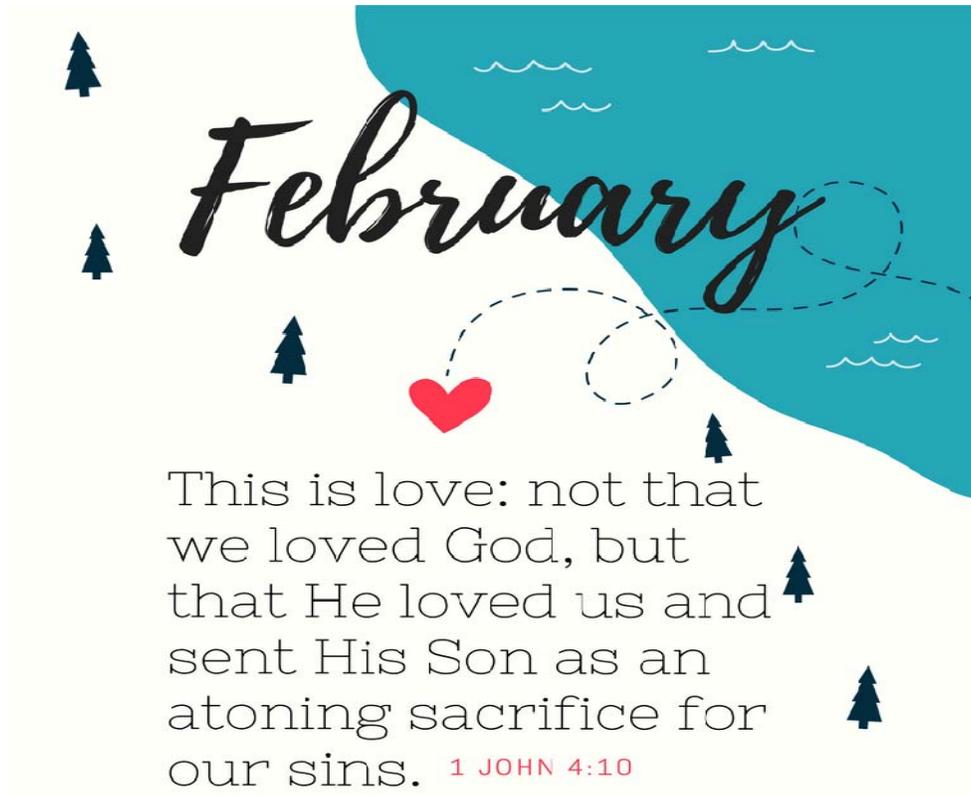


The Methodist Messenger

In the Spirit of John Wesley

*“Bringing faith into life by loving God
and all people as God loves us”*



February 2019

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Buildings and Grounds Report

Jim Gregory

- Rivera's Air installed the replacement blower to the west wall furnace in Founders Hall. The work was under warranty.
- A new 32 inch custom built door with a tempered safety glass panel for the pastor's office has been installed.
- The 42 inch Boy Scout exterior door was trimmed and the hardware was adjusted.
- A contractor applied an insulation blanket around the hot water heater in the Friendship room closet at no cost.
- Brent fixed the two pedestal lamps on the lamp posts outside the sanctuary entry doors. Halogen light fixtures were replaced with regular light fixtures and LED bulbs.
- Repairs were done to the sanctuary and office furnaces, the Mary Lane Hall furnace, and the parsonage furnace.

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Request

The Board of Discipleship (BOD) is starting to gather names in an attempt to offer a Vacation Bible School this summer. If you are willing to help with a VBS (probably in July), let the office know. Our goal is to do Monday through Friday. Let us know if evening or daytime works best.

Larry McDonald, BOD Chairman

2019 DIRECTORY

Revisions are being made to the 2019 Directory. If you have any changes in your address, phone number, e-mail, new birthdays, new anniversaries, or if you would like to be added, please call or e-mail the office or stop the office by **Friday, February 8th.**

Thank you,

Stephanie~

February 2019

“Hospitality”

“We’re such a friendly church.” I heard it at every church I have been at...and in following up with people who had visited, I found out that often a church’s self-perception of being friendly really means that they are close.

Through the years their lives have become so intertwined and woven together that a newcomer cannot find an entrance into the community. In these instances, a community’s greatest strength becomes its greatest weakness.

Being friendly with one another does not mean a community practices hospitality. Hospitality means much more than simply being friendly...it is so much more than the tepid welcome we usually offer people. Christian hospitality is the active desire to invite, welcome, receive, and care for those who are strangers so that they find a spiritual home and discover for themselves the unending richness of life in Christ. Far more than intention, Christian hospitality practices the gracious love of Christ, respects the dignity of others, and expresses God invitation to others, not our own.

The Apostle Paul says, “Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” (Romans 15:7) The author of Hebrews says, “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” (Hebrews 13:2) Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me” (Matthew 18:5) and “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” (Matthew 25:35). If we believe that the Bible reveals how God desires us to live, then shouldn’t these words impact the way we do church? Wouldn’t taking Jesus seriously change the way we help, serve, receive, support, and encourage others?

Whether we like it or not, hospitality is a part of the mission Christ has given us: we are inviting people to be a part of the body of Christ: not just our church community. Hospitality involves seeing ourselves as sent out by Christ and going out of our way, even at the risk of a sense of awkwardness and inconvenience, to invite people to some aspect of the church’s ministry.

Hospitality is prayer, work, habit, practice and initiative for the purposes of Christ. How are we doing with our hospitality? How can we make the same kind of hospitality we see in the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Christ? How are we doing as a church, as a Sunday School class, in our worship services and mission projects and Bible studies? How can we do better?

*In Christ,
Pastor Pablo D. Róvere*

We have a musical program for February. Our favorite barbershop quartet will be singing for us! Sound Projection even plans to sing romantic songs for Valentine's Day. We'll be meeting on the 11th, but that's close enough.

When I was growing up in Escalon, barbershop quartet music filled our house. My dad was in a quartet, and whenever they rehearsed at our house, it seemed they laughed more than they sang. It was SO much fun! If you aren't familiar with barbershop quartet music, you are in for a treat. The songs are clever, witty, sparkly and lively. The harmony is an uplifting experience. If you *are* familiar, then you already know that!

We have now have dinner teams signed up for our monthly UMM dinners in March, April, May, June and, after a two-month break, next September!

But we do not have a team as of this article deadline for February dinner.

As a two-person dinner team you would be responsible for making the dinner plan. You can say -

- Let's order pizza
- Let's go to a restaurant
- Let's all bring pot luck
- I'll get one person for salad, one for side dish, one for dessert...
- I'll make a dinner
- Let's have it catered
- Come over to my house - or to the park for a picnic - or...

Your choices are *unlimited*. I'll get the word out and get you a count. And UMM will reimburse you your expenses.

I think we could tell how much Pastor Pablo loves his homeland of Argentina by the effort he put into his presentation at the United Methodist Men dinner last month. He had researched the dates in Argentine history, made a slideshow, bought an Argentine national flag, and brought jerseys of his favorite soccer teams. He talked about ethnic groups and social programs in Argentina, including Bolivians. He showed pictures of distinctive popular dishes in Argentina, and described what is in them and even the rules for sharing them. He told about the customs for hugging friends upon arriving and departing, and lingering after (and before!) events for good conversation. The sweater he was wearing was emblazoned with Spanish on the back about *his story* - when I got it translated, it says "where it all began."

- David Beeman, 559-584-7510

Newsletter Has New Look - New Plan

You will notice that the newsletter has a new shape and layout. This new format is more compatible with posting the newsletter on our website and for printing copies at home.

We are moving toward eliminating the mass mailing of the newsletter as a way to save postage, paper and printing costs.

Get a Mailed Copy: If you would still like to have the newsletter mailed to your home, just let the office know and we keep you on the list. If you would like to be removed from the mailing list immediately, just let us know.

Get an Email Copy: If you would like to receive the newsletter as an email attachment, confirm your email address with the office and tell us to add you to the newsletter email list.

Read/print from the Web: The newsletter is posted on the church website at the first of each month. You can always find it there and print yourself a copy.

Pick Up a Copy at church: Pick up a copy during the week at the office or on Sunday.

You can tell us what you prefer by contacting the office or filling out the form on the newsletter page on the website at fumchanford.org

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. Thanksgiving for all the church volunteers;

Prayer for: For Dianna Newton and the Castanon family for their wellbeing , Lindora Perez and her family, Andrea McDonald, Jessica Maris' mother, 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, Jeff Durham, Cooper Coffee, Mary Durham's friends Julie and Becky and their families.

Shower Ministry/Canned Food Drive

Two Plastic Baskets

There are two white baskets in the church narthex.

One is there to collect soap, toothbrushes 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 expired 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, well, the baskets are still there.

God bless you.



Laundry Love is a cooperative effort among several churches in our community 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 and fellowship.

Our next Laundry Love event is planned for
Thursday, February 21, 2019
from 3-8 p.m.

Volunteers are needed! Talk with Peggy Gregory or just come on by!



Budget Update

At the end of the year our General Fund income was more than \$18,000 short of expenses.

As a result, funds had be diverted from our Available Program Fund which were intended for new programs of outreach, spiritual growth and needed repairs.

To avoid this happening again, we all need to make a concerted effort to support the general fund each month so that our basic costs for running the church are covered. We are looking at ways to increase income and reduce expenses, however more than 80% of the budget is fixed costs.

Please remember that to keep our church moving forward, we all need to help.

Mission Service Opportunity

Friday, February 15, 2019
8 a.m. to noon
(or any part thereof)

Salvation Army
380 East Ivy Street

Join us in helping distribute fresh food to those in need in our community.
Volunteers are needed!
Many hands make light work!

Wednesday Supper & Study Continues

A Series of Video Sermons & Presentations by Adam Hamilton

6:00 p.m. - Including a Supper

“Prayer As Jesus Taught Us”

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| February 6 | Our Daily Bread |
| February 13 | Forgive... As We Forgive |
| February 20 | Lead Us... Deliver Us |
| February 27 | For THINE is the Kingdom, Power and... |

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 meet every second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

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
- Meetings are always on the 1st Wednesday of the month

Next BOD meeting:

February 6 @ 3:30 p.m.

JOIN US FOR

WORSHIP

the 2nd & 4th Sundays
of the month

at 2:00 p.m. at

HANFORD

POST ACUTE

1007 W. Lacey Blvd, Hanford

The Board of Discipleship will meet February 6 at 3:30 p.m.

WORSHIP CONNECTIONS

Worship Coordinator

February 3: Chris Payne
February 10: Cat Barclay
February 17: Peggy Gregory
February 24: Mary Jane Gozun

Lay Worship Leaders

February 3: David Beeman
February 10: Jan Franke
February 17: Vicki Beeman
February 24: Patty Ferrell

Ushers

February 3: Jim Gregory, Mike Bertaina
February 10: David Beeman, Mike Bertaina
February 17: Jim Gregory, Mike Bertaina
February 24: David Beeman, Jim Gregory

Counting Team

February 3: Sue Hensel, John Meadows
February 10: Vicki Beeman, Patty Ferrell
February 17: Sue Hensel, Karen Shoemaker
February 24: David Beeman, Jim Gregory

Coffee Hour

February 3: Shoemaker
February 10: Gregory
February 17: Boone
February 24: Randles

Greeters

February 3: Chris Payne
February 10: John Meadows, Carole Hester
February 17: Sue Hensel
February 24: Cat Barclay

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



February Birthdays

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|-----------------|--------|
| Mary Jane Gozun | Feb 4 |
| Allen Pedersen | Feb 5 |
| Joseph Castanon | Feb 7 |
| Brent Noonan | Feb 7 |
| Mark Collar | Feb 9 |
| Jan Junell | Feb 10 |
| Sue Hensel | Feb 11 |
| Mike Bertaina | Feb 17 |
| Jan Franke | Feb 21 |
| Susan Foster | Feb 25 |



February Anniversaries

Stevie & Valerie Esparza Feb 1

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.

February

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|----------|
| Sunday Schedule 9:00 am Children & Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Praise Team Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship Service & Coffee Hour following worship | | | | | 1) | 2) |
| 3) Communion Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship | 4) 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack Meeting | 5) 7:10 a.m. Men's Bible Study | 6) 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship & Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Stitching Group 3:30 p.m. Board of Discipleship (BOD) 6:00 p.m. Dinner and the Lord's Prayer Study | 7) 8:15 a.m. Women's Book Study <u>Keep It Shut</u> | 8) | 9) |
| 10) 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship SCOUT SUNDAY 2:00 p.m. Worship at Hanford Post Acute (HPA) | 11) 6:30 p.m. UMM Meeting | 12) 7:10 a.m. Men's Bible Study | 13) 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship & Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Stitching Group 6:00 p.m. Dinner and the Lord's Prayer Study | 14) 8:15 a.m. Women's Book Study <u>Keep It Shut</u> 6:00 p.m. Ministry Support Team (MST) | 15) 8 a.m. to noon: Salvation Army Food Giveaway  | 16) |
| 17) 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship | 18) | 19) 7:10 a.m. Men's Bible Study | 20) 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship & Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Stitching Group 6:00 p.m. Dinner and the Lord's Prayer Study | 21) 8:15 a.m. Women's Book Study - <u>Keep It Shut</u>  3:00—8:00 p.m. @ Star Laundry | 22)  | 23) |
| 24) 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. Worship at Hanford Post Acute (HPA) | 25) | 26) | 27) 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship & Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Stitching Group 6:00 p.m. Dinner and the Lord's Prayer Study | 28) 8:15 a.m. Women's Book Study - <u>Keep It Shut</u> 10:00 a.m. Newsletter Folding | | |

Please Note!

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We are moving to a mostly online newsletter. Please let us know how you would like to receive this newsletter in the future. Contact the church office in one of the following ways:

Telephone: 559 584 4075

Email: office@fumchanford.org

Visit the website and fill out the form on the newsletter page: fumchanford.org

You may request one or more of the following:

- Continue receiving the newsletter by mail **or** request removal from the mailing list.
- Receive the newsletter as an email attachment.
- Read the newsletter on the website.
- Pick up a copy at church.