

Sunnyside News is a weekly publication designed to inform member and subscribers of our current news and events.

CHURCH LIFE

SPECIAL POTLUCK - MAY 19

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COMMUNITY SERVICES BLESSING FAMILIES

Community Services is blessing more families. We are receiving referrals from Love Inc., Community Food Bank and now Children's Hospital. They are interested in partnering with us to meet the needs of the children and the families they serve. The potential from this source alone could be immense. However, as opportunities increase, so does our need for assistance. We have the following needs:

1. People to sort clothes.
2. Restocking.
3. Item pick up and delivery (need truck and/or trailer for appliances, furniture etc).
4. A creative individual to design flyers for businesses, contact business such as bakeries, grocery stores, produce growers for donations of food items for distribution for family needs.
5. Sofas and chairs.
6. Queen/king mattresses and box springs.
7. Dinette sets.
8. Tennis shoes (infant to adult).
9. Prayers, encouragement and financial support.

We have been benefiting from estate sales (Thanks Twila). Many times people will donate furniture, washer dryer combos and other valuable items after their sale is over.

We want to thank you for your help in the past and incredible help and support in the future. Contact us at 232-1194.

God Bless,
Printess & Larry Schlist

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

May 12, 2012
11:00 A.M.

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
"Forever"

Welcome
Pastor Dennis Ray

Children's Story
Marla Hartman

Tribute to Our Moms

Offering

"Everlasting God"
"We Fall Down"

Prayer

"Your Great Name"
Yvette Kerbs & Bob Gilbert

Scripture: Isaiah 49:13-18

"In Praise of Mom"
Pastor Ray

Benediction

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, May 15

Junior Baptismal Class – Pastor's Office
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16

Community Services Distribution Hours
10:00 a.m.

Deadline for Bulletin info:

bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m.

Small Group Bible Study: Gospel of Mark –
Youth Room 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 17

Church Board Meeting – Junior Room
6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 18

Youth Vespers & BBQ – Vaughn home
6:30 p.m.

Connections Bible Study – Youth Room
6:30 p.m.

Sabbath, May 19

Sabbath School 9:30 p.m.

Worship Service 11:00 p.m.

Potluck – Maroa rooms *immediately following
worship service*

Women's Friendship Circle Lunch –

Esther Robinson's home 1:00p.m.

Oasis Group – Youth Room 5:30 p.m.

Youth at Skywalk

PREACHING SCHEDULE

May 19 - James Reynaert

(youth pastor candidate)

May 26 - Pastor Ray

June 2 - Pastor Ray

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

May Church Needs	\$29,000.00
Church Needs Donations	7,822.25
Over (Short)	(21,177.75)
Year to Date	\$116,000.00
Donations Received	96,655.23
Over (Short)	(48,344.77)
Youth Pastor Fund	\$19,154.98

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING
Disaster & Famine Relief

SUNSET

This Friday
7:56 p.m.

Next Friday
8:02 p.m.

HEALTHY BYTES

Amazing Ambrosia

Why is it so amazing?

Because it contains no added sugar
and there are 4 grams of fiber in every half cup serving.

- 2 oranges, peeled and chopped
- 2 cups fresh pineapple chunks
- 1 banana, sliced
- ¼ cup unsweetened shredded dried coconut
- 2-4 tablespoons dried cranberries
- 1 tablespoon orange juice concentrate
- 1 tablespoon water
- ½ tsp almond extract

Combine the fruit, coconut and dried cranberries in a bowl. Whisk together the orange juice concentrate, water and almond extract in a small bowl. Pour over fruit mixture and stir all together.

For more information on healthy solutions and recipes,
contact Gale Bolinger at 974-2459 or at gale4health@comcast.net

POTLUCK - MAY 19

A special potluck is planned for next Sabbath.

**A-L bring a casserole & salad;
M-Z bring a casserole & dessert.**

Make plans to join us and get an opportunity to meet and talk with one of the youth pastor candidates.

NO "CONNECTIONS" THIS WEEK

The Connections Bible Study Group will not meet this week. Join us next Friday, May 18 at our regularly scheduled time.

HOST THE REFRESHMENT TABLE

Thank you to those who have hosted the refreshment table. These dates are available: **June 9, 16 & 23.** Please sign up in the fellowship hall. You can make it simple or go with a theme. Reimbursement is available.

COMMUNITY SERVICES HOURS

We have changed our hours. **We will be closed on the 2nd Wednesdays.** Community Services will continue to provide assistance to the community on the 1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays of each month from 10:00a.m. to noon.

TIME TO HONOR OUR GRADUATES

Sunnyside will honor its 2012 graduates of eighth grade, high school, college, & advanced degrees on **Sabbath, June 9.**

Please contact the church office (229-5501 or churchoffice@sunnysidesda.org) with the name of the student, parents' names, grade or degree, and any special awards or recognition for the graduate. We also need a current photo and a baby/toddler picture **by June 5** for a slideshow presentation.

REISIG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1,000 scholarship will be presented this year to one member of our congregation who fulfills the eligibility requirements of the scholarship. For further information about the scholarship & to apply, please contact Bud Dickerson at 250-7569 or bdickers@fresno.edu.

Application deadline is Tuesday, June 5.

SAVE THE DATE!

VBS is Coming! July 30 – August 3

Please prayerfully consider how you would like to help with Vacation Bible School. Email us at VBS@sunnysidesda.org

**MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER**

Second Reading: Carolyn Nichols from Clovis.

**YOUTH EVENTS****Meet a Candidate for Youth Pastor**

Friday, May 18 - *Youth, Early Youth and Parents* Join us at 6:30 p.m. at the Vaughn's for vespers and a BBQ. You'll get a chance to meet James Reynaert, a youth pastor candidate. We'll have burgers (beef & veggie). You don't need to bring anything. For directions, contact Lauri at 284-3584. We hope to see you there!

Skywalk

Saturday, May 19 - The youth are going to Skywalk from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Get more details from Alexa Burkhardt (765-5084).

SMALL GROUP LEADERSHIP TRAINING

If you signed up for this seminar, it starts this Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Maroa rooms.

WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

If you haven't tried the Single Women's Friendship Circle, ask one of the ladies that attends and she'll tell you that she really enjoys the fellowship. Their next potluck is May 19 at the home of Esther Robinson. They would especially like to see you there. If you plan to join them or you would like more information about this small group, please contact Lola Arteaga (323-6682).

SABBATH LUNCH EXPERIENCE

If you're still thinking about joining the one-time, in-home potluck "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" experience to meet new people and get to know others better - GOOD NEWS, there's still time! You can either host and have people come to your home, or be a guest and bring some of the food. Call or email Deb Tetz at (530) 558-5748, debratetz@yahoo.com or Marla Hartman at (559) 259-0241, marla.hartman1@gmail.com.

Please submit your bulletin and eNews announcements of 50 words or fewer (in paragraph form) to: bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org. All info is due by 6:00 p.m. Wednesday. Bulletin staff reserves the right to edit text.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

WORSHIP

LEARN

CONNECT

SERVE



**Jack & Teresa
Tolmosoff**

**Yvette, Elle &
Christiana Kerbs**



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Geri Lucas (5/12)
Salvador Gonzales Jr. (5/14)
Ferdinand Ignacio (5/15)
Connor Fitzgerald (5/18)
Cammie Gilbert (5/18)

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
TO...**

Joel & Tiffany Chandler (5/17)

THE LAST WORD**How Your Life is Like A Tapestry**

by Michael Hyatt - Intentional Leadership

A few years ago, I had breakfast with an old college roommate. We hadn't seen each other in twenty-two years. To my surprise—and delight—he looked almost exactly as he did the last time I saw him. The only difference was that his blond hair was mostly gray.

We spent an hour or so eating and reminiscing. We talked. We laughed. And we listened. I shared with him pictures of my family, both of us laughing at the fact that I was now a grandfather. I was amazed at how much we still had in common, even though both our lives had taken so many unexpected turns.

I was especially proud that my friend was still married, still in the ministry, and still growing as a person. He was no worse for the wear, but much wiser and, somehow, deeper and more thoughtful. I know that if we lived closer together, we would be good friends once again.

As he dropped me off at the airport and drove away, I teared up. I knew I would probably not see him again any time soon. After all, he's a busy pastor. I was, at the time, a busy CEO. We have our own lives, not to mention the fact that we live at opposite ends of the country. But, still, it made me sad and pensive. But I think something resonated at an even deeper level.

As I was catching him up on the events of my life, I got another high-altitude panoramic look at my own life. I saw the beauty of my journey and how very much I have to be thankful for. I have had a rich and meaningful life. I am so grateful for every experience.

Not that it's always been easy. Hardly. Frankly, there's been a lot of pain. Bad decisions. Expensive mistakes. Words and actions that I regret. But, by the grace of God, I have made it this far. I have no complaints. And by the grace of God I will continue on.

It made me also think again how much life is like a tapestry. Corrie ten Boom originally introduced me to this metaphor. As it unfolds in real time, it's like viewing the backside of a tapestry. It appears to be nothing more than a jumble of thread—tangled, frayed, occasionally knotted, and seemingly random. Nothing really makes sense. It's no wonder people lose heart, give up, and abandon their commitments.

But things are not always what they seem. It's only when you turn a tapestry over that you see the art: the rich colors, the texture, and the patterns that can make a tapestry a thing of astonishing beauty.

Likewise, occasionally God gives us a glimpse at what He is weaving into the fabric of our lives. That momentary peek at glory gives us the courage to soldier on, knowing that nothing happens by accident.

No thread of experience—good or bad—is wasted. When it *appears* to be that way, we just have to remind ourselves that we are simply looking at the backside of a tapestry. And the One weaving it together, knows precisely what He is doing.

***When was the last time you got a glimpse of God's side of the tapestry?
How did it make you feel?***