

University Presbyterian Church

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"Where love of God and love of neighbor live at the heart of our life together."

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## In A Nutshell

by Pastor Tedd Lyons

Every year at the beginning of Holy Week, I pull out my copy of Bonhoeffer's book *Ethics*, and I read a passage that reminds me of what God intends to do in my (and our) life in Jesus Christ. The space here does not allow me to print it word for word, so I offer you this edited and paraphrased edition in the hope that it will guide your Holy Week meditation, and beyond into the Season of Easter.

Scripture is concerned with forming us and the world into the image of Christ. But this is not the same as applying or imposing Christian principles to life. It is not my attempt to "be like Jesus." Rather, through prayer, worship, and faith, I am being drawn into the form of Jesus Christ, who was a real human being, who died a real death to sin, and who rose again to new life.

*To be formed into the image of the real human being*—My efforts to be a superman or woman, to become a hero, to become something I am not, either more pious or more guilty; all these are false. The real person is nothing more or less than the object of God's love. I am not to be conformed to a human ideal, but I am at liberty to be my Creator's creature. I am free to be the person I really am. There is no need for pretense, hypocrisy, or self-violence, no obsession with being better or different than I am. God loves every real human being. God became a real human being. The humanity of God establishes forever the value of every human being.

*To be formed into the image of the Crucified*—This means acknowledging that I live in the presence of the righteous judge. Each day I look into his face and recognize that I must die to

sin and everything that would come between me and God. Humbly I must bear the scars and wounds of my sins and the sins of others. I can not raise myself above anyone else, or set myself up as anyone's model. I can excuse the sins of others, but I can never excuse my own sin. I must accept all the suffering that is mine to bear, in the knowledge that it enables me to die to my own will and live in the will of God. I can never justify myself, but in surrendering myself to the judgment of God I receive his justification.

*To be formed into the image of the Risen One*—This is to be made new in the presence of God. Surrounded by death, I am made alive. Facing my sin, I am made righteous. With the old all around me, I am made new. The world can not see this new reality, but I am alive because Christ lives, and I live in Christ alone. In the midst of the old world, I see a new world coming. Often there is little to distinguish me from others, and I should not seek to be seen, but only to make Christ visible to the world. Here and now I continue to bear the sign of the cross. By bearing it willingly, the presence of the Holy Spirit is confirmed to me and I am united to Jesus Christ in incomparable love and fellowship.

Through his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus Christ bears the new image of God in this world. Through faith in him, in fellowship with him, by the power of his Holy Spirit and in the community of his Church, Jesus Christ forms himself in all those who believe in him. Holy Week and the Season of Easter awaken us again to Christ being formed in us.

## "A Symphony In Song" *Soli Deo Gloria*

Sunday, May 3, at  
7 pm in UPC sanctuary  
\$15 General Admission  
\$10 Students/Seniors  
From singers  
or at the door

Reception on the lawn  
following the concert

For more information  
contact Julie—432-2858.

## Holy Week at UPC

by Pastor Chris Erdman

Holy Week stands at the center of the Christian Year and, therefore, at the center of Christian life. It announces the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, many Christians fail to walk the journey of Holy Week—they focus on Easter, and occasionally attend Palm Sunday the week before. They fail to mark the days of Holy Week itself. And today, attendance across America at Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services wanes.

I invite you to swim against the stream and worship often during Holy Week, and to let your worship infuse the ordinary tasks of the week with holy meaning. Here is a short description of the ways UPC is marking the journey of our Lord Jesus during Holy Week:

**Passion/Palm Sunday**, 8:30 and 11:00 am. This day marks the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. It is characterized by festive joy, the congregation shouting “Hosanna!” and waving palm branches. And yet it’s also shrouded with the coming suffering of Christ. Holy Communion is served at all services. The Rev. Dr. Peter Millar of the Iona Community, Scotland, preaching.

**Maundy Thursday**, 7-8:15 pm.

Recalling the Last Supper when Jesus washed the disciples’ feet and charged them to “love one another, as I have love you,” this service descends into the darkness of Good Friday. It proclaims the motive of the Cross of Christ.

**Good Friday**, 7-8:30 pm. UPC has traditionally not hosted a worship service on Good Friday. Instead, we’ve often joined with other congregations. This year, Dr. Peter Millar will offer a lecture entitled, “*The Crucified God: Visions of Walking Among the Wounded of the World.*” A prayer service focusing on intercession for the world will follow the lecture.

**Easter Sunday**, 8:30 and 11 am.

UPC’s combined choirs and instrumental groups will lead us in worship. Song, sound, scripture and prayer will rehearse the events of Holy Week and culminate in a resounding celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, heralding new life for all.

Invite someone to join us to journey through the events of one week in the life of the world that has forever changed the life of all who inhabit it.



## *Touched By the Christ*—Our Easter Music

This Easter we will be blessed with a unique retelling of the greatest story ever told. This is a dramatic worship experience, an awe-inspiring, soul-stirring presentation, that will touch and enliven people from the most liturgical to the most contemporary of traditions. Come worship with us as we reflect back over Christ’s final earthly days.

Choirs, music teams, children, orchestra, narrators and the followers of Jesus reflect on the final days of Jesus’ earthly life. We will look through the eyes of individuals who were directly impacted

by His ministry. Some of these persons had known Jesus for many years, while others encountered Him for the first time. Regardless of the context, His influence was significant and life-changing.

This dramatic musical presentation is a compilation by Pamela Merritt Caldwell. The music, lyrics and narration are by David Burke, Mark Hayes, Randy Vader, Jay Rouse, Ragan Courtney, Buryl Red, and John and Audra Parker.



## Office Hours Change

All of our staff attend a staff meeting every Monday from 12:15 to 1:45. In the past, the office has remained open with the help of volunteers. It has become apparent that there is very little for them to do during this time, and that their wonderfully able help is not really

needed. Therefore, we will now be closed during that time. Please make a note of that change. Monday hours will be 8:30 to 12:15 and 1:45 to 4:30. The rest of the week remains the same, Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 to 5:00 pm.



## Nurses Needed—Can You Help?

Cardiovascular diseases are the leading causes of death for both men and women in the United States. High Blood Pressure is a major risk factor for cardiovascular diseases such as heart attack, stroke, and kidney disease. To lower our risk for cardiovascular diseases, we need to check our blood pressure periodically and seek medical attention if it is high.

UPC is offering monthly blood pressure screenings by registered nurses within our congregation. These screenings are offered on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Since we have been providing this service, many people have been newly diagnosed with high blood pressure. These individuals were referred to their physicians and have

since been placed on blood pressure medication.

Other individuals, already on blood pressure medication, have become aware that their present dosing may need to be adjusted as their blood pressure continues to run high. These individuals have also checked in with their doctors and are actively working to get their blood pressure within a normal range.

If you are a nurse, we would like to encourage you participate in this worthwhile program. If we can get enough people signed up to help, you should only need to volunteer once a quarter. Please call Patrice Sanders to volunteer or get more information.



## UPC Prayer Corner

We pray for those in our congregation and community who face illness, grief, and other challenges. We pray for those who are shut-in and for their caregivers. We pray for those in seminary who are a part of our church family.



## Heartprints

by Susie Joy Mast



Together, with the picture of the beautiful old Japanese character pine tree and its title, *To Bend Without Breaking* on the front cover, the book caught my eye! As Ella May Stuart shared her journey about the stress in her life, I found in her a deep kindred spirit! In so many ways, our life journeys have run on parallel tracks! Both of us inherited a super-sensitive central nervous system that predisposes us to a much greater vulnerability for the physical symptoms of anxiety than those blessed with strong nervous systems. It's very difficult for people who are genetically blessed with strong central nervous systems to understand why we can't just get a hold of ourselves and RELAX! She writes, "As for me, I am a person who has an 80 hp drive in a chassis that has about a 40 hp motor." We need to learn to accept the genes God has given us, discover who we are, and what makes us tick... and not to compare ourselves with those who seem to be gifted with better genetics. "At the heart of this experience of learning to bend without breaking" she writes, "then, is the absolute necessity of finding meaning in life."

Although she is not an alcoholic, she found great strength in applying the Twelve Steps to her struggle with anxiety. Like alcoholics, who recognize their life-long vulnerability, she found the same vulnerability true for those with fragile central nervous systems. She decided not to waste her pain, but became very involved with a group called *Anx Annon*. She led groups where she shared some of the secrets the Spirit had revealed to her in dealing with her stress. The scripture in Deuteronomy 33.25, *As thy days so shall thy strength be*, sustained her through many a dark and difficult day.

Although, while growing up, she knew her parents loved her, they could not

express it in ways that she felt loved, accepted, and affirmed. There was absolutely no room in her fundamentalist environment for asking questions, or for anger. When her parents did anything that upset her, the only acceptable response was to smile sweetly and say nothing! There was no room for her to express her needs. As a child who was a very light sleeper, to which her parents were totally oblivious, she was very deprived of adequate sleep. This affected her sleep patterns so adversely that insomnia became a lifelong problem for her. "I have forgiven my father long since," she writes, "and my mother also. But my nervous system hasn't forgiven them."

Because of her parents' expectations of perfection from her, along with her own predisposition to being a perfectionist, she struggled with feeling like a failure. Because she was given so much responsibility as a child, she developed "A great big, outsized sense of responsibility!"

**"We of the Christian faith know there is a point at which one has to stop trying and wait for God to do something," she writes. "You've played your last card, and now it is his move. If you try beyond this point, the harder you try, the more tangled you become in your own ball of emotional yarn."**

"But those who  
hope in the LORD  
will renew their STRENGTH.  
They will SOAR on  
wings like eagles;  
they will RUN and  
not grow weary,  
they will WALK  
and not be faint."

Isaiah 40:31



## Lao Congregation On the Move

We are pleased to announce that our Lao language worship services will be moving to Room 11 on the UPC campus in the next few weeks. This was previously the Junior High room, located just to the west of the rest rooms in the front of the Great Room building.

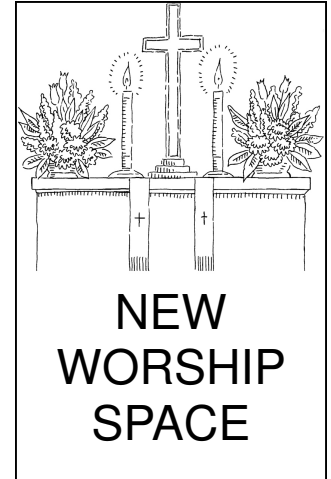
This room will be used exclusively by our Lao language congregation—which means that it will no longer be necessary for us to be taking down and setting up the furniture for other purposes.

UPC's Sonitrol alarm system has been extended to that room, and by the time you read this, a team of folks will have repainted the room and it will be in use for worship.

John Bosavanh and Dave Eaton have

just finished a beautiful sign in Lao script indicating the location of our Lao language services. We are excited that this sign—coupled with the new location facing the front of the UPC campus—will help to further extend our outreach to Lao speakers who wish to join us in worship.

We are also pleased to announce that *Living Waters for the World* has officially designated Calvin Crest as a campus for *Clean Water University—West*. Construction of the training and demonstration facility is scheduled to commence this spring, with the first classes tentatively scheduled for October—shortly before our next Lao Partners team is planning to leave for Laos.



## Living Waters for the World Update

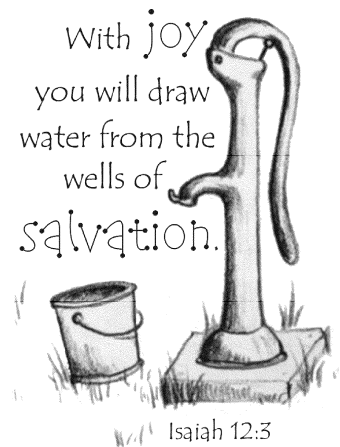
Rev. Sharon Stanley, together with Tony Biasell of Calvin Crest, spent the week of March 9 at Living Waters for the World's *Clean Water U* in Mississippi where they got advanced training to become instructors at *Clean Water U—West*. This is in preparation for *CWU—West*'s first series of classes scheduled for Calvin Crest in October.

There have also been significant developments with the first Living Waters for the World installation planned for Luangprabang, Laos this coming November. A critical part of that includes an advance team consisting of Wil Howie (Director of LWW in Mississippi), Sharon Stanley, and John Bosavanh traveling to Laos in late June. The purpose of that trip is to finalize the

covenant between LWW, Lao Evangelical Church, and the Luangprabang Teacher Training Site where this inaugural installation will take place.

During this trip they will also work out logistics about purchasing necessary parts and supplies, engineering details about the plant setting, and training the staff and end-users about Clean Water principles and practices. While this trip means extra up-front expense, it is critical to the success of this first installation.

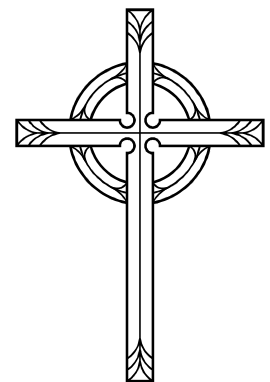
Please pray for these activities over the next few months. If you would like to lend support to this mission effort—or have any questions at this point—please contact Rev. Sharon Stanley at FIRM.



## Prayer And Healing Service

You are invited to join us on April 2 at 7 pm for a time of praise, prayer, healing, and meditation. Come let the breath of God wash over you and listen for his

loving voice in your life. This service is held on the first Thursday of every month, and you are encouraged to put it on your calendar.





## Presbyterian Women Offer Mother's Day Cards

### NetWorkers Mother's Day Project

University Presbyterian Women will make available Malaria Prevention Program greeting cards for Mother's Day on Sunday, April 19 and 26 after worship. Simply make a donation and take whatever cards you need for mothers, daughters, sisters, cousins, aunts, neighbors, or anyone else! Donations to this ministry provide mosquito nets and malaria prevention education to families in Africa. Thousands of people have benefited from this PC(USA) project. Those of you who have purchased these cards have had wonderfully positive feedback from recipients as they see the greeting they receive benefiting others around the

world. Join us in fighting malaria when you send your love and greetings to your friends and family. Contact Ruth Kallenberg, for further information.

### PW Shows Its True Colors

Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday, April 14, in the Great Room at 9:30 for refreshments, a business meeting, and program. Nancy Alley will present an activity called "True Colors," a fun way to discover our own and others' personality characteristics. This is a different kind of program than we have had in the past, and it should be entertaining. Come and bring a friend. For questions call Ruth Kallenberg.



## Beth Moore In Stockton, June 26 and 27

Beth Moore's life-transforming Bible studies challenge and inspire women of every age, everywhere. Joining Beth at this weekend event is acclaimed worship leader Travis Cottrell and the Praise Team. Beth's focus will be on the Scripture that God lays on her heart for each individual event—no two are the same. As she explores the Bible and how it applies to real life, you'll be amazed by her own experiences as a believer, and you'll be inspired to

magnify and strengthen your own relationship with God.

This event is scheduled for Friday, 7:00 - 9:30 pm, and Saturday, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Bring your friends and we'll see you at Living Proof Live—a fun-filled Bible study, teaching, and worship experience to enrich your mind, soul, and spirit! Register at [www.lifeway.com](http://www.lifeway.com).

## Gals' Night

Gals' Night will meet on April 23 at 7 pm. The program has not been set at this point, but we'll get the information out as soon as we make a decision.

The important part is that you come, ready to laugh and have fun with your sisters. See you there!



## Earth Day Bags Available

You can be a better steward of the earth's resources by forgoing disposable bags. The women's retreat committee will sell reusable bags on April 5 between the services to raise money for the retreat and invite you to

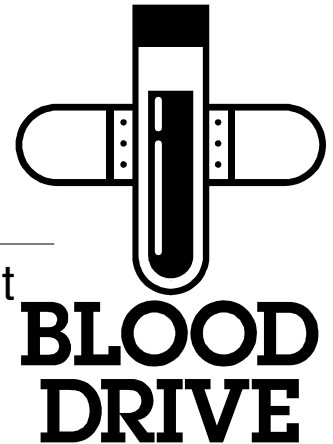
shop with us before you go shopping!

New this year: Bag reminders to attach to your shopping list so you don't forget to shop with your bags!

## Bloodmobile at UPC April 19

The Central California Blood Center needs our blood in order to save lives. If you are 17 years or older, weigh 110 lbs or more and have not donated blood for the past 8 weeks, consider signing

up after church, beginning March 29. Please help us meet our goal of 13 units of whole blood. Questions? Call Sandra Knudson.



## Memorial Day Weekend Work Party At Calvin Crest

Last year 50 UPC folks went to Calvin Crest to help get the camp ready for the summer, at the same time enjoying a family camp experience and the great outdoors of the Sierras (There was a freak weather system that brought us some rain, but that won't happen again.)

We anticipate that Calvin Crest will again give us board and room for free in exchange for our sweat equity. The dates are May 23 and 24. We will be taking reservations between services, or you can let Pastor Tedd or Colin Warnes know you plan to participate.

## Reel Theology To Go To Gotham

April 25 at 6:30 pm will be the starting time for "The Dark Knight." It is the sequel to "Batman Begins" It is a year later and crime is no longer dominant. All seems very hopeful. Then The Joker arrives on the scene. The lord of chaos is bent on proving everyone—especially Batman—is as deranged, primal, and ugly as he is. They just need a push, so he starts pushing. Batman is not a White Knight, but a far

darker one, a Dark Knight. A question we will consider along with others is: Do you believe, as the Joker attests, that all humans will drop their moral and codes when fear rips away the established order? Explain. What's the difference between believing all people are sinful, and believing they are truly depraved if only pushed? Is there a difference? Ren Adams.



## STARS Celebrate 5th Anniversary With a Field Trip

On Wednesday, April 15, STARS (Seniors That Are Really Special) will celebrate five years of friendship! We will meet at 1:30 pm at the Clovis Botanical Garden to enjoy the flowers and celebrate friendship. Refreshments will be served. You can meet us at the garden (along Clovis Ave, just north of

Alluvial, 945 N Clovis Ave.) or call Marian Amend if you want to car pool from the church. We welcome all current, former, and prospective STARS and STARS supporters to join us on this fun trip, and to be a part of our meetings on the third Wednesday of each month.



## "Garden" With the Clippers

Clippers will meet March 28 at Sweet Tomatoes, 7114 N Fresno St. at 12:30 pm for lunch (under \$10) before going to the Spring Festival at Shin Zen Japanese Garden in Woodward Park at

2 pm. We'll enjoy the bonsai and flowers at the Spring Festival at the garden. Call Laurel Kiel or Betty Higdon to say you are coming to lunch and the garden!



## The Economy and Us

In this difficult economic climate, we are all feeling the pinch a little more than usual. Things are costing more and we may be making less. Thanks to the faithfulness of this congregation, UPC always has what it needs to follow wherever Christ leads our hearts.

Whenever there is a retreat—children’s camp, adult retreats, or special events—we always say “scholarships are available.” This is not an empty phrase. Funds are given to the church specifically for this purpose. When aid is offered, it does not mean we must scrimp somewhere else. It means that

we have funds meant for this use, and we want you to use them.

Our next opportunity will be for our children and young people to attend summer camp at Calvin Crest. There will be the usual scholarship and yard sale funds to distribute, but that may not be enough for some of us. When you are considering sending your kids to camp, and the cost is prohibitive, please also consider contacting one of the pastors, your deacon, or Leslie Stephenson and letting UPC help.



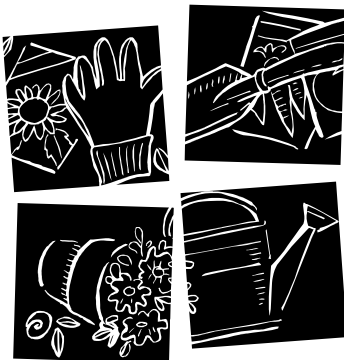
## UPC’s Family Life Ministries—Announcement and Update

The Rev. Scott Falk has served as UPC’s Director of Family Life since July 2008. He was hired to guide our congregation’s ministry to children, youth, and their families. Scott has come to the realization that the role we hoped he would play at UPC does not match his gifts and abilities. He will end his ministry among us following the spring youth mission trip on April 9—until that date, he will work up to 14 hours a week, providing leadership for the spring mission trip and teaching Sunday School.

Since Scott notified us of his intent to resign, your elders and staff have worked to outline a roadmap for our children’s and youth ministries that provides continuity for our kids and their families at or above current levels.

At UPC’s winter elders’ retreat, our leaders made firm commitments to aggressively develop mission and ministry among the under-40 population among and around us. I want to assure you that our elders and staff are working hard to offer children and you, as families, quality programming that fosters genuine Christian discipleship. As a parent myself, I am grateful for the quick response of our leaders; what I have seen so far and believe my kids, along with yours, will enjoy high quality ministry and activities in the future.

This was excerpted from a letter that was mailed to the families of UPC. Copies of the complete letter are available on line or in the narthex.



## Save The Date—Workday April 18

Besides a list of fix-it projects, the Board of Property and Finance is going to implement a beautification project on our grounds. Russ Wilson has begun, by bringing in some rich new topsoil, and we will till the soil and plant lovely

bushes and flowers. UPC will soon be a wonderful image of springtime and God’s beautiful creation. Bring your green thumb and willing spirit and pitch in!

## Summer Camp at Calvin Crest by Katie Schuman

It's about time to start planning for Calvin Crest. July 26—August 1 has been selected as the week for junior high youth to attend. August 2—August 8 has been selected as the high school week. If your child is unable to attend the selected week, let me know as soon as possible so we can get an alternative week chosen.

If you are interested in signing in campers from our church on the day of arrival, please contact me. There are also new opportunities at camp, depending on the age group. Pick up a booklet from the church office if you are interested in other opportunities.



## Easter Egg Extravaganza

All children and youth (and the young at heart) are gathering to join in our Easter Egg Coloring and Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11, from 1:00-3:30 pm. Children's and Youth Ministries will be hosting this event together! Please

bring snacks to share with everyone! We are looking for donations of boiled eggs, coloring kits, plastic eggs, and candies. For more information or to sign up, contact Ashley Tomas at 439-8807, or [upcintern@gmail.com](mailto:upcintern@gmail.com).



## April Sessions Biblical Authority and Interpretation

This April, UPC's adult Sunday education hour (Great Room, 9:45 am) will host three sessions in the *Bible and Homosexuality* study series. On March 22, Pastor Tedd taught a class called, "Scripture: The Expressed Will of God, Part 1." In this he explored our historic understanding of biblical authority. On April 5, elder James Swanson will teach "Scripture: The Expressed Will of God, Part 2," in which he will survey the principles Reformed Christians have used to interpret the Bible historically. And then on April 19, we will host a panel of UPC members who will examine the ways they each approach the Bible, interpret it, and seek to live under its authority today. Finally, on April 26, UPC will gather again for a time of prayer as we seek the face of God who we ask to lead us into faithfulness.

Our session asked the planning team to offer the congregation this balanced process for engaging the Bible and homosexuality so that when all is said and done we have a congregation of people who are better able to express their convictions than they were before this study started, while also living with grace and respect toward those who disagree. Our session has determined that it is not time to leave the denomination over this issue. The majority of the PC(USA) remains traditional in its views. But if we ever get to that point, we want to have a congregation that is as fully informed as possible and can express themselves without rancor or anger. If there must at some point be a division, we want to have a people who can find a way to still love each other and honor friendships, while honoring God.

### April Sessions:

**April 5:** Elder James Swanson will teach *Scripture: The Expressed Will of God, Part 2*

**April 19:** Panel of UPC members examine the ways they approach the Bible

**April 26:** UPC gathers again for a time of prayer



# APRIL



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Mission Trip Planning 7-9 pm	2 Prayer & Healing Service 7 pm	3	4
5 Palm Sunday Communion	6	7	8	9 MAUNDY THURSDAY Service 7 pm	10 Office Closes at noon  GOOD FRIDAY Lecture 7 pm	11 Easter Egg Coloring And Hunt
12 Easter Cantata	13	14 Presbyterian Women 9:30 Session Mtg. 6 pm	15 STARS 1:30 pm	16 Boy Scouts In Greatroom 6:30-9 pm	17 Emmaus 6-9 pm	18 WORSHIP New Member Mtg 10 am
19 1st Sunday of Easter Blood Mobile Serve at Poverello House	20	21	22	23 Gals' Night 7 pm	24 Sorority In Greatroom	25 Reel Theology 6:30 pm
26 2nd Sunday of Easter Youth Mission Report	27	28 Ministry Meetings	29	30	 MAY CHURCH YARD SALE 2	
Yard Sale Preparations In Greatrooms						

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Sunday

8:30 Worship  
9:45 Teaching Hour  
11:00 Contemporary  
Worship  
11:00 Lao Worship

### Monday

12:15 Staff Meeting

### Tuesday

9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship  
6:00 Scouts

### Wednesday

9:15 Women's Bible Study  
3:30 Tutoring  
7:00 GAYG (off site)  
6:30 Women's Ensemble  
7:00 Chancel Choir  
8:30 Men's Ensemble

### Thursday

6:00 AM For Men Only  
5:30 Bell Choir  
6:30 Alpha

### Friday

6:00 PM Lao Music Team

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*Hours of Worship:*

**Sunday Morning Worship**

8:30 AM (Traditional w/ASL)

11:00 AM (Contemporary)

**Sunday Lao Service** 11:00 AM

**Sunday School** 9:45 AM

*Pastors:*

**Rev. Chris Erdman**

**Rev. Tedd Lyons**

**Rev. Sharon Stanley**

**Mr. John Bosavanh**

**Mrs. Lorna Bosavanh**

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## Compassion Sunday at UPC

On April 19 and again on April 26 you will have the opportunity to consider sponsoring a child in a third world country through Compassion International. Compassion International is a Christ-centered, child focused, church-based program whereby people may support and relate to a child living in poverty. Compassion partners with local churches, working to release children from their spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty. Your

sponsorship of \$32 per month can make a dramatic difference in the life of a child. Your letters to your child provide an opportunity to share God's love with "the least of these." Prayerfully consider God's calling to you and then visit the sign-up table on April 19 and 26 after worship services. For further information contact Ruth Kallenberg or Carey Berend.

## UPC Partners With ESA For Fresno

The Ministry of Mission was privileged to have Jan Fayle, from ESA/Love INC, share this ministry at their last meeting. ESA (Evangelicals for Social Action) was founded 24 years ago. Their motto is "Helping Churches Help People" and their mission statement is *to mobilize Christian churches and individuals to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ.*

There are over 400 Christian churches in Fresno/Clovis and ESA believes the Body of Christ can meet any need in our city. They encourage churches to call them at 244-0105 to participate. It was encouraging to hear how God is blessing their ministry spiritually and financially in these difficult economic times.

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