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Praise & Prayer

Our condolences are extended to the family of Dorothy Patzkowsky. Her services were the morning of Friday the 5th.

Thank you so much for your prayers and concerns on our behalf during Vern's hospitalization and long therapy. We are together in our apartment at Palm Village and enjoying it! ~ Vern and Bertha Pauls

Pray for the following:

- Barbara Friesen at Sierra Kings
 - Rod Hofer will have surgery on Tuesday at UC Davis
 - Sue Jost will have surgery Tuesday at Clovis Community Hospital.
 - Richard Gerbrandt and Betty Winniford both were released from Saint Agnes Hospital following their surgeries
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...to demonstrate Christ's love by growing our love and acceptance towards one another.

Today in Worship

"The Christian and Authority" Romans 13:1-7

How does God ask us to respond to the authorities in our life? Government is one of those, but the implications are further reaching and personal when we think of our work, school, and neighborhoods.

*"The authorities that exist have been established by God."
Romans 13:1b*

Worship with us Next Week

"Are You in Debt?" From Romans 13:8-14 we learn penetrating lessons about the debt of love we inherited from our Savior, Jesus Christ. Pastor Dennis will bring this teaching.

Coming up at Rmbc

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals: Build new friendships or strengthen existing friendships over a great meal served between 5:40 and 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up by noon on Mondays for that week's meal. Cost \$4 per person (4 yrs and younger eat free). Sign up Sundays at the Connection Counter or church office during the week.

Menu on February 10: Chicken Divan, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Fruit and Valentine Cake.

Next Sunday, February 14 is Child Dedication Sunday. Any parents wishing to participate in dedication of your children please contact the church office early this week.

The Vanguard University's Concert Choir will be singing in our 10:50 a.m. worship Service on March 21. We are looking to house the choir on the evening prior to that Sunday. (Saturday the 20th) The choir is made up of 44 women and 31 men plus their director Dr. James Melton. Those willing to host 2 or more students please contact Mandie Wall in the office.

Hartland Men's Retreat - March 12-14, 2010

Sign-ups have begun for the Hartland Men's Retreat! The Retreat will be March 12-14. There are sign-up forms available at the Connection Counter. Turn in money with form when signing up, make checks payable to "RMBC", and you will be charged from the "group rate" as opposed to the "individual rate". Turn your forms and money into Mandie Wall at the front office.

Hartland Women's Retreat – April 16-18, 2010

Ladies, we'd like to take a group to Hartland this spring for a wonderful break from the routine to enjoy a refreshing retreat in the mountains!! The featured speaker is Rhea Briscoe who is passionate about encouraging and equipping women to walk in the freedom and power of who they are in Christ Jesus. Music will be led by Stephanie Kelly. Fun and informative seminars will be offered to help provide you with tools to be the woman God wants you to be. Lots of free time for visiting with friends and making new ones. Contact Miriam Hofer at 638-3996 for more information or to register. See www.Hartlandcamp.com for more details.

Rmbc Classifieds

T&T Girls leaders needed. Four leaders are needed for 3rd through 5th grade girls. Please call Sheri Balakian: 591-3953.

Upcoming Events

150th Anniversary of the Mennonite Brethren Church: There are pamphlets from the Mennonite Brethren Church Historical Commission available at the Connection Counter in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the MB Church.

Hope for Haiti: Mennonite Central Committee and the Office of Spiritual Formation are putting on Hope for Haiti Benefit Concert! This concert will take place at Butler Church starting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 12. The concert will feature Crosswind, the FPU Gospel Choir, and Jon Shabaglian! Admission will be FREE! And an offering will be taken to help the efforts lead by MCC in Haiti. We will also be taking any of the following items to help with relief kits being sent to Haiti: large bars bath soap (leave in wrapping), squeeze-tube toothpaste (minimum 130ml / 6oz; leave in box), 4 adult-size toothbrushes (leave in packaging), 1 fingernail clipper, and large bath towels. For more information on ways to give check out mcc.org.

The West Coast Mennonite Sale and Auction is gearing up for another exciting sale this April 9 \$ 10. Pick up a flyer at the Connection Counter for ways to get involved!

MCC Sale's Used Books sale (April 7-10): Book and music CD donations for the MCC sale may be deposited at the Butler MB Church office patio (corner of Butler and Winery next to FPU) day or night until and during the sale. For questions or assistance, call Ray Winter at 251-1348, or e-mail him at rew1@fpu.edu.

Celebration 2010 is coming July 12-18 in British Columbia. Visit the Connection Counter for the flyers and for more information.

Palm Village News

Palm Village Retirement Community, located at 701 W. Herbert in Reedley, holds weekly services on Sundays and Wednesdays.

- **Rmbc's 5th & 6th Graders** are leading Worship this morning at 9:45 a.m. (For the Sunday morning Palm Village schedule see our website at www.reedleymbc.org/calendar.html.)
- **Glory Bound Quartette of N. Fresno MB Church** will be at the Palm Village Chapel this Wednesday, February 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Caring and Sharing Bible Study meets Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Palm Village Community Room through March 11. Harriet Friesen leads our studies, "Blessings in the Psalms". All ladies are welcome. For further information call Ruth Kliewer at 638-4802.

Palm Village Retirement Soup Supper - Tuesday, February 23, from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. at Palm Village. For more info call 638-6933.

Mission Corner

Pray this week for Rmbc Missionary Becky Neufeld who works with Leadership Development, raising up Christian leaders in East Asia.

Mission Teams:

Scott Jackson leaves tomorrow for four months of ministry in Belize, working with underprivileged youth in education. This is a continuation of the ministry he had there last year. Keep Scott on your prayer calendar as he serves in this needy community.

Remember the eleven women and one child from Rmbc who are in the Dominican Republic (DR) this week. The DR is the eastern half of the same island as Haiti. Pray for effectiveness of this women's team. The following are members of the team: Janice Hansen, Patty Thiesen, Delora Duerksen, Melissa Knaak (and Kingston), Vickie Friesen, Carol Braun, Connie Fast, Judy Ratzlaff, Betsi Helgesen, Amy Holman, Janice Parbst.



Mission Opportunities:

Teachers Connect Thailand Mission Trip Connect Thailand Bible Camp
Date Change: June 19-27

Teachers Connect still needs teachers to continue our ministry with the Thai Teachers. TC is a ministry that seeks to connect teachers with other teachers in Thailand through educational training and workshops. Our prayer and goal is to be a witness of the hope we share in Jesus Christ. Teaches Connect Thailand has added a new outreach this year CONNECT THAILAND! We will be reaching out to the students with an after school Bible Camp. We need young adults, couples and families who are willing to help and teach with the Bible Camp, a VBS type outreach. Teams also have the opportunity to travel north to the MBMSI Khmu Villages, schools and churches. We will be bringing them much needed supplies, love, prayer and encouragement.

MBMSI Villages: June 11 or 12-19

Teachers Connect & Connect Thailand Bible Camp: June 19-27

We have informational flyers at the Connection Counter. Please prayerfully consider joining our teams. For more information contact: Susi Peters at 331-5264 or Paula Olinger at 638-0084.

Immanuel News

Immanuel Schools Visitation Day for grades K-12 - February 18, 2010 from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. Get informed about Immanuel Schools, meet classmates, learn about opportunities, and more! Families are encouraged to complete their enrollment packet and take advantage of the discounted application fee of \$100.00. Visitors are also invited to stay and enjoy free admission to a 12:00 p.m. Performance of Wizard of Oz. For more info call 638-2529.