



Dear Church Family,

Greetings.

As I write this letter I am just back from 2 weeks in Nome, Alaska with my sister, Cathy. It was a wonderful time of vacation. The weather was perfect for me. The time with my sister was priceless. The rest was much needed. I added several birds to my life list. I have lots of photographs of flowers and other things. All in all, I couldn't have asked for a better vacation.

It is always nice to be back, heat or not. I look forward to all of the things I miss while I am away. I am excited to get back to our WOW Wednesday study. I have heard that both Beth and Mary-Ann did fine jobs of leading the study in my absence. I will continue the Ephesians study for the next 2 weeks. While I am away in July, Patrick McKendrick will be leading the adult class with an overview of the Bible.

I did not get to go to camp this year so I am looking forward to hearing all the wonderful things that happened there. It is an answer to prayer to see the South San Joaquin camp grow to include youth from most of the area churches. I know that this camp fills a need for the youth and churches of this part of California. As our youth grow in their faith, the place that camp has in their lives will become ever more apparent.

I am looking ahead to Miracle Day. I will be gone again before that big day arrives but there are lots of preparatory things going on now. I hope everyone has been participating in the silent auction. The items are ones made by members and friends of the congregation and donated in order to raise money for the work needed on our building. The work is beautiful and even if you can't bid, be sure you have a look at it. My own favorite is the shawl Marilyn made.

The choir is taking a short break from weekly practice and from regular participation in worship. That does not mean we will not be hearing their voices from the congregation; they just need a little vacation, too. The exciting thing about the choir taking a break is hearing the vocal and instrumental worship pieces that will be offered. We are blessed with a very musically gifted congregation. Not all those who have a gift to offer are part of the choir so this is their chance to participate.

The best thing about being home is seeing all the people who are part of this congregation. It is a joy to be able to be a part of the life and lives of this people.

God's blessings to all of you as you find ways to enjoy this summer.

Pastor Natalie





JULY
BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 **Mona White* (Consecration Annually)**
- 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***
- 13 **Dorothy Sumpter***
- 16 **Yolanda Márquez-Lúcar* (ordination)**
- 26 **Phil Hurt***
- 26 **Barrett Whiteley (ordination)**
- 26 **Sierra Alvarez***
- 28 **Jaye Goodson***
- 31 **Carroll* & Ellen* Cotten (A)**

Save the Dates!

FIRM Family Festival
July 7
5:30-8 pm

ACTS Class – Ad Ministry
Starts Sunday,
Sept. 11 at 3 pm

Miracle Day
October 8

First Christian Church
Eugene, OR
Centennial Building Celebration
October 29-30

Women's Fall Retreat
Sept 16-18

Interfaith Scholar Weekend
Feb 10-12, 2012
Speaker: Rita Nakashima Brock

NEW ADDRESS AND/OR PHONE
NUMBER CHANGES:

Any phone number or address changes will no longer be provided in the bulletin or newsletter. You must contact the church office for the information.

Marshall & Mona White – new address

Cleo Hastings: - new address

Jaye Goodson: - new address & phone number

John Newell: - new phone number



CWF/WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

The Women's "end of the year luncheon" which was postponed earlier has become the "mid-summer luncheon" to be held on Saturday, July 23, at a restaurant to be announced. All women are encouraged to attend. See Natalie Hodgson to make reservations.

Reservation forms for the Regional Fall Retreat at Mission Springs, September 16-18, are available. See Natalie Hodgson.

HONORED MEMBERS

Patti Horg was born on September 12, 1956, in Fresno, California. Her father was a postal carrier and her mother was a homemaker. She has five brothers and two sisters. She graduated from Fresno High School. She has four children: Michelle, who is a social worker, Amber who works in a medical office, Jayme who is a professional cake baker, and Jimmy who is a Marine veteran and is now enrolled in college to become a firefighter. She also has 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Patti has worked as a secretary, restaurant manager and at Harrah's in Lake Tahoe. While there, she met the actors, Chuck Norris and Reba McEntire and musicians Kenny Loggins and Kenny G., as well as many other entertainers.

Her hobbies include watching TV, cooking and visiting with family, especially grand children. She also likes playing with her Chihuahuas, Bruiser and Gizmo. She was the primary care giver for her mother and also her father-in-law. In 2009, she had a triple by-pass operation and had to curtail some of her activities.

She met her future husband, Jim, when she was three years old and he was 13. They met again later on in life and have now been married 34 years.

As a child, she attended the Nazarene church. She and Jim passed by our church frequently and decided to attend here. They liked our friendliness. They both were baptized last month. They have joined in our fellowship and have helped out in numerous ways including staying all day helping at our block party.

Jim Horg was born on August 4, 1946, in Fresno, California. His father was also a postal carrier and his mother was a homemaker. He has one brother and one sister. In addition to Michelle, Amber, Jayme and Jimmy, he has three sons: Scott who is an Army veteran and is now a police detective, Robert who is also an Army veteran and now works as a loss prevention specialist for Save Mart and Rick

who is a Navy veteran and is now a Fresno City Policeman.

Jim has worked as manager of a car wash, a carpenter, and for an insulation company. He received his general contractor's license and went into home building before returning to insulation for 20 years. He later moved to Lake Tahoe and worked for Harrah's as a supervisor of slot machine repair. While there he met the actor Bruce Willis, and was at the hotel when Roseanne Barr and Tom Arnold married.

After moving back to Fresno, he has worked for the City of Fresno in the Parks Department and meter shop for the past 11 years. His hobbies include riding his motorcycle, watching NASCAR, wood working and working in the yard. He is a 49ers fan. Please give them a warm welcome.

As a child, he grew up in this neighborhood and attended the Lutheran church. He and his wife attended our church after passing by many times. He also liked our friendliness and openness. He and Patti were baptized last month. He says he feels a calling to work in food ministry and is interested in starting a food pantry. He likes to BBQ and also helped out all day for our block party.

Please welcome this hard working husband and wife team.

Submitted by Dorothy Shuck



MISSIONS

FIRM Family Festival, July 13-17

Thursday, July 7
from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.

There will be music, crafts, games, and snacks and a slip & slide! Our youth will be helping with crafts and games and we need help with the snacks. We need lots of cookies to take so please start baking. Any questions, ask Eddie Lou Kester, 251-4359



Here's a list of what WOC has done this year to date in North America

Kentucky (2), flood relief
Missouri, house fire
Missouri (10), tornado response
Missouri (2), flood recovery
Washington, emergency relief
Oklahoma (2), fire damage
Oklahoma, tornado damage
Virginia, fire damage
Florida, storm damage
Tennessee (4), storm/tornado damage
Tennessee (2), flood relief
Virginia (2), tornado damage
Alabama, storm damage
Alabama (6), tornado damage
North Carolina (4), tornado damage
Texas, resettled refugee assistance
Arizona, resettled refugee assistance
Georgia, storm damage
Georgia (2), resettled refugee assistance
Georgia, church fire
Louisiana, storm damage
Louisiana, pastoral care
Arkansas/Tennessee, flood relief
Arkansas, tornado relief
Illinois, flood relief
Kansas, tornado relief
Montana, flood relief
U.S. (2), 2011 spring storms
Mississippi, tornado relief
Nebraska, flood relief



Pastor Natalie
Will Be Away

Pastor Natalie
will be:

At General Assembly
July 8-14

On vacation from
July 18 through
August 3.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY **NASHVILLE, TN** **JULY 9-13**

Please pray for all those traveling to and from the General Assembly.

If you are interested you can check out the website at disciples.org. You'll find out more about General Assembly.

FINANCIAL NOTES **Most Recent**

General Funds	\$226,257
Designated Other	3,451
Memorial & Honor Funds	7,517
Designated Outreach Funds	<u>1,306</u>
Total Checking & Savings	\$238,531

Monthly Offerings *(includes 12% for Missions)*

Total April 2011	\$ 8,093
Total April 2010	<u>5,780</u>
Above Prior Year	\$ 2,313

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

To April 31, 2011	\$ 30,171
To April 31, 2010	<u>26,031</u>
Above Prior Year	\$ 4,140

Income & Expense Jan .1-Apr.30, 2011

Receipts	\$ 34,125
Expenses	<u>60,105</u>
4/30/20	(\$ 25,980)

MIRACLE DAY



Mission • Work • Renewal

MIRACLE DAY 2011

Your Miracle Day Committee is up and running. Right now we are doing a lot of the background work in preparation for the big day. We had our first Silent Auction, raising approximately \$81 for our children's art work. We also received donations of \$66 in our "Miracle Day Jar" and a \$20 pre-auction donation. Approximately 15 T-Shirts have been sold so far; however, we still have a few left if you would like to purchase one. We are currently holding another silent auction with handmade craft items on display until July 3rd. Please take a look and place your bids! We will continue to work behind the scenes throughout the summer and will begin calendaring "Pre-Work" days soon. We still need two volunteers to go to either Livermore or Loomis on Miracle Day – if that is something you are interested in doing, please contact Mary-Ann or Mike Edens for more information. Soon we will be asking volunteers to sign up and let us know their special skills so we can match the right person to the right job. As always, we can't do it without God's help and yours!

The United Christian Church Miracle Day Committee

Chair: Mary-Ann Edens

Volunteer Coordinators: Earlene and Natalie Hodgson

Fundraising: Gary Pigg

Work Site Coordinators: Mike Edens, Patrick McKendrick, Gary Pigg

Food Coordinators: Tasha Wynn, Tina McCallister-Boothe

Safety Coordinator: Pam Pigg (nurse)

Worship Team: Everett Johnston, Mona White

Minister: Natalie Chamberlain

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Neighborhood **"Drop-In & Talk About"**

A chance for you to talk personally with Council Member, Blong Xiong, to let him know of your thoughts and concerns.

Date: Tuesday, July 26 and
Tuesday August 23

Time: 5:30 pm - 7 pm

Location: Quigley Park, Playground
Building.

More info, call the District 1 staff at 621-7816

Summer Band Concerts **Under the Stars**

July 7th, 14th,
21st & 28th, 2011

Place: Memorial Park,
Kingsburg, CA

Attractions: City Band, Food, and Arts and
Crafts

Thursday Nights Only

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 p.m., 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.

YOUTH PAGE

Our 3rd annual summer youth camp was held June 12 - 17 at California Lion's Club Camp Pacifica near Oakhurst. In 2009 we had 12 campers from two churches. In 2010, we had 15 campers from three churches. This year there were 29 campers from six churches, including ten from UCC/PIC.

Hanford Pastor Tom Warren directed the camp and gave the morning Bible Study on the theme of the Beatitudes, illustrating them with other Bible stories. Tom has such enthusiasm and makes the stories come alive.

Afternoons were set aside for fun, games, crafts led by Shellie Warren, Hanford, and swimming with Pastor Natalie's godson Reid Vasek, Olympia, WA life guarding.

Each day closed with a camp fire which featured singing led by B.J. Humpal, Merced, camper skits and a devotional message.

Food is an important part of camp and we have the best of any camp as professional Chef Leilani Niswander gives her time to prepare outstanding cuisine. Wanting the children to eat wholesome food with lots of fruits and vegetables, Leilani planned a gastronomical world tour. Each meal, she would come into the dining room to the cheers of the campers to describe the menu and what country it represented. We had food from ten countries, and, yes, the campers ate vegetables!

Also on staff were: Pastor Yolanda, Gary and Pam Pigg and Larry Schiller from Fresno; Kat Schales, Chad and Charlotte Thompson from Selma; Brett Warren from Oakdale; and Rose Fruci from Lafayette.

It was a great summer and we thank everyone who helped us raise over \$2200 campership money we needed to send our young people to camp, as well as those who prayed for us and sent letters to the campers. Camp is an important ministry of the church.





July 2011

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

☺ Deadline for Bulletin material is noon, each Wednesday.

All meetings are at the church unless otherwise stated.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday*	Saturday
<p>Elder on call: Gary Pigg</p> <p>Pastor Natalie on vacation July 18 - August 3</p> <p>General Assembly, Nashville July 9-13th</p>					<p>1*</p> <p><i>Pastor's day off</i></p> <p>PIC 6:00 pm Spanish Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Pastor's day off</i></p> <p>8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30 am O.A. 10:30 am O.A. 7:00 pm A.A.</p>
<p>3</p> <p>†9:15 am <u>Adult Bible Study</u></p> <p>†10:30 am <u>Worship Service</u></p>	<p>4</p>  <p>NO Bible Study at the Hodgsons'</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 am O.A.</p> <p>5:30 pm Miracle Day Meeting</p> <p>6 pm – 8 pm PIC Bible Study</p>	<p>6☺</p> <p>6pm WOW</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 am O.A.</p> <p>FIRM Family Festival 5:30- 8pm</p>	<p>8*</p> <p><i>Pastor's day off</i></p> <p>Ministry Council Reports Due</p> <p>PIC 6:00 pm Spanish Service</p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>Pastor's day off</i></p> <p>10:30 am O.A. 7:00 pm A.A.</p> <p>Work Day for Miracle Day <i>General Assembly Begins</i></p>
<p>10</p> <p>†9:15 am <u>Adult Bible Study</u></p> <p>†10:30 am <u>Worship Service</u></p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:15 Bible Study at the Hodgsons'</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 am O.A.</p> <p>6:30 pm Ministry Council Meeting</p> <p>6 pm – 8 pm PIC Bible Study</p>	<p>13☺</p> <p><i>General Assembly Ends</i></p> <p>6pm WOW</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 am O.A.</p>	<p>15*</p> <p><i>Pastor's day off</i></p> <p>Newsletter Articles Due</p> <p>PIC 6:00 pm Spanish Service</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>Pastor's day off</i></p> <p>10:30 am O.A. 7:00 pm A.A.</p>
<p>17</p> <p>†9:15 am <u>Adult Bible Study</u></p> <p>†10:30 am <u>Worship Service</u></p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:15 Bible Study at the Hodgsons'</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00 am O.A.</p> <p>6:30 pm Elders Meeting</p> <p>6 pm – 8 pm PIC Bible Study</p>	<p>20☺</p> <p>6pm WOW</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 am O.A.</p>	<p>22*</p> <p><i>Pastor's day off</i></p> <p>PIC 6:00 pm Spanish Service</p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>Pastor's day off</i></p> <p>10:30 am O.A.</p> <p>CWF - Luncheon</p> <p>Work Day for Miracle Day 7:00 pm A.A.</p>
<p>24</p> <p>†9:15 am <u>Adult Bible Study</u></p> <p>†10:30 am <u>Worship Service</u></p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:15 Bible Study at the Hodgsons'</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00 am O.A.</p> <p>6 pm – 8 pm PIC Bible Study</p>	<p>27☺</p> <p>6pm WOW</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00 am O.A.</p> <p>5 pm PIC/UCC Partnership Mtg.</p> <p>7 pm Home Owners Assoc. Meeting</p>	<p>29*</p> <p><i>Pastor's day off</i></p> <p>PIC 6:00 pm Spanish Service</p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>Pastor's day off</i></p> <p>PIC – Yard Sale 7am-12pm</p> <p>10:30 am O.A.</p> <p>12pm – 3pm Youth Swim Party at Eddie Lou's</p> <p>7:00 pm A.A.</p>
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