

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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“Love to do more”

Many people see the church through their own eyes: each has an opinion or thought to define what church is or should be. One can view the church as an organization, a family, a movement, an institution, or a club. As a pastor, I am no different.

Right now, I am very aware of how the church is a community. It is a collection of people who have gathered together around a particular purpose, which I believe to be following Jesus Christ. The tough part of leadership involves developing common language around that purpose and helping people move and pull in the same direction...

And yes, we would love to do more. We would love to make a bigger difference. We would love to change more lives. We would love to introduce more people to Jesus Christ. In each these sentences, two words are used over and over: “More” and “love.” By “love” we mean “strongly desire” and by more, well, we mean “greater” or “an increase.”

And we can, all together, be part of that dream and commitment in taking seriously our participation in the Church’s Charge Conference (December 9th 11:30am), a meeting of the local church that includes every member of the church. This event is important because we as a body we approve our leadership, our budget , and we approve the church’s vision and strategy for the following year.

We are dreaming of how to reach the young families, new people. However, the next step requires a greater commitment of time, energy, and finances within a church already at the edges of what it can give. We have an imminent need for some considerable repairs and a new sound and video system in our sanctuary on top of what it costs to run our annual programmatic ministry. Our participation is important for the vision and strategy of our church to be accomplished.

Here is the rub for our church: if we are to accomplish “more,” we need to make space for “more.” By space I mean space in our hearts and community. It means church can’t be our club where we gather to meet our friends. It means that the church may continue to change as new people come in and impact some of the ways and styles by which we carry out ministry. It may mean we let go of things (programmatically and structurally) that simply don’t accomplish much anymore for Jesus.

I am happy to serve with you and look forward to all that God has for us. “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; when you search with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord...” (Jeremiah 29:11-14a, NRSV)

Let us search for the Lord with all our hearts. Let us hear the voice of the Lord calling us forward in our commitment to his ministry. May our hearts catch fire that may we bring faith into life by loving God.

In Christ,

Pastor Pablo



Weekly 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

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

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:

October 3 @ 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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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

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

Lay Worship Leaders

October 7: Cat Barclay
October 14: Larry McDonald
October 21: Andrea McDonald
October 28: Patty Ferrell

Ushers

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

Counting Team

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

Coffee Hour

October 7: Chris Payne
October 14: Beeman's
October 21: McDonald's
October 28: Shoemaker's

Greeters

October 7:
October 14:
October 21:
October 28:



Hi, I Hope this newsletter finds you well.

*October 4th will be our UMW board meeting

*Oct 21 will be our General Meeting. We will be discussing upcoming elections for next year: President, Secretary to name a couple. After that, we will have a member of our church discuss encountering missionaries as a youth and how they helped him to become the man he is today. All are welcome to attend. We will have lunch.

*In November

Please join us. All are welcome, tell your friends and family.

*November 17 we will be having our Harvest Bazaar 11:30am-2pm with soup, sandwiches, beverages and dessert all for \$10.00 and \$5.00 for kids (7 and under). The Bazaar will be in Founders Hall or you can come to Mary Lane Hall (coffee hour room) to see and buy crafts.

We look forward to seeing you! You can eat first then go over to the Mary Lane Hall. If anyone would like to donate crafts or goodies, please see Andrea, Vicki or Cat.

Thank you,

Andrea McDonald

Men at Work

Men at Church

Is that the same thing? Should it be?
Should our faith lead us to action in service to God's people?
I think I heard a sermon about that in September. Maybe two.

The men of First United Methodist Church, Hanford, have an opportunity to encourage each other by meeting together on Monday October 8. Our dinner team for October is Richard and Janice Alves, and Janice told me to expect enchiladas. She told me this over a month ago and I think that's what she told me.

One action we want to take at this meeting is a decision about supporting the 'Hanford Build' project of Habitat for Humanity.

Our guest speaker at our September dinner talked about lots of things going on with Habitat in Hanford, including the Grand Opening of the new ReStore on West Lacey Blvd.

Our October meeting falls on the Columbus Day holiday, but I heard no objections from the men able to attend in September. If you've read this far, I hope you'll join us that evening, too. Give me a call so I can get a good dinner count in to Richard and Janice.

David Beeman
584-7510

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am overwhelmed with gratitude, peace, and love! I shared during our church service about my relationship with Sky and how her passing ripped my heart out and along with my mother's passing increased my life-long depression and other conditions. I had been unwilling and unable to care about the condition of the inside of my house. Feeling totally disgusted and wanting to get my life back, I discussed my situation with Pastor Pablo. He offered to help and asked if I would allow others to help. So, I spoke to you and set up dates and arranged for new flooring. Our congregation came together in a huge and for me, a miraculous way. Twenty-six of you came and prayers were abundant. Jan's house is now Jan's home! I cannot thank my church family enough! I am getting my life back, and I thank you for loving me for all I am!

Blessings,
Jan Franke

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, Casey Howard (cancer) 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 as her chronic pain continues, Jessica Maris' mother, Bob & Jan Junell, Marilyn Peden, Jennifer Wagner, Sherrie, Dorothy Jensen, Bob Geissler's brother-in-law, Russell, passed away, prayers for Bob's sister Aida and family, Polly Geissler's aunt, Monica Fowler, just being diagnosed with cancer, Bonnie Peters, Frank & Bonnie Butterway's son Richard enduring health problems; and all of their families & loved ones.

Update:

Thank you for your prayers for Mark Dickerson; he is ready to go back to work.



Pastoral Visit

The Pastor would like to get to know you better! He is offering Pastoral Visits to your home or even an office visit.

***Call Stephanie to schedule a visit whenever it is convenient for you!**

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.



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, October 18, 2018
from 3-8 p.m.

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



Mission Service Opportunity

Friday, October 19, 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!*