

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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WELCOME
PASTOR CYNTHIA STATEMAN

Immediately following the morning service on Sunday, July 5, we will have an opportunity to welcome Pastor Cynthia Stateman as our new neighbor and Pastor here at Hanford First United Methodist Church.

Please stop by during the coffee hour following the morning worship service to meet Pastor Cynthia and give her your personal welcome into our church family.



A PRAYER OF TRANSITION

Almighty and Loving God,

You who called the universe into being, You who formed our inmost being and called us to be your people: We give you thanks for your constant presence. Through seasons of constancy and even change, you are with us – calling us into deeper waters, calling us together in your spirit of unity, calling us out of ourselves into the world to serve others. Grant that those pastors being called into new waters might hold fast to unending love and mercy as a buoy – a love that promised to hold onto us even as we go where your Spirit leads us. May the churches that receive them be communities of mercy and grace. May the churches experiencing loss and change hold fast to the promise that your mission is bigger than any single pastor, local church, or annual conference. Grant that such a promise would bring both comfort and discomfort – comfort in a season of change and discomfort as it drives us all to love you and each other more. Strengthen us to be your Church in all times and seasons of life – a place where all are truly welcomed and embraced in your love (even new pastors and church members); a place where we find ways you are active among us and calling us to join in your saving work; a place where the story of your love and grace and mercy are embodied. We offer our prayers in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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 July 16th, from 3-8 pm.

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



Mission Service Opportunity

**Friday, July 17th,
8 am - 12 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!

APF GRANTS

Ministry Support Team will be
considering Available Program
Fund

grant requests at its next
meeting on July 9th.



There is a collection
basket in the narthex
for your offering of
canned food for the
Salvation Army.

Shower Ministry

Thank you for continuing to remember
the Shower Ministry for the homeless as
you shop. Let's keep filling up the basket
on the altar.

These items have a great impact on the
lives of those who are served at the
Shower Ministry for the Homeless at The
Hanford Pentecostal Church.

Needs:

*Deodorant, Tooth Brushes, Toothpaste,
Talc or Baby Powder, Terry Bathmats*



Stitching Group

Every Wednesday, 10:00 am - noon
Millie Kraft Lounge

Anyone who wants to share, learn, stitch in any way are
welcome to fellowship with us.



Would you like to see your
deceased loved one honored with a
memorial stone in the Prayer
Garden?

See Bob Peden for details.

**The Central Valley District
Council on Ministry**

presents

Second Saturday Monthly

Lay Leadership Courses

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Register via www.cnumc.org
(scroll down and look under registrations
on the right)

In Porterville @ Grand Avenue UMC:

October 10 - Enneagram Your Spiritual
Type

In Stockton @ Central UMC:

July 11 - Enneagram Your Spiritual Type

September 12 - United Methodist History

WORSHIP CONNECTIONS

Worship Coordinator

July 5: Chris Payne
July 12: Andrea McDonald
July 19: Peggy Gregory
July 26: Becky Eversall

Lay Worship Leaders

July 5: Jan Franke
July 12: David Beeman
July 19: Vicki Beeman
July 26: Stacy Brockie

Greeters

July 5: Sue Hensel
July 12: Verne Adams
July 19: David & Vicki Beeman
July 26: Jetta & Glen Lenox

Ushers

July 5: Verne Adams, Jim Gregory
July 12: Mike Bertaina, John Meadows
July 19: Mike Bertaina, Creed Cavazos,
Mary Durham
July 26: Mary Durham, Mike Bertaina

Counting Team

July 5: Sue Hensel, Andrea McDonald,
July 12: Vicki Beeman, Patty Ferrell
July 19: Sue Hensel, Karen Shoemaker
July 26: Jim Gregory, David Beeman

Morning Worship Coffee Hour

July 5: Heather Roberts, Diana Boone
July 12: Roy & Delfa Randles VBS ICE
CREAM PARTY
July 19: Jetta & Glen Lenox
July 26: Sue Hensel

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

Mike Pina (eye), Diana Boone's aunt (stage 3 cancer), Cat Barclay's granddaughter Kassidy, Kathleen Wilson (undergoing chemo), Jill (in hospice) & Connor—the Bertaina's ex-daughter in law & grandson, Bonnie Peters, Ellie Wagner (continued healing), Carol Collar's Mother - Francy Angstman (assisted living), Pastor Susan's parents Helen and John Foster, Larry McDonald (PTSD), Andrea McDonald, Marilyn Peden, Gloria Brown, Peri Neos, Millie Dodge, Pat George, Audra Koelewyn, Alison Klein, June Kruger (diagnosed with cancer), Louise Card (West Gate Garden Care, 4525 W. Tulare. Visalia), Marie Wiles (Kingsburg Center 1101 Stroud Ave. Kingsburg, CA 93631).

Other Prayer Requests

- Laura & Matt Brown grieving the loss of their twins; Jim & Peggy Gregory grieving this loss as well
- The Emanuel A.M.E. Church tragedy in Charleston, SC on June 17
- Jeanette Keith's 98 y.o. mother Myrtle Deaver has moved from Southern California to Hanford's Valley Christian Home. Prayers for her and the family during this time of adjustment
- VBS
- Laundry Love ministry
- 1st Christian's Rev. Tom Warren & family
- Those in the midst of crisis
- For caregivers and those caring for their parents
- The Noonan, Castanon & Wilson Families
- The Youth of this congregation
- Ministry Support Team & Board of Discipleship
- Thanksgiving for all the church volunteers who give so graciously of their time and talents. We are the church!
- Appreciation, Blessings and Well wishes for Pastor Susan Foster
- Welcome to Pastor Cynthia Stateman

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."
Alfred Lord Tennyson



This will be a very short article as the Methodist Women are taking most of the summer off from our meetings. We were originally going to have a Board meeting in June, but cancelled that since we had an informal board meeting on May 28th. This was mainly to discuss the Spring Luncheon that was held

on May 9th (to discuss what went well and what might need to be changed for next year). We also made the final decision about ordering new chairs for Mary Lane Hall and Founders Hall. Treasurer Sue Hensel ordered them. We were blessed with having money given to a Memorial account (given in memory of Evelyn Sarquis), to be used for church improvements, such as these new chairs.

We will not have a Board or General meeting in July. August will have a Board meeting on August 6th. There won't be a General meeting until September (watch for information next month about that meeting).

There are 3 opportunities for attending the Mission u. The first one will be July 31st to August 1st, at Sparks UMC in Nevada. The registration deadline is July 15th. Cost is \$50 for registration and meals. Friday night accommodations are on your own. Hotel information is available from the Conference UMW website and the Great Northern District website. The second one will be August 7th to 9th at UC Davis. The registration deadline for that one is July 1st, so if you haven't made reservations for that one, it may be too late. The third one is August 29th at Salinas FUMC (registration deadline is August 12th). That is \$40, which includes lunch. The study topics will be from: Created for Happiness (Spiritual Growth study), Latin America (Geographical study, not offered for Salinas), The Church and People with Disabilities (Social Issue study). Fortunately, I think most of the ladies that have attended meetings lately did get this information.

If you have any questions, just ask myself or Sue Hensel

Vicki Beeman

Reusable Grocery Bags

These sturdy bags have our Church logo
& name on them.

They are perfect for your grocery shopping trips
& kinder on the environment.

A great way to advertise our church.
\$5.00 each available from the church office.





For Drinking Only

At our June meeting UMM heard from David Hamilton of Visalia about Living Water World Missions. He explained how this group, supported originally by five churches in Visalia, learned how to make a water purification system for about \$3,000. He showed us pictures of the green, chunky water people were drinking daily in several places. They now work with churches and orphanages, typically in Central America, to install the system and train local people to maintain it. The biggest piece of the system looks like the shape in their logo. Each system gets purchased by a sponsor (here in the US) and installed by both local church members and a mission team. The mission team is made from both the Living Water regulars and the sponsoring church. When they go they have three jobs the mission team does. One is getting this or a future site ready and approved that it can be sustainable. The second is the installation work crew. And the third helps conduct classes in use of the clean water. It doesn't produce enough for bathing or washing, so the water is just for cooking and drinking. One of the best parts is that the system produces enough water that the school or orphanage can sell some and offset its expenses.

Out for the Summer

Before the United Methodist Men began a summer break, we voted to spend up to \$200 to purchase a floor-standing flag. The flag is meant to be one of a two-flag set for use in Founders Hall. We also had our annual election for next year's officer, the President, and the group would not let me out of the job after only one year. Bob Peden did a great job as our dinner chair this year, and I hope he is willing to serve in that capacity next year also. We could use a Secretary-Treasurer or an attendance chair, so be warned that I will be seeking someone for either of those positions. So UMM is in recess until Monday, September 14th. Then we'll gather for dinner again that evening at 6:30.

David Beeman



SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPORT TEAM

Do you have an interest in the spiritual lives of children? Would you like to see our Sunday School grow? Let's get together to offer our Sunday School Leaders support. Let the office know if you are interested.



Hanford First United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School Parent Letter

Dear Parents,

At *G-FORCE* ADVENTURE PARK VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, your children **ENTERING 1ST THROUGH 6TH GRADE** will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that will give them an opportunity to experience God's love in action. During Vacation Bible School at *G-FORCE: GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION*, your children will become Navigators and explore how to serve God and others with active love.

After a high-energy opening assembly at the *G-FORCE* Zone, the Navigators make their way through 4 centers: The Scripture Zone is where Interactive Bible lessons reveal Action Words for following God's plan for our lives. The children will expand on what they've discovered by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects at the Craft Zone, exploring science activities at Science Zone, and participating in recreational activities at the Recreation Zone. Along the way, the Navigators will hear about our mission project and enjoy being active!

Let's go! Join us at **Hanford First United Methodist Church** located at 505 N. Redington Street Hanford, CA for a **THREE DAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** on: **Thursday, July 9th from 9:00 am to Noon, and Friday, July 10th from 9:00 am to Noon, then Saturday, July 11th from 9:00 am 2:30 pm.** Free lunch is included on Saturday only. A celebration of VBS will follow during our regular service on **Sunday, July 12th at 10:30 am.** Following our service, we will have an **ice cream party.** We invite your children and the whole family and friends to come celebrate with us.

To register or to find out more about G-FORCE, visit the church website at [HTTP://FUMCHANFORD.ORG](http://FUMCHANFORD.ORG) where you can register online, or stop by the office to pick up a registration form. Office hours are 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Monday - Friday.

Jan Franke Your *G-FORCE* VBS Director

VBS Registration Form
Hanford First United Methodist Church
(one per child)

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Age Information Date of birth _____ Age _____ Entering Grade _____

Home Church _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other _____

Emergency Contacts

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Dismissal Information Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

Phone Number(s) _____

Do you agree to allow photos of your child to be used in church presentations? ____Yes ____No

Other Information (church use only)

Group _____



Sierra Service Project

Building Faith, Strengthening Communities, Serving Others.



SSP is “***Building faith and strengthening communities through service to others.***” by providing life-changing experiences for youth by allowing them to experience the profound power of serving people who have a culture and life experience different from their own. In CA, OR, NV and AZ, approx. 1,500 youth and 400 adult volunteers from 120 churches and over 40 paid summer staff work together, resulting in over 130 safer, drier and more comfortable homes and community centers.

This summer our Pastor Cynthia and a team of youth from our Church and community will be joining with Pastor Ginger Foster and a team from the Mariposa area to serve the Walker River Paiute Tribe in Shurz, NV.

Please begin praying for our team, and those they will be in ministry with.