

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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Our Purpose: “Be United”

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” Psalm 133:1 (NIV)

I can imagine the author of this Psalm, after having contended with the arguments and bickering between his many children, suddenly sensing for a moment the sounds of the same children, quietly and peacefully playing together. In that moment, in the quiet of unity, making the connection between the children of his household and the people of the temple and the kingdom, and longing for more unity among them...

What provides unity? What symbolizes unity in a body or organization of people? It cannot be style or taste, as both are matters of interpretation and opinion. It cannot be race or language, as culture comes in varieties and shades. It can’t be age, location, or station in life.

Only purpose can bring unity. Only purpose can bring a variety of people from different places, sub-cultures, and schools of thought together into a united whole. People rally around a purpose or a cause and can work together to accomplish great things when a purpose is shared.

I ask these things because the church is a group of people. The church is an organization. The church contains a variety of people from various age groups, sub-cultures, professions, ethnicities, languages, genders, and socio-economic standings. If we do not rally around a purpose or a mission, we have no hope of developing unity and little hope of accomplishing great things.

The United Methodist Church has a mission statement: “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” Here at FUMCH, we are to “bring Faith into life by loving God and all people as he love as.” In other words, everything we do should work toward growing the church spiritually on the individual level, and numerically on the corporate level. The things we often get up-in-arms about: color, style, sound, procedure... all should fade in light of the purpose. We should be able to respectfully work together to accomplish this mission for the glory of God and the good of the world.

I wish I could tell you I came up with this mission, but I did not. Jesus did...and we need to be honest that this church is not ours; it does not belong to us. It does not belong to the United Methodist Denomination (although I guess in a court of law it does!). This church belongs to God. This church belongs to Jesus Christ. Everything we do should go to fulfill God’s purposes and Christ’s mission. We may not all be the same, but we can be united.

In Christ

Pastor Pablo Daniel Róvere

Buildings and Grounds Report

Jim Gregory

- The electrician has replaced or repaired the dusk to dawn exterior light fixtures at the doors that stay on continually.
- Two 115-volt electrical wires from the electrical panel, with their own circuit breakers, to underneath the sanctuary floor, were brought to where the new sound stage will be installed.
- The committee continues to work with Lori of Pyramid Systems, Inc., the cabinet shop east of Hanford, on the design of the new sound platform, to be installed in the rear of the sanctuary. The electronic equipment for the sound stage has arrived.
- A water leak was discovered in the southwest corner of Friendship Room ceiling. Craig True is helping with the roof repair.



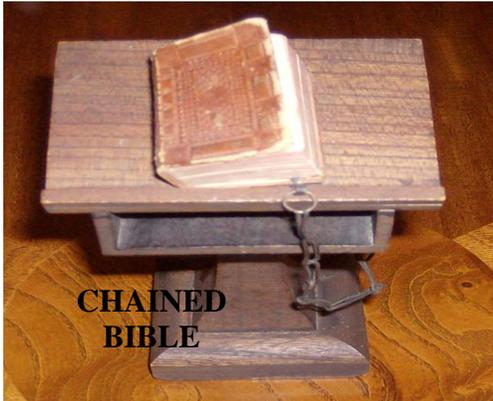
United
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Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

I hope that you are enjoying the beautiful weather. I don't know about you but I'm not looking forward to triple digits. I am the craft leader for VBS July 30-Aug 2, along with Candy and Mike. I am in need of some supplies: colored cardstock paper, construction paper, canvas small boards, water colors, glitter glue, or you can donate money for craft supplies, just put in the memo on check VBS craft supplies. Please put the word out about VBS.

Thank you for you support,
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.



Radicals and Extremists

Before the Civil War, the idea of abolishing slavery was an extremist idea. Nobody knew how to do it, how to deal with all the changes it would bring. What if the economy collapsed? Where would all the freed slaves go? Polite, respectful people did not consider abolition a solution or even an option, even if they disagreed with the practice of buying and selling people, or forced labor. In fact, forced labor was a widely accepted practice, enforced by law, ever since the colonial beginnings of America. Putting oneself into indentured servitude was a way of paying for your passage to America. Your new master here on this side of the Atlantic owned your service

and labor all your waking hours for typically seven years.

And the labor masters were responsible for feeding and housing their servants. All protected by law. Only an extremist could favor abolishing an entire economic system.

Before Gutenberg started using his printing press, you never heard preachers saying people should read the Bible. The Bibles in church had been copied by hand under strict rules to check that every letter was the same as on the page it was copied from. These labor-intensive Bibles were expensive and kept chained to the church.

It was just too hard to get a replacement Bible.

So nobody could imagine having a Bible, much less Bibles, in homes.

Gutenberg's effort to mass-produce Bibles came under immediate suspicion.

What if untrained people read the Bible for themselves, without help of clergy or scholar to guide them? What kind of false and harmful doctrines might begin to pervade Christendom? The world would get out of control. Innumerable souls could be lost.

I grew up in an era where nobody talked about the private matters of mental health. Nobody talked about sex in any realm of polite company. You were asking to be ostracized if you tried to talk about those. Don't expect to be hired for any job if you talked like that or about that. And you'd never read it in the paper or see it on one of the three TV channels.

The idea of women voting or even speaking their own mind in mixed company was a radical idea at one time.

But only radicals and extremists have changed things over time. We'll hear more about this at the next UMM dinner meeting on Monday June 10th.

We eat at 6:30 and I need a dinner count for our dinner team of Glen Lenox and Larry McDonald. Please send me a message or give me a call.

- David Beeman, 584-7510
dpbeeman@yahoo.com

Design for Discipleship

(Developing disciples of Jesus Christ)

These studies will develop a deep and abiding relationship with God and actually putting 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 book will be \$7.50

Second Book: "The Spirit-Filled Follower of Jesus" (five chapters)

Any questions, contact Pastor Pablo

Please keep the following in your prayers this month:

Prayer for: For Dianna Newton and the Castanon family for their wellbeing , Lindora Perez and her family, Rebeccah Eversall, Andrea McDonald with her upcoming procedure, her daughter Samantha, struggling with her job, Jessica Maris' mother, Bob & Jan Junell, Marilyn Peden, John Meadows, Jennifer Wagner, Sherrie, Jeanette Keith's mother, Myrtle, and her recent passing, 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, Laura Gregory-Brown and family for the recent passing of her father-in-law, Rebeccah Eversall's nephew, Matthew, with his recovery.

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, June 21, 2019

**8 a.m. to noon
(or any part thereof)**

**Salvation Army
380 East Ivy Street**

*Join us next 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, June 20, 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 dates will be: June 27th & August 11th.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

The 2nd & 4th Sundays
of the month
at 2:00p.m. at

HANFORD

POST ACUTE

Rehabilitation Center
1007 W. Lacey Blvd. Hanford

Nametags

Bob Geissler has made and donated new name tags for everyone. These name tags will stay on with a strong magnet. Please let me know if you can't wear a strong magnet.

David Beeman
559-584-7510

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 10 @ 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 3rd at 3:30. 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

June 2: Cat Barclay
June 9: Peggy Gregory
June 16: Mary Jane Gozun
June 23: Chris Payne
June 30: Cat Barclay

Lay Worship Leaders

June 2: Rebecca Eversall
June 9: Sue Hensel
June 16: Carol Collar
June 23: David Beeman
June 30: Jan Franke

Ushers

June 2: Jim Gregory, Mike Bertaina
June 9: David Beeman, Mike Bertaina
June 16: Jim Gregory, Mike Bertaina
June 23: David Beeman, Jim Gregory
June 30: David Beeman, Jim Gregory

Counting Team

June 2: Sue Hensel, John Meadows
June 9: Vicki Beeman, Patty Ferrell
June 16: Sue Hensel, Karen Shoemaker
June 23: David Beeman, Jim Gregory
June 30: Rebecca Eversall, David Beeman

Coffee Hour

June 2: Gregory
June 9: Boone
June 16: Randles
June 23: Patty Ferrell
June 30: Cat Barclay

Greeters

June 2: Bertaina
June 9: Gregory
June 16: Butterway
June 23: Patty Ferrell
June 30: John Meadows & Carol Hester



June Birthdays

Howard Sands	June 3
Laura Brown	June 6
Sage Wyman	June 10
Larry McDonald	June 13
Janet Keislar	June 15
Jetta Lenox	June 16
Jeff Durham	June 22
Stormie True	June 26
Renee True	June 27
Brent Noonan	June 27
Dorothy Jensen	June 28
Kirk Wyman	June 28
Joshua Castanon	June 29
Cat Barclay	June 30

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



June Anniversaries

Bob & Jan Junell June 15

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
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2) Communion Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	3) 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Pack Meeting	4) 7:10 a.m. Men's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (Pastor Gone)	5) 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship & Bible Study (Pastor Gone)	6)	7)	8)
9) PENTECOST 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Promotion Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. Worship at Rehabilitation Center	10) 6:30 p.m. UMM Dinner Meeting 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Pack Meeting	11) 7:10 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Pastor Gone)	12) 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship & Bible Study (Pastor Gone)	13) (Pastor Gone)	14) (Pastor Gone)	15)
16) 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship (Pastor Floyd)	17) 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Pack Meeting	18) 7:10 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Pastor Gone)	19) 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship & Bible Study (Pastor Gone)	20)  3:00—8:00 p.m. @ Star Laundry (Pastor Gone)	21)  8:00 a.m. to Noon Salvation Army Food Giveaway (Pastor Gone)	22)
23) 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. Worship at Rehabilitation Center <hr/> 30) 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 3:30 p.m. 5th Sunday Sing	24) 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Pack Meeting	25) 7:10 a.m. Men's Bible Study	26) 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship & Bible Study	27) 6:00 p.m. Ministry Support Team (MST)	28) 	29)