

The Methodist Messenger

In the Spirit of John Wesley

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



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Notes For The Journey

The book of Ecclesiastes says, “Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days.” (11:1) This is an encouragement not to be stingy with our resources, our love, our time, our energy, our gifts. When we give what we have, we discover it coming back to us in greater measure. Jesus said, “Give and it will be given to you, pressed down and in full measure. For the measure you give will be the measure you receive.”

But it is often hard to give. Human nature causes us to want to protect what we have in case of a rainy day. We find ourselves wanting to hold on to our resources, whether of time or money. And while it is wise to be careful, it is possible to become too careful and end up hiding our talents in the ground.

Each of us has opportunities to “spend” ourselves. They are not always big opportunities. They sometimes are small chances to give a little time or attention. These opportunities may be the most significant when they are the most difficult to do. When we are late. When we are tired. When we have other things on our minds. But Jesus said that when we lose our lives, we save them. Ecclesiastes reminds us, “The one who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap.” (11:4) There is never the perfect time. We have to take advantage of the moments before us. Have you been meaning to do something for a long time? Maybe the time is now, even though the circumstances are less than perfect.

Let us take our lives and do good with them, as the opportunities arise, even when it is inconvenient.

Blessings,

Pastor Cynthia Stateman



Hello all, I hope that you all have a great summer. There will be no UMW board or general meetings for June, July and August. The next board meeting will be Sept. 7, 2017, and the next General Meeting Sept. 17, 2017.

I am hoping and praying that you all will consider attending and becoming part of the UMW.

The Salad luncheon was great. I liked listening to the Quartet and visiting with those that attended. Thank you for attending and for those that brought yummy food. We had lots leftovers. Thank you for the men that cleaned up. It was appreciated.

I would like your opinion on a few things: For 2018 would you like to keep the salad luncheon or do something else? Are there any other social events that you would like to see? Are there any fundraisers that you would like to see other than the ones we have for 2017: Spring Luncheon and Christmas Bazaar Dec. 9th? Please either call, text or email or snail mail your opinions.

I hope that you will consider attending Mission U this summer. The information is on the Church hall board along with scholarship applications. There will be 3: July 28-30 in Gardnerville, Nevada; August 11-12 in Livermore, CA; and August 26 in Palo Alto. There will be three mission studies to choose from. Any questions please let me know, I am the registrar for Mission U this year. See you there.

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Sometimes it seems to me like all the Methodist Men's group does is share a good meal once a month. That's nice, but as a church group, should we be actually doing something? How are we advancing the Kingdom of God?

So, at the May meeting of the UMM, I did what I warned them I would continue to do if they keep electing me to lead the group; I asked them questions.

What is the purpose of the church?

Is that purpose changing?

How much do we need to change to get the attention of those who need Jesus the most?

What do we have UMM for?

I found we have some thinkers who wrestle well with such questions. Some do it aloud, some in writing, but we got many insightful answers.

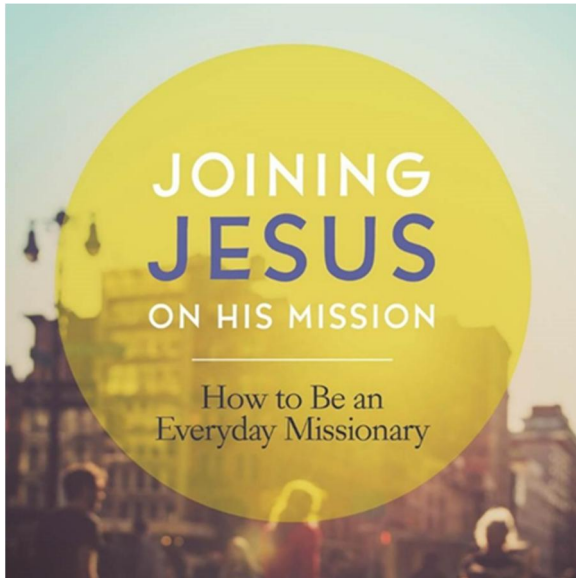
One I want to share here referred to the banner in the sanctuary proclaiming we are here "to love God and all people as God loves us."

That's enough to get me to come back again. We will verify that as part of our agenda for the June UMM dinner meeting on **Monday the 12th of June**. Also at that meeting we are looking forward to hearing from Bob Geissler about his Honor Flight trip to Washington, DC. We will also hear from an Eagle Scout candidate about his project, and consider ways we might support him.


And eat. Please call me to help me get the count for Bob Peden, our chief dinner organizer.

God bless you today and even better tomorrow,

- David Beeman, 584-7510



**Study meets Sunday nights
at 7:00 p.m.
at Millie Kraft Lounge**
Interested? There's still time!
Contact Pastor Cynthia
or the church office
for more details!



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.

WORSHIP CONNECTIONS

Worship Coordinator

June 4: Peggy Gregory
June 11: Chris Payne
June 18: Cat Barclay
June 25: Peggy Gregory

Lay Worship Leaders

June 4: Patty Ferrell
June 11: Cat Barclay
June 18: Sue Hensel
June 25: Carol Collar

Ushers

June 4: Verne Adams, Mike Bertaina
June 11: Creed Cavazos, Mike Bertaina
June 18: Creed Cavazos, Mike Bertaina
June 25: David Beeman, Jim Gregory

Counting Team

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

Coffee Hour

June 4: Jim & Karen Shoemaker
June 11: Chris Payne
June 18: Jim & Peggy Gregory
June 25: Cat Barclay

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

Mel Sherman, Andrea McDonald, Tamie Pick, Randy Chono, Dorothy Jensen, Bonnie Peters, Mary Durham and friends of Mary, Casey Lehtnen, Mike Bertaina, Jennifer Wagner, Jim Taylor, Mike Pina, and Jan Junell.

Other Prayer Requests

- For Andrea McDonald, who is having bladder surgery on June 13
- For Sam McDonald, who is beginning the next chapter in her life and moving to Rohnert Park to attend school
- For Leon McDonald, who will spend the summer working with the Scouts in the mountains
- For Cat Barclay's upcoming foot surgery on July 10
- Jessica Magnis' upcoming delivery in August, as well as her new job as Daycare Assistant
- For all those affected by fires, floods and earthquakes
- For the end to violence against all people. For peace & love to prevail
- Police Officers, Firefighters, Ambulance and other first responders
- Those in the midst of crisis, tragedies, disasters, accidents and conflicts
- Laundry Love ministry, Salvation Army Food Giveaway, Shower Ministry, and our food offerings to the Soup Kitchen
- 1st Christian's Reverend Tom Warren & family
- For caregivers and those caring for their parents
- The Wagner, Chono, Noonan, Castanon & Wilson Families
- Ministry Support Team & Trustees



There's always room for prayer! We have a dedicated group among us that are anxious to pray with and for you and those you love and care about. Just indicate your request, concern or praise on your attendance card on any Sunday morning, and we'll take it from there.

Want to be added to our list of prayer warriors? Let us know on the attendance card.



Volunteers Needed!

Plans are underway to establish a Church Nursery for infants and small children during morning worship services for parents who would like to take advantage of this Program.

We do not have enough volunteers at this time to staff the Nursery.

This is a very important service we can provide for parents with infants and small children to allow them to fully participate in our worship services. Please pray about how God is calling you to serve in this capacity. It is a very important service we can provide to our members and visitors.



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!

A Thank You to Friends of UMC Hanford

Our honor flight to DC to visit the many memorials was truly an honor. Most of the veterans on the flight were from the Korean era.

The trip was so awesome and emotional.

My daughter, Betsy, and Pollie pulled a surprise mail call. I was so surprised and thankful to receive so many letters from our church and friends.

Seeing the Korean Memorial was so emotional to me. I was told by a close friend to talk. A crying towel could not have held back the tears.

Thanks to all of you, Pollie, and Betsy, for all of your love and your cards of thanks.

Humbly yours with love,

Bob Geissler

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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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Shower Ministry

for the Homeless at The Hanford Pentecostal Church has been wonderful.

**Thank You to everyone
who has donated.**

We will continue to collect in the coming months. Put items in the Narthex.

Needs: *Shampoo, Tooth Brushes, Toothpaste, Talc or Baby Powder, Terry Bathmats*

**Peden's Family Cookbook
For Sale \$20**

Makes a great gift this holiday season! Books can be purchased through church office.



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, June 15th
from 3-8 p.m.

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



**Mission Service
Opportunity**

Friday, June 16th, 2017
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!*