

The Methodist Messenger

In the Spirit of John Wesley

“Bringing faith into life by loving God”



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Notes for the Journey

I am grateful to God for our time together as a church community, and I am grateful to all of you for growing me. We have worshipped together, served together, created ministries together, communed together, shared meetings together, and prayed together. We have laughed together, and sometimes cried together. You have invited me into your lives in times of sorrow and joy.

Thank you for having me, and thank you for your many kindnesses to me. You are a hard-working and caring congregation, full of God-given gifts. I feel privileged to have had our time and relationship together.

I bid you adieu, entrusting my spiritual journey and yours to the care of our good, loving, and faithful God. Now and always, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Blessings,
Pastor Cynthia Stateman



United Methodist Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

June 2018 church newsletter,

Hi all! The month of May went by too fast for me. The Spring Luncheon May 19th was very nice. I want to thank everyone for their help. Also thank you for your attendance. You are appreciated. The Salads and Finger Foods were great. The entertainment was enjoyable. I took some pictures that I will put on the bulletin board. My computer and printer are now working.

We are not having UMW board and general meetings June, July and August. See you in September. You are invited to join us for the Mission u events in August.

*Aug 4th in San Jose

*Aug 10-11 in Chico

*Aug 17-19th in Fresno



The registration forms will be on the board in the church hallway between the Sanctuary and the coffee hour room (Mary Lane Hall). The Study sessions are:

*Spiritual Growth: Embracing Wholeness

*Social Issue: What about our Money? A Faith Response will be taught by Larry McDonald

*Geographical: Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist in the United States

*Youth study: Is it Just Money? Our Dollars in God's Economy (for youth ages 12-18)

If you need a registration form mailed to you, please let me know.

Andrea McDonald your UMW president, and Mission u co-dean

559-360-4477 (if I don't answer, it is probably because I can't hear the ring, just leave a message and I will return your call)

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The fellowship is good; the food is good.

In May we heard from Erica of Kings United Way. Her title is Marketing Director for 2-1-1. She and an assistant spend their days making sure the resources listed on the 2-1-1 are up-to-date, and expanding the number of people in Kings County who know about what 2-1-1 is and what it can do.

Pastor Cynthia finds 2-1-1 very useful when people come to the church during the week needing more help than we can provide.

2-1-1 is basically a directory of services offered. All these services are based on need, but each has its own criteria for qualifying. Erica says that they have over 500 agencies and programs linked through 2-1-1 just for Kings County. She specifically enumerated food, clothing, mental health, legal and transportation help. She says that when they get to the end of the list updating it, they just start over at the beginning.

She also says that there is no other service available like Laundry Love. So this is from a person who is working full time essentially to find out if that is true. The Laundry Love project is the only such opportunity available for many miles.

The other thing about 2-1-1 is how to reach it. There are three ways:

- By dialing/pressing 2-1-1 on your phone, you speak to a call center in Bakersfield that has the Kings County answers in English and Spanish and, through a 3-way call, 150 other languages.
- By downloading an app called Intelliful on your smartphone or tablet, you get connected to a program that originated right in United Way here in Hanford.

And by going to the 211kingscounty.org website on your computer you can find out what's available, including location, hours and the qualifying documentation you will need.

We collected four cards about it, and will have them at church so you don't have to carry this June issue of the Methodist Messenger around with you.

Speaking of June, UMM will meet and eat on our usual 2nd Monday, which will be June 11, at 6:30 PM. Unless our dinner team changes it. But I promise to work hard on getting the word out if that happens.

- David Beeman, President
584-2911

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT

By Jim Gregory

May 21, 2018

Paul Bryant serviced the sprinkler system, after being turned off over the winter. About a dozen broken sprinkler heads were replaced and a break in the line at the Redington Street curb strip was repaired.

The annual servicing of the fire extinguishers has been scheduled.

“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

Prayer Group

Come refresh you 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

Lifetree Café!

Explore Life – Meet Friends – Experience God

Lifetree Café is a weekly, hour-long interactive experience that features real people’s
real stories on film, guided conversation, biblical insights, and time to build relation-
ships. Simply put, it’s a “conversation café”—a place and time for people to gather
weekly to experience stories and talk about thought-provoking topics that most peo-
ple deal with relating to life and faith.

Saturday Evenings – Mary Lane Hall – 6:30 pm

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:

June 6 @ 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

June 3: Cay Barclay
June 10: Peggy Gregory
June 17: Mary Jane Gozun
June 24: Chris Payne

Lay Worship Leaders

June 3: Rebeccah Eversall
June 10: Sue Hensel
June 17: Carol Collar
June 24: Jan Franke

Ushers

June 3: Jim Gregory, Mike Bertaina
June 10: Creed Cavazos, Mike Bertaina
June 17: Creed Cavazos, Mike Bertaina
June 24: David Beeman, Jim Gregory

Counting Team

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

Coffee Hour

June 3: Cat Barclay
June 10: Boones
June 17: Chris Payne
June 24: Beemans



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.

FAREWELL

PASTOR CYNTHIA STATEMAN

On May 6, a letter from our District Superintendent Debra Brady was read to our congregation telling us that Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño (our CA-NEV Conference Bishop) has appointed Pastor Cynthia Stateman, to the UMC church in Newcastle, CA, effective July 1, 2018. Their current pastor is retiring and Pastor Cynthia's skill in worship and the arts, her affiliation with the Walk to Emmaus Community, and her passion for community outreach are the gifts needed in the next season of the Newcastle congregation. In addition, this new appointment moves Pastor Cynthia closer to her family and community of long-time friends.

D.S. Brady states that "Pastor Cynthia has served the First UMC, Hanford congregation well over the last three years. She has cared deeply for the members through her pastoral responsibilities, teaching and preaching; and has led you in living your faith in tangible ways in your community". *Copies of the full letter can be obtained in the church office.*

During this time of transition, please keep Pastor Cynthia in your prayers as she prepares for her move to Newcastle, CA.

Sunday, June 3, will be Pastor Cynthia's last day in the pulpit. Stop by during coffee hour immediately following the morning service to greet Pastor Cynthia, express your personal farewell, and wish her well.

The Pulpit will be filled:

June 3 - Pastor Cynthia's Farewell

June 10 - Mel Sherman

June 17 – Mel Sherman (Father's Day)

June 20-23, 2018—170th CA-NEV Annual Conference (Pastor Cynthia, Cat Barclay and David Beeman will be attending)

June 24 – Cat Barclay

July 1 - Welcome Pastor Pablo Róvere

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PASTOR PASTOR PABLO DANIEL RÓVERE

On May 20, another letter from D.S. Debra Brady was read to our congregation telling us that Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño (our CA-NEV Conference Bishop) has appointed Pastor Pablo Daniel Róvere to First United Methodist Church in Hanford, CA, effective July 1, 2018. 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 Paulo, Brazil. In March 2001, he started Seminary and soon met Michelle. In 2005, he married Michelle, graduated from seminary, and began serving 3 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 (California Pacific Conference) 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).

Copies of the full letter, along with Pablo's double-sided resume, including background/education are available in the church office.

We look forward to ministry with Pastor Pablo and will welcome him during worship on July 1, 2018. Please stop by during coffee hour that day following the morning worship service to meet Pastor Pablo and his family, and to give them your personal welcome into our church family.

In recognition of Bob and Marilyn Peden's 69th wedding Anniversary, the Sound Projection barbershop quartet sang "Always" to her during the UMW Spring luncheon. (The quartet includes her husband Bob, at left.)



SECOND SATURDAY®

The Central Valley District Council on Ministry Presents 2018
2nd Saturdays! Save The Dates!

First UMC, Hanford
505 N Redington St., Hanford, CA 93230
9am-3pm

June 9
United Methodist Heritage and Polity

August 11
Preaching II
Basic Lay Servant Training

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, Glen & Jetta and their family in the recent passing of their grandson Tanner, 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, June 21, 2018
from 3-8 p.m.

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



Mission Service Opportunity

Friday, June 15, 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!*