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WORSHIP SCHEDULE SUNDAYS

9:30AM Sunday School for all ages in Grace Hall 10:30AM Worship & Communion

BATTLE-OF-THE-BADGES BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21st 4:00-8:00PM AT IMMANUEL! See inside for more details...

Pastor's Page

How do we forgive big hurts?

When I was in seminary, my mom bought me a shirt that said, "Jesus loves you, and I'm trying to."

Love is a special, sacred, holy thing that Jesus tells us to pour out upon our neighbor with reckless abandon. Rather than hoarding love and tucking it away for family and friends, like a scarce resource, scripture calls on us to see love as abundant, as free as air and heap it upon those around us. I find that people are actually pretty good at this. We're good at loving our friends, our family, and even strangers. I've been joined by strangers as we combed the beach looking for a missing child. That's love. I've stood in a small crowd at a crosswalk, and a mom with her small child told him that we were supposed to wait for the green man on the sign before we walked across the street. So we strangers waited on an otherwise empty street so this kid would see that's everyone was meant to do. That's love. I've joined in on singing happy birthday for people who's name I didn't know. That's love, too. I think there's something instinctual about looking at the suffering of a person and seeking to alleviate it or looking upon their joy and wanting to join in. We may get too busy sometimes or find ourselves distracted by our own hurts, but on most days, I think we know how to show love to our neighbor.

The real effort, the real work is finding room to love our enemies.

I've experienced in the past something I like to call "Fight Hangover." This is the sensation after I've had a fight with my brothers, my parents, my friends, and yes, on occasion, even my husband. Emotions have run high. Someone has probably cried. Things were said that shouldn't have been said. Now, the fight is over. Maybe it's even been over for a day or two, but things still feel off. There's all this weird, unspent or overspent emotion that makes communication a little weird for a bit and you just feel funny being around each other, but with time, the feeling subsides and you begin to laugh together again. You're reminded once again why you love each other and now, you haven't just apologized, you haven't just accepted forgiveness, you're living forgiveness around your love. You've refused to allow your loved one be made into an enemy.

Of course, it isn't always so easy.

We like to make excuses about why what this person did, thinks, or believes is unforgivable. When Jesus tells me to love my enemy, he could-

News Notes

Special birthday blessings this month to **Dennis Wynn** who turns 79 on June 3rd, to **Phil Tews** who will be 84 on the 13th, to **Diane Mehrten** who will be 85 on the 17th!

Who knows who? Immanuel get's calls to the church office frequently for recommendations for good help. Do you know a good Housekeeper? A good Painter? A good Window Washer? A good caregiver? A good babysitter? A good flooring contractor? If you know of someone that you would recommend for any number of things please give a call to the church office and let us know. We will start a list. We can send out a notice next month with your referrals.

Family Camp is canceled this year. This was such sad news. The park will not have the roads cleared and repaired in time for our reservation this year. Logger Flat will not be opened until the end of June. Unfortunately we were not able to get reservations for any of the later dates. We tried to get later dates last summer. If you would like to help get a reservation for next year please call the church office for instructions or see your Sunday bulletin in the near future.

Fran Hansen's Tutoring Services

I am currently providing online tutoring services for children 3 years old through fifth grade. I offer sessions centered around speech articulation, vocabulary, grammar, and communication skills. I would love to consult with you if you think your child may benefit from this kind of service. Feel free to share my information with other families who might be interested.



Miss Fran's Online Tutoring Service Frances Hansen-Owner 559-419-0300 missfrantutoring@gmail.com www.missfrantutoring.com

Young Life Ministry in Easton?

If you have wondered what Young Life is all about and missed the opportunity to hear the speaker on Sunday, May 21st at Easton Presbyterian Church please find the recording on their website: www.eastonpres.com. Please share your thoughts and concerns with Pastor Taylor.

In Celebration of Our Members June 2023

Birthdays

3-Dennis Wynn -Joseph Orozco

12-David Terrones

13-Linda Wozniczka Phil Tews Garrett Caglia 14-Dean Gardner

17-Diane Mehrten

18-Lee Terkelsen

19-Jennifer Cisneros

24-Andrew Severin

25-Debbie Goff





Wedding Anniversaries

15-Dean & Terry Gardner (8)

18-Laurel Jacobsen & Randy McFarland (25)

19-Shane & Sue Johnson (31)

21-Aaron & Terra Harding (10)

26-Fred & Gina Cogan (31)

28– Kurt & Laura Wolfe (10)

Baptismal Birthdays

2-Bobby Bell Randy McFarland 3-Kendall Anderson 6-Colby Hartwig 11-Kristi Hollenbeck 12-Bonnie Terkelsen



Missing your birthday or anniversary on this page? Please notify Victoria at office@imanueleaston.com or by phone at the church office: 237-7909.

n't possibly mean that guy. When Jesus tells me to forgive the trespasses of others, he couldn't possibly mean what she did. You know the justifications. You've probably thought them yourself. So let me let you in on a secret.

Sometimes you'll find forgiving your enemies just takes time and a lot of prayer. Sometimes you'll find that after having a conversation, your enemies become your friends. But sometimes, you'll find that loving your enemies takes the message on the t-shirt. "Jesus loves you, and I'm trying to." Let's talk about the latter.

Like many of you, I've experienced hurt at the hands of others in my lifetime and I know, first hand, that it can be tremendously difficult to get past that hurt. Once upon a time, I had a pastor who I greatly looked up to. He was a great preacher. He'd been there for me through some rough spots of my life. He was funny, energetic, and I trusted him. I was at the church my final year of college, helping my mom prep for a youth event when he called me into his office. For a while, I had considered getting my seminary education in conjunction with a law degree, a program that is offered at several universities throughout the country. After a lot of prayer, I'd decided to just focus on seminary. My mom had told him the news. He told me I was wasting my gifts. At first, I thought it was a joke, and I laughed. He'd been a prankster in the past. It was not a joke. He told me that the Lord would never get me through seminary if I was so willing to throw away the rest of what he'd given me. He told me he was embarrassed by me. He got personal. He used things I'd brought up in pastoral counseling. It was ugly. By the end of it, I was crying on the floor, and he had just... left. There were no apologies and no explanations and in the aftermath, even though I continued to attend the church, as far as I was concerned, there was no real relationship. Church isn't always easy and pastors, as it turns out, aren't always very holy. There's more to this story, but I think you get the gist.

For a long time, I couldn't find it in myself to forgive this pastor. It wasn't the first time I had experienced hurt in the church or from a pastor, but it was the first time the hurt felt intentional. He'd gone out of his way to cut me down. He'd betrayed my trust and used the privacy of confession to hurt me. I wasn't sure how to reconcile what had happened with a call to forgive, especially when I knew he had spoken to other people that way. He could and, probably would, continue to hurt others. My anger at him was justified. My hurt was valid. Unfortunately, that Jesus guy wouldn't let me off the hook, and I kept hearing, "This is how my heavenly Father will treat you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart." Forgiveness isn't optional. It's not

something I can deny my brothers and sisters as I seek my own justice. In fact, scripture says justice belongs to the Lord. We say we're looking for justice, but often what we're looking for is vengeance. We want retribution so we feel better. We want an apology that is groveling. We want people to hurt the way they hurt us. We aren't seeking justice, we're seeking the suffering of a beloved child of God. Our justice, our vengeance, very rarely leads to forgiveness. It just leads to more hurt. God's justice is different. Rather than seeking to punish us, God seeks to transform us. That's the promise of the resurrection, that God will transform us from being sinful creatures, hurting each other constantly, into being the righteous, loving, humanity we were made to be. God loves us, right now, as we are, but he won't leave us this way. God loves us so much that he will transform us, and it is in this transformation that I have found the lens of forgiveness. I have found the strength to forgive the people who have hurt me, unrepentant though they may be, because I know that they will not always be this hurtful. One day, they'll be as God created them to be. I have found the strength to forgive myself, dreadful sinner though I may be, because I know that I will not always be this wretched. One day, I'll be as God created me to be.

Present me may struggle to forgive other present sinners, but I have found strength and hope in the promise of future righteousness. I look forward to the resurrection where this pastor who I loved will be made whole in God's love and will have cruelty stripped away from him, and so I have forgiven him in anticipation for exactly that moment. Forgiveness isn't excusing hurt, it's looking ahead to a future of reconciliation and transformation. Forgiveness is daring to hope that we will all be better in God's kingdom. We do not have to rely on our justice or grace or love. We can instead rely upon the Lord when we are weak, to borrow his grace when our own is low, and to repeat to ourselves when we find our neighbor's cruelty in our face: Jesus loves you, and I am trying to.

Blessings of peace,

Pastor Taylor



Immanuel Women's Ministry

The women of Immanuel took a break on April 29th and went a fun field trip to Kuppa Joy Coffee House and the to For the Birds Garden Gifts in Kingsburg.

We treated ourselves to a Saturday break and had delicious treats at Kuppa Joy and then walked across the street. Marcia Hollenbeck led the best devotions that related coffee

to Biblical scriptures. It was awesome! We then learned about how to plant and make cute succulent gardens. We learned that they don't like deep planting, they grow best in well drained soil and are very cute if

you add decorative rocks, and miniature creations to your planter. We shopped, created, planted and had a blast.

This was one fun morning away from it all, a time to relax and enjoy time with friends.

Keep you eye out in the Sun-

day Bulletin for more opportunities to gather and serve with the Women of Immanuel.

The Women of Hope Bible Study is a monthly Bible Study. We will be discuss the Portraits of Jesus. This month's theme will be: "I am the Resurrection and the Life". Preparing the canvas we will discuss Daniel12:1-4. We will continue to Jesus' Self-Portrait and discuss John 11:1-53. The discussion questions are available in the church entryway under the Blue Bulletin Board.

Update on Ukrainian Friends

Oleg and Inessa Blockitin are doing well. Oleg has two jobs working in food services. Inessa also has two jobs. One job is at 'Port of Subs' and the other as a teacher's aide in a class for students with special needs. The teacher of the class was born in Ukraine which is wonderful for Inessa. Inessa's brother, Yaroslav, has done very well as a student at Kingsburg Charter Home School. He will be in 5th grade in the fall and will be attending summer school. We have waited about seven months to see an eye surgeon and that appointment will be June 9. Pray that he will be able to have his needed eye surgery this summer. The highlight of his week is when Jackie Caglia picks him up on Friday to spend the day on the farm. He loves spending time with the Caglia boys....and the chickens. Thank you, Jackie! The Blockitins attend Grace Church in Kingsburg and Yaroslav attends Wednesday night Youth Group at 'The Well'.

Let me introduce you to Irina and her girls; Yana who is 11, and Khrystia, who is 6. They are currently in Ukraine and the stress of the war, which has continued for a year and a half, is taking its toll on them. Hopefully, they will be coming to California this summer. Irina's husband is staying in Ukraine to defend his country but felt it is better for Irina and the girls to be in a safe environment. Some people

have to make very difficult decisions. Pray that the logistics with Department of Immigration can be cleared up soon so they can leave Ukraine soon. They will be coming to Kingsburg where we can all help them adapt.

Thank you for your prayers and support for our Ukrainian friends.



Bethel Home

Immanuel was well represented at the Board meeting on April 30th, with Deanna Dunbar and Terry Gardner as Delegates from our Church and Laurel Jacobsen and John Jensen and newly appointed Barbara Petersen as Board Members. There are a total of 9 directors, serving staggered 3 year terms. There are currently 2 vacancies on the board.

During the meeting, the prior meeting minutes were approved, but it was noted that there was an error in the totals shown in the Liabilities and Net Assets report. The financial report review was tabled until the accountant could address the issue.

The Administrator of Bethel Lutheran Home, Shikha Patteson, gave a positive report on operations at the home. During covid, the State mandated a separate wing to isolate residents who tested positive. Now that covid restrictions have been lifted, it has freed up rooms in the assisted living side. Bethel Lutheran Home is now certified for Medicare patients; this will also increase occupancy. There are a total of 36 independent living units in the Cottages, 29 are currently occupied.

Recently the Board of Directors ordered 100 new electric beds, so they no longer require hand-cranking. Unfortunately, the bed legs damaged the floors. The company who provided the beds agreed to replace the flooring in the wings where it had been damaged and this has been completed.

Terry Gardner

May Birthdays at Bethel Home

The month of May is when Immanuel Women's Ministry sponsors the Birthday Party for residents born in May! This year it was on May 19th. We were asked to donate a Bakery Cake and balloons, Thank you to Jackie Caglia for picking up everything and delivering them to Bethel Home in time for their May Birthday Party for the residents.

Journey

So it should be evident to all of you that I've pretty much run out of things to write about, like a couple of years ago. Part of the acute pain of Cindy's passing has dulled somewhat. As everyone in the club can tell you' it never goes completely away. It's like that cockroach in the corner that you know is there but it just seems to disappear before you can react to it. Often it will just sit there and stare at you until you make a move and then it's gone again. So yeah, Cindy and Mom cross my mind often, and I miss them. Not in an obsessive way, I just think of them. I know it's the same for you. They were both such huge parts of my life it's hard to untangle them from me. And I don't always want too. Especially with the grandkids. I know she would have just been overjoyed to be with them.

So what do I write about when I've got nothing new. I write about, something old. For those of you who may be starting your grief journey. For those of you who have been at it for a while. For those of us down the road a piece. Here's a bit of review.

In the final 30 hours of hospice Cindy was at the Hines Hospice House in Fresno. I was relieved as sorts to be able to sit with her and hold her hand and not be in charge of her pain management. Every couple of hours I would wander down to the lounge/reading room to just sit for a few minutes. I came across two things that have really changed my perception of what was really passing by me. The first was a poem by Henry Van Dyke called Gone from My Sight. I've shared it many times and I did again just two months ago. As I said, I'm not sure it is scripturally sound, but I like it none the less and it brought me a lot of peace. The other pamphlet I found was a little booklet called, Good Grief. It was written by Granger E. Westberg. It was written more than fifty years ago and I think has defiantly stood the test of time. As I said last month, I truly believe grief is essential to healing. The healing may take you many months or the rest of your life, and that's alright. The importance here is recognizing the passage from loss to where ever you are now. Embrace wherever you are and own it. Let it help you find your way. Get the book, it will become one of your favorites, I promise.

So here, briefly, are the ten stages of grief.

Stage one, shock. Shock is God's way of insulating you from a catastrophic melt down. Shock helps your mind take in what has happened to you, the loss of a loved one. Shock is somewhat temporary, maybe a few days to a few weeks.

Immanuel's Scholarships

Immanuel Gives Scholarships to WUHS students! Every year, Immanuel gives a \$500.00 scholarship to a senior attending a Christian College as part of our budgeted benevolence for the year. Most Christian colleges offer a church match program where the student receives a matching amount up to \$500.00 from their university if they receive a scholarship from a church. This year, the award went to Serena Cobarrubias who will be attending Fresno Pacific University in August and majoring in English. She plans on getting her teaching credential and hopes to come back and teach at Washington Union High School. The Breaking Grounds designated scholarship was awarded to Jovane Estrada, he will receive a \$500.00 scholarship. Jovane plans to Fresno City College and learn about soil properties and growing plants. He is very interested in irrigation and farming. He has worked in farming with his parents. He knows three languages, American Sign Language is what he uses in school, he communicates with his parents in Spanish and understands English. Sign Language is the language he is most confident with. Congratulations to Serena and Jovane.

Prayer Focus For The Week

Week of 6-5-2023. Focus on being filled with joy. Psalm 30:11-12 NIV. You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. LORD my God, I will praise you forever.

Week of 6-12-2023. Focus on our Pastor. Romans 10:15 NIV. And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written; "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news".

Week of 6-19-2023. Focus on our fathers. Proverbs 23:24 NIV. The father of a righteous child has great joy, a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him.

Week of 6-26-2023. Focus on those graduating. Proverbs 18:15 NIV. The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.

Pregnancy Care Center Change 4 Babies

Immanuel continues to support the Change 4 Babies campaign for the Pregnancy Care Center. Your spare change can change lives! The Pregnancy Care Center is a faith-based, life-affirming, non-profit medical clinic that provides free and confidential services and resources to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies. PCC provides a safe environment where clients can learn truth, gain hope and feel confident about their pregnancy. Their services include medical, advocacy, resources and education. They help thousands of people through difficult situations and guide them to Jesus as their Lord and Savior!

Immanuel has baby bottles on the worship supply table. Simply take it home, fill with your spare change and return by Father's day, June 18th. You contribution helps men and women find support through options, education, pregnancy loss support, and much more. Thank you for your support.

Immanuel is Collecting Layette Items

In addition to saving your change for the Pregnancy Care Center, we will be collecting items for layettes to send back with the bottles after Father's Day.

We will collect items for newborns such as receiving blankets, t-shirts, onesies, sleepers, towels, wash cloths and pacifiers. Please put your items in the marked collection container in the church entry.

If you have questions, call Laura Nielsen



Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive & The Battle of the Badges!



Every June the north valley Sheriff Departments in Fresno, Madera and Mariposa counties compete to see which can collect the most blood!

This month Immanuel is going to help Fresno County Sheriffs collect pints of blood to win this battle!

Join us at Immanuel on Wednesday, June 21st from 4:00-8:00pm

Eat and stay well hydrated before donating. No appointment needed!

Stage two, emotion. God allows us emotions, that's the way he created us. Crying would be a typical emotional reaction. Let yourself cry, often. That emotion still wells up in me almost seven years later, and I let myself cry. Stage three, depression and loneliness. No matter how brief or long our relationship was with the one who passed was, there is a sense of loneliness and isolation. And you will be sure no one else has ever felt like you are feeling. My experience is that loneliness and isolation continue to come from time to time, even now.

Stage four, physical illness and distress. Your situation may weigh on you to the point of being physically ill. It's time to seek medical attention. Stage five, panic attacks. At times there is just an overwhelming feeling of panic. Where do I go from here? You must confide in someone weather a friend, your Pastor, a professional or a journey writer.

Stage six, guilt. Did I do everything I could? Was I there when I should have been? Etc. You must forgive yourself. You must acknowledge you did the best you could.

Stage seven, anger. In the midst of your loneliness and isolation you may feel anger and resentment. It's important that you find a way to let that go. Stage eight returning. Allow yourself to once again resume your everyday life. It's going to be different for sure. It's part of the adjustment to the new you've heard me write about before.

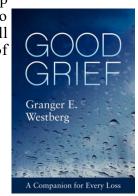
Stage nine, hope. You'll get to the point where you feel hope again. Allow yourself to feel that hope. It's a very healthy sign.

Stage ten, reality returns. It will never be the same. Adjustments must be made. Life must be lived to not allow that is to give up. Guess who wants you to do that?

My loved ones. Grief is a totally unique experience. Yours won't be the same as mine. Buy the book, Good Grief or pick it up from the church library. Talk about your feelings to someone you trust. I'm always here for you. I will

listen. Let us adjust to our losses together by way of Good Grief.

Love, John. Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone



High School Graduates

Aaliyah Bell will be a graduating Salutatorian from Clovis East High School on June 7, 2023. She had an amazing High School tenure taking honors and AP courses to achieve Principal's Medallion with a 4.13 GPA and CSF Lifetime Member with Honors. Aaliyah enrolled in an ROP Child Development program her junior and senior year that allowed her to be in dual enrollment courses for college credits but also be enrolled in Clovis Community College to take college courses there as well. She took advantage of this opportunity and earned her Paraprofessional Certification her junior year. Aaliyah was a teacher's aide both her junior and senior year at two Clovis Unified School District elementary schools. She also had a paid summer job as a teacher's aide her junior year for another CUSD elementary school. Aaliyah will attend Fresno State in the fall where she plans to major in Psychology. Her career goal is to become a school psychologist at the elementary level.



We are so very proud of all you have accomplished and the young lady you've become, we are excited to watch the next chapter of your life un-

fold. We believe in you and will always be here for you, cheering her on! God Bless!!

Love - Mom, Dad, Nana & Papa(we know he is looking down on you with pride)

Emmerson Gardner is graduating as a salutatorian from Washington Union High school, where her parents and all four grandparents also graduated from as well as some from prior generations. She attended Fowler High her freshman and junior years. She participated in the Heath Institute Program at WUHS. She was on the volleyball, basketball and swim teams, and participated in leadership. Emme will be attending College of the Sequoias in Visalia in the fall where she will play volleyball in addition to her general education classes. Her family is extremely proud of her and all of her accomplishments, but mostly for the friendships she has made along the way.

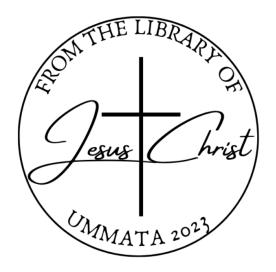
Immanuel you are invited to the Literary Event of the season!

This summer the intergenerational team would like to invite you to join us for our literary-themed summer Ummata. We will provide a meal, fun classes, a speaker, and some music all themed around fabulous modern books and based on the best book of them all, the Bible.

Look for sign ups in June after church.

Dates: July 9 from 12 pm-2 pm July 11 from 6 pm-8 pm July 13 from 6 pm-8 pm

ANY QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP TEXT KRISTI HOLLENBECK @ (559)974-4408



P.S. No Reading Required

Immanuel's Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

If you are looking for an opportunity to dig deep into the book of Hebrews join Pastor Taylor and the Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study. They gather from 10:00-11:00 am in the church library for prayer and Bible study. Starting on June 6th the discussion begins on the book of Hebrews. The weekly readings are listed below.

²⁰Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21

Week 1: Who wrote Hebrews

Acts 18-19:20
Paul, Luke, Barnabas, or Appollos
(Luther thought the latter)—some interpretations hold to Priscilla

Week 2: Who is Jesus in the order of Creation and God's Church

Hebrews 1-3:6 Psalm 8

Division between East and West

Week 3: What will the resurrection look like?

Hebrews 3:7-4:16 Genesis 1-2:3

Week 4: The Suffering Savior Hebrews 5 Matthew 26:36-46 Matthew 26:45-50

Week 5: God's Salvation is Guaranteed

Hebrews 6 Genesis 15

Week 6: The Order of Melchizedek

Hebrews 7 Genesis 14:18-20 Psalm 110 Week 7: The New Covenant

Hebrews 8 Matthew 5:17-20 Acts 15:1-21

Week 8: The Sacrifice of Christ Hebrews 9

Genesis 3

Week 9: One and Done

Hebrews 10 Matthew 3:11-17 Matthew 26:-29

Week 10: The Faith of Our Fathers

Hebrews 11-12:2 Genesis 5:21-24 Revelation 7:9-17

Week 11: Christ The King

Hebrew 12 John 14:1-7 Luke 2:46-55

Week 12: Hebrews 13

Hebrews 13 Matthew 5:1-12 On Saturday, May 20th, Michelle Hollenbeck graduated from University

High School. Michelle has attended UHS all 4 years, including 1 ½ years on Zoom. To say that was a challenge is an understatement. In spite of that, Michelle has received a great education and leaves UHS with many great friends. Now, after her graduation ceremony, she will participate in a Sailing elective class for 2 weeks. During High school, Michelle sang in choir all 4 years. Our family has enjoyed hearing her sing around the house. She also participated in Immanuel's youth group and served on the tech team. Her plan is to attend Fresno State and study to become a preschool or early elementary school teacher. As we all know, Michelle loves the littles.



Brooke Hartwig is

commencing from 8th grade at Rio Vista Middle School. Brooke has enjoyed cheerleading, swimming and reading. She will be attending Justin Garza High School in the fall.

Ed and Ellen Vike's granddaughter, Jordan, graduated from Fresno Pacific University with a Masters Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. She now has a job at The Well Counseling Center in Fresno. She was able to get her experience there while attending Fresno Pacific.

The Salwasser Family took a trip to Iowa in May to celebrate with **Shane Salwasser** on his graduation from Drake University of Law School in Des Moines, Iowa.

Shane moved to Iowa in August 2020 and started his three year run at Law School. He graduated on May 19th receiving a Juris Doctor Degree. Mark, Victoria, Audra and Marie traveled to spend a week with Shane enjoying Iowa's cooler than California weather which did not include seeing

much of the sun. They are all very proud of Shane and pray for his next hurdle: passing the Iowa Bar Exam in late July. Please keep him in your prayers. While they were there they spent time with Shane, his wife, Megan and her family.



June

2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Family Camp 2023 is canceled due to road Repairs in Sequoia National Park. We will try again for next year!				1 6:00am Men's Bible Study in Social Hall Social Hall Reserved 2- 9PM	2 Easton Food Distribution hosted by Immanuel at Easton Presbyterian Church	3
4 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Commun- ion 11:45 am Fellowship Time	5 7:00PM NA in Grace Hall	10:00AM Women's Bible Study on Hebrews in church library. Women of Faith Bible 7:00PM Study in Grace Hall	7	8 6:00am Men's Bible Study in Social Hall	9	10
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