



August 2009 Calendar

1	8:00 am 6:00 pm	Men's Prayer Breakfast Taizé Worship
2	9:15 am 10:30 am	Sunday School: Video in the Parlor Worship (Rev. Michael Carlson speaking)
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5	5:00 to 8:00 pm	Youth (4 th -8 th) Swim Party at Eddie Lou Kester's
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7		Council reports due
8	6:00 pm	Worship
9	9:15 am 10:30 am	Sunday School: Video in the Parlor Worship (Rev. Michael Carlson speaking)
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11	6:30 pm	Council Mtg. at Moffetts'
12	1:30 pm	Congregation Life Mtg. at Moffetts'
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15	6:00 pm	Worship
16	9:15 am 10:30 am	Sunday School: Video in the Parlor Worship (Rev. Vi Spencer speaking)
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18		Newsletter articles due Elders' Mtg. at Edens'
19	6:30 pm	Talent & Hobby Show, and Ice cream social at church
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22	6:00 pm	Worship
23	9:15 am 10:30 am	Sunday School: Video in the Parlor Worship (Rev. David James speaking)
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25	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Mtg.
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29	6:00 pm	Worship
30	9:15 am 10:30 am	Sunday School: Video in the Parlor Worship (Rev. Melvina Symons speaking)
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Elders on call in August:

Mike and Mary-Ann Edens, 276-1744

**August Birthdays
& Anniversaries**

- 1 Norma Bautista*
- 1 Clyvene Deppe*
- 3 Mabel Schiller*
- 3 Pam Pigg*
- 5 Ryan Roesing
- 7 Dennis Bui
- 8 Shawn* & Chan Born (A)
- 9 Fred* & Aretha* Hurt (A)
- 10 Miyoshi Smith
- 11 David & Anne James (A)
- 13 Earlene Hodgson*
- 13 Paul Kulich*
- 14 Fred Hurt*
- 16 Julia Gutierrez
- 16 Loretta Williams*
- 18 Kathleen Bennett
- 18 Geni Dowdy*
- 18 Isaiah Boykin*
- 20 Bob Lewis, Jr.*
- 20 Devin Hallier
- 23 Bearrrr Murray
- 24 Harold* & Clyvene* Deppe (A)
- 25 Randy Jordahl*
- 29 Shawn Born*
- 29 Greg Keys*



New Member

We welcome Geronimo (Jerry) Garcia who made his confession of faith Sunday, July 5. His address is 544 W. Andrews Avenue, Fresno, CA 93705; phone: 224-1912.

Please give him a warm welcome!

Biblical Videos

Biblical videos will continue to be shown during August at the 9:15 am Sunday School time, in the Parlor. This takes the place of the regular adult and youth classes, *but is for everyone!*

Food Pantry

Bring food on Sunday, August 2. Make checks to the church, marked "for food pantry".

Church Clerk

Everett Johnston has taken on the responsibilities of Church Clerk for us.



CWF/ Women's Ministries

The Regional Fall Women's Retreat at Mission Springs will be September 18-20, Friday night through Sunday noon. The key-note speaker will be the Reverend Molly Carlson. Reservation Forms are available at the back of the sanctuary, or see Natalie Hodgson.

Our women's Fall Harvest Luncheon will be Saturday, September 26. It will be a salad luncheon.

Natalie Hodgson & Pat Bartholomew, CWF



Men's Fellowship & Prayer Breakfast

Come to the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, August 1, for breakfast and fellowship, followed by helping with some small chores around the church. This invitation is for the young, as well the other than young men of the church. Breakfast is served at 8:00 am.

All men and boys are invited to attend. If you need a ride, please contact Gary at 438-7040, or garypigg@yahoo.com, or one of the other men from the fellowship group.

Gary Pigg, Men's Fellowship

You Are Needed . . .

. . . to take one or more Sundays to help Clyvene Deppe in preparing refreshments for after Sunday Worship.

Better yet, give her time off by taking her place at least once! Preparation and clean-up volunteers are gratefully welcomed!

Call Clyvene at 229-2049.

Good Job!

Stewards of time and resources: Material and people.

Each person using only one cup per event: Saves money and land fill.

Pitching in at events to help set up, take down, and clean up; remembering to turn off lights, ACs, etc – sharing tasks as responsible members of the family.



**THIS SUMMER'S
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE EVENTS**

*All-Church Talent & Hobby Show
& Ice Cream Social on **August 19** at 6:30 p.m.*

If you have not yet signed up to share your talent on stage, display your hobby, or provide ice cream, at the upcoming social, please sign the sheet at the back of the sanctuary, *or call Elvera Ahlenslager at 222-5767 and tell her what hobby or talent you will share or what ice cream you'll bring.*

Behind-the-scenes volunteers are invited to help set up hobby displays, tables and chairs for the ice cream social, serve ice cream, clean up after, and make announcements. Don't be bashful!

Please call Jan Moffett (222-6462) if you'd like to join the fun by helping behind the scenes.

There's a place for everyone!

Jan Moffett, Congregational Life Chair



Summer Youth Activities Continue

The youth of the church (grades 4 - 8) have had several activities this summer. First came camp at Bethany Pines with campers from UCC and First Christian in Hanford. Then, in July, we had a night of free miniature golf and a Star Party at The Discovery Center.

On Wednesday, August 5, there will be a youth swim party and picnic from 5:00 - 8:00 pm at the home of Eddie Lou Kester, 632 West Princeton Avenue. We are asking youth to make a reservation so we will know how much food to prepare. Call Larry Schiller at 435-8940.

Special thanks to everyone who has worked on these activities this summer: Gary and Pam Pigg, Beth Jackson, Carlos Rosales, Pastor Natalie Chamberlain and Eddie Lou Kester. Also, special thanks to those who made donations to the campership fund.

Larry Schiller

Council Gleanings
Tuesday, July 14, 2009

1. **Church Clerk:** Council approved Everett Johnston as the new Church Clerk.
2. **Camping on Church Grounds:** Council approved the following policy: It is the policy of this church that camping or sleeping on the church grounds, or in church buildings, is forbidden unless the activity is approved, in advance, by the Ministry Council. In order that this policy is publicly stated, signage will be posted giving notice to "No Trespassing". These signs will give the police the authority to come on the property to ask unauthorized persons to leave.
3. **Church Crime Prevention Seminar:** Council approved to pay the \$85 fee for Gary Pigg to attend an all day Church Crime Prevention seminar held by the Fresno Police Department. Training will include crime prevention against church property, church finances, and our children.

Eddie Lou Kester, Ministry Council Chair



New Service Coming to Fresno!

“. . .Concerned with those for whom financial hardship is a fact of life, we have shown that with practical help and workable solutions, they can remain in place and live in simple dignity with some control over their lives.” -- John Marshall, Founder

SENIOR SERVE is a faith based Representative Payee agency approved by the Social Security Administration. It began 12 years ago in Bakersfield, California, and now has an office in southern California with affiliates in other cities as well. We are excited to announce the beginning phase of starting an office in Fresno. -- Senior Serve of Fresno, with "A Heart for the Homeless of Fresno"

Known for its one-on-one support services and advocacy for at-risk individuals, SENIOR SERVE, as an expression of care, seeks to enhance the well-being and security of individuals who are unable to manage their own personal finances through the provision of appropriate management of their income. Dedicated trained staff and volunteers work with each client to define their goals and meet their needs. It has built an outstanding record of achievement.

To find out more, go to www.seniorservefresno.org or contact the Fresno Steering Committee at info@seniorservefresno.org; or check with Hugh or Jan Moffett (222-6462) to learn more exciting benefits to the community as well as to clients of this service.

"I come that they might have life, and have it more abundantly." --John 10:10





Honored Members

Sierra Alvarez was born on July 26, 1996, in Montebello, California. She has four brothers. She has just completed the 7th grade at Jefferson School in Madera where she enjoyed reading, writing, pre-algebra, history and volleyball. She would like to become a lawyer.

She has visited Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Oregon. While touring Hollywood, she met the actor, George Lopez. Her favorite colors are green, pink and blue. She enjoys hanging out with her friends.

Sierra was baptized recently and just got back from our church camp. She says she had a great time and would like to go again. She enjoyed the fellowship, lessons, seeing the bears and deer and visiting the U.S. Forest helicopter. She would like to thank her church family for helping send her to camp.

Eddie Alvarez was born on March 23, 1999, in Montebello, California. He has three brothers and one sister. He has just completed the 5th grade at Washington School in Madera where his favorite subjects were reading and writing. He likes all sports especially basketball and football. He wants to become a policeman.

He has visited relatives in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Oregon. When he visited Hollywood, he saw the actor, Hulk Hogan in a parade and the actor stopped to shake hands with Eddie. He also met the actors Chris Rock and George Lopez.

For fun he likes to hang out with his friends and play tag, basketball and soccer. He also just returned from church camp and he had a great time. He especially liked seeing the bears, deer and helicopter. He would like to go again next year and thanks his church family for helping him attend. Eddie was baptized along with Sierra a few months ago. Their mother is Debbie Flores and she brings them to church.

Please say hi to Sierra and Eddie, our youngest members.

Submitted by Dorothy Shuck

Watermelons & Drama

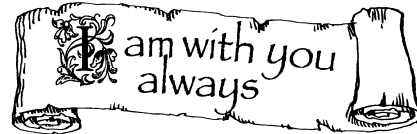
The heat on July 15 certainly didn't stop the performance of "Taming the Grouch" and Watermelon Social! With 40 in attendance, a great time was had by all! Thanks to Irma Moreno for writing and directing the play.

The stellar-cast of characters included: Earlene Hodgson as Edna, Eddie Lou Kester as Maggie, Rebekah Jackson as Mail Person, Hugh Moffett as Mr. Anderson, Pam Pigg as Mary, Mona White as Betty, and Irma Moreno as Glorie Mae.

Thanks to Dorothy, Bob, Clyvene, and Pat who headed up the kitchen crew, Rebekah Jackson and Sally Salt who set up, and to Mike Edens and others who helped serve and clean up.

Joys & Concerns

- Myrna Vogel:** Health issues
- Breeanne Morris:** Pray for healing.
- Melba Jordahl:** Pray for continued strength.
- Yvonne Hix:** Pray to regain strength.
- Cleo Hastings:** Continued prayers for good health.
- Hazel Calderwood:** Ongoing health issues.
- Laurene Sandell:** Ongoing health concerns.
- Dorothy Shuck:** Quick healing for broken foot.



In Memoriam

Diana Aznavoorian passed away Sunday, July 19.
Our sympathy to her brother, Ralph.

Address Changes

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