

PASTOR'S PAGE

On Wednesday, July 4, we will celebrate Independence Day in the United States.

We celebrate the independence of our nation with fireworks, parades, picnics, baseball, and family gatherings. Our freedom is a precious gift that must never be taken for granted. Two of the freedoms I find most important are our freedom of religion and freedom of speech.

As Christians, we enjoy another freedom that is not unique to our nation. This is the freedom to know we are the precious daughters and sons of God. God claims us as one of His Children through the work of His Son, Jesus Christ. Galatians 5:1 reads: "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."

Our Christian freedom is not dependent on the work of any government. It is a gift from God. Paul continues with this theme in Galatians 5:13 and 14: "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

What will we do with our Christian freedom? I trust that you will apply your faith and our freedom of speech to say a word of encouragement to a family member, friend, neighbor or co-worker.

In a hurting world, a word of grace and comfort can have a lasting impact. As we love our neighbors, are there new opportunities for you to welcome a stranger, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit a prisoner or rescue a widow or orphan? May we give thanks to God for the freedoms we enjoy.

May God in Christ bless you richly,

Glen

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Berdina Anderson
Hal Burk
Fred & Louise
Curran
Mike Delaney

Thelma Haase
John Williams
Bev Lock
Noni Miller
Rosalie Pitt

Nick Rodriguez
Aiko Ryan
Kay Smith
Loise Sullivan
Rev. Roy Erford

Please include in your prayers those with special needs, those receiving medical care, the home-bound, caregivers, service men and women, our CA/NV Conference, and the churches of the Great Northern District.

(If you would like your name added for special prayers, please let us know at the office or contact the pastor.)



Library News

Two new music CD's from the Amani Children's Choir are available for check out:

- Testimony and Joyful Africa

Music CD's are located on the shelf by the library desk. Check out music CD's on the book sign out list.

Marsha Sylvester-Jose,
Church Librarian

"I will sing praises to thy name."

2 Samuel, 22:50

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THANK YOU'S

THANK YOU

Thank you UMW the Nifty-Fifty luncheon held on May 12th was a great success. Hurray! Thank you for the plentiful, beautiful salads. Fantastic job! All items donated for door prizes were very much appreciated. It was my pleasure to organize the event. Thank you for the high praises and support. One last thought, *"The love of our church family flows strong and deep, leaving us memories to treasure and keep."* Have a relaxing summer ~ Carol Swain

OUTREACH WINDOW

Donations of fresh fruit or fruit cups to include in the lunch bags and shampoo and conditioner for the hygiene bags would be appreciated. The Month of May the window gave out 161 sack lunches, referred 27 people to C.A.N., and gave out 13 hygiene bags.

Thank you to all those that have donated!



VBS THANK YOU

Vacation Bible School was a huge success this year. Thank you very much to everyone who donated items and volunteered during our week-long event. A big thank you to Debbie Hopking for the use of her pool for the VBS grand finale party.



NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR/ORGANIST

The last Sunday in June we said goodbye to Jeff Hinkle and his family as they move across the country to a new appointment. This opened the opportunity to welcome Taber Dullea as our new Chancel Choir Director and Organist. Taber is an accomplished musician and singer and we look forward to his talent in our music ministry.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The United Methodist Men are promoting the Faith & Family Night at the Sacramento River Cats. The congregation is invited to sign-up for the game on Saturday, August 11th. Gates open at 4:30pm. Ticket price is \$20 per person. Sign-up Sheet is in the Narthex or call the Church office.



JULY THEME SUNDAY'S

The Month of July we will have themed Sunday's again this year. They include: July 1st Patriotic Theme, July 8th Crazy Sock Day, July 15th Water/Beach Day, July 22nd Favorite Sports Team Day and July 29th Backwards Day. Dress the theme and get a ticket for a chance at a prize!

NEW MEMBERS COLUMN

Each month we will highlight a new member who joined our church in December. This month the spotlight is on:

MATTHEW FISH

Matthew Fish is 15 years old. He is the son of Jerry and Shelley Fish. Matthew was baptized in 2003 at Castro Valley United Methodist Church.

He currently attends Marysville Charter Academy of the Arts where he just completed 9th grade. Matthew's interests include, dance, piano, and overall academics. He hopes to Major in Criminal Justice when he enters College. Matthew wanted to become a member of this church during his confirmation classes and was interested in learning more about being a Christian.

Please



DATES AND EVENTS

Sunday, July 1	10 am – Combined Worship PATRIOTIC THEME SUNDAY
Tuesday, July 3	6:30 pm – YSARC
Wednesday, July 4	6pm – Potluck, games & Fireworks (Office Closed)
Thursday, July 6	11 am – Prayer Circle
Sunday, July 8	9&11 – CRAZY SOCK DAY
Tuesday, July 10	5:30 pm – SPPRC Meeting
Wednesday, July 11	5:30 pm – Trustees Meeting
Thursday, July 12	11 am – Prayer Circle
Friday, July 13	CIRCUIT RIDER DEADLINE
Saturday, July 14	7:45 am – Men’s Breakfast
Sunday, July 15	9&11 – WATER/BEACH DAY
Tuesday, July 17	6 pm – Finance Meeting
Wednesday, July 18	3:30 pm – Worship Meeting 4 pm – Outreach Meeting
Thursday, July 19	10 am – Bazaar Buddies 11 am – Prayer Circle
Saturday, July 21	5 pm – Pinochle Party
Sunday, July 22	9&11 – FAVORITE TEAM
Thursday, July 26	11 am – Prayer Circle
Sunday, July 29	11&9 – BACKWARDS DAY BACKWARD? DAY

And **Bring a Friend Sunday** – with a special “choose your song” service, send requests in on Sunday the 22nd.



7/1	Alyce Sokoloski	7/18	Collin Walker
7/2	Sheryl Donovan	7/19	Dorie Ralph
7/3	Long Cha	7/20	Payne Macy
7/7	Scott Davis	7/21	Fred Curran
7/7	Vicki Thao	7/24	Benjamin Pask
7/9	Nancy Tredway	7/25	Sabrina Kirchubel
7/9	Andrew Ralph	7/26	Nancy Schembri
7/9	Elliott Sokoloski	7/27	Kathryn Ralph
7/12	Phil Sherman	7/28	James Doherty
7/13	Amanda Rogers	7/29	Sou Cha
7/15	Donna Beszhak	7/30	Spencer Able

Happy Anniversary

7/1	Emmanuel & Irene Powe
7/2	Brent & Alisen Haste
7/30	Thomas Jr. & Lesa Holmes

The 12-month birthday list is posted on the bulletin board in Pioneer Hall. For additions or corrections, please call the church office.

Major “Cash for Food” Drive Underway

Unbeknownst to many people, the need for food for families in need is high in the summertime as donations to our local food closets drop. Yet, the demand actually rises as kids are out of school.

Each year, the Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way runs a major food drive at the start of summer, last year raising some 35,000 pounds of food.

This year, Y-S-C United Way has introduced a major change as it is moving from collecting non-perishable foods to a “Cash for Food Drive” event with a dollar goal of \$15,000.

“The concept of raising money for local food closets is receiving great reviews from the food closets which collect and dispense foods as the cash donated allows the food closets to purchase what is needed to round out their summer inventory, instead of taking just what product is donated,” said Bob Harlan, Executive Director of Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way.

“In addition, if we raise our goal of \$15,000, the equivalent number of pounds could reach 75,000 because of the food closet’s buying power with cash. That’s double the poundage from last year!” Harlan said.

Harlan stressed that no one will take any cash off of the top. 100% will go to 11 local food closets and the Yuba-Sutter Food Bank to purchase nutritious non-perishable foods for individuals and families in need this summer.

The participating food organizations are: Catholic Ladies Relief Society; Christian Assistance Network (CAN); Foothill Food Pantry; **Marysville First United Methodist Church**; The Salvation Army; St. Andrew Presbyterian Church; St. Vincent de Paul; Twin Cities Rescue Mission; The Yuba-Sutter Food Bank; First Presbyterian Church, Colusa; Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and St. John’s Episcopal Church in Colusa.

The “Cash for Food Drive” is underway through July 10th.

There are several ways to donate: Online at www.yscunitedway.org; By calling (530) 743-1847; By Texting FoodDrive (no space) to 41444; Or by mailing or dropping of a check made out to “United Way” at 1521 Butte House Road, Suite C, Yuba City, 95993.

LAY LEADER CORNER

Here it is the month of July, which usually means Hot Weather, fireworks, Bar-b-ques, vacations, and the conclusion of the United Methodists getting together for their Annual Church Conference. Pastor Glen and Terry will be returning for their 8th year to lead our church. This is a GREAT BLESSING for us as we look upward and onward to another terrific year. WELCOME BACK!!!!

The Worship Committee has voted to continue having themes for each Sunday in July. Join in the fun where you feel comfortable during the Summer Sundays of this month.

July 1st "PATROTIC SUNDAY" -Wear red, white, & blue
10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School, Anniversary and
Birthday recognition, Communion and Potluck.

July 8th, 9&11 a.m. "CRAZY SOCKS SUNDAY"

July 15th, 9&11 a.m. "WATER DAY"

July 22nd, 9&11 a.m. "FAVORITE TEAM" This Sunday,
Special Papers will be passed out to select your favorite
songs that we sing in church for the following Sunday.

July 29th 9&11 a.m. "Backwards Day" and "Bring A Friend
To Church Sunday" During both Worship Services there we
will be the singing of the songs/hymns chosen from your
requests the previous Sunday.

Welcome Taber Dullea to our Music Ministry, we are
thrilled at the opportunity to have such an amazing musician
and we look forward to the Chancel Choir resuming in the
first Sunday in September. Sign-ups for Special music
during the summer are still available while the Choir is on
break.

Thanks to the UMW for hosting the June Potluck, I think
we are still full. Also, all of those who have hosted this past
year and first time hosts that have done a wonderful job.

Shirley Anderson, Lay Leader

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Hello Ladies,

How did it get to be July already! As we celebrate the 4th let us not forget that with all the upheaval in our country and others, we can be grateful that we have the freedom to pray, speak, act, and attend the church of our choice.

The June 9 General Meeting at Szechuan Restaurant was well attended with 31 women who enjoyed great fellowship and good food with plenty left over to take home. Pam Fuhrman spoke about the 150 Celebration Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. The two-day energizing, educational and spirit filled journey left the five women who flew, and yes, even drove cross country, feeling refreshed and ready to let the brave pioneering women of the first UMW be their inspiration. Thanks to Lelah Holmes and Pam Fuhrman for purchasing bracelets handmade by impoverished women of a village in east Uganda and bringing them as a gift to all of us.

After so many losses in such a short time we are ready for happier experiences and the sounds of children enjoying VBS has brought much needed smiles to our faces. School is out, be careful when driving.

You won't want to miss out on Mission u, August 10-11 in Chico. Many of our District Team will be there, it's close enough to drive and there are three interesting class to choose from. See Myra Wade or Marcia Davis for registration forms which must be turned in before July 11.

There is no UMW meeting in July. Next meeting Executive Board, August 6.

Thought for the Day: *Instead of telling God how big your problems are, tell your problems how big your God is!*

Myra Wade,
Secretary

Marcia Davis, President

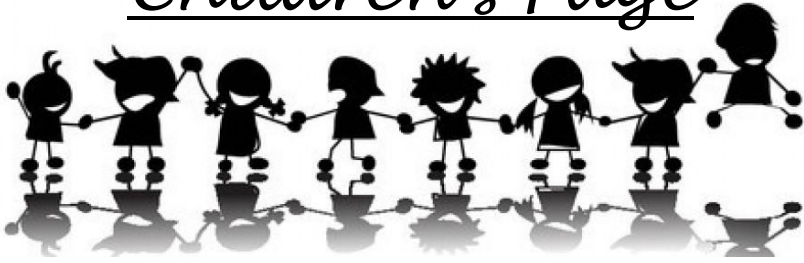
Vivian Riley & Bonnie Shelton, Co-Vice Presidents

Lucille Figary, Treasurer

United Methodist



Children's Page



School is out and summer events have begun. As this Page comes to you the “Son West Round-Up” Vacation Bible School will be finishing up its week from June 25-29. Lots of goodies, stories, games and fun were had by all. If you didn’t enroll your little guys’ this year, please come next year.

On into summer there will be various volunteers doing classes, fun projects, movie series and lots of Christian entertainment for all ages. Robin Harland, Robin Pask, Beth Knight and other volunteers will be around to coordinate.

Check the calendar for all the fun stuff coming in July. Water Slide Day is on the agenda, for Sunday, July 15th, bring your swim suits! Other activities to look forward to the children may be measuring Noah’s Ark, Bible Bingo, plus other special days of ice cream, cookies, and fun. Every Sunday will bring something of interest to all ages.

If you need Sunday School information, contact our Robin Harland & Robin Pask. Also, Beth Knight is in the office and can give current info on what’s going on in Sunday school. Check with Rob Hilton to hear what’s planned for youth group.

Helen Bartlett/Robin Harland/Robin Pask

*Co-School Superintendent: Robin Harland & Robin Pask
Teaching staff and volunteers: Robin Harland, Robin Pask,
Rob Hilton, Liz Hilton, Liz Ralph, Jennifer Kelly, Trina Smith, Jerry
Fish, Jennifer Diego, Maryjane Matthews, Beth Knight*

Helping Our Church

***Our gratitude to all those helping our church
last month and all who volunteer throughout the
year:***

Bell Ringer: di mcumber

Ushers: 9 am – Lincoln & Dorothy Eden,
11 am – Myra Wade & Trina Smith;

Greeters: 9 am – Lorna Stutz, 11 am – Lorna Stutz;

Liturgists: 9 am –Carol Schellenger,
11 am- Sidney Riley;

Music Leaders: Praise Team – Lisa Weir

Chancel Choir Director: Taber Dullea

Musicians: Joan Everett, Rob Hilton, Taber Dullea,
Terry Raley and Lisa Weir

Sound Board Techs: 9 & 11 a.m. – Jerry Fish,
Karl Medbery, Tony Pollizzi, Curtis Sylvester-José

PowerPoint Techs: Marcia Davis, Terry Raley

Sunday School Sup'ts: Helen Bartlett and Robin Harland

Youth Group Leaders: Rob & Liz Able Hilton

Altar Stewards: Robin Pask, Liz Ralph & Pam Carmichael

Sanctuary Stewards: Mark Beszhak

Communion Stewards: Shirley Anderson & Lenna Mullins

Church Treasurers: Janet Herald and Debbie Hopking

Counters: Bonnie Archuleta, Claudia Bradford,
Lenna Mullins

Financial Secretary: Lenna Mullins

Librarian: Marsha Sylvester-José

Volunteers: Bonnie Archuleta, Cathy Deaton,
Marilyn Kostlivi, Bonnie Shelton, Lorna Stutz, Myra Wade,
Lenna Mullins & Janet Herald

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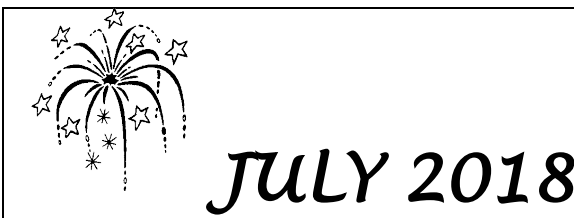
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SUNDAY SERVICES

★ **FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH – 10:00 a.m.**

Combined Worship and Communion Service followed with Potluck

★ **ALL OTHER SUNDAYS:**

9 a.m. - Contemporary Worship Service,

11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship Service

★ **EVERY SUNDAY - 1:30 p.m. - Hmong Language Worship**