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**BUTTE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFERS
INFORMATION AND HEALTH SCREENINGS AT
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. — As part of National Public Health Week, Butte County Public Health will provide health information, give-aways, health screenings, and free hepatitis C testing at the United Methodist Church during the free lunch program on Wednesday, April 4, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Public Health Week runs from April 2 – 8, with a different theme each day. The theme for Wednesday is communicable disease prevention.

“We decided to provide hepatitis C testing because we know that there are large numbers of baby boomers who may be infected and not know it,” stated Ellen Michels, Health Education Specialist. “Hep C is largely a silent epidemic, with many people showing no symptoms until the virus has done significant damage to the liver.” Some health experts are advising that everyone born between 1945 and 1965 (baby boomers) be tested for hepatitis C at least once. According to the Centers for Disease Control, one of every 33 baby boomers is living with hepatitis C infection.

The health department will also have information on a variety of communicable disease topics, everything from flu to STDs. In addition, Public Health Nurses will offer blood pressure checks, diabetic risk assessment, weight checks, and provide obesity prevention/ nutrition education and other general adult health information. The Emergency Response Program will also have an information table and lots of useful give-away items to help with emergency preparedness.

“We hope to provide a little something for everyone”, stated Michels, whether it be health information, screenings for health issues, or something to make you a little more prepared before the next fire season.”

This public health promotion is being offered in conjunction with the weekly free lunches served by several churches in Paradise. The lunch for Wednesday, April 4, will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church located at 6722 Clark Road in Paradise.

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Butte County Public Health Department

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environmental health.