

# *The Methodist Messenger*

In the Spirit of John Wesley

*"Bringing faith into life by loving God"*



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## Notes for the Journey

This month we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church and God's gift of the Holy Spirit (May 20<sup>th</sup>). Pentecost reminds us how the church began, "Suddenly...all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2: 2-4).

The church didn't begin with a big brainstorming session, inspired vision, or a show of volunteers. There wasn't a denominational structure that came in and had monthly committee meetings. There wasn't another church in a nearby town that decided it was time to start a new campus. There wasn't a mailing that went out to survey the neighborhood and figure out what "they" needed. The church began because God showed up with the power of the Holy Spirit.

The church isn't the disciple's doing. The church is God's doing. And it happened suddenly!

In some ways it is surprising that the Holy Spirit came so suddenly to the disciples. Jesus had prepared them and told them about this more than once. In Jesus' last encounter, he told them, "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5). However, few days later, when the day of Pentecost had come, they seemed caught off guard. Perhaps it seemed sudden because they didn't really know what to expect. Perhaps it seemed sudden because it came with such power.

As we think about First UMC's life and ministry, let us remember that we only exist because of the Holy Spirit and that this power comes suddenly. Even as we pray for it and expect it and wait for it, when it comes, it still catches us off guard. God continues to act in surprising ways. Ways that are bigger than our ways, and ways that without the Spirit are beyond our capacity. It is humbling.

But there is one critical thing that is necessary, a necessary thing that those first disciples did and that we must do before the Spirit arrives. Acts 2 begins, "they were all together in one place" (Acts 2:1). The disciples of Jesus have to be together. In our digital and socially networked age, showing up is no small thing. But it is when the disciples come together that the Spirit has the opportunity to show up and make us alive. So, let us take every opportunity to come together for worship each Sunday, as well as for service, study and prayer. Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Blessings,  
Pastor Cynthia Stateman



# United Methodist Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

May 2018 [UNITED METHODIST WOMEN](#)

Hi all, I hope that you are all enjoying what life has to offer. Our next UMW Board Meeting is May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm in Mary Lane Hall. You are welcome to attend. We will be discussing the Spring Luncheon May 19<sup>th</sup> in Founders Hall. Bob Peden will be having his Barber Shop Quartet sing for us. I love to hear these men sing.

[Spring Luncheon Saturday May 19, 2018](#)

- \*Ticket cost \$10:00, see Vicki Beeman for tickets
- \*Time 11am-2pm in Founders Hall
- \*All are welcome to attend
- \*Please bring your favorite salad or finger food
- \*Cat Barclay will be making ice cream
- \*Tickets will not be sold at the door



## **Mission u will be in August to register online**

\*Aug 4 Korean UMC Santa Clara Valley San Jose CA <http://calnev-reg.brtapp.com/umwmu2018SanJose>

\*Aug 10-11 Trinity UMC, Chico CA <https://calnev-reg.brtapp.com/umwmu2018Chico>

\*Aug 17-19 Fresno Wesley UMC, Fresno CA <https://calnev-reg.brtapp.com/umwmu2018Fresno>

\*Youth registration <http://cal-nev-reg.brtapp.com/umwmu2018unstoppable>

Youth (12-17) are free. Hard copies of the registration forms will be available in the hall between church and coffee hour in a file below large bulletin board  
If you need a registration form sent to you, please call me Andrea McDonald 559-360-4477

+There will be no UMW meetings June-Aug 2018. We will be starting up in September 2018.

Have a great month of May,  
Andrea McDonald [andreamcd1202@yahoo.com](mailto:andreamcd1202@yahoo.com) 559-360-4477



### ***Do you know . . . ?***

The name of Charles Kreyenhagen, or why you should know it?

Mr. "K" is a central figure in the history of our church, but remained Catholic, and was never a member of our congregation.

When our church moved from downtown Hanford to its present site in 1926, it did what any congregation would do to pay for such a large building project: we took out a mortgage. But that required regular payments, and after the financial crash on October 1929, those payments got harder and harder to make.

Our mortgage holder finally had to set a deadline to foreclose on our church building, the very one in which we worship today.

At our UMM dinner meeting last month, church historian Jim Gregory shared some of his prize-winning history with us. He included how Charles Kriegenhaugen took over the mortgage, accepting repayment bit by bit, without any deadline.

A great part of the story is about Mr. K's appearance on the scene at almost the literal last minute. How did he find out? Why did he choose to get involved?

### ***Did you know . . . ?***

That right in the middle of our congregation's web site is a little picture of a book, and — if you click on it — the church history book Jim Gregory wrote will fill your screen! The whole book!

Our UMM dinner meeting will be Monday May 14th, the latest in the month a second Monday can fall. So you have plenty of time to let me know you will be coming. I'll pass that count on to our May Dinner Team. You will also have plenty of time to go to [fumchanford.org](http://fumchanford.org) and click on that little book. The story starts earlier, but really picks up on page 47.

- David Beeman  
584-7510

# SECOND SATURDAY®

The Central Valley District Council  
on Ministry Presents 2018 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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

## *“Love Yourself To Wholeness”*

**Patricia George-Group Leader**

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

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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 relationships. 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 people 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:**

**May 2 @ 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!

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

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

## **WORSHIP CONNECTIONS**

### **Worship Coordinator**

**May 6:** Cay Barclay  
**May 13:** Cat Barclay  
**May 20:** Mary Jane Gozun  
**May 27:** Chris Payne

### **Lay Worship Leaders**

**May 6:** Cat Barclay  
**May 13:** Patty Ferrell  
**May 20:** Andrea McDonald  
**May 27:** Diana Boone

### **Ushers**

**May 6:** David Beeman, Mike Bertaina  
**May 13:** Creed Cavazos, Mike Bertaina  
**May 20:** Creed Cavazos, Mike Bertaina  
**May 27:** David Beeman, Jim Gregory

### **Counting Team**

**May 6:** Sue Hensel, David Beeman  
**May 13:** Jim Gregory, David Beeman  
**May 20:** Sue Hensel, Karen Shoemaker  
**May 27:** Vicki Beeman, Patty Ferrell

### **Coffee Hour**

**May 6:** Cat Barclay  
**May 13:** Karen Shoemaker  
**May 20:** Peggy Gregory  
**May 27:** Patty Ferrell



### **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.

**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, Peggy Gregory's brother, Steve Frazee, in his recent passing, 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, May 17, 2018**  
**from 3-8 p.m.**

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



### **Mission Service Opportunity**

**Friday, May 18, 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!*