

# *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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Greetings,

It seems like it was only a few days ago that I moved to Hanford and became the pastor of this church. And here we are parting ways already. As I look back on all that we have experienced together and all that we have accomplished, I am so thankful to God for my time with all of you. You have challenged me to grow, welcomed my family and friends into your midst and allowed me to challenge you. I have enjoyed watching you grow in faith and in action in our community. I have been honored by the ways you have invited me into the hurting places of your life. It has been a joy to celebrate with you. What stands out though, is the love you have shared with me and the love that you have allowed me to share with you. It has been my privilege to be your pastor. Thank you.



On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, it was announced that Bishop Brown is appointing Rev. Cynthia Stateman as the Pastor of First United Methodist Church, Hanford as of July 1st. I have personally known Pastor Cynthia for a number of years and believe that she is an excellent choice for this congregation. I know that you will welcome her as you have welcomed me.

This congregation has graciously allowed me to be your pastor and I ask that you extend this same grace to Pastor Cynthia and allow her to become your pastor. In order to allow space for Pastor Cynthia to become your pastor, I will be taking a step back in my relationships with all of you. This is the hardest part of a pastoral transition for both pastors and congregations, but it is a necessary one. There is no way to allow the space that is needed for the relationship to develop with a new pastor without ceasing contact. To this end please know that my lack of response to your contact is not a lack of care for you, but rather a deep love and desire for you to have a connection with your new pastor. As you share your joys and concerns with Pastor Cynthia, you will build a bond with her. Know that I will and do continue to love and care for all of you. You will continue to be in my prayers and I hope that in a year or so we will be able to continue our friendships.

God is not yet done with First United Methodist Church, Hanford. This congregation has a long history and the continuing story of this congregation is yet to be written. I look forward to seeing what God will do in and through this church in the future.

Remember, God's Love Never Ends,

Pastor Susan Foster<sup>2</sup>

***FAREWELL LUNCH for PASTOR SUSAN FOSTER  
SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 11:45 am  
Founders Hall***



*Please join us for a lunch following worship on June 28  
to honor and say goodbye to Pastor Susan Foster.  
There will be no cost and no reservations  
needed for the lunch. Just come and  
help send Pastor Susan off to her new  
appointment in Reno.*

**GIFT FOR PASTOR SUSAN**

For those wishing to participate in the cash gift that we will be presenting at the lunch, donations can be made to the church marked "Pastor's Gift" and we will write one check to her.

Donations can be put in the offering plate, dropped off or mailed to the office. Just be sure to label your donation as "Pastor's Gift". Thank you!

**Help with Parsonage**

A list of parsonage maintenance and repair tasks has been prepared by the trustees. Please put your name next to the maintenance items you can volunteer to do on the list which is posted on the church bulletin board. The interior parsonage tasks are to be done between June 17 and June 25. The carpets will be shampooed on June 26. Contact the church office for access to the parsonage.

Because of the window of time available, it may be that the exterior maintenance tasks will be done right away or after Pastor Stateman arrives, on June 29.

Jim Gregory



## Vacation Bible School!

**For children entering 1st grade through 6th grade**

**Only 3 days: Thursday, July 9th 9am - noon**

**Friday, July 10th 9am - noon**

**Saturday, July 11th 10am - 2:30pm**

**Then**

**VBS Sunday on July 12th with ice cream party following**

PLEASE HELP! VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

- Assembly Coach, Voice of Checkers the Puppet, Sound, Projection
- Crafts Helper
- Recreation Helper
- Reflection Time Leader
- On-Site Registration
- 7 Group Guides
- Plus lots of people for Decoration Set-Up & Take Down/Store Away

**To volunteer please contact Jan Franke in the church office.**

**VOLUNTEER MEETINGS: JUNE 9 @ 6PM for CENTER LEADERS  
and JUNE 22 @ 6pm for ALL VOLUNTEERS**



**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN  
FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO ATTEND**  
Register online at  
**[HTTP://FUMCHANFORD.ORG](http://FUMCHANFORD.ORG)**  
Forms are also available in this  
newsletter or in the church office.



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 June 18th, from 3-8 pm.

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

Laundry Love on the surface, is a ministry of helping people have clean clothes. Going deeper, Laundry Love is about developing relationships with people to see what gifts are present among those we meet, and encouraging and kindling responsibility and dignity. Our hope is that we will be part the process of moving those we meet from dependency toward interdependency.



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



## Mission Service Opportunity

Friday, June 19th,  
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!

## Reusable Grocery Bags

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

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

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



## Shower Ministry

Thank you for continuing to remember the Shower Ministry for the homeless as you shop.

We are continuing to collect needed items. 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*



## Hands Ministry

Lookout for ways in which we can be of service to one another. When you find a way, offer help or let the Church office know.

Need help with a project or situation?  
Your church family wants to help.  
Please ask.

Want to help? We are building a data-base of people willing to help.

Please see Pastor Susan if you are interested in serving or have further ideas.

## APF GRANTS

Ministry Support Team will be considering Available Program Fund grant requests at its next meeting on June 11th.



### Knitting Group

3, June 3 & June 17  
10 am - noon  
Kraft Lounge

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

Charge Conference  
June 7th  
Following  
Morning Worship  
To Approve  
Pastoral  
Compensation For  
Our New Pastor

**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](http://www.cnumc.org)  
(scroll down and look under registrations  
on the right)

In Porterville @ Grand Avenue UMC:  
June 13th - Basic Lay Servant Class  
(needed to be a certified Lay Leader)

October 10 - Enneagram Your Spiritual  
Type

In Stockton @ Central UMC:  
July 11 - Enneagram Your Spiritual Type  
September 12 - United Methodist History

?s See Pastor Susan

**Are you a youth in grades  
6th through 12th?**



Join us June 7th  
3:00 pm-5:00 pm

We will have fun,  
explore our faith, & serve others!  
Bring your friends.  
See Pastor Susan if you have any  
questions.



**Foot a Month Club Update**

A big thank you for your faithful  
participation in this special giving  
campaign. Watch our progress on the  
bulletin board in the hallway.

There is always an open door for more  
givers.



I'm so happy to be able to share with all  
of you that Gage's adoption is finally  
final.

Thank you so much from my entire  
family for all the prayers.

Now we can truly let the fun begin  
without any worry.

Chris Payne



Congratulations on a successful  
gathering of plastic bags! We have  
completed our plastic bag project,  
so are no longer in need of the  
plastic bags. Thank you!



**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.



We didn't have a General Meeting in May, but enjoyed our annual Spring Luncheon on Saturday the 9th. All who were there enjoyed a delicious salad luncheon and entertainment. I have several people to thank for helping. We had a young girl, Abbie Halsey, sing for us. Also, we enjoyed the talents of our own, Becky Eversall, who played her guitar and sang some songs she had written. Helping with the set-up before the luncheon were: David Beeman, Carole Hester, Sue Hensel, Sammi McDonald, Candy Bertaina, Delfa Randles, Patty Ferrell, and Pastor Susan. Lynette Hester, Denise Pedersen and Pastor Susan made the centerpieces, very creative and helped make the luncheon a special time. We had a few of the Methodist Men helping with serving beverages and doing the dishes for us. The UMM doing so much great work for us were: David Beeman, Bob Peden, Roy Randles, and Verne Adams. If I somehow missed a name, please forgive the oversight, and thank you for helping.

The UMW are going to order some new chairs for Founders Hall and Mary Lane Hall. There is money in one of the Memorial accounts, plus the UMM have been asked to also help financially.

Because of our Luncheon this month and summer coming, we won't have a General meeting until Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, after church.

Last month it was mentioned that Renee True was retiring after 20+ years as the Funeral Receptions chair. I am happy to say we have a volunteer to take over and do the food planning. Chris Payne will take on that job. She will always needs lots of help, so please let Chris know if you can help. It doesn't have to be a commitment to help at every reception, but whenever you can. Please give Chris your name and contact info. In fact: there is a Memorial Service Reception on Saturday, June 6th after the 11:00 am Service. Chris could use your help.

May all have a good summer, happy & safe travels.

Vicki Beeman





## **Dinner & Meeting Monday, June 8th, 6:30 pm**

I turned the faucet on the other day, and do you know what came out? Water. Clean, potable water. With all the reminders of the drought we are in, I still get water when I turn the faucet handle. I can drink it, take a shower; my day can go on. It makes me forget all the places in our world where that still doesn't happen. How do you run a school or a hospital without water? Even in places that get enough rain, the issue is clean water. I guess this persists because getting the water supply cleaned the way we do it here in America is so Big Time, so expensive. That's why I was excited to hear about a clean water system that costs less to install, and less to operate.

We are going to have a speaker from Living Water World Missions come from their headquarters to our June UMM meeting to show us what they do. In the meantime you can look up their Living Water World Missions web page and see a little bit what their water system and their mission looks like.

Next United Methodist Men meeting is Monday, June 8 at 6:30 PM. After dinner, our program will be Living Water World Missions. We need a count for dinner, men and guests, so please give me a call this week.

If you

- make dinner reservations, and
- arrive by 6:30, and
- have this answer: "Where is Living Water World Missions headquartered?" then you'll win a prize.

At our last meeting we got to see the plans (Blueprints are no longer used.) for the new recycling collection point out in our breezeway. Since that time, the project has been completed and installed. It's the work of a team Sage Wyman assembled and led for his Eagle Scout project. The project includes three cans, not too big to deal with, for glass, plastic and metal. The cans are enclosed in a ventilated, wood structure up off the ground. The back opens for access to the entire cans. The whole structure is right next to the metal trash can in the breezeway past Fireside and Friendship rooms, so that metal can is next in the row to continue to collect other trash. Paper continues to be collected inside the church buildings. At the May meeting we got to find out the elements that must be part of an Eagle Scout project, and how this effort fulfills them. One was that the scout's project has to benefit a non-profit organization.

David Beeman 584-2911

**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 (now in rehab following a serious auto accident), Kathleen Wilson (undergoing chemo), Jill (in hospice) & Connor—the Bertaina's ex-daughter in law & grandson, Katie (Leukemia) - Stacy Brockie's cousin, 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**

- Congratulations to Jessica Brockie for graduating from San Francisco State
- Cat Barclay and David Beeman, our delegates to Annual Conference
- Mary and Jeff Durham as they grieve the passing of Ben Durham
- Laundry Love ministry
- Carole Hester, Lynnette Hester, Pedersen family & other family/friends as they mourn the passing of Darrell Hester
- The family and friends of Fran Knight grieving her passing
- 1st Christian's Rev. Tom Warren & family
- Thanksgiving for Toni, Seth & Gage on Gage's adoption
- 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

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

# WORSHIP CONNECTIONS

## Morning Worship

### June 7

Mark 2:13-22

“Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick? I’m here inviting the sin-sick, not the spiritually-fit.”

### June 14

Mark 4:26-34

He was never without a story when he spoke.

### June 21

Mark 4:35-41

“Who is this, anyway?” they asked.  
“Wind and sea at his beck and call!”

### June 28

Mark 5:21-43

“What are you talking about? With this crowd pushing and jostling you, you’re asking, ‘Who touched me?’ Dozens have touched you!”

## Worship Coordinator

**June 7:** Chris Payne

**June 14:** Andrea McDonald

**June 21:** Peggy Gregory

**June 28:** Becky Eversall

## Lay Worship Leaders

**June 7:** Peggy Gregory

**June 14:** Sue Hensel

**June 21:** Bob Junell

**June 28:** Leon McDonald

## Greeters

**June 7:** Jim & Karen Shoemaker

**June 14:** David & Vicki Beeman

**June 21:** Diana & Lily Boone

**June 28:** Jake & Jane Gozun

## Ushers

**June 7:** Verne Adams, Mary Durham,  
Creed Cavazos

**June 14:** Jim Gregory, Mary Durham

**June 21:** Mike Bertaina, Creed Cavazos,  
Mary Durham

**June 28:** Mary Durham, David Beeman

## Counting Team

**June 7:** Sue Hensel, Andrea McDonald,

**June 14:** Vicki Beeman, Patty Ferrell

**June 21:** Sue Hensel, Karen Shoemaker

**June 28:** Jim Gregory, David Beeman

## Morning Worship Coffee Hour

**June 7:** Larry & Andrea McDonald

**June 14:**

**June 21:** Bob & Pollie Geissler

**June 28:** FAREWELL LUNCH FOR  
PASTOR SUSAN FOSTER

# 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 10:00 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.

Sincerely,

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.



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.*