



July 2009 Calendar

1		NO Choir until September
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3		Church office closed today
4	9:00 am to Noon	Independence Day IACC celebration at O'Neill Park (CSUF Campus) No Saturday worship in July
5	9:15 am 10:30 am	Sunday School: Video in Parlor Worship (Rev. Vi Spencer)
6		NO Bible study until Sept.
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10		Council reports due
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12	9:15 am 10:30 am	Sunday School: Video in Parlor Worship (Rev. Linda Amador)
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14	6:30 pm	Council Mtg. at Moffetts'
15	6:30 pm	Watermelon Social & Play
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18		Newsletter articles due
19	9:15 am 10:30 am	Sunday School: Video in Parlor Worship (Rev. Michael Carlson)
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21	6:30 pm	Elders' Mtg. (TBA)
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26	9:15 am 10:30 am	Sunday School: Video in Parlor Worship (Rev. Arne Larsen)
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28	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Mtg.
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Elders on call in July:

Pam Pigg, 435-2335
Sharon Hughes, 275-3126

Reminder: The Pastor will be on sabbatical the months of July, August, and September.

NOTE: There is no Saturday worship in July.

Food Pantry: Bring food on Sunday, July 5. Make checks to the church, marked "for food pantry".

Biblical Videos

During July and August, Biblical videos will be shown during the 9:15 a.m. Sunday School time in the church parlor. This takes the place of the regular adult and youth classes.

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Cheyenne Samuel
- 3 David James
- 6 Shawn Kulich
- 7 Harriet Conner
- 8 Mike* & Mary-Ann* Edens (A)
- 9 Martha Tuttle*
- 12 Alexandria Moore
- 12 Shawn Dowdy*
- 12 Larry Schiller*
- 14 Beckysue Duran*
- 14 Dorothy Sumpter*
- 26 Phil Hurt*
- 26 Barrett Whiteley (ordination)
- 26 Sierra Alvarez*
- 29 Syreeta Hurt*
- 31 Carroll* & Ellen* Cotten (A)



Address Changes

Herman Farnum: (559) 905-4293
3305 Druid Avenue, Rosemoor, CA 90720

Justin Holmes
2313 W. Simpson, Fresno, CA 93705

Martha Tuttle: (559) 324-8322
335 W. Holland, #103, Clovis, CA 93612





CWF/ Women's Ministries

The Regional Fall Retreat at Mission Springs will be September 18-20, Friday night through Sunday noon. The key-note speaker will be the Rev. Molly Carlson. To make reservations, see Natalie Hodgson.

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



Men's Fellowship & Prayer Breakfast

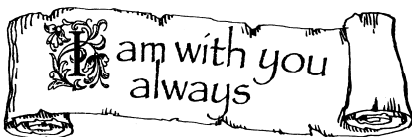
Come to the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, July 11, for breakfast and fellowship, followed by helping with some small chores around the church. This invitation is for the young, as well the other than young men of the church. Breakfast is served at 8:00 am.

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.



Joys & Concerns

- Breanne Morris: Pray for healing.
- David Morris: Quick recovery from surgery.
- Melba Jordahl: Pray for continued strength.
- Yvonne Hix: In rehab; pray to regain strength.
- Cleo Hastings: Continued prayers for good health.
- Hazel Calderwood: Ongoing health issues.
- Diana Aznavoorian: Health issues.
- Laurene Sandell: Ongoing health concerns.
- Dorothy Shuck: Quick healing for broken foot.



**The Selma First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
2026 Arrants, Selma, California
(559) 896-2691**

**Cordially invite
your presence and prayers
For the Ordination to Christian
Ministry
of**

Joan Marie Schlesing

**on
Saturday, July 11, 2009
at 6:30 p.m.**

**Reception at the church
following the service**

Interfaith Alliance of Central California 12th Annual Celebration

Saturday, **July 4**, Brunch, 9 am to Noon,
(Barstow between Maple and Chestnut at
O'Neill Park, CSUF Campus); multi-cultural
entertainment.

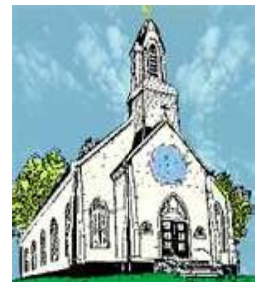
**Suggested donation: \$5.00;
maximum/family: \$20.00.**

(Call Edie or Bryan Jessup (225-1438) for
reservations and information.

Christian Education

Geni Dowdy, our Christian Education Chair
for the past two and a half years, has resigned for
personal reasons.

We thank her for her service and
pray that all goes well for her.



Honored Members

Beth Jackson was born on October 2, in East St. Louis, Illinois. There were four girls and six boys in the family. Her father was a salesman and her mother was a stay-at-home mom until they moved to California where she worked for Cal-Trans. When Beth was 13, they moved to Merced, California. They later moved to Fresno and she graduated from Hoover High School.

After graduation she went to work for Liberty Mutual where she remained for the next 15 years. She married and has three children, Kenneth, Aaron and Rebekah who attends here with her mother. She has one grandson, Konnor. Her son Aaron, who is 17 years of age, just received notice of his acceptance in ATC, an advanced placement program that allows him to attend college half time and high school half time. The family is very proud of this accomplishment.

After Liberty Mutual moved its offices to Pennsylvania, Beth stayed here and worked as a church secretary for four years. Tragedy struck when her husband died in an accident. She then opened a day care center in her home. However, three years ago, she suffered a profound hearing loss after treatment with a medication so she had to give up the day care. She has since had a cochlear implant and is improving.

She has traveled to Mexico, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and most of the western states. When she was a member of the Trade Club, she met former President George H.W. Bush. She also met the columnist Dear Abby and an astronaut who were featured speakers. When she was in the 9th grade, she met Senator Walter Mondale at school.

Her hobbies include reading, especially history, going to the movies and spending time with her family along with field trips with her children. She and her children have a wonderful pet in their Great Dane, Flecha, who is 5 years old.

Beth was raised in the Catholic faith. She wanted to find a church close to her home and found our ad in the phone book. They wanted to visit several churches in the area but after one visit here, they decided they had found their church of choice. She is impressed with our friendliness and our programs. She and her daughter Rebekah were baptized here on May 3. She has already joined in many activities and will be going to our church camp as a counselor. Please give a big welcome to Beth and Rebekah.

Rebekah Jackson was born on May 2, 1996, in Fresno California. She has just finished the 7th grade at Ft. Miller Middle School. She has two brothers Kenneth and Aaron and a nephew, Konnor. She has especially enjoyed math, drama and playing the trumpet in band. This year she has appeared in three plays, "As Big As We Thought", "A Bedtime Story" and "Comedy Night". Next year she wants to continue with drama and band.

She has visited Mexico and through her school's Adventure Club, has traveled to New York and Washington, D.C. While in New York she saw the Broadway play, "The Little Mermaid". The group was honored and saddened to be able to visit Ground Zero.

In Washington they visited the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, Arlington National Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, the Air and Space Museum, the Natural Science Museum, the Holocaust Museum, the Smithsonian Museum, the World History Museum and the world news museum called the Newseum where they saw a piece of the Berlin Wall. The group took in as many attractions as possible.

Her hobbies include acting, drawing, reading, writing, painting and horses. She has had riding lessons. She also likes to visit the coast.

In March of this year, she was chosen as Student of the Month and as such, her picture will be displayed for the next year. She also won an award for perfect attendance. She attends church here with her mother and was baptized on May 3. She will be going to our church camp. Please welcome our new members.

Summer Band Concerts Under the Stars

Dates: *Thursdays: July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30*

Place: *Memorial Park*

Attractions: *City Band, food, arts and crafts*

The mercury is rising, the days are getting longer, and the fruit trees are almost ready to be harvested. This can only be the prelude to "Summer Band Concerts Under the Stars." The City Band has emerged to become the longest running non-professional community band west of the Mississippi. This concert series is held for a six-week period every Thursday night in Kingsburg's Memorial Park. Each night starts with a Farmer's Market, Food and Crafts from 5-8 pm, followed by the concert from 8-9:30 PM. Here's an opportunity for you to slip back in time to an old-fashioned outdoor Concert and Farmers' Market.



**THIS SUMMER'S
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE EVENTS
MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**

Watermelon Social & Play

"Taming the Grouch," by Irma Moreno, on Wednesday, **July 15**.

Bring your friends and enjoy lots of watermelon and Irma's play, starring some of United's top actors! It all begins at 6:30 pm.

A freewill offering will be taken to cover costs.

All-Church Talent & Hobby Show & Ice Cream Social

Show that Fresno United's got talent? Dance with a star – or solo? Arte de United? Share your favorite ice cream? If you haven't signed up to share your talent on stage or display your hobby or provide ice cream at the **August 19** Hobby/Talent Show and Ice Cream Social, please call Elvera Ahlenslager at 222-5767 and tell her what you will do.

Thanks, and Do It Again!

On June 7 our tummies were full of good potluck food; the Halliers' slide show and talk about their trip to Egypt was fascinating! At a future date we look forward to seeing and learning about their trip to Jordan.

Beth Jackson was in charge of the potluck for the first time. Good job! And many thanks for Clyvene's guidance, and to Beth's team of helpers.

You Are Invited...

To take one or more Sundays to help Clyvene (or give her time off by taking her place) in preparing refreshments for after-Sunday worship. She begins preparing about 8:30 am. AND don't wait to be asked to take a turn cleaning up. Volunteers are gratefully welcomed.

Good Job!

By consciously using only one cup of water per event, and dishwasher cleaning the plastic table service, we are reducing the cost of supplies, as well as reducing our impact on the landfill. That's good stewardship!

**Council Gleanings
Tuesday, June 9, 2009**

1. **Church Clerk** position needs to be filled. As head of the Nominating Committee, Gary Pigg will submit a name for Council to vote on.
2. **Missions Events:** Council approved dates for Missions Potluck on 11-15-09 and next years Block Party on 5-1-10.
3. **Missions:** The Missions Committee recommended the discontinuance of the Easter Party due to the low attendance and the busy schedule in April. This event may be replaced by a Fall event such as "Trunk or Treat" in conjunction with the Evangelism Committee.
4. **Office procedure** during the Pastor's absence was discussed and will be announced in the newsletter.

