



March
2009 Calendar

1	9:15 am 10:30 am	First Sunday in Lent Sunday School Worship
2	6:00 pm	Soup supper & study
3	6:30 pm	New Beginnings Mtg.
4	7:00 pm	Choir
5		<i>Pastor's day off</i>
6	9:30 am	World Day of Prayer Council Reports Due <i>Pastor's day off</i> Church Women United's World Day of Prayer (St. Paul's Methodist Church)
7	8:00 am 6:00 pm	Men's Prayer Breakfast Worship
8	9:15 am 10:30 am	Second Sunday in Lent Sunday School Worship
9	6:00 pm	Soup supper & study
10	1:30 pm 6:30 pm	CWF Mtg. at Pat Bartholomew's Council Mtg. at Moffetts'
11	7:00 pm	Choir
12		<i>Pastor's day off</i>
13		<i>Pastor's day off</i>
14	9 – 3 pm 6:00 pm	Spring Gathering of Women at FCC Chico Worship
15	9:15 am 10:30 am	Third Sunday in Lent Sunday School Worship
16	6:00 pm	Soup supper & study
17	6:30 pm	Elders' Mtg. at Pigg's'
18	7:00 pm	Newsletter articles due Choir
19		<i>Pastor's day off</i>
20		<i>Pastor's day off</i>
21	10-5 pm 6:00 pm	UCC Women's Retreat at San Joaquin Suites Worship
22	9:15 am 10:30 am	Fourth Sunday in Lent Sunday School Worship
23	6:00 pm	Soup supper & study
24	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Mtg.
25	7:00 pm	Choir
26		<i>Pastor's day off</i>
27	1:30 pm 2:00 pm	Retreat Comm. Evaluation Mtg. at Moffetts' Cong. Life Mtg. at Moffetts'

		<i>Pastor's day off</i>
28	6:00 pm	Worship
29	9:15 am 10:30 am	Fifth Sunday in Lent Sunday School Worship
30	6:00 pm	Soup supper & study
31	6:30 pm	Pastor Parish Mtg.



Set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 7.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 7 Christian Morris
- 7 Candace Michaud*
- 7 Susan* & Jesus Perez (A)
- 7 Stasia Kulich
- 13 Naomi Samuel
- 16 Gabriel Dooley
- 17 Randy* & Melba* Jordahl (A)
- 17 Jim Alavezos
- 17 Sally Salt*
- 23 Eddie Alvarez
- 23 Justice Wynn*
- 25 Tyler Bare
- 26 Melvina Symons
- 27 Tara Dooley
- 31 Yvonne Hix*



The newsletter is now on line. If you would like to stop receiving our printed copy, please email the church office at disciplesfresno@sbcglobal.net. Thank you.

Address Changes

Barrett & Eleanor Whiteley
have moved to Apt. 108, at same address.

new email for Tina:
tmccallister-booth@norman-wright.com

Missions



Food Pantry: Bring food on Sunday, March 1. Make checks to the church, marked "for food pantry".

Roeding School

Cookie Dough Sales: started on Thursday, February 19. Roeding is selling cookie dough and other yummy treats to raise funds for classroom needs (supplies, projects and field trips).

(Money and order forms will be due on Thursday, March 5.)

Save Mart SHARES Cards: is a **FREE** program that makes donations to the school when you slide your Save Mart SHARES Card. (The Save Mart Supermarkets' Apples for the Students Program ended January 24, 2009 and we are no longer collecting receipts.) If you would like a SHARES card, see Pastor Natalie. This is another way to support Roeding when you shop at Save Mart or Food Maxx.

Easter Party

Save the Date! April 4 is the date of our Annual Easter Party. The time has been tentatively set for 10:30-1:00. There will be a need for lots of willing hands. Willing hands that need to have a "sit-down" job are welcome!

We will be doing things a bit differently this year but it will be as much fun as usual. This is an opportunity to minister to the children and families of our neighborhood. Come share God's love with them as we help the children see there is more to Easter than a bunny and candy.

To the Ends of the Earth

At Spring Gathering, we will be assembling hygiene kits for Church World Service and donations of any of the following items will be gladly accepted. Each kit will have the following contents:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16 in x 24 in (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One wide-tooth comb
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six Band-Aids
- Cash to help with processing and shipping

Contact Marilyn Prowell, 229-3147, or mcwalker-prowell@juno.com, about attending and/or contributing to hygiene kits. Items should be to her by Thursday, March 12.

Stamps

Stamps with the entire postmark should be cut off the envelope with a border of 1/8 – 1/4 inches. Old commemorative stamps can be used even without the postmark. Canadian and foreign stamps are very desirable. Entire envelopes with printed stamps and postcards should be sent. Metered mail is undesirable unless it is very unusual. Check for old envelopes and collections that you're ready to move out of your office or home. If unsure, contact Marilyn Prowell.





CWF/ Women's Ministries

The CWF group will meet on Tuesday, March 10, 1:30 p.m., at the home of Pat Bartholomew, 1223 W. Brown.

Church Women United's World Day of Prayer will be Friday, March 6, beginning at 9:30 am, at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 2535 N. Thesta. Lunch is \$7.00. See Marilyn Prowell for reservations.



Men's Fellowship & Prayer Breakfast

Come to the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 7, 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

- Bob Lewis: Continued health issues.
- Breeanne Morris: Upcoming tests.
- Jasmine Roesing: Safe pregnancy; healthy baby.
- Sally Salt: Employment.
- Melba Jordahl: Home; pray for continued strength.
- Barbara Edens: Chemotherapy.
- Yvonne Hix: Regain strength.
- Cleo Hastings: Continued prayers for good health.
- Hazel Calderwood: Pray for strength.
- Roxie Calderwood: Ongoing health issues.
- Diana Aznavoorian: Health issues.
- Laurene Sandell: Ongoing health concerns.

Council Gleanings
Tuesday, February 10, 2009

1. Council approved a request from City Councilman Blong Xiong's office for our church to write a sponsor letter for a **community clean-up event** taking place in Quigley Park in April.
2. **Mission funds** allocations were approved.
3. The **church website** will be included in the list of the Evangelism Committee's responsibilities and their budget will be adjusted to reflect this expense.

*Eddie Lou Kester, Chair
Ministry Council*



Financial Update

Month End: January 31, 2009

General Funds	\$325,617
Designated Other	3,565
Memorial & Honor Funds	6,116
Designated Outreach Funds	<u>2,348</u>
Total Checking & Savings	\$337,646

Monthly Offerings (includes 12% for Missions)

Total January 2009	\$5,935
Total January 2008	<u>6,580</u>
Below Prior Year	(\$ 645)

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

To January 31, 2009	\$5,935
To January 31, 2008	<u>6,580</u>
Below Prior Year	(\$ 645)

Income & Expense Jan .1-Jan.31, 2009

Receipts	\$ 8,744
Expenses	<u>\$11,676</u>

Net Decrease to 1/31/09	(\$ 2,932)
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Honored Member

Myrna Vogel was born on March 19, 1936, in Fresno, California. There were five children in the family. Her father worked on the construction sites at Humphrey's Station and Big Sandy Elementary School (later Auberry Elementary). Then he went to work as a foreman of the crew to clear trees from the San Joaquin River bed in preparation for the Friant Dam. Her mother was the cook for the crew and they lived on the river for an entire summer. The dam was finished in 1943.

As a teenager, Myrna lived in Prather, California and frequently was the baby sitter for Wilbur Plaugher's children. He was a well known cowboy and professional rodeo clown. After several moves, she graduated from Reedley High School in 1954. She married and raised three of her children in Sanger, California. They are Athena, Robert and Charlene. Then the family moved to Fresno and Myrna enrolled in the Fresno City College Vocational Nursing Program graduating in 1972. Her son, Alan, was born in 1973. She continued taking classes and received her A.A. degree in English.

In 1985 she moved to the Midwest and resided there for 10 years. During this time she studied muscle therapy and owned her own business. While living in Arizona, she worked for Frank Lloyd Wright and was a private duty nurse for his daughter. The family returned to Fresno in 1994 where she worked at Valley Children's Hospital and Valley Medical Center.

Her hobbies are gardening, food preparation, knitting, crocheting, traveling, reading documentaries and history and spiritual books and enjoying her sister's mosaic art collection. She has a special interest in genealogy having inherited all the photos from her father's side of the family. She has made several photo albums from this collection. These include the prized WWI pictures and documents of her uncle. There

are many pictures of soldiers and events tracing the history of this war. There is a picture of the blimp, the Zeppelin. There is also an original land document dated 1834 signed by President, Andrew Jackson along with his picture. In addition, she has her great-great-grandfather's original Civil War pension papers.

She also has a picture of her great-great-grandmother sitting in a chair and tatting. (For those who are unfamiliar with this, it is the making of an intricate type of lace by using a single strand of thread on a small hand shuttle. Now, it is mostly a lost art form.) She has traced her father's family to a Quaker background following William Penn. Myrna is a genealogy staff member of the Clan Mac Bean helping trace lines from Scotland to North America and back to Scotland. Also, she has made photo albums for all her children. She has four grandchildren, Laura, Ryan, Jamin and Forest. She has one great-granddaughter, Kara.

Myrna has attended church since age 10. She was baptized at age 11. For several years, she attended the Prather Community Church. She is currently residing at Silvercrest where she shares her apartment with her son, Alan, and her Dachshund, Pretzel. Our fellow member and friend, Frances Pena, who was also a resident at Silvercrest, invited her to our church. After visiting here she realized that in 1976, she had met the Moffets at an Amway meeting. She says she likes the friendship of our church and the structure of our programs. She and her son, Alan, have attended frequently and Myrna recently joined our church. Please give them a warm welcome.

Submitted by Dorothy Shuck

