

# *The Methodist Messenger*

In the Spirit of John Wesley

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



July 2019

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## Annual Conference 2019~

I first went to Annual Conference when I was still in high school, probably about 1969. There I observed that those attending were so happy to see their friends. Our church moves its pastors around a lot, so most of them have connections from things they had worked on together in the past. That gives Annual Conference a feeling of Reunion, a feeling of anticipation to renew old friendships, to see how your friends are doing. The conference opens with the hymn “And Are We Yet Alive, And See Each Other’s Face?”

This beautiful feeling reminds me of how Annual Conference works. I think that reflects one of the things we all have to learn in life, how to live with other people. We all need others, in so many ways, but the more you live together, the more things you have to work out. The thing that helps most is to actually care about the other person. The thing that makes for Peace is to actually care about each and every other person.

I picked up a book at Annual Conference (It always includes a bookstore.) about how to have Peace, and through the first half of the book, that’s basically what it says.

I also picked up materials from Discipleship Ministries and from the chair of Men’s Ministries of the whole United Methodist Church, who was there with us in Modesto.

I mention that, because, after talking on the first day of Conference about how the church should focus more on making disciples of Christ instead of making the church organized better, we spent the rest of the days (and evenings) focused on preparing meetings and teams and task forces to get ready for other meetings. I felt kind of let down.

The upcoming meeting to get ready for is primarily the 2020 General Conference of the whole United Methodist Church. There is too much background to explain why our California-Nevada Annual Conference got distracted *from* making disciples *to* preparing for meetings. But many were anticipating that at the 2020 Conference there will be proposals to split the church in response to the decision of the 2019 Special General Conference in St. Louis. That’s what all this “prepare-for-other-meetings” stuff was about.

In spite of that distinct focus, the conference in Modesto did its work of ordaining new clergy, recognizing the service of those retiring, remembering clergy and spouses who had passed away during the past year, adopting a budget, nominating people to boards and teams, starting new congregations, and in some cases giving those new congregations the church property of congregations that had recently closed. We elected the members who will represent us at the 2020 General Conference in Minneapolis.

We also prayed for children caught in the middle of adult conflict at an outdoor prayer vigil *after* one of our evening sessions there in downtown Modesto. We heard the reports of missionaries and appointed a new missionary from Davao City in the Philippines to service in Pietermaritzburg in South Africa. And the bishop with our district superintendents appointed pastors to almost all the churches in our conference. And Bishop Carcaño appointed Rev. Pablo Róvere back to Hanford for a second year. We will celebrate that with ice cream Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July after church.

-David Beeman

## **Buildings and Grounds Report**

Jim Gregory

- The new blind on the pastor's office door has been installed.
- Plumber, Michael Guy, replaced the cold-water sink faucet in the bathroom next to the pastor's office and repaired the toilet water closet in the adjacent bathroom, which was leaking.
- The fire extinguishers were given the annual servicing by Jorgensen.
- We are waiting for the cabinet shop to construct the new sanctuary sound booth.



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PLEASE save the date and pass the word around for Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 30th-Aug 2nd. I am the crafts leader, if you can donate either with money (make checks out to the church, in the memo put Crafts VBS) or the supplies itself, would be appreciated.

\*glitter glue

\*construction paper

\*cardstock

\*googly eyes

Thank you,

Andrea McDonald, 559-360-4477

### **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.

July and August are the months that UMM takes a vacation break. It's a break from having our monthly dinner meetings, but the men *are* available for other needs and service.

The next UMM dinner meeting will be on the usual second Monday of the month: September 9th, at our usual 6:30 PM. Look for details in next month's issue of the Methodist Messenger.

At our June meeting we enjoyed a wonderful dinner prepared by Glen and Jetta Lenox and Larry McDonald with a bonus dessert! And we talked about change. As followers of Jesus, we are promised that we will be transformed, that all things will be made new.

Being a gracious King, however, Jesus never *makes* us change into our new, redeemed and more perfect selves.

Usually we need others to point out to us that something needs to change. Then we usually also need help recognizing what change to make and more help in figuring out how to do it.

Plus, if "the system" is working for me, I may not see any reason to change. I think lots of us have learned the system, have accepted the system, and are satisfied that it is fair and workable for us. Change could mean learning a new system, and we would be changing without knowing how it would work. How do you learn a new system of behaving when nobody around you knows how it works either?

In the pre-Civil War United States, most people could not imagine how to change from the system that included slavery. That's why abolitionists were considered extremists and radicals; they favored, they advocated giving up a system everybody knew and understood (full of unthinkable injustice!) for an unknown future where church, jobs, labor, education, money and relationships were undefined, unknown, unimaginable.

After 1837 slave owners were no longer allowed to remain as members of the United Brethren Church, one of the predecessors of our United Methodist Church. They threw fellow Christians out! At our June meeting we focused on the life of one American who has been called both an Abolitionist and a Suffragette. Lucy Stone refused to work for just one of those issues at the expense of the other. And she devoted her adult life to them. Many suffragette leaders said, "Give women the vote and we will solve the slavery issue." Of course, they met resistance, too, as a future with women voting could change property laws, child-raising, business, inheritance laws, jobs and working conditions - again to some unknown system at the expense of one that at least everyone understood. Lucy Stone wanted to change the marriage vows ("obey"); she wanted to keep her own name when she got married. Extremists like Lucy Stone were building the Kingdom of God, but they were vilified in their day. Do we do that when somebody points out a change that would bring an unknown future? God is trustworthy. The love of Jesus is certain. Yet still I drag my heels. Or speak ill of the reformers of our day.

While UMM may not be meeting this summer, the Design for Discipleship class resumes with a new book on Wednesday nights this month, and Men's Bible study groups that meet Tuesday and Wednesday mornings also welcome new participants to explore these matters. It is less scary if we move **together** to grow (= change) as followers of Jesus.

- David Beeman  
559-584-7510

# 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 will start back up July 10, 2019 @ 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:***

Prayer for: Dianna Newton and the Castanon family for their wellbeing , Lindora Perez and her family, Rebecca Eversall, Andrea McDonald with numerous medical issues, 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, Mary Durham's son Jeff Durham, her 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 niece, Pollie Geissler's relatives, Reverend Andrew Fowler, Monica Fowler, Aurora Apeda, Pastor Pablo's mother, Nora, dealing with breast cancer.

## **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.



## **Mission Service Opportunity**

Friday, July 19, 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

## **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

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 18, 2019**  
from 3-8 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 summer months of June, July and 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
- Meetings are always on the 1st Wednesday of the month

**Next BOD meeting (special date):**

July 10th @ 3:30 p.m.

### BOD

The Board of discipleship continues to meet most every month 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 **July 10th at 3:30 p.m.** We are moving forward with the Vacation Bible School this year and are still in need of volunteers, please let myself or Pastor Pablo know if you can help.

Larry McDonald

# WORSHIP CONNECTIONS

## Worship Coordinator

July 7: Peggy Gregory  
 July 14: Mary Jane Gozun  
 July 21: Chris Payne  
 July 28: Cat Barclay

## Lay Worship Leaders

July 7: Vicki Beeman  
 July 14: Patty Ferrell  
 July 21: Cat Barclay  
 July 28: Larry McDonald

## Ushers

July 7: Jim Gregory, Mike Bertaina  
 July 14: David Beeman, Mike Bertaina  
 July 21: Jim Gregory, Mike Bertaina  
 July 28: David Beeman, Jim Gregory

## Counting Team

July 7: Sue Hensel, John Meadows  
 July 14: Vicki Beeman, Patty Ferrell  
 July 21: Sue Hensel, Karen Shoemaker  
 July 28: David Beeman, Jim Gregory

## Coffee Hour

July 7: Chris Payne  
 July 14: McDonald  
 July 21: Shoemaker  
 July 28: Gregory

## Greeters

July 7: Patty Ferrell  
 July 14: Butterway  
 July 21: Bertaina  
 July 28: Chris Payne

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



## July Birthdays

Debbie True	July 6
Rebeccah Eversall	July 9
Patricia George	July 12
Ashley Wilson	July 12
Karen Shoemaker	July 15
Peggy Gregory	July 18
Lucas Róvere	July 20
Lexee Toste	July 23
Doug True	July 25
Coleen Simms	July 29



## July Anniversaries

Manuel & Shawnee Toste	July 7
Jim & Peggy Gregory	July 16
Jake & Mary Jane Gozun	July 18
Mike & Candy Bertaina	July 23
David & Vicki Beeman	July 30

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)	2) 7:10 a.m. Men's Bible Study	3) 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship & Bible Study	4)  4th of July! Office Closed!	5)	6)
7) <b>Communion Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	8) 6:00 p.m. MST	9) 7:10 a.m. Men's Bible Study	10) 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"	11)	12)	13)
14) 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. Worship at <b>Rehabilitation Center</b>	15)	16) 7:10 a.m. Men's Bible Study	17) 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship & Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Design for Discipleship "The Spirit-filled follower of Christ"	18)  3:00—8:00 p.m. @ Star Laundry	19)  8:00 a.m. to Noon Salvation Army Food Giveaway	20)
21) 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	22)	23) 7:10 a.m. Men's Bible Study	24) 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship & Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Design for Discipleship "The Spirit-filled follower of Christ"	25)	26) 	27) 2:30—7:00 p.m. Baby Shower for Amy Leasure Lee in Mary Lane Hall
28) 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. Worship at <b>Rehabilitation Center</b>	29) Set-up for VBS	30) 7:10 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School	31) 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School 6:00 p.m. Design for Discipleship "The Spirit-filled Follower of Christ"			



Where? First United Methodist Church of Hanford  
505 N. Redington St.

When? July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>

What time? 9am to Noon

For information, call or contact (559) 584-4075

Or stop by the office to pick up a registration form.

Office hours are: 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.—Monday—Friday

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[Fumchanford.org](http://Fumchanford.org)

Or go to [facebook.com/fumchanford.org](https://facebook.com/fumchanford.org)



## **Vacation Bible School July 30-August 2, 2019**

**9:00 am to Noon**

**Free of charge**

**First United Methodist Church  
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### **For children 5 to 12 years of age**

Our kids will experience the wonders of God at our Vacation Bible School, TO MARS AND BEYOND: ONE SMALL STEP FOR YOUR KIDS...ONE GIANT LEAP FOR GOD'S KINGDOM! Your children will become Voyagers at TO MARS AND BEYOND as they'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them.

After a high-energy opening assembly at To Mars and Beyond, the Voyagers make their way to the Bible Station. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Wonder Words for following God's blueprint for our lives, and your Voyagers will discover Vector Verses, Bible memory verses that will build their faith long after VBS.

The children will expand on what they've discovered by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects at the Crafts Lab, singing new music, exploring science activities at Science Station, participating in recreational activities at Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty snacks at the Snack Station. Along the way, the Voyagers will learn God's Glory, "...who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us", and enjoy WOW moments!

Register at <http://fumchanford.org> or call (559) 584-4075

Or stop by the office to pick up a registration form.

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