



United Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School 9:15 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

Elder-on-Call August 2010

Sharon Hughes

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,

Greetings to all of you!! I am writing this on the day we finished our Second Annual South San Joaquin Area Camp. I had the privilege of being one of the camp cooks. Leilani Niswander and I planned the menus and prepared the food. We had a great time doing it and I think everyone had a good time eating the food, most of the time. There was always peanut butter for those who didn't like what was being served.

The time at camp caused me to think—and I wasn't even one of the campers. Two thirds of the campers were from United Christian. I was very proud of them as a group. They come from diverse backgrounds and a variety of households. As their pastor, I enjoyed seeing them work together and I had fun working with them. The work area was close to the kitchen so I sat in on the crafts and even did some crafts myself. I made a mosaic dinosaur!!

I was thinking about the blessing and privilege it is to have a chance to be a part of a child's life. My godson, Reid was at camp, not as a camper but as a life guard. He is 18 and recently graduated from high school. I have watched him grow up but have not had a lot of one on one time with him. He has grown into a very responsible and caring adult. I am proud of being called Aunt Natalie by him.

I was thinking about how hard life is for some of our young people. Some of them have very difficult things to deal with in their lives, yet they seem to have found ways to leave that behind and have a good time. Camp was an adventure. Some of them even tried new and different foods. Camp was an adventure but the kids all knew they could count on adults to keep them safe. Kids need ways to try their wings while knowing they won't get lost.

I was thinking about adults, other than my parents, who made a great impact on me as I was growing up. During the years when I was as old as the kids at camp I had four people who gave me guidance, sometimes with words but mostly by example. They lived lives that encouraged adventure, to try things for myself. I always knew I could go to them if I needed an ear or some help getting through the adventure. They were a blessing.

What a blessing it is that this church makes things like this camp possible. May God continue to bless you as you bless the youth and adults of this church.

Pastor Natalie



August

- 1 Norma Bautista*
- 1 Clyvene Deppe*
- 3 Mabel Schiller* 100 years!
- 3 Pam Pigg*
- 6 Ryan Roesing
- 8 Shawn* & Chan Born (A)
- 9 Fred* & Aretha* Hurt (A)
- 11 David & Anne James (A)
- 13 Earlene Hodgson*
- 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*

Welcome



Please join us in welcoming Yolanda Marquez-Lucar and her husband to Fresno on Sunday, August 1st. Yolanda comes from Southern

California where she has pastored for several years. Her most recent church was West Adams Christian Church. Her ministry in Fresno will include a part-time position as Youth Minister for our church and part-time working for the region, as well as establishing a new Spanish Speaking Disciples church to nest in our facility. Yolanda will also be covering the pulpit in August while Pastor Natalie is on vacation. There will be light refreshments following the service on August 1st, so please stay and give her a warm Fresno welcome!

Mary-Ann Edens
Vice-Chair

Honored Members

Tonya White was born on December 23, 1973, in Los Angeles, California. Her mother was a stay-at-home mom and her father worked in the metal industry. She has five sisters and one brother. One of her sisters is Tasha Wynn of our congregation and her niece is Justice Wynn, Tasha's daughter.

She attended schools in Los Angeles and then began her family. Her children are Eric, age 20; Ashley, age 17; Justin, age 15 and Essence, age 6. Ashley, Justin and Essence attend church with Tonya here at United.

She has worked in Fresno at Lamoure's Cleaners, the Big Fresno Fair ticket office and is a child and home care provider. She currently helps care for her mother and is available to do in-home nursing care and general household duties.

Tonya's hobbies include shopping, reading, music and movies. She is very involved with her children's school events.

She has traveled to Las Vegas and seen various shows, gone on tours in San Francisco and visited Magic Mountain and Universal Studios. She has met the entertainers Chris Brown, Little Richard and Dr. Dre.

As a child, Tonya attended church with her grandmother. Her sister, Tasha, invited her to visit here at United. She joined our church several months ago. She likes our friendliness and the sermons. The children enjoy the youth activities. Please greet one of our newest families.

Submitted by Dorothy Shuck



Youth

Camp report:

The South San Joaquin youth camp was held July 11-16 at California Lion's Club Camp Pacifica near Oakhurst. We had fifteen campers and ten staff from three churches. Pastor Tom Warren from Hanford directed and gave the morning Bible talks on the theme "Journey with Jesus". Each day ended with a campfire and a recap of that day's lesson.

Of course, there was a lot of fun including singing, crafts, swimming in a beautiful pool, and sports and games. One of the more interesting activities of the week was making ice cream by putting the mix in a small can



which was then put inside a big can filled with ice and salt. The cans were then sealed and kicked on the ground for twenty minutes.

Leilani and Pastor Natalie cooked the best camp food ever. Other staff members from UCC Fresno were Pam as nurse and Larry and Gary as support staff. Pastor Natalie's godson, Reid, flew down from Seattle to be our life guard.

Our ten campers were Eddie, Sierra, Amanda, Isaiah, Kaylee, Sandy, Jamall, Jamila, Jennifer and Rebekah.

Thank you to all the members of



the church who helped us raise money for camp and prayed for us while we were away.

Promotion:

On Sunday June 27, all the youth of the church were recognized. Did you know we have twenty-nine children in this church? A special recognition was made of our four Sunday School "graduates". Jamila is going into middle school and Jamall, Jennifer and Rebekah are going from middle school to high school. They each received a Bible Handbook.

Congratulations to Ashley Holmes and Ken Jackson who graduated from high school.



Summer Activities:

Now that camp is over we are having youth activities every week. Coming up are:

- ✠ Discovery Center Star Party - Friday July 30
- ✠ Rotary Playland/Storyland (grades 1-3) Friday August 6
- ✠ Miniature Golf (grades 4-12) Friday August 6
- ✠ Swim Party Friday August 13
- ✠ Grizzlies Baseball Game - Friday August 20.

Youth and parents can contact Larry for details at 435-8940.



Missions

Food Pantry

We will be taking our monthly offering for the food pantry, next Sunday, August 1 (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.

ESA Love INC Love In the Name of Christ

Our church makes referrals to Love INC. Love INC needs our help to recruit volunteers to answer phone calls. They miss a lot of calls simply because there are not enough volunteers to answer the phones.

They need volunteers to serve a three hour shift, one day a week (9am-noon or 1pm to 4pm M-F) at their offices, near First & Shaw.

- There are currently 17 Love INC Phone Volunteers.
- They need 13 more to fill the shifts.

They won't be able to answer the calls we refer to them without our help. Please contact the church office if you are able to volunteer.

Pen Pals

Do you want to be a pen-pal at Roeding for the 2010/2011 school year? Be sure you have your background check done. Then, contact Pastor Natalie at 227-2050 or ncchamberlain@yahoo.com. We will need 23 pen-pals this year. We will start at the end of August.

FIRM BANQUET 2010 "Rebuilding Hope Together"

Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries (FIRM, Inc.) is recognizing the many accomplishments of refugee communities. We will celebrate the ways that communities have rebuilt hope in difficult times through partnership with each other. We invite you to join the celebration! The banquet will be held on Friday, September 24, from 6-8:30 p.m. at First Armenian Presbyterian Church in Fresno. For \$35, guests can enjoy fine food, refugee successes, cultural entertainment and a wealth of silent auction items! For information or ticket reservations, please contact FIRM at 487-1500.

We are deeply grateful to God for the ways in which our ministries are strengthened and made possible by our many church friends! The party will not be complete without you! FIRM serves 6,500+ Southeast Asian, Slavic, and African refugees per year through a wide range of holistic health, education, housing, outreach, employment and gardening projects. None of this would be possible without you! Please join us as we celebrate accomplishments that your support and love have made possible!



June 2010

General Funds	\$256,244
Designated Other	4,208
Memorial & Honor Funds	7,352
Designated Outreach Funds	<u>1,561</u>
Total Checking & Savings	\$269,365

Monthly Offerings (includes 12% for Missions)

Total June 2010	\$ 4,777
Total June 2009	<u>5,986</u>
Below Prior Year	(\$ 1,209)

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

To June 30 2010	\$ 39,120
To June 30 2009	<u>39,876</u>
Below Prior Year	(\$ 756)

Income & Expense Jan. 1-June 30, 2010

Receipts	\$ 49,145
Expenses	<u>70,082</u>
6/30/2010	(\$ 20,937)

**Ministry
Council Snippets**

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



Men's Breakfast

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be on August 7th 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 Harvest Luncheon will be at noon on September 11 at the church. It will be a salad potluck. Karen Gross of Stewards, Inc. will be the guest speaker. All women are urged to share in this time of fellowship and information about this important new ministry.

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.) Copies of the registration form are at the back of the sanctuary.



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.

Dorothy Sumpter: Heart surgery went well. Pray for full recovery.

Bob Lewis Jr.: Leg issues



Regional Road Trip
"On a mission for God"

Selma is hosting the 2010 "Road Trip" on August 12th.

Paula, Sandhya and Ben will travel the Region:

- ...to hear Pentecost stories
- ...help brainstorm what it means to become the region's new Mission Clusters
- ...share some pointers on healthy conversations
- ...support one another in becoming "Missional"

These Geographical Area Meetings are for EVERYONE...that means EVERYONE!
It would be a big help to the dinner planners to know how many are coming to dinner.

Please contact: the church office by Thursday, August 5th, or sign up on the sheet on the turnaround. Their planner will be very grateful.

We are looking forward to you all being here with us to grow together as people serving God.



Church office hours:

Please note the change in church office hours. We will be open for church business on Monday – Thursday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Closed on Fridays. The messages will be checked hourly on Fridays for any emergency calls.

Pastor Natalie will be on vacation from August 2-24.



SAVE THE DATE:

ACTS
Conflicts 101: Tools for Healthy Communication
September 23-24

Regional Event
November 13, 2010
To recognize Yolanda's Ministry



Camp – Ice Cream Winners!



Swimming at camp

2010

All meetings are at the church unless otherwise stated.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday*	Saturday
1 †9:15 am Sunday School †10:30 am Worship Service Reception to Welcome Yolanda (immediately following the service)	2 7:15 Bible Study at the Hodgson's.	3 10 am O.A.	4	5 10 am O.A.	6* 10:15am-12:15 <u>Rotary Playland/ Storyland</u> (grades 1-3) <u>Miniature Golf @ Blackbeards</u> 6:30 pm (grades 4-12) <u>Ministry Council Reports Due</u>	7 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am O.A. 10:30 am O.A. 7 pm A.A.
Pastor Natalie on vacation Aug 2-24						
8 †9:15 am Sunday School †10:30 am Worship Service	9 7:15 Bible Study at the Hodgson's.	10 10 am O.A. 6:30 pm Council Meeting	11	12 10 am O.A. Regional Road Trip - Selma	13* Youth Swim Party! 8:00 pm at Eddie Lou's	14 10:30 am O.A. 7 pm A.A.
15 †9:15 am Sunday School †10:30 am Worship Service	16 7:15 Bible Study at the Hodgson's.	17 10 am O.A. 6:30 pm Elders Meeting	18 <u>Newsletter Articles Due</u>	19 10 am O.A.	20* A Trip to the Ball Game Grizzlies Baseball Game!	21 10:30 am O.A. 7 pm A.A.
22 †9:15 am Sunday School †10:30 am Worship Service	23 7:15 Bible Study at the Hodgson's.	24 10 am O.A. 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting	25	26 the Pastor Pastor's day off 10 am O.A.	27* the Pastor Pastor's day off	28 10:30 am O.A. 7 pm A.A.
29 †9:15 am Sunday School †10:30 am Worship Service	30 7:15 Bible Study at the Hodgson's.	31 10 am O.A. 6:30 pm PPR Meeting @ Pastor Natalie's home				



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