

First United Methodist Church
505 North Redington Street
Hanford, CA 93230

NONPROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 13

The Methodist Messenger

In the Spirit of John Wesley

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



Sierra Service Project

Building Faith, Strengthening Communities, Serving Others.



SSP is **“Building faith and strengthening communities through service to others.”** by providing life-changing experiences for youth by allowing them to experience the profound power of serving people who have a culture and life experience different from their own. In CA, OR, NV and AZ, approx. 1,500 youth and 400 adult volunteers from 120 churches and over 40 paid summer staff work together, resulting in over 130 safer, drier and more comfortable homes and community centers.

This summer our Pastor Cynthia and a team of youth from our Church and community will be joining with Pastor Ginger Foster and a team from the Mariposa area to serve the Walker River Paiute Tribe in Shurz, NV.

Please begin praying for our team, and those they will be in ministry with.

First United Methodist Church
505 N. Redington Street
Hanford, CA 93230

Office (559) 584-4075 Fax (559) 584-5438
E-mail office@fumchanford.org

Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Pastor Cynthia Stateman

WELCOME
PASTOR CYNTHIA STATEMAN

Immediately following the morning service on Sunday, July 5, we will have an opportunity to welcome Pastor Cynthia Stateman as our new neighbor and Pastor here at Hanford First United Methodist Church.

Please stop by during the coffee hour following the morning worship service to meet Pastor Cynthia and give her your personal welcome into our church family.



A PRAYER OF TRANSITION

Almighty and Loving God,

You who called the universe into being, You who formed our inmost being and called us to be your people: We give you thanks for your constant presence. Through seasons of constancy and even change, you are with us – calling us into deeper waters, calling us together in your spirit of unity, calling us out of ourselves into the world to serve others. Grant that those pastors being called into new waters might hold fast to unending love and mercy as a buoy – a love that promised to hold onto us even as we go where your Spirit leads us. May the churches that receive them be communities of mercy and grace. May the churches experiencing loss and change hold fast to the promise that your mission is bigger than any single pastor, local church, or annual conference. Grant that such a promise would bring both comfort and discomfort – comfort in a season of change and discomfort as it drives us all to love you and each other more. Strengthen us to be your Church in all times and seasons of life – a place where all are truly welcomed and embraced in your love (even new pastors and church members); a place where we find ways you are active among us and calling us to join in your saving work; a place where the story of your love and grace and mercy are embodied. We offer our prayers in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

VBS Registration Form
Hanford First United Methodist Church
(one per child)

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Age Information Date of birth _____ Age _____ Entering Grade _____

Home Church _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other _____

Emergency Contacts

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Dismissal Information Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

Phone Number(s) _____

Do you agree to allow photos of your child to be used in church presentations? ___Yes ___No

Other Information (church use only)

Group _____



Hanford First United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School Parent Letter

Dear Parents,

At *G-FORCE* ADVENTURE PARK VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, your children **ENTERING 1ST THROUGH 6TH GRADE** will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that will give them an opportunity to experience God's love in action. During Vacation Bible School at *G-FORCE: GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION*, your children will become Navigators and explore how to serve God and others with active love.

After a high-energy opening assembly at the *G-FORCE* Zone, the Navigators make their way through 4 centers: The Scripture Zone is where Interactive Bible lessons reveal Action Words for following God's plan for our lives. The children will expand on what they've discovered by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects at the Craft Zone, exploring science activities at Science Zone, and participating in recreational activities at the Recreation Zone. Along the way, the Navigators will hear about our mission project and enjoy being active!

Let's go! Join us at **Hanford First United Methodist Church** located at 505 N. Redington Street Hanford, CA for a **THREE DAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** on:

Thursday, July 9th from 9:00 am to Noon, and Friday, July 10th from 9:00 am to Noon, then Saturday, July 11th from 9:00 am 2:30 pm. Free lunch is included on Saturday only. A celebration of VBS will follow during our regular service on **Sunday, July 12th at 10:30 am.** Following our service, we will have an **ice cream party.** We invite your children and the whole family and friends to come celebrate with us.

To register or to find out more about G-FORCE, visit the church website at [HTTP://FUMCHANFORD.ORG](http://FUMCHANFORD.ORG) where you can register online, or stop by the office to pick up a registration form. Office hours are 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Monday - Friday.

Jan Franke Your *G-FORCE* VBS Director



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 July 16th, from 3-8 pm.

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



Mission Service Opportunity

Friday, July 17th,
8 am - 12 noon

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!



There is a collection basket in the narthex for your offering of canned food for the Salvation Army.

Shower Ministry

Thank you for continuing to remember the Shower Ministry for the homeless as you shop. Let's keep filling up the basket on the altar.

These items have a great impact on the lives of those who are served at the Shower Ministry for the Homeless at The Hanford Pentecostal Church.

Needs:

Deodorant, Tooth Brushes, Toothpaste, Talc or Baby Powder, Terry Bathmats

APF GRANTS

Ministry Support Team will be considering Available Program Fund

grant requests at its next meeting on July 9th.



Stitching Group

Every Wednesday, 10:00 am - noon
Millie Kraft Lounge

Anyone who wants to share, learn, stitch in any way are welcome to fellowship with us.



Would you like to see your deceased loved one honored with a memorial stone in the Prayer Garden?

See Bob Peden for details.

The Central Valley District Council on Ministry
presents
Second Saturday Monthly
Lay Leadership Courses
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Register via www.cnumc.org
(scroll down and look under registrations on the right)

In Porterville @ Grand Avenue UMC:
October 10 - Enneagram Your Spiritual Type

In Stockton @ Central UMC:
July 11 - Enneagram Your Spiritual Type
September 12 - United Methodist History

WORSHIP CONNECTIONS

Worship Coordinator

- July 5:** Chris Payne
July 12: Andrea McDonald
July 19: Peggy Gregory
July 26: Becky Eversall

Lay Worship Leaders

- July 5:** Jan Franke
July 12: David Beeman
July 19: Vicki Beeman
July 26: Stacy Brockie

Greeters

- July 5:** Sue Hensel
July 12: Verne Adams
July 19: David & Vicki Beeman
July 26: Jetta & Glen Lenox

Ushers

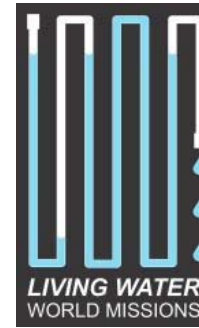
- July 5:** Verne Adams, Jim Gregory
July 12: Mike Bertaina, John Meadows
July 19: Mike Bertaina, Creed Cavazos, Mary Durham
July 26: Mary Durham, Mike Bertaina

Counting Team

- July 5:** Sue Hensel, Andrea McDonald,
July 12: Vicki Beeman, Patty Ferrell
July 19: Sue Hensel, Karen Shoemaker
July 26: Jim Gregory, David Beeman

Morning Worship Coffee Hour

- July 5:** Heather Roberts, Diana Boone
July 12: Roy & Delfa Randles VBS ICE CREAM PARTY
July 19: Jetta & Glen Lenox
July 26: Sue Hensel



For Drinking Only

At our June meeting UMM heard from David Hamilton of Visalia about Living Water World Missions. He explained how this group, supported originally by five churches in Visalia, learned how to make a water purification system for about \$3,000. He showed us pictures of the green, chunky water people were drinking daily in several places. They now work with churches and orphanages, typically in Central America, to install the system and train local people to maintain it. The biggest piece of the system looks like the shape in their logo. Each system gets purchased by a sponsor (here in the US) and installed by both local church members and a mission team. The mission team is made from both the Living Water regulars and the sponsoring church. When they go they have three jobs the mission team does. One is getting this or a future site ready and approved that it can be sustainable. The second is the installation work crew. And the third helps conduct classes in use of the clean water. It doesn't produce enough for bathing or washing, so the water is just for cooking and drinking. One of the best parts is that the system produces enough water that the school or orphanage can sell some and offset its expenses.

Out for the Summer


Before the United Methodist Men began a summer break, we voted to spend up to \$200 to purchase a floor-standing flag. The flag is meant to be one of a two-flag set for use in Founders Hall. We also had our annual election for next year's officer, the President, and the group would not let me out of the job after only one year. Bob Peden did a great job as our dinner chair this year, and I hope he is willing to serve in that capacity next year also. We could use a Secretary-Treasurer or an attendance chair, so be warned that I will be seeking someone for either of those positions. So UMM is in recess until Monday, September 14th. Then we'll gather for dinner again that evening at 6:30.

David Beeman



SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPORT TEAM

Do you have an interest in the spiritual lives of children? Would you like to see our Sunday School grow? Let's get together to offer our Sunday School Leaders support. Let the office know if you are interested.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1) 8:00 am Men's Study Group <i>10:00 am - Noon Stitching Group</i>	2)	3)	4)
5) 9:00 am Children & Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship After service WELCOME PASTOR CYNTHIA STATEMAN at Coffee Hour	6)	7) 6:30 am Men's Bible Study * 8:30 am VBS DECORATING	8) 8:00 am Men's Study Group <i>10:00 am - Noon Stitching Group</i>	9) OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 am - 12:30 pm VBS 5:00 pm Ministry Support Team (MST)	10) OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 am - 12:30 pm VBS	11) 9:00 am - 2:30 pm VBS
12) 9:00 am Children & Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	13)	14) 6:30 am Men's Bible Study TAKING DOWN AND STORAGE OF VBS DECORATIONS	15) 8:00 am Men's Study Group <i>10:00 am - Noon Stitching Group</i>	16) 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Laundry Love	17) 8am-noon Salvation Army Food Giveaway 	18)
19) 9:00 am Children & Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	20)	21) 6:30 am Men's Bible Study	22) 8:00 am Men's Study Group <i>10:00 am - Noon Stitching Group</i>	23)	24) 10:00 am NEWSLETTER FOLDING Pastor Cynthia Stateman at Sierra Service Project →	25)
26) 9:00 am Children & Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Pastor Cynthia Stateman at Sierra Service Project →	27)	28) 6:30 am Men's Bible Study	29) 8:00 am Men's Study Group <i>10:00 am - Noon Stitching Group</i>	30)	31)	→

Sunday Schedule

9:00 am Children & Adult Sunday School

9:30 am Praise Team Rehearsal

10:30 am Worship Service

Coffee Hour following worship



Birthdays

Debbie True	July 6
Patricia George	July 12
Ashley Wilson	July 12
Karen Shoemaker	July 15
Peggy Gregory	July 18
Daryl Johnson	July 22
Lexee Toste	July 23
Jim Taylor	July 25
Doug True	July 25
Colleen Simms	July 29



Anniversaries

Manuel & Shawnee Toste	July 7
Jim & Peggy Gregory	July 16
Mike & Candy Bertaina	July 23
David & Vicki Beeman	July 30

Your Birthday or Anniversary not listed?

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

Directory