



## Movies... Concert... March Madness....& More

Sunday, March 5 **Music Video Night**  
Bring your favorite song and "costume" to record your very own music video. Group showing to be determined.

Sunday, March 12 **Survivor!**  
If you like the TV show, you'll love our version. Will you be the sole survivor?

Sunday, March 19 **Spring Break**  
No UMYF the first Sunday of Spring Break. Happy Spring!

Sunday, March 26 **March Madness**  
Bucket Ball & Pizza making make March marvelous.

### 30 Hour Famine - March 31st

The 15th Annual fast (which begins at noon March 31 and runs until 6:00 p.m. April 1st), gives STJUMC youth a small taste of what it's like not to have anything to eat.

A lock-in for participating youth begins at 4:30 on Friday the 31st. During that time we'll enjoy fellowship, planned activities, study times, prayer, the game of Tribes, and a service project. Saturday morning, we'll prepare breakfast burritos for the day laborers awaiting jobs in front of the Department of Labor.

It takes only \$30 to feed a child for a month through World Visions' 30-Hour Famine Program. In order to take part in the lock-in, each youth participating must raise at least \$30 in pledges.

UMYF will end our fast with a celebration meal of beans and rice, which is the only thing millions of children have to eat every day in our world.

## POTLUCK PRESENTS.....

"From Health to Hospice" had a terrific turnout on Feb. 26th for an enlightening and thought provoking panel discussion on the myriad choices surrounding critical care. This special presentation of the Older Adult Potluck on Mondays had a full house of oldsters and youngsters listening intently to the expanded panel of nine experts from Presbyterian Medical and Odyssey Hospice. Doug Egli, moderator, provided timely tips on sensitive health issues that we all face sometime in life.

Please save **Monday, March 27th** for our next Potluck Luncheon. Linda Durant from the National Alzheimer's Association will offer tips on "Maintaining Your Brain." The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program follows at 12:15 pm. For more information, please contact Janet at 982-5397 Ext. 106.



### "Forgiveness"

During Lent we prepare to share in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Reflecting on God's gift of grace, we ask ourselves how this gift renews and restores us, and what implications God's grace has in our lives. God forgives us our sins and calls us to forgive those who sin against us, yet we still struggle. Are you wondering "How can I forgive?" "Just what does forgiveness look like in my life?" and "How can I forgive?" Explore what the Bible says about forgiveness during Pastor Stephanie's seven-week Lenten study on "Forgiveness." Offered at two different times:

**Group 1** will meet **Wednesday nights** beginning Ash Wednesday, March 1, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

**Group 2** will meet **Thursday afternoons** and begins March 2, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Sign up for either class by calling Pastor Stephanie at 982-5397, ext. 104.

## NEWS & NOTES

**THANK YOU** to all who helped clean all the pews and cushions before Christmas. It was much appreciated! Another season is now before us, Anyone who would like to participate for Easter, please call Jo Ellis at 988-1143.

**MISSING:** Nambe ware out of the china closet in the Parlor. If anyone has borrowed our Nambe pieces, carried food home from an event in them, or taken the Nambe ware home for safe keeping, please return them to Church Office or notify Jo Ellis at 988-1143.

**PRAISE SINGERS PERFORM:** The newly formed group will sing for the first time at the 8:30 service on Sunday, March 5th. Come here this exciting new choir!

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** "The Messenger" is now monthly starting in March. Committee Heads, **please send your new "News" by March 20th for April.**

## Kid's Scoop!



### SUPER SIXERS

**March 5th** is the BIG day for all 6th graders. Meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. We'll zip to Janet's house for a Pasta Dinner and brain-storming session. All Super-Sixers will return to the church by 8:00 p.m., so their parents can pick them up at the regular time. Come spend time together, talk about important issues (like entering middle school in the fall), share high energy fun and memorable times that cement friendships for years to come. *All 6th graders warmly welcomed!*

### KIDS FOR CHRIST

**Crazy Game Night, Dinner at the Cowgirl Hall of Fame** and a fun and fabulous **Fossil Hunt**. We hope to see all 3rd through 6th graders on Sunday nights from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. for food, fun and fellowship!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We're looking for Adults and Youth who would like to share their gifts with the children of Santa Fe. This year's theme, "Fiesta" celebrates a week long event held at Santa Maria de la Paz Catholic Community. Come commemorate 5 years of working with our brothers and sisters in Christ from San Isidro Catholic Church and Santa Maria de la Paz to provide the highest quality Vacation Bible School. Join Janet & the fun!

### SUMMER CAMP in Beautiful Sacramento

Younger Elementary Camp - June 9th -11th  
Elementary Camp - Sacramento - July 10th - 14th

*Blessings! Janet*

## MISSIONS & OUTREACH

At our first two meetings this year, The Missions/Outreach Committee discussed restructuring the handling of Faith Promise Sundays. It was decided to have six Sundays representing the required Denominational giving and six Sundays designated for groups associated with the United Methodist Church. The Faith Promise Sunday this March will be "One Great Hour of Sharing."

Due to this restructuring, we have changed the way we distribute the monies received on any given Faith Promise Sunday. Instead of quarterly disbursement of funds, the monies will be sent on a monthly basis to the organization represented on Faith Promise Sunday.

Sandy Szabat presented the Committee with a new logo and letterhead for the Food Pantry. This logo reflects that the pantry's interfaith organization, as other churches help stock and service the Food Pantry. Thank you to all those who work so hard to make this Outreach a success!

*Darlene Muniz, Chairperson*



**Covenant Class** – Engages in a variety of studies, each lasting two to four weeks in length. Meets in Room 113, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

**The Word Class** – Is studying the life of David. *The Making of a Man of God* by Alan Redpath is the text. This class meets in Room 20, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

**Good Shepherd Class** – Uses the lections (scriptures) as basis for an open discussion. Typical texts are historical, wisdom, or prophetic literature from the Old Testament, a Psalm, the Gospel, and a N.T. Epistle. Meets in Room 103, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

**Explorer Class** – Families & individuals explore various issues with a focus on using Biblical principles as a guide in daily living. Meets in the Library from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

**Navigators Class** – Titled "The Purpose-Driven Life" runs for several more weeks. Meets in Room 115, 9:45 to 10:45.

**Nomads Class** – This is an adult class currently studying books of the Bible from the Adult Bible Studies Curriculum. Meets in the Parlor, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

**The Open Class** – Adult class studying Biblical issues relating to contemporary life. Meets 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in Room 116.

**Sunday Seminar** – Studying "An In Depth Background of Islam" All are welcome. Meets 9:45- 10:45 a.m. Room 114.

**WohTani Class** – Studying various books of the Bible from the Adult Bible Studies Curriculum. Led by Taylor McConnell and Harold Wooldridge, this class meets in the Gathering Room, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

### ✠ Disciple Bible Study ✠

Starting Sunday, March 12th from 6 - 8:30 p.m., the first of four fascinating courses on expanding Bible Knowledge and examining how we live our faith in our day-to-day lives. Sign up now for this in-depth study of the Scriptures. Nurture and deepen your faith. Form and build strong Christian friendships in a small study group.

"Disciple 1" covers 70% of the Bible over the coming 34 weeks. To join this practical and informative study, please contact Pastor Stephanie at 982-5397, Ext. 104.

### VOLUNTEERS Wanted

Your help during Lent and throughout the Church year is greatly appreciated in the following:

**Drivers** to bring people to church, help out with special events, and occasionally provide transportation.

**Worship Hostess at Casa Real** to hostess once a month on Wednesday from 10:15-11:15. Serve cookies and bring cheer. Contact Stephanie 982-5397 Ext. 104.

**Reception Desk Volunteers** for vacation slots and to help assemble newsletters and bulletins as needed.

If you are interested in these ministries, please call the Church Secretary at 982-5397 Ext. 102.