



Words from your District Superintendent

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." *Romans 12:12-13*

Oh! I have truly seen this scripture passage alive and well in the United Methodist Churches of the Delta District. The *hope, patience, and faithfulness* of *Romans 12:12* are vibrant amidst the churches and people I have been coming to know as I have visited Delta District United Methodist church worship services, SPRC meetings, rummage sales, fellowship hours and a great tradition of Oakdale UMC: the "potnik".

I have been thankful to witness and experience Delta District's *sharing* and (radical) *hospitality* as I have been with you -- and as I have learned about you in meeting with pastors and lay people throughout the district. What a blessing to learn of local and world-wide missions in which you participate: tutoring kids, making prayer shawls, gathering groceries, serving meals, giving to "Nothing But Nets, participating in Volunteers in Mission and Sierra Service Project, and, so much more

One ministry where *Romans 12:12-13* really shines out comes from the children of Modesto Centenary UMC. There, the children "made 30 book bags and donated about 300 books for the young fire victims aided by the Red Cross. Each book bag contained several books, a bible and handwritten notes (from the children)". It was noted that the children had *joy* as they were involved in this mission!

Joy continues to be made known through the innovative "mini-grant" outreach program of the Central Extension Society. These grants have helped to equip local churches with musical instruments for worship services (Stockton St Mark's and Modesto Centenary's Cambodian Fellowship) with support for the "40 Days of Love" program (Tracy UMC) with signage for special services/food pantry/youth group (Valley Springs UMC), with support to begin a new worship service (Modesto 1st UMC), with means to offer invitation and welcome (Sonora UMC), with means to offer "5 Practices" study (Stockton Holy Cross UMC), art materials for children (Linden UMC) and with means to reach the households of Tuolumne County with welcome and invitation to Tuolumne County churches.

The Word of Jesus Christ is being made known! Amidst such, how can I/we not be *joyful, patient, and faithful*? How can I/we not *share* and practice *hospitality* -- even more than ever before ?

Blessings to you, Mariellen Yoshino
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On October 4th Community United Methodist Church in Valley Springs will be celebrating its 125th anniversary of service to God in the Valley Springs area. Bishop Warner Brown will be giving our message for the day. Community UMC is located at 125 Laurel street in Valley Springs.



ABOUT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

General Board of Church and Society (*Washington D.C.*)

On thinking while running

Watts, a district Superintendent in the Oregon-Idaho Conferences says he tries to never miss the Todd Beamer Memorial Run in Madras, Oregon on July 4th. At one of the runs, Todd Beamer's father, Bud, made a statement that Watts says he'll never forget.

Todd Beamer died at age 28. Each year a 6.2-mile run is held in his memory. At the starting line, Bud always shares a moment with the runners.

Watts describes it as "a sacred moment." He says Bud talks about his son. Bud calls attention to the beauty all around and gives the runners a moment for silent reflection.

"It's really a two-minute worship service," writes Watts in the July issue of the United Methodist Online, e-newsletter of the Oregon-Idaho Conference.

"One year Bud said something in those sacred moments I'll never forget," recalls Watts. "He reminded us of the importance of physical fitness, but he said that when it comes right down to it, the things we do for ourselves are going to die when we die. It's the things we do for others that will live on after we are gone."

The Rev. John Watts Oregon-Idaho District Superintendent, (from article in *Faith in Action, UM General Board of Church and Society, Sept. 7, 2009*).

Start raking, Fall is here!



Annual Church Conferences are here. If you haven't been contacted yet, know that your church will be contacted by a Circuit Leader to schedule the day and time of your church conference. Be sure that all your church conference forms are returned to your district office. Packages with forms have been mailed to churches and are available on the conference website: **cnumc.org**

Central Extension Society General meeting and dinner will be held Tuesday, September 29th at 6:30PM Meeting agenda includes election of officers, bylaws amendments and financial report. Location is First UMC at 1610 East Street in Tracy. RSVP: Delta District Office at (916) 374-1501 or cindyb@calnevumc.org

Sexual Harassment Hotline
916-374-1569



Attend the fall SUMU meeting?

SUMU meets Thursday, September 17th from 10:00 until noon at First UMC Roseville, 109 Washington Blvd.

Their next meeting will take place on November 19th at Sacramento Centennial UMC, 5401 Freeport Blvd.

Sacramento United Methodist Union

DELTA DISTRICT CALENDAR

Sep 17 Sacramento UM Union, 10:00AM until noon First UMC, Roseville

Sept 23 Dist. Cmte on Ordained Ministry Training Day from 9:00 to 4:00 Room B

Sept 26 Lay Speaking Class 9:30 to 4:00 "Hermeneutics" Room B

Sept 29 Central Extension Society Mtg. 1st UMC Tracy (starts 6:30PM)

2010 Annual Conference:

Wednesday, June 16 thru Saturday, June 19 at the Sacramento Convention Center.

Prayer Calendar



Sep 13 Sacramento Hope UMC
Sep 20 Sacramento St. Mark's UMC
Sep 27 Citrus Heights UMC and Sacramento Choun Korean UMC
Oct 4 Sutter Creek UMC
Oct 11 Sacramento Riverside UMC

Cindy's Chat: If you are confused about the new system with church conferences, districts, district superintendents, who do I call, what way do I go, are things up or down, its ok, I'm confused too! Yes, me, miss know-it-all is having a nervous breakdown over here. **But hey, I have two district superintendents that come to my rescue and so do you;** Jerry Smith, email: revjerrysmith@sbcglobal.net (northern delta churches) and Mariellen Yoshino, email: fresnods@sbcglobal.net (southern delta churches).

Courses on Preaching Extravagant Generosity

Plan to hone your skills for preaching about three vital aspects of Extravagant Generosity:

1. A refreshing angle on the bedrock of generosity;
2. Firstfruits living as a proactive approach to proportionate giving; and
3. A new, "Legacy Sunday" model of money-and-values related to planned giving.

This course fulfills the Advanced Lay Speaking course on Stewardship, but it's really about helping people grow deeper generosity in their hearts, lives and faith-based passion.

The dates are: Sept. 19th and 26th at Auburn Pioneer UMC and Oct. 10th and 17th at Reno First UMC. Each course will include two 8-hr Saturday workshops; the first for learning and resourcing and the second for a preaching practicum. **CLASSES BEGIN AT 9:00AM to 4:00 PM.**

Registration cost is \$25 which includes lunch and "A fire with God: Becoming Spirited Stewards" by Betsy Schwarzentraub. The text: "Preaching for Giving: Proclaiming Financial Stewardship with Holy Boldness" by Timothy Bagwell is available for purchase at the class. To register contact the Nevada Sierra District Office at: 775-786-2332 or email at: nsdistumc@sbcglobal.net .

The Table UMC

God

Ethics

Theology

Spirituality

Religion

Politics

Faith

Tap

Join us for

Theology on Tap.

Hoppy Brewpub,
6300 Folsom Blvd.

Mondays

8:00PM to 9:00PM

Sept 14, 21, 28 & Oct. 5

?? Contact Matt @
916-233-5391

Opportunities for a short-term Mission Trip

Participate in a United Methodist Volunteer in Mission trip. Below is a list of trips planned for 2009. These trips are sponsored by local churches but open to volunteers from any church.

California, Lodestar Oct 4-9 Care-A-Vaners; CA-NV Conference - Construction Team

Mississippi, Vancleave Oct 18-24 Foothills UMC & Centennial UMC; Hurricane Recovery - Construction Team

Texas, Galveston October 24-31 San Ramon Valley UMC in Alamo; Hurricane Recovery - Construction Team

Louisiana, New Orleans Oct 24-31 Concord UMC Hurricane Recovery - Construction Team

Louisiana, New Orleans Nov, 2009 Retired Clergy Assoc. Hurricane Recovery - Construction Team

Mexico, Tatoxcac Nov 15-24 Wesley UMC in San Jose; International - Construction Team.

Tonga (December 2009) Cultural Connectional Team

Cuba Nov 29-Dec 11, 2009 Yerington UMC in Nevada International - Construction and Connectional Team.

India, Mumbai Dec 26, 2009-Jan 16, 2010 Davis UMC; International - Construction and Connectional Team

Palestine Dec 28, 2009-Jan 13, 2010 Grass Valley UMC; International - Connectional Team

Philippines (end of Jan—end of Feb 2010) St. Paul's UMC in Stockton; International - Medical & Dental Team

Philippines (Feb 4-17, 2010) **Choir Team;** International - Connectional Team

Louisiana, Dulac (Mar 13-19, 2010) First UMC in Reno; Hurricane Recovery - Construction Team

Contact UVMIM office at 916-374-1582 or email us at: umvim@calnevumc.org or our website: www.cnumcvim.org

Drop off candles, writing journals, bibles, cross necklaces or rosaries for Side-by-Side Ministry to the homeless at the Delta District Office, CA-NV Conference Ctr, 1276 Halyard Dr., W. Sacramento.

Exploration 2009 - An event for high school seniors through young adults age

24 considering a call to ordained ministry as a deacon or elder in The United Methodist Church. Friday, November 13 thru Sunday, November 15 in Dallas, Texas.

A 3-day event to hear, discern, and respond to God's call to ordained ministry and to explore their gifts for service as a deacon or elder in The UMC. If you have sensed that God might be calling you to ordained ministry, wondered what ministry in The UMC is all about, would like some help sorting through the issues surrounding a Christian vocation, or want to find out more about United Methodist seminaries and theological schools, this gathering is for you. Cost \$150 registration fee (includes 2 nights at the Sheraton and all event meals). Participants pay own travel expenses

For more information contact the Rev. Tom Carter at 615.340.7431 or his email at explore@gbhem.org See website: www.gbhem.org/exploration

Lay Speaking Classes: (Lunch provided)

Hermeneutics led by JoJene Landon on Sept. 26th from 9:30AM to 4:00PM (fee \$25)

Tell Stories led by David Griggs on Oct. 24th from 9:00AM to 4:00PM (fee \$25)

Basic Course: led by Ron Sachs on Nov. 14th and Nov. 21st (attendance required at both classes) 9:00AM to 4:00PM (fee \$25)

Location: CA/NV Conference Center, 1276 Halyard Drive in West Sacramento.

To register: Call the Delta District Office (916) 374.1501 or email deltadist@calnevumc.org

Prayer For Clergy and People

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen



(From the Book of Common Prayer)

➔ **PT Youth Director Wanted:** Hughson UMC is seeking a full-time Youth Director. Salary negotiable based on experience. For a job description call (209) 883-4952 or email at office@hughsonumc.com Position open until filled. To apply mail, fax or email resume stating applicable experience to: Pastor Tom Hillman, P.O. Box 129, Hughson, CA 95326 Fax: (209) 883-4990 or email: office of-

First UMC in Roseville is looking for an accompanist (able to play both piano and organ) and to work with their choir. This is a part-time position. Contact the church office at **916-783-3464.** ➔

Full time Youth Director Wanted at Stockton Central UMC:

Required skills: knowledge and attributes should include positive nature, responsible, organized, energetic, dependable, have a faith foundation, have group facilitation skills, be inclusive of diversity, relate well with youth and adults, have church youth group experiences as a leader or participant, be at least 21 yrs. old, clean DMV record, able to drive church van, DOJ fingerprint clearance, computer skills, completed some religious studies coursework and leadership experience. Send resume and at least one reference to Rev. Dave Bennett, Central UMC, 3700 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204 or phone 209.466-5046

Is your church in need of a Communion Serving Set?

Modesto First UMC would like to donate two aluminum communion sets: one with six trays, one with five trays. 42 communion cups per tray. Trays are filled with glass cups (box of extra cups included). There is also a filler system for the cups. **Interested? If so contact the church at 209.522.9046.**

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Send Ideas, contributions, and announcements to the Delta District Office at the above address. Deadline is the 5th of each month for distribution on the 10th.