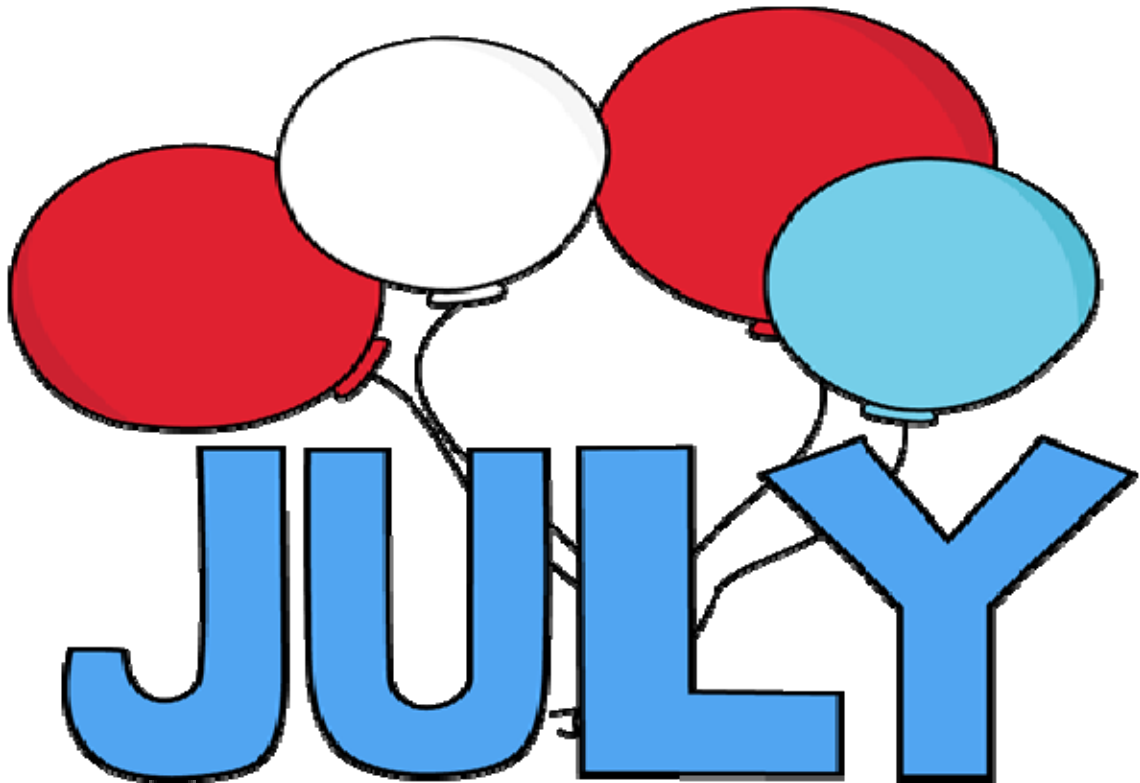


The Methodist Messenger

In the Spirit of John Wesley

"Bringing faith into life by loving God"



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Pastor: Pablo Róvere

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PASTOR PASTOR PABLO DANIEL RÓVERE

This month we welcome Pastor Pablo Daniel Róvere to First United Methodist Church. Pastor Pablo, as he likes to be called, was born in Chacabuco, Argentina to Hugo and Nora Róvere. He grew up there, and keeps in touch with his parents, two sisters, four nephews, and two nieces by Skype.

Pastor Pablo was baptized and grew up in the Methodist Church in Argentina. In 2000, he was called to ministry during a devotional time while serving as *the Methodist youth representative of Argentina* in the Council of Evangelical Methodist Churches of Latin America that met in Sao Paolo, Brazil.

In March 2001, he started seminary and soon met Michelle. In 2005, he married Michelle, graduated from seminary, and began serving three congregations simultaneously while also serving as a circuit leader. Pablo and Michelle have 3 children; Trinity (10), Lucas (6), and Iris (3). Michelle is also a pastor (ordained in the ELCA – Evangelical Lutheran Church of America). She will be seeking a call to ministry in this area.

In addition to being a pastor in Argentina, Pastor Pablo has served churches in Tucson, AZ; and four churches in southern California. Pastor Pablo became a Provisional Elder in June 2016, and plans to apply for ordination as an Elder this fall. He is bilingual; has experience in Multicultural Ministry; and spends his spare time with his family and his hobbies (soccer, carpentry, and fixing things).

We look forward to ministry with Pastor Pablo.

Weekly Prayer Group

Come refresh your spirit as we join together to lift up the joys and concerns of our lives and of the world to the One who loves us all.

Thursday Nights
5pm – 6pm

Love Yourself To Wholeness

Patricia George-Group Leader

• B.A Music • PhD Life • Teacher • Musician • Writer/Artist •

patricia.george91@yahoo.com

Cell 559 309-6928

Bring a spiral notebook for taking notes and for journaling
We meet in my home, so come prepared to take off your shoes
(you are welcome to bring your slippers or just wear socks)

What happens in this group?

- sharing stories • discovering tools to manage depression •
- exploring the human condition •

Who is welcome?

God centered people of all faiths, backgrounds and ages

Wednesday Nights
7pm – 8:30pm

Second Saturday District Training

The Central Valley District Council on Ministry Presents another 2nd Saturday Training

August 11

Preaching II

Basic Lay Servant Training

9am-3pm

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:

July 11 @ 3:30 p.m.



**Episcopal Church
Soup Kitchen
Canned Food Drive:**

This a great opportunity to help in our community but will not be possible without your support, so please join our church in this battle against hunger. **Please no expired items.** There's a container in the main entrance where you may drop off your donations. Thanks again and God bless!

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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
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Peden's Family Cookbook
For Sale \$20
Makes a great gift this holiday
season! Books can be purchased

WORSHIP CONNECTIONS

Worship Coordinator

July 1: Cay Barclay
July 8: Peggy Gregory
July 15: Mary Jane Gozun
July 22: Chris Payne
July 29: Cat Barclay

Lay Worship Leaders

July 1: David Beeman
July 8: Vicki Beeman
July 15: Patty Ferrell
July 22: Cat Barclay
July 29: Larry McDonald

Ushers

July 1: Jim Gregory, Mike Bertaina
July 8: David Beeman, Mike Bertaina
July 15: David Beeman, Mike Bertaina
July 22: David Beeman, Jim Gregory
July 29: David Beeman, Mike Bertaina

Counting Team

July 1: Sue Hensel, John Meadows
July 8: Jim Gregory, David Beeman
July 15: Sue Hensel, Karen Shoemaker
July 22: Vicki Beeman, Patty Ferrell
July 29: Rebeccah Eversall, David Beeman

Coffee Hour

July 1: McDonalds
July 8: Shoemakers
July 15: Peggy Gregory
July 22: Beemans
July 29: Cat Barclay



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.

Buildings & Grounds report

Jim Gregory

The fire extinguishers received the annual servicing. Two were replaced with new ones.

Randy McNary replaced the 32 inch door from the sanctuary to the Prayer Garden. Brent Noonan serviced and started up the three evaporative coolers.

A lot of work was done to the parsonage, with the departure of Pastor Cynthia and the arrival of our new pastor. Paul Bryant did a tune-up on the sprinkler system. Johnny Cotta did repairs to the picket fence and replaced the three-foot tall picket fence in front by the mail box. Phillips Garage Door repaired the double garage door. Daryl Vander Veen installed a new ceiling fan and light fixture in the living room. Rudy Lobato's crew scrubbed all the interior walls with TSP followed by a second scrub of Simple Green. Church volunteers did the taping and masking over the weekend of June 16 and 17, prior to painting an odor masking oil based primer on June 18, followed by a finish coat of semi-gloss paint on June 19. Robinsons Interior removed the carpeting and padding and replaced it with new carpeting and padding on June 21 and 22.

Work days on June 22, 23, and 24, addressed a number of issues to get ready for the arrival of the new family. Mary, our custodian, cleaned the kitchen and bathrooms on June 25 and 26, in time for the family's arrival on June 27.

I would like to thank everyone who donated their time and money, during the short window of time to do the repairs and upgrades to the parsonage. We are offering a home that we can be proud of, to our new pastor and his family.



Hi, I hope that all is well with you. There is no UMW meeting till Sept. I am hoping that you attend Mission University the dates for all three events:

San Jose Aug 4 Chico Aug 10-11 Fresno Aug 17-19

Thank you, Andrea McDonald

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Do you remember the “Second Saturday” events our church’s Central Valley District has been holding? Did you also remember that this year they got moved to Hanford (!) every alternate month?

Jim Gregory attended one about Methodist heritage, and it was so good, he shared many things with us at the June UMM meeting. He told about the family of John and Charles Wesley, Oxford and methods of increasing personal holiness. I had great notes, but lost them.

Our dinner teams have done a great job!

In June, Glen Lenox and Larry McDonald fed us well. I think they had some help from home. Everybody enjoyed it.

In May, Jim Shoemaker and Roy Randles used a similar approach and provided a most enjoyable meal.

In April, John Meadows teamed with Carole Hester to bring a most satisfying dinner.

Those meals really set the tone for the evening and provided many opportunities for fellowship. I thank these gentlemen for stepping up and volunteering to make it happen.

So now, they are off the hook until April, May and June of 2019. That was a promise made to them when they agreed to this.

And we do not yet have anybody signed up to be the two-man dinner team for **our next meeting**, which will be in September. So, if I don’t hear from you first, then you can expect to hear from me before September. (Except Bob Peden. He organized and/or made all our dinners for the two years before this.)

David Beeman

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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.

Please keep the following in your prayers this month:

Prayers of Health Concern

Andrea McDonald, Marilyn Peden, Dorothy Jensen, Bonnie Peters, Mark Dickenson and Jan Junell.

Other Prayer Requests

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; for the health, healing, comfort and well-being for Verne Adams, Lindora Perez and her family, Andrea McDonald, Betty Claxton and her family, Jessica Maris' mother, Bob & Jan Junell, Jan Franke's sister in law Trish who has lupus and very aggressive MS, Marilyn Peden, Jennifer Wagner, Sherrie, Dorothy Jensen, the Geissler's friend Mike Pina, Bonnie Peters, Frank & Bonnie Butterway's son Richard enduring health problems; and all of their families & loved ones .

Shower Ministry

Thanks to those who have remembered to make donations to the shower ministry of toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss and other dental items.

If this is new to you, there is a white collection basket just as you enter the main doors of the church. Your donated items are taken to the Shower Ministry at the Hanford Pentecostal Church on Eleventh Street. A few years ago, several churches that participate in supporting this ministry divided up what the needs were, and our church got Dental Supplies. So if your dental hygienist offers you a free toothbrush, ask if you can have two. But soap, shampoo, combs and conditioner are also welcome. This month someone donated some nice green bathmats. The Kings Gospel Mission has converted the seating area of a small white bus into three shower stalls. Now those who have lost both home and car don't have to travel to Eleventh Street to find a shower to be presentable while looking for a leader and volunteers to schedule, drive and maintain the bus. We have made a commitment as a church to support the Shower Ministry at the Pentecostal Church, but individuals with shower supplies, especially the soaps and shampoos might consider donating to what will surely be an ongoing need with mobile showers too.



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, July 19, 2018
from 3-8 p.m.

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



Mission Service Opportunity

Friday, July 20, 2018

8 a.m. to 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!*

CHURCH NURSERY HELPERS

Our Church Nursery needs more volunteers to keep functioning well. We have a wonderful paid Church Nursery attendant, Lynda, who is there every Sunday and doing a fine job. However, in order to follow established legal guidelines, we must have two persons tending to the Nursery each Sunday in order to operate within those guidelines. Thus, we need one Church member volunteer each Sunday to assist Lynda.

We can best serve our Church families and visitors with small children if we have a well functioning Church nursery. So far, we have been able to keep our Church Nursery operating with three volunteers assisting Lynda. Unfortunately, one of those three is soon moving out of town. Thus, we urgently need more volunteers who can be scheduled to assist in the Church Nursery.

Our best arrangement would be for us to have 8 or 9 volunteers who can be scheduled to assist Lynda in the Nursery. Thus, each volunteer would have to help in the Nursery about once each two months.

We do need to provide additional support for Lynda to remain within the legal guidelines that apply to our situation while we provide the support for families with children who wish to attend our Church.

If you are able to donate one Sunday every six to eight weeks to work in the Church Nursery please give Jetta Lenox a call (559-584-5926) to help our Church support families with small children. Being in the Nursery, assisting with our small children is a most rewarding experience.