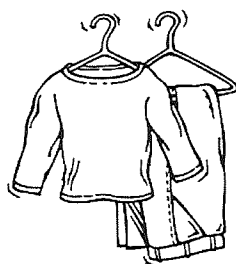




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CLOTHES GIVEAWAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19
9:00 AM – NOON

CHRIST UMC
WEST PARKING LOT

Please share this event with anyone you know who might want to come to pick out FREE gently used clothing for their family.

There are flyers at the church that you are welcome to pick up and share.

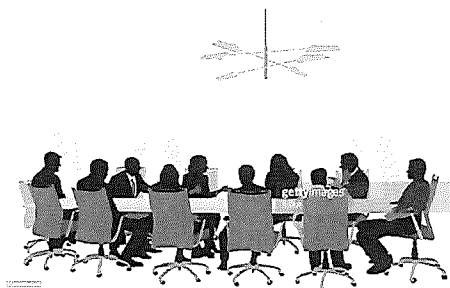
Come on the 19th to meet our neighbors and help them select their items.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The upcoming Ad Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15 at 6:30 pm. Members should get their **reports** to Ruth Tribou NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 so that everything can be included in the agenda. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

While only the members of Ad Council are given a vote, ANYONE in the congregation is welcome to attend, and to voice their opinion on issues being discussed.

This is true for any Admin Council meeting. The opinions of all are welcome. This is when reports from the committees and work areas are made available, and where the business of the church is discussed.



UPCOMING Events

August 15 – Ad Council

August 19 – Clothing Giveaway

Sept. 3 – Fun 'n Festive Day

Sept. 29 – 5th Friday Potluck

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.
Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT

FUN & FESTIVE SUNDAY

Sunday, September 3

Plan on joining us for our "Fun & Festive Sunday" to celebrate the end of summer. We will have hotdogs and ice cream out in the courtyard immediately after church. Wear your festive clothes (Hawaiian print, tie-dye etc.), eat a light lunch, and enjoy some great fellowship!



FIFTH FRIDAY POTLUCK

Friday, Sept. 29

Mark your calendars and save the date for our Fifth Friday Potluck on Friday Potluck on Sept. 29th at 6:00 PM in fellowship hall. More details to follow.



WEEKEND BACKPACKS FOR EMERSON ELEMENTARY

What started as a one-time request for help has blossomed in a great outreach opportunity for CUMC. **Every Thursday, the folks at Emerson pack up food for up to 100 students to take home over the weekend.** The students served come from food-insecure families. Some need to be able to feed themselves and siblings while Mom & Dad both work, and many cannot handle food that has to be cooked. Therefore, the coordinator of the food program at Emerson has given us a specific list of items which they have found to be the best choices for this group. Items that at most need to be warmed but nothing that needs to actually be cooked.

Following is their list (individual size items):

Cheese or peanut butter crackers
Applesauce Fruit cups
Pudding cups Granola, power,
or cereal bars Tuna pouches
Nuts Chips or pretzels
Boxed drinks and juices
Shelf stable milk Fruit leather or
fruit snacks. Ravioli, Spaghettios,
mac and cheese, Vienna sausages
(pop-top cans or easy open tops —
no can opener needed)

There are bins in the Narthex for contributions. We ask that you adhere to the list they provided. We'll also be glad to be "shoppers" for those who would rather donate. (checks marked Emerson Backpack Project) The project will run until school is out. Good nutrition is so vital for these children and **we have the chance to make an impact.** Thank you in advance for your support.

~On behalf of Women's Ministry and Project Hope

Household Prayer: Morning

*Loving God, as I embark
on the adventure
of this new day,
I will imagine you as
my mother or father,
teaching me to walk with
cords of human kindness and
love, a tether as you guide me
along. Therefore I will not fear
failure or worry that I will not
have enough time or goods if
I give a little to those in need.
Amen*

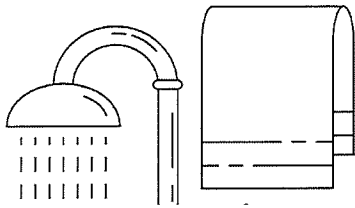
Household Prayer: Evening

*Thank you, God, for the gift of
this day. Thank you for
bringing me home to you.
As I fall asleep, I will consider
your steadfast love for me
and repeat with my breathing,
"You are rich toward me, and
I am rich toward you.
You are rich toward me, and I
am rich toward you." Amen.*

NEEDS FOR INTERFAITH COMPASSION CENTER

We just delivered a large bin of feminine hygiene supplies to Interfaith. While that collection is finished, Pastor Joanne indicated that they are in great need of bath size towel. Gently used or new. They are housing so many folks there now that this is an ongoing need so that they are able to provide shower facilities for all who need them.

Thanks in advance for your help.



REPORT FROM MISSION U.

The theme of Mission U at Sacramento Assembly this year was “Living in the Kin-dom, Exploring the Lord’s Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation.” Using the word “kin” instead of king denoted our kinship with all peoples.

We studied various translations of the Lord’s Prayer with the most emphasis on the Aramaic, which is the language that Jesus and those Jews around him spoke. Taking each phrase in the prayer and looking at the various translations side by side helped me to think about what each aspect of the prayer means to me. This, in turn, helps me to understand how I can listen to God and do a better job of living as the prayer challenges us to do.

We were divided into two study groups each lead by two effective leaders who had prepared themselves well through study and training. Plans are to offer the study again in various

locations throughout the New Mexico Conference so more people can benefit from it.

The litany and the hymns in our opening and closing worship services were also very meaningful to me. I especially liked one hymn entitled “Gather Us In.”

My study leader, Zena Kinna, prepared a booklet which guided our group through the study. I will be glad to meet with anyone who wants to hear more about the experience and look at this booklet.

Mildred Langston

PRAYER LIST

Joys & Concerns

- Mildred Johnson—severe leg cramps
- Vickie Chronister—recovering from a fall
- Roland Wildman — recuperating at home
- Ed Dresner — will have kidney surgery on August 30
- Fran Ricciardi—waiting for test results
- Marion Quintana (Johanna Ideus Quintana's mother-in-law) -severe dehydration & satge 4 lung cancer

Ongoing Concerns—God knows...

- Warren & Rosalee Heffron
- Mathew & Cathy Loveday
- Roberta de la Rosa (Kathy Salazar's mother)
- ViVi (gymnastics friend of Sarah Salazar)
- Jeanne Mouchet's niece Kat—waiting for her transplant
- Cheryl Hadaway's son Dallas

*Bless
your
Pastor*

UPCOMING CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

AUGUST

- 1--Joellen Leopold
- 3—Linda Kayser
- 4—Nancy Stewart
- 8—Judy Kay Kirk
- 10—Rich Davies
- 11—Susan Davies
- 15—Justin Crouch
- 15—Mike Hadaway
- 17—Dick Chronister
- 20—Doug Cox
- 23—Carolyn Kinsey
- 31—Fran Ricciardi
- 31-Michelle Mason

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