



United Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School 9:15 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

Elder-on-Call July 2010

Hugh Moffett

Pastor

Rev. Natalie Chamberlain
Music Minister, Mona White

Ministry Council

Gary Pigg, Chair
Mary-Ann Edens, Vice-Chair
Mona White, Secretary
Christian Ed
Marilyn Prowell, Missions
Mike Edens, Bldgs & Grounds
Gloria Hallier, Evangelism
Congregat'l Life
Beth Jackson, Worship
Jane Sumpter, Fin. Resources
Sharon Hughes, Elders

Elders

Sharon Hughes, Chair
Mike Edens
Natalie Hodgson
Eddie Lou Kester
Everett Johnston
Hugh Moffett
Gary Pigg

Elders Emeritus

Pat Bartholomew
Cleo Hastings
Randy Jordahl

Dear Church Family,

Welcome to summer! The long lazy days of summer are here. School is out! Many of our programs are taking a break. We are in the long season of ordinary time. The Christian calendar starts with Advent and Christmas. Then there are a few weeks before Lent begins. Easter is the climax of the year with the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. This is followed by Pentecost and the celebration of the birth of the church. Then comes at least 5 months of ordinary time.

Ordinary time is the time when the church focuses on its call and ministry in the world. The Scriptures are ones that help those who are part of the body of Christ to understand what their own call is and how that fits into the greater mission of the whole church. Ordinary time is about day to day living as part of the church.

The Pentecost projects are perfect for the season after Pentecost. With Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to dwell with and in the Church. The power that comes with the Spirit is the power to be part of the creative power of God. When we look at the world with God's eyes, our hearts see things that are broken and in need of God's healing touch. As the Church, we have the privilege of being God's healing touch.

Each person is gifted differently. That is why each of us sees different needs. That is why each of us has a different approach to helping meet those needs. That is one of the things most special about ordinary time; we get the chance to see how God's presence in the midst of ordinary days makes the time extraordinary. We are celebrating the miracle of God's presence.

There are a number of projects under way. Some you already know. Others might be new to you.

Kathleen Fuller carries care bags with her in her car so that she can offer them to people whom she sees on the streets. The bags include things like foot powder, snack crackers, band-aids, and other useful items. She is asking for donations of old copies of the Upper Room or Our Daily Bread. They need to be the small copies in order to fit in the bags.

Beckysue is helping with job searches. She is taking her own experience in looking for jobs and using it to help others with applications, résumés, and other search related issues.

If you want to help with any Pentecost project, please, contact the person whose project it is. Please, don't bring items to leave at the church. We currently have no place to store items. Make arrangements with the project person and get the things/donations directly to them.

As we continue our journey through another year, allow this season of ordinary time to help you recognize the extraordinary presence of God in all you do.



July

- 1 Mona White* (Consecration Anniversary)
- 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)



**OLD FASHIONED
FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION
On Sunday, July 4, 2010**

The church will furnish barbecued chicken, drinks and dessert.

The rest of the food will be potluck. (casseroles, baked beans, salads, fruit, etc.)

Family and friends are welcome.

6:30 PM

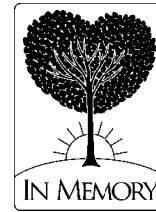
Meal and Games

8:30 PM

Fireworks in the parking lot.

We are taking donations for a Fireworks fund. (checks can be made to the church, marked "fireworks".)

Any questions, please contact
Eddie Lou Kester 251-4359.



Paul Kulich ~ June 12, 2010



Work day, July 3:

We are in planning on clearing out & cleaning up the extra office in the church office to prepare it for Yolanda Marquez-Lucar, the new Spanish pastor. If you can help out, please call the church office.



Men's Breakfast

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be on July 3rd at 8:00 am. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there!

Gary Pigg, Men's Fellowship



CWF/Women's Ministries

The Women's Fall Retreat at Mission Springs will be September 17-19, starting on Friday evening and going through Sunday noon. The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Kirsten Linford. All women in the church are encouraged to consider attending this inspiring, enjoyable event. (Natalie Hodgson would like to know who might be interested in going.) Registration forms should be available soon.

Honored Members

Jaye Goodson was born on July 28, 1951, in Akron, Ohio. His father was a car salesman and later worked in the shipping/receiving department at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel. His mother was a quality assurance specialist. His step-father was a tool and die maker. He has one brother in Atlanta and one sister in Akron. At age 15, he moved to San Diego, California. He graduated from Poway High School and then joined the United States Army. He served in Viet Nam and was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery.

After the military service, he returned to San Diego where he worked in civil service for the Navy in production control in aircraft parts. He worked there for 30 years. During this time he attended Grossmont College and earned a certificate in food service management. He moved to Fresno three years ago.

His children are Robert, Jackie, Ryan and Brianna. He has 12 grandchildren. His hobbies are golf (a skill he learned from his father) photography, cooking and playing with his grandchildren. He enjoys movies and TV. He plans on doing volunteer work with Steward's Inc., and at Valley Children's Hospital. He likes to travel and when the children were young, they made a month's journey across the United States visiting places like Niagara Falls, the Grand Canyon, Stone Mountain, Georgia, the Houston Space Center and Washington, D.C. He also likes to visit an aunt in Ohio and another aunt in Sacramento.

While working in Carlsbad, California, he met the actor, Parnell Roberts who played the character Adam on the television series, Bonanza. He also met Lucille Ball and her children at the Las Vegas airport and obtained her autograph. He met professional golfers Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer at a tournament in Palm Springs and has their autographs on his caps.

He attended church as a child and was raised in the Catholic faith. He later became a Protestant. Since he lives in the neighborhood, he visited our church. He likes

our friendliness and our leadership. He especially enjoys visiting with Gary Pigg. He and his son Robert joined our church several months ago. He has become active in volunteering and has joined one of our Bible studies.

Robert Goodson was born on April 2, 1975, in Dan Diego, California. His father is Jaye Goodson in the above article. His mother is retired from Fresno Ag Hardware where she worked as a manager. He has a brother Ryan and sisters Jackie and Brianna. His children are Sandy, age 13 and Shawn, age 8 who both attend our Sunday school and are active in youth activities here at church. They are also active in the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts.

He graduated from Madera High School. He attended Fresno State and graduated from Fresno Pacific College with a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts. He is currently working on his teaching credential in elementary education.

Robert has worked for Turner Security for the past 13 years working at all positions. He has on two occasions arrested suspects. His hobbies include attending the Fresno Grizzlies games with his children, camping, cooking, going to the movies, watching TV and of course golfing, continuing a tradition of his father and grandfather. He has been to many golf tournaments and has met professional golfers Craig Stadler, Greg Norman and Billy Casper and has their autographs on caps.

During his travels with his family across the United States when he was 14 years old, one of his favorite places was Stone Mountain, Georgia. He would also like to visit Washington, D.C. again. He volunteers at Sandy and Shawn's school as a soccer coach and also with their scout groups.

Robert's father invited the family to attend church here and he joined our church a few months ago. His children really enjoy helping out and Sandy is looking forward to church camp. Please greet this great family.

Submitted by Dorothy Shuck



Youth

South San Joaquin Area Youth Camp: For the second year our area is sponsoring our own church camp for youth going into grades four through nine. This year camp will be the week of **July 11** at California Lions Clubs Camp Pacifica near Oakhurst. It is a large youth camp and has a swimming pool.

Pastor Tom Warren from Hanford is the camp director. Pastor Natalie and Leilani Niswander are camp cooks. Pam Pigg is camp nurse and Larry Schiller and Gary Pigg will also be on the staff along with adults from Hanford and Selma.

Campers - if you have not gotten your applications and health forms in, you need to do so immediately!!!! The deadline for registration is Sunday July 4 as food must be purchased the week before camp. It is not too late to go to camp. Youth do not have to be a member of UCC to attend. Questions? Call Larry at 435-8940.

For photos of last year's camp and to see photos of the facility for this year's camp, go to our website: www.disciplesfresno.org



This has been an exciting year for youth in UCC. A year ago we didn't have a youth program. Then we had our first South San Joaquin camp in many years and sent nine young people. Later in the summer we went miniature golfing, had a Star Party at the Discovery Center and a swim party. This spring 4 of our youth went flying with a PALs event.

When the school year started we began youth Sunday School. Subjects included Bible Basics, the stories of Christ's birth and his youth, the last week of his life and the "13 Most Important Bible Lessons for Teenagers".

Two very special Sundays were the Advent Service of Lessons and Carols and Palm Sunday when several youth read the scriptures for the day (and did so very well). Youth have also acted as acolytes, servants, have prepared communion and have straightened up the Sanctuary.



With summer coming up we have been working to earn money for camp. These fund raisers have included a plant sale and Hire-a-Youth jobs. A number of fun evenings are planned for the summer as well.

Thank you to Gary and Pastor Natalie who have filled in for Larry teaching Sunday School, Tina who comes up with all kinds of ideas for fund raisers including the fantastic plant sale, and everyone in the church who has supported us by hiring the youth to work at their homes and making donations to the campership fund.

Larry Schiller



Missions

Stuffed Animals



We have been given a LARGE number of stuffed animals. They come in all sizes and shapes. There are also a number of lap robes in the boxes.

Help is needed to sort through these things. Some are clean and some need to be laundered.

We want to sort them so that we can clean the ones that need it. We also want to sort the items by possible uses. We expect that the youth will be using some of them as gifts when they visit area nursing homes. Others would be appropriate for TIPS. Still others, those that are new, would work for Christmas gifts.

If you can volunteer some time to help sort or if you are willing to launder some of these items, call pastor Natalie 227-2050



Special Offering

During the summer there are no designated special offerings but there is always an opportunity to give to Week of Compassion. This is the means we have to be present to help in the time of need, whatever the disaster might be.



Food Pantry

We will be taking our monthly offering for the food pantry, next Sunday, July 4 (Make checks to the church, marked "for food pantry"). If you would rather give to UCC, Pastor needs food help. Please bring 1-2 lbs of rice and/or beans for community needs.



Pentecost Project

Needed: One HP-60 black ink cartridge. If you are able to donate this item please contact the church office.



Clothing Donations

Do you have a suit or outfit hanging in the closet that needs a new home? There is a need for interview clothes at some of our local - prison to work programs. They are also needing regular, clean, every day clothes, for when their clients have been released from incarceration into daily life. Please see Tina McCallister-Boothe about donating.



Pen Pals

Pen Pals have a break for the summer since school is out until August. The end of the year party was a great success. All of the pen pals seemed to really enjoy their time with the children. The children decorated the room with banners; each child made a banner for his or her pen pal to take home.

This year, for the first time, several parents and one grandparent joined the party. These parents appreciated the interest that was taken in their child. We are making a difference in the neighborhood.

***Pen Pals
(continued)***

If you would like to be a pen pal for the 2010-2011 school year, let pastor Natalie know. All of the third grade classes at Roeding will have 24 students next year. More pen pals will be needed this time. You can call pastor Natalie at 227-2050 or email her at ncchamberlain@yahoo.com.



May 2010

General Funds	\$260,376
Designated Other	4,078
Memorial & Honor Funds	6,922
Designated Outreach Funds	<u>4,542</u>
Total Checking & Savings	\$275,918

Monthly Offerings *(includes 12% for Missions)*

Total May 2010	\$ 8,313
Total May 2009	<u>7,319</u>
Above Prior Year	\$ 994

Year-to-Date Offerings *(includes 12% for Missions)*

To May 31 2010	\$ 34,344
To May 31 2009	<u>33,890</u>
Above Prior Year	\$ 454

Income & Expense Jan .1-May 31 2010

Receipts	\$ 42,512
Expenses	<u>56,274</u>
5/31/2010	(\$ 13,762)

***Ministry
Council Snippets***

- ✚ We voted to continue the Pen Pals program at Roeding School
- ✚ Agreed to allow use of the sanctuary on Wednesday, June 30th for a focus group on mental health that Pastor Natalie is leading.
- ✚ Eddie Lou reported that the name change for the church property is now complete and we are officially the "United Christian Church, Disciples of Christ."
- ✚ There will be a Fourth of July celebration at the church with a BBQ and potluck meal.

A complete copy of the Ministry Council Minutes is available in the church.














Prayer Requests

- Myrna Vogel:** Health issues.
- Yvonne Hix:** Pray to regain strength.
- Cleo Hastings:** Continued prayers for good health.
- Hazel Calderwood:** Now in nursing care facility, pray for good health.
- Mona White:** Pray for continued recovery.
- Catherine Chamberlain:** Home. Pray for strength.
- John Newell:** Wise choices, and God's grace for hard places.
- Family & friends of Paul Kulich:** On his passing.



All meetings are at the church unless otherwise stated.

July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday*	Saturday
 <h2 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">God Bless America</h2>				1  the Pastor <i>Pastor's day off.</i> 10 am O.A.	2*  the Pastor <i>Pastor's day off</i> <u>Ministry Council Reports Due</u>	3  8:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am <u>Work day @ church office.</u> 9:00 am O.A. 10:30 am O.A. 7 pm A.A.
4 †9:15 am Sunday School †10:30 am Worship Service  6:30 pm 4 th of July Celebration (at the church)	5 <u>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</u> (4 TH OF JULY HOLIDAY) 7:15 Bible Study at the Hodgson's.	6 10 am O.A. 6:30 pm Council Meeting	7	8  the Pastor <i>Pastor's day off.</i> 10 am O.A.	9*  the Pastor <i>Pastor's day off</i>	10 10:30 am O.A. 7 pm A.A.
11 †9:15 am Sunday School †10:30 am Worship Service	12 7:15 Bible Study at the Hodgson's.	13 10 am O.A.	14	15 10 am O.A.	16* <u>Newsletter Articles Due</u>	17 10:30 am O.A. 7 pm A.A.
Youth Camp – July 11-16						
18 †9:15 am Sunday School †10:30 am Worship Service	19 7:15 Bible Study at the Hodgson's.	20 10 am O.A. 6:30 pm Elders Meeting	21	22  the Pastor <i>Pastor's day off</i> 10 am O.A.	23*  the Pastor <i>Pastor's day off</i>	24 10:30 am O.A. 7 pm A.A.
25 †9:15 am Sunday School †10:30 am Worship Service	26 7:15 Bible Study at the Hodgson's.	27 10 am O.A. 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting	28	29  the Pastor <i>Pastor's day off</i>	30*  the Pastor <i>Pastor's day off</i> 10 am O.A.	31 10:30 am O.A. 7 pm A.A.



* Every Friday evening custodial service is being done in the Church and the Church office.