

# *The Outlook*

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Karen Stoffers-Pugh, Pastor

June 8, 2011

## **Sunday, June 12, 2011**

10:30 a.m. Worship

Acts 2:1-13, John 7:37-39

"A New Day"

This is Pentecost Sunday, don't forget to wear your red this Sunday.

Karen Stoffers-Pugh, preaching

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## **Rummage Sale Thank you**



Ron and Barbara Dethlefsen thank the Wesley Church family for all the great donations and wonderful help which raised \$2,063.00 for God's work at the corner of Niles and Oswell. Bless you. Special recognition goes to Louise Clay, Jennifer Armantrout, and Marlene Lipford for their faithful support. May God bless the use of this money to further his kingdom. Thank you. Thank you.

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## **Pastor Karen at Annual Conference**

Pastor Karen will be at Annual Conference in Sacramento along with Sherry Atkins and Ruth Shivers, our Lay Members to Annual Conference. They will leave on Tuesday, June 14 and return to Bakersfield on Saturday, June 18. Contact the church office with pastoral emergencies and Terry will be able to contact Pastor Karen.

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## **Congratulations to...**

Pamela Mears who graduated from Highland High School. She also graduated from the Regional Occupational Center in Medical Assisting with high honors. She is the daughter of Bob and Arlene Mears.

## From The Pastor's Desk

***I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me.***

Philippians 1:3-7a

Next week Ruth Shivers, Sherry Atkins and I will be in Sacramento at the California Nevada Annual Conference. We will be spending time in legislative meetings discussing resolutions and we will be voting along with the other delegates on many important issues. There is a link at [cnumc.org](http://cnumc.org) to the resolutions and matters before the conference. On the right side of the webpage is a link, "Annual Conference". Follow this link to the resolutions, budget and reports.

Our AC speaker is Adam Hamilton. He is senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas – one of the fastest growing, most highly visible churches in the country. Listed as the most influential mainline church in America in a 2005 survey of American pastors (*The Church Report*), The UM Church of the Resurrection has grown from four people (at its founding in 1990) to more than 17,000 adult members with an average weekly worship attendance of more than 7,500. It has a three-fold focus:

- \* Reaching non-religious and nominally religious people and helping them become committed followers of Jesus Christ;
- \* Equipping and inspiring members to live their faith in mission to the community and the world; and
- \* Acting as a catalyst for renewing the mainline Church.

My heart was touched two weeks ago when I received a note from a member of The UM Church of the Resurrection. In the hand written note she said that she was praying for me and for the California Nevada Conference. What a blessing to know that a woman I may never meet is praying for me, praying for Wesley church, for Bishop Brown and our Conference. I will be holding all of you in prayer and hope that you will hold us in prayer as well.

Peace,  
Pastor Karen

## Be A Mentor

"Have you ever thought about your legacy? Have you thought about your lasting impact for the Kingdom? The Bakersfield Rescue Mission is looking for Mentors who can come along side one of the men or women who are close to graduating from our 1 year Discipleship/Recovery Program. If you can invest one hour per week into the life of a new believer who is getting ready to go back in to society we would love for you to attend the following Mentor Training Seminar, Saturday June 25, 2011, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the Bakersfield Rescue Mission .

The Seminar is FREE and includes LUNCH and will cover the following topics "What is a Mentor?", "Effective Mentoring", "How to Mentor", "Is Mentoring for Me?", "Mentoring Guidelines and Suggestions", "Training up the next generation of believers".

If this sounds like what you are looking for then just RSVP by Thursday June 23rd to Carol Kimball at [ckimball@thebrm.org](mailto:ckimball@thebrm.org) or call her at (661)-325-0863. For questions contact Steve Peterson- Program Director at [speterson@thebrm.org](mailto:speterson@thebrm.org) or call (661) 325-0863 Ext 227

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Prayers of concern were expressed for Linda Tilton who suffered a cut at the bottom of her foot and went to the doctor on Tuesday, the doctor said Linda's foot looked good but it is going to be sometime before her foot heals up all the way, prayers that it will feel better soon and for her staff's ankle which hurts, that she may feel better soon; travel mercies for Jerry Smith, Jerilyn Ashlock, and Roccio on their road trip to Missouri; for Pat Pickard who is under hospice care. Prayers of thanksgiving were expressed for Jane Hanley's new job (first job change since 1984) and wisdom to learn whats needed; for Jeanette Wilson's graduation last Thursday; for the Wilson family's lovely visit from Virginia, Henry, and the kids last week; for Laura Hanel and Emma Neath's confirmation last Sunday, thanks be to God!; for Betty Maybee and family who found a place to live but in need of a refrigerator because all their belongings and appliances are in storage in Santa Maria and no money to get them, also could use some bedding like blankets and air mattresses; for the life of Jim Lay (Christine Castro's ex-husband) and prayers of comfort for his family; for Mandy McFadden Bartl who had her baby boy on Wednesday, June 8, 9 lbs., 3 ozs.

This week's attendance: 82 Offering:\$4,127 Folded Corner:\$8
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## Prayer Requests

Dear Pastor Stoffers-Pugh

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From California-Nevada United Methodist Volunteers in Mission. Lift these volunteers up in prayer as they go forth in service to others this month.

### **Project Assessment Team to Thomas, Haiti – June 1 - 9**

Warren McGuffin of *Alamo - San Ramon Valley UMC* leads and serves with Bruce Campbell of *Livermore - Asbury UMC*.

### **Los Altos Team to Haiti –June 6 - 13**

Hal Taylor & Leslie Carmichael lead and serve with Claire Amsden, Neal Amsden, Katherine Gaffney, Amy Gaffney and Michael Gustavson of *Los Altos - Los Altos UMC*.

### **Sacramento First UMC Hurricane Recovery Team to Slidell, Louisiana – June 19 - 26**

Dick Johnson leads and serves with Aaron Johnson, Michael McDoniels, Beverly Ireland, Connie Delago-Langlois, Terry Haug, Michael Cook, Kristine Errecart, Catherine Cook, Phillip Dunzweiler, Jennifer Wong and Diane Smith of *Sacramento - First UMC*.

### **Kit & Connection Building Team to Salt Lake City, Utah –UMCOR DEPOT – June 19 - 25**

Marilyn Tullis leads and serves with Carol Good, Deborah Hicks, Georgia Hott, Fay Kerekes, Barbara Leard, Reba Stackhouse and Nancy Vester of *Rancho Cordova UMC* and Sharon Babb of *Sutter UMC*.

**Please post this Prayer Request in your home, office, church or car...**anywhere that you'll be reminded to offer prayers of support and for the safety for these United Methodist Volunteers in Mission.

I want to personally thank you and each of your congregation for the donation of suitcases for Kern County's foster children. As you are aware, children in foster care often come into our care with very little. Many times, their personal items and clothing are packed into plastic bags as they move from place to place because they do not have suitcases of their own. Your donation will be put to good use, helping children during these difficult times of transition.

We are grateful that with donations such as the one your organization has made, we are able to improve the lives of Kern County's children.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and continued support of these children in our community.

Sincerely,

Pat Cheadle, Director