



Join us for
Coffee

- 3rd Communications
- 10th JOY Circle
- 17th Endowment Board
- 24th Blue Umbrella
- 31st RUMP

Coffee Hour responsibilities include the set-up and clean-up of the coffee pots and providing refreshments for both the 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM Coffee Hour times in Criswell Hall.
~ Thank you!

August

at a glance 

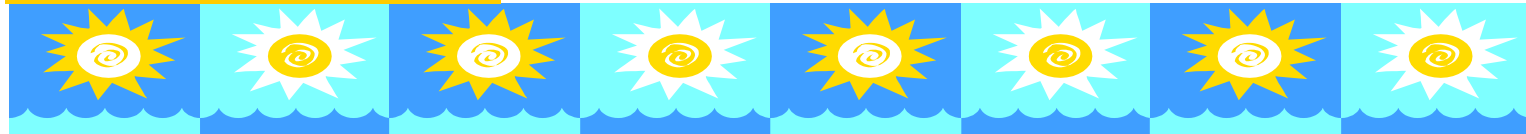
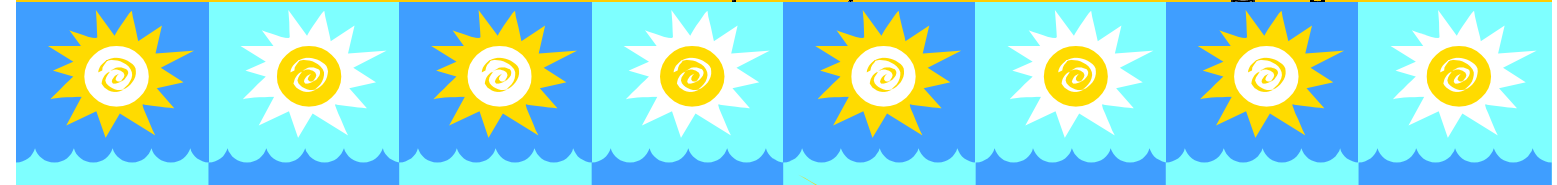
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Cast~A~Net

August 2008

"The kingdom of God is like a net that was cast into the sea" ~ Matthew 13:47
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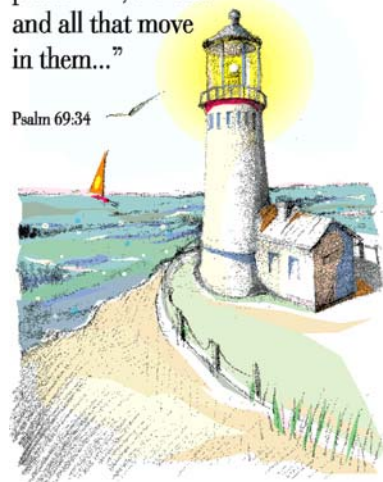
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"Let heaven and earth
praise him, the seas
and all that move
in them..."

Psalm 69:34



PENTECOST

"All of Them Were Filled With The Holy Spirit"

On the day of the Pentecost, it's recorded a holy hurricane whipped through the city of Jerusalem. The wind, that's an invisible but truly powerful force, we know it when we feel it, but what word would you use to describe it? Jesus says "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes." (John 3:8.)

In Jerusalem on that day the disciples were gathered to celebrate the harvest festival known as Pentecost. The wind came as a sound like a rushing violent wind and it filled the house where the disciples gathered. Fire like tongues of Fire rested on each of them, and they were filled with the Holy spirit- they began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. And the force of that wind did not cease and end there.

It inspired Peter, who stood before the people of Judea and Jerusalem saying listen to what I say, prophesying the coming of the Holy Spirit as prophesied by the prophet Joel; telling them how God would pour out his Spirit upon all people. What a day that must have been, with a mighty wind blowing away every expectations of everyone who was gathered there. Lives of people were impacted, changed and for the disciples and the crowd- a storm of the century.

A question for you to think about, where do you see the Holy Spirit at work in the world?



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Cast-A-Net

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Rev. David Burgeson



FROM THE PASTOR

I want to thank you for welcoming this "new guy" as your Pastor. You have all made me feel at home here in Arroyo Grande. I look forward with anticipation and joy to what

God has in store for us as we move into this new chapter in this church's history.

I want to let you know how much I appreciate you telling me your name and wearing your name badge on Sunday. (Note to self—I need to remember to wear mine.) We have begun to share our stories with one another and I look forward to sharing and hearing more. What I want to say is—whether it is at Sunday Worship, or in the office, let's continue our conversations. In the next month's Cast-A-Net, I want to suggest a way we might get better acquainted.

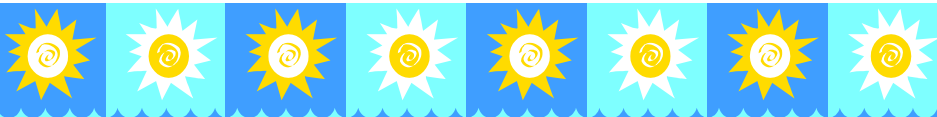
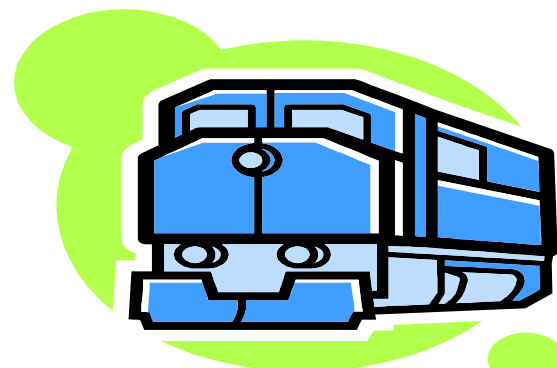
One of the challenges for Pastors under appointment each July 1st is we sometimes make our vacation plans early in the year. Well that is what I did this year. I planned a train trip August 3rd on the *Sunset Limited* from Los Angeles to New Orleans to see my high school buddy, George and his wife Glenna who live in Florida. My daughter and I will be meeting them in New Orleans and do some sight seeing and will show them some of the places I have worked over the last two years on Katrina work trips.

We will then travel to Florida for a few days, and do some small side trips. As an aside, I would like to share my Katrina rebuild experiences with you in the future. I will leave Arroyo Grande on July 31 and return in the office on Thursday August 21.

I think I hear the train...

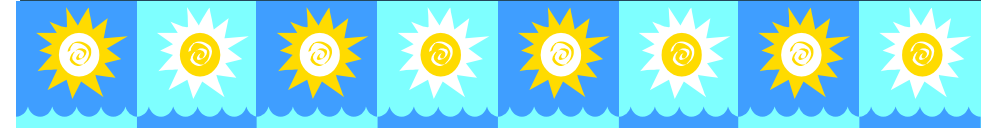
In Ministry Together,

Pastor David



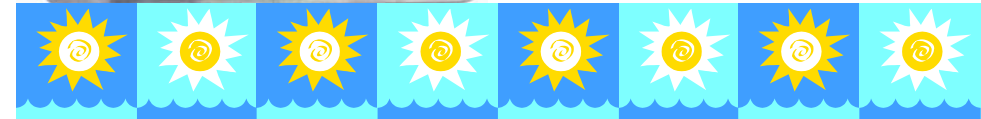
"MALACHI MOUSE SAYS..."

Only YOU can help "feed" Malachi Mouse. Do you have some interesting news? Vacations, weddings, births, good golf scores, any gossip that's fit to print? Drop your news by the church office. Malachi Mouse would love to hear from you!



Congratulations to Patti Johnson and Jay Campbell

The couple was married on Saturday, June 28, 2008 at 2 PM here at the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande by Pastor Robert Underwood in the company of family and friends. The couple has moved to Bakersfield and we will miss their faces in our congregation. Congratulations to you both!!



Dancing Divas

Sadie Barber and MacKenzie Gandy (daughter and niece to Sarah Barber) both danced with Dello's Performing Arts Center in a junior showcase on June 21 at the Clark Center.

Sweet Sadie danced a ballet number to "Everybody Wants to Be A Cat" and Miss MacKenzie danced a tap number to "Flying Purple People Eater."

Brava ladies!!



Sadie after the show sans costume (at right) admiring her flowers

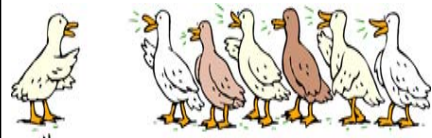
MacKenzie (left) before the show in costume as a "Flying Purple People Eater"



August Birthday!

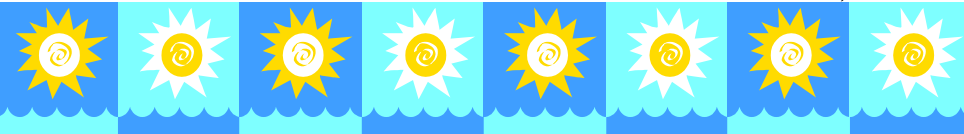
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OOPS! Did we miss your birthday? Would you like to have your name or a family member recognized? Please let us know! We would love to hear from you!!



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 4th Staff-Parish
 - 5th Trustees
 - 10th Green Umbrella
 - 12th Communications
 - 21st Preschool Board
 - Church Council
 - 28th Red Umbrella
- * Please double check with your committee for a summer schedule *



Bible Quiz

Which king wrote a psalm begging God to cleanse him thoroughly after he committed adultery?

Choose the correct name below.

- A. Saul
- B. David
- C. Solomon
- D. Uriah

Answer: B (See Psalm 51)



Our church office will have new summer hours. Please make a note of the following:

- M - Th. 9 AM - 2 PM
- Friday 9 AM - noon

Have a great summer!!



John Wesley (1703-1791) offered the following "Rules of Conduct" for Christians:

*Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.*

Who Am I?



Mike Herber
UM Youth Director

Mike Herber was born in Langdon North Dakota. His parents moved the family to Lompoc, CA when he was 3 months old, where they worked as teachers. Mike graduated from Lompoc High School, where he excelled in track and played brass in the school band. He attended Allan Hancock College and received his welding certification and worked for Saruwatari Farms and for Phelan and Taylor (where his fabrication work is still being used). Later he started with certified Freight Lines as a machine welder in 1988.

Mike met his wife Linda in 1984 and the rest is history. The couple have two wonderful daughters, Ashley and Caitlyn, both who have grown up in the church as they have been regular attendees since 1987. Mike and Linda have been the leaders of our Youth group for the past ten years. Thank you both for all you do in the guidance of our church's future. These are special teens and we are blessed to have you involved in their lives.



Health Corner will return in September

By Patti Melsheimer

10 Commandments For Right Living

Thou shalt not worry, for by doing so thou shalt suffer the same disaster many times.

Thou shalt not try to dominate or possess others, for each person is responsible to God.

Thou shalt not desire after fame, for the burdens of greatness are an affliction unto the spirit.

Thou shalt not desire after great wealth, for great wealth of itself does not bring peace.

Thou shalt relax, for great tension is an abomination unto the flesh.

Thou shalt have a sense of humor or thy years will seem much longer and more painful.

Thou shalt love the beautiful and serve the good, for this is according to the will of heaven.

Thou shalt harm no other person by word, thought or deed, regardless of cause; for to do so is to perpetuate the sorrows of this world.

Thou shalt not be angry at any person for any reason, for anger injures most the one who is angry.

Thou shalt remember that God is Creator and that you are a unique and important part of his created order, unlike any person who has ever lived.

What's Your Kid Learning in Sunday School?



Q. What is the fifth commandment?
A. Humor thy father and mother.

Q. What happened to Lot's wife?
A. She was turned into a pillar of salt by day & a ball of fire at night.

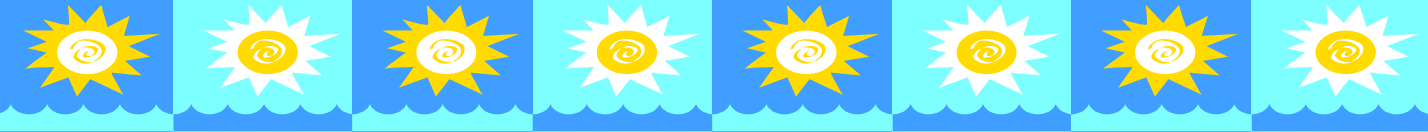
Q. Christians are taught to have only one wife, what is that called?
A. Monotony



Correction from the Five Cities Christian Women's Food Bank

The article which appeared last month had some information that was left out. The \$1200 payment to Coast Baptist Church is the annual sum total of the \$100 per month paid to the church for electricity used for the 2 upright freezers and the large 6-door cooler.

We are grateful for all that this church does in support of this ministry.



Notes From Annual Conference 2008

More than 1,800 laity and clergy from across Southern California, Hawaii, Guam and Saipan gathered June 18 to 22 at the University of Redlands in Redlands, California for the 2008 California-Pacific Annual Conference. This year's theme was "To Be The Cup Overflowing With Joy!" Bishop Mary Ann Swenson opened worship proclaiming, "Joy comes as a gift that cannot be manufactured!"

This was the 24th Annual Conference Session of the Cal-Pac Annual Conference, which was created out of the Pacific and Southwest Annual Conference. This session marks the 157th session since the organization of the Pacific Conference in 1851, the oldest of the merging Annual Conferences.

Bishop Hope Morgan Ward of the Mississippi Annual Conference led Bible study. Bishop Ward examined the Book of Ruth and said, "We're all midwives to one another as we give birth and bring new life to the world!" She also examined the "Parable of the Sower" and asked the question, "How do we live between the planting and the harvest?" Conference members gathered in Wesley Circles following the morning Bible studies for discussion and prayer.

The Conference continued a new pattern of welcoming a lay person to preach during the Annual Session. Lewis "Bob" Crownover, lay member of First United Methodist Church Redondo Beach, was selected through an audition process, and spoke during a special service of baptism about his faith journey, which included coming back from homelessness.

Members adopted a 2009 budget of \$12,906,072 representing an increase of .77 percent.

More than 225 youth participated in the annual Youth Day and raised funds for 1,000 bed nets for the "Nothing But Nets" campaign.

In other business, conference members:

- † Collected offerings: Domestic Disaster Response \$4,200; Nothing But Nets \$6,500; Global Disaster Response \$3,400; and Bishop's Designation for Children \$3,000;
- † Raised \$905 in annual clergy basketball game for charity benefit Nothing but Nets; and
- † Adopted a resolution encouraging all churches in the Conference to calculate their carbon footprint on a biennial basis and become carbon neutral by the year 2020.

During the conference session:

- † Bishop Mary Swenson ordained seven elders in full connection; received one candidate into full connection; commissioned four as probationary elders and commissioned one as a probationary deacon;
- † Celebrated the retirement of 25 active clergy (including Pastor Bob Underwood) representing more than 656 years of active ministry; and
- † Endorsed the Rev. Dr. Grant Hagiya, Executive Director, of the Conference's new Center of Leadership Excellence, for the Episcopacy.

Membership stands at 84,812 down 2,265 from the previous year. Worship attendance stands at 51,227 up 411 from the previous year. Church school attendance stands at 12,814, down 613 from the previous year.



Notes From the Trustee Chair

- ☞ Since there was no quorum, nothing could be voted on.
- ☞ Some discussion on cleaning the walls of Criswell Hall. Cannot find 3-tiered scaffolding, but am still looking.
- ☞ Larry has experimented with a sealer for the Porticos and it works quite well. Time permitting, we will proceed.
- ☞ The new remodeled sign in front is now complete.
- ☞ The Martins memorial is work in progress.
- ☞ The rain gutters were completed on Saturday, July 12.
- ☞ Landscaping is on going.
- ☞ Doors are not as pretty as we want them to be, nor do they all work the way we want them to, but they will. Have faith!

WHO AM I?



Answer on page 14



IS YOUR PLEDGE UP TO DATE?



UNITED METHODIST MEN

JULY-AUGUST HIATUS

During this break, I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the many men who have participated in all of the activities last year, the Pancake Breakfasts, the Arroyo Grande Camp work party, our annual BBQ, and other activities. Through your efforts, we had a very successful year. A special note of thanks goes to Bud Johnson, Wayne Huggins, Dick Gainer, and Dick Melsheimer.

LOOKING TO SEPTEMBER

On Saturday, September 21st, we will resume our monthly meetings on the third Saturday of each month, except for special occasions. Our September speaker will be Bob Black of 5 Cities Water Systems in continuing with our theme of water. Bob's company provides residential water softeners



and reverse osmosis systems. Obviously, Bob's talk will be about water. Our meeting will be at the Mission Inn of Pismo Beach, 601 James Way (located at the corner of 4th Street and James Way), held in the Mission Room, located on the lower floor, which is accessible by elevator, at 8:30 AM. Breakfast will be buffet style and cost \$12 per person, including tip. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!



On Sunday, September 22nd, we will be hosting our first All Church Pancake Breakfast following the summer break.

Along with pancakes, we will be serving scrambled eggs, ham and/or sausage, fresh fruit, orange juice and coffee. Breakfast will be served between 8:30 and 10:30 AM in Criswell Hall for the amazing low price of \$4.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast and visit with your fellow church members. Tickets for the breakfast can be purchased at the door.

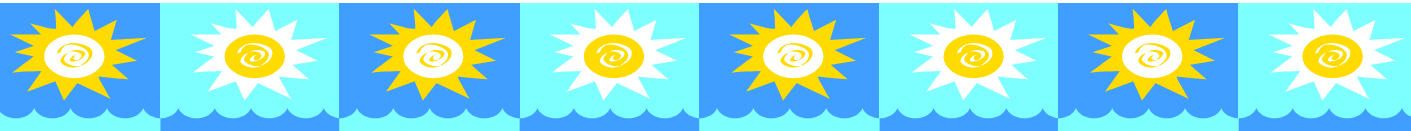
Carl Kliesch, *UMM President*

CHOIR PRACTICE BEGINS AGAIN

Rehearsal Begins and Welcomes New Director

The Chancel Choir will begin its Fall Season on Wednesday, August 27 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. The Choir will begin rehearsals with our new Choir Director. A former Choir member has stepped up to the plate to become the new Director. A warm welcome is extended to Julie Walters. She has attended a Bonner Choir Directors Workshop and returns full of enthusiasm. Plan to join us at our first rehearsal. All are welcome to come and be a part of this wonderful group of people dedicated to worship every Wednesday evening at 7PM. We hope to see you there!

~Kent Unsworth, choir publicity



praise Band

THE LORD'S CREW

THE PRAISE BAND IS A TEAM OF WORSHIP LEADERS WE CALL *THE LORD'S CREW*. THIS GROUP LEADS OUR CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 8:30 AM LED BY SUSAN COHO. THE LORD'S CREW MEET EVERY OTHER SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

August 2008

6:30 PM REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

(EACH REHEARSAL HAS A 5:30 SET-UP TIME)

9TH REHEARSAL
23RD REHEARSAL

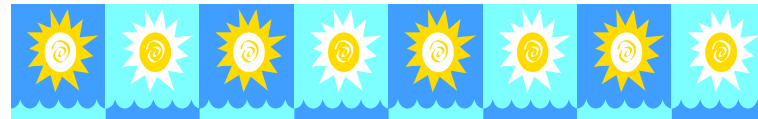


Do you have a special prayer request?
Do you have a praise to share?
Bring it to our Prayer Chain. Contact **Betty Ann Quintana at 773-2896** and she will begin the process. The Prayer Chain is available to any and all who are in need of prayer for themselves or for others.
Your request can remain anonymous.



Women of Prayer

This non-denominational women's group meets on **Tuesdays at 7 PM** in the sanctuary to pray for our church and all others in the Central Coast and Five Cities area; asking God to pour out His Spirit of redemption, deliverance, healing and salvation. Contact Susan Coho at 474-0912 for infor-



Join the Choir!
We would love to "hear" from you!!!

Vine Club

The Vine Club is open to all children of elementary school age.
We would love to have you join us!
Bring a friend and discover God's word with us!



The Water of Life

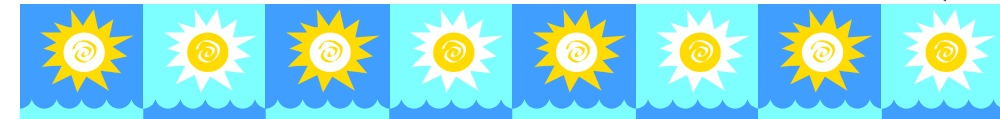
To beat the summer heat, we're often refreshed by a cold drink. Complete the puzzle below for a reminder of what Jesus offers us when we thirst.

KEY:

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18+2 1+7 10-1 20-2 18+1 20-0 26-1 6+6 5-0 10+10
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26-3 7+1 20-5 2+3 21+1 6-1 19-1
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5+7 12-3 9-3 6-1" Revelation 22:17, NIV

Answer:
"Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life." Revelation 22:17, NIV



REFRESHING ★ SUMMER ★ ACTIVITY

Try this activity with your Sunday school. It's a fun way to give people more than just a cold drink. It helps them learn about the Bible and your church.

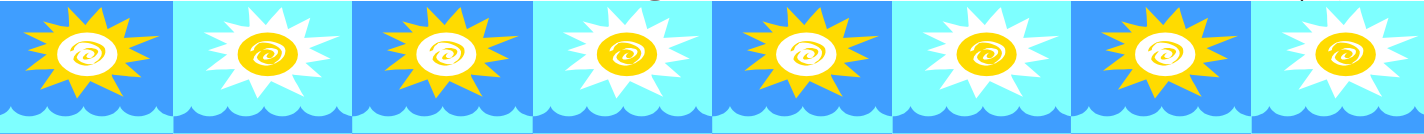
What you need:

- Bottled water
- Tubs or ice chest filled with ice
- Printed labels or cut pieces of paper the same size as the existing water-bottle label
- Permanent markers (if you're not using preprinted labels)
- Clear contact paper
- Scissors
- Clear packing tape
- Poster board
- Adult supervision



What to do:

1. On labels or pieces of paper, write a verse about the living water Jesus gives us (for example, John 4:13-14; John 6:35; Revelation 22:17). Also include your church's name and contact information, as well as an invitation to worship or to an activity.
2. Either laminate the new labels or cover them in clear contact paper (to keep them from getting soggy).
3. Tape the labels to the back of the bottles.
4. Make a "FREE Water!" poster.
5. Find a park, local festival or corner where people pass by needing a cold drink. Be sure to have adult supervision.



HYMN HISTORY - AMAZING GRACE

For over 200 hundred years, "Amazing Grace" has been known as America's most popular hymn. In fact, this hymn has worldwide recognition, being played by every known musical instrument, even bagpipes. One recording by The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, a drum and bagpipe corps in Britain, became a number-one record selling 100,000 copies in Canada in just 3 weeks.

The author of "Amazing Grace," John Newton had an unseemly past. He started as a ship's captain which would dock off the coast of Western Africa and snatch people to sell as slaves. But one night in 1748, Newton was afraid for his life. His ship was waterlogged and was thought not to make it safely home. He spent the night reading the book "The Imitation of Christ" by Thomas A. Kempis. Captain Newton then came face-to-face with he reality of his sin and accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior. During the next six years, his faith grew. He became an ordained minister and began writing hymns.

John Newton finally summed up his experiences as follows: "Though I am not what I ought to be, I can truly say that I am not what I once was—a slave to sin and Satan. I can heartily say with Paul: 'By the grace of God I am what I am!'"

Rejoice in God's goodness and remember his "amazing grace"...

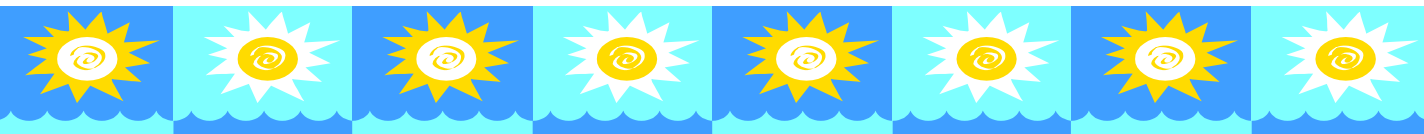
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound – that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved: How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.



PLEDGE INCOME

As of June 30th, 2008

Received	Budgeted
\$ 126,566.07	\$134,464.96

Difference
\$ -7,898.89

ATTENDANCE

June 2008

4th	195
11th	167
18th	162
25th	168
Average	173

The Mission Corner

"every member a missionary"



District Mission Opportunity

A team is forming to go to the Give Ye Them To Eat project led by Terry and Muriel Henderson in Tlancualpican, Puebla, Mexico January 10-18, 2009. This team will work on a new dormitory and learn about the culture and their work in sustainable agriculture, community development, community health, and with the Methodist Church of Mexico. There will be opportunity to shop and see some sights at the beginning and end of the trip.

The costs include air fare to Mexico City plus \$800 for room, board and transportation in Mexico. Contributions are requested by each church represented towards the total cost of construction materials (\$3,000).

Mike and Nancy Easterly of Northridge UMC are leading this team. Four more members are needed to complete it. They have offered the option of going to the Burbank airport or Amtrak Chatsworth station and spending the night before the trip with them in their home. You may contact them at (818) 363-4573 or mike.easterly@mainline.com for more information.

107 Recipes!!

Now the great authentic Mexican food eaten at the Tree of Life Training Center in Tlancualpican, Mexico, is available for you to try out at home.

This 8.5" x 5.5" spiral bound cookbook includes:

- ☞ Authentic Mexican recipes for salsas, sauces, soups, salads, breads, veggies, main dishes, desserts and refreshing drinks;
- ☞ 4 Training Center prayers and;
- ☞ 6 program area highlights

\$20 plus shipping (All proceeds go to GYTTE)

Get yours today! E- mail your request to:
gytte.cookbook@yahoo.com

In a letter from Terry and Muriel Henderson, UMC Missionaries—July 2008

The GYTTE program is in great jeopardy and an immediate response is needed for this program to continue serving the people of Mexico! Times are tough! Because of that, funding for the 'Give Ye Them To Eat' program has been declining month by month. Surplus funds and money from the sale of livestock have kept this outreach program alive during the spring, allowing the GYTTE staff to continue to serve the rural poor of south-central Mexico; but those funds are now depleted. Your help is greatly needed!

Of six program areas, the Live stock Distribution program has closed. For the time being, the other five areas have continued: Church and Faith Development, Community Development, Agricultural Development, Community and Family Health.—"More Than A Bandage," and the AWARE program. But due to the drastic decrease in donations these programs are being downsized and are in imminent peril.

This program has been approved by the Advance Special of the General Board of Global Ministries. That means we have the approval of the GBGM of the United Methodist Church to raise mission funds in support of this ongoing outreach ministry.

For more information contact the Hendersons at GYTTEphm@aol.com or visit their website at www.gytte.org.

UMW CIRCLES August 2008

There is no circles for this month. Regular meetings will resume in September.

The ladies of **J.O.Y. Circle** meet on every third Tuesday of each month at 7 PM.



The ladies of **Esther Circle** meet on the second Thursday of each month at 12 noon in the McMillen Room.



Mary-Martha

Our **Mary-Martha Circle** meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM in the McMillen Room.

We encourage all ladies to find a Circle that will meet her needs. Join us for food, fun and fellowship as we serve the Lord in ministry.



Join us at the Lord's Table as we celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** the first Sunday of each month during our 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service and every Sunday during our Contemporary Worship Service at 8:30 AM.



God's Yearly Gift

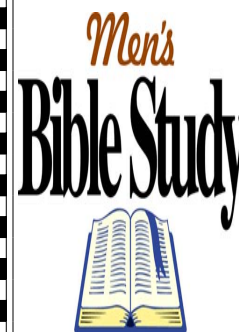
Economic times being as they are, everything keeps getting more expensive. But God thoughtfully gives all of us a free yearly trip around the sun.

Enjoy the ride!

R U M P Retired United Methodist Persons August 2008

RUMP will not meet this month however we invite all retired persons to attend a noon potluck every second Saturday of the month in the McMillen Room. We ask that you bring a dish to serve 8 or more and your own table service.

For more information contact the church office or Bob and Vel Lowry at 929-2373.

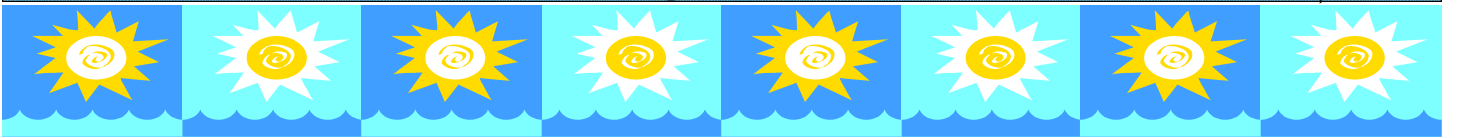


The men of FUMCAG host a Bible Study at 7 PM in Room 215 every Monday. Join us as we study God's word together.

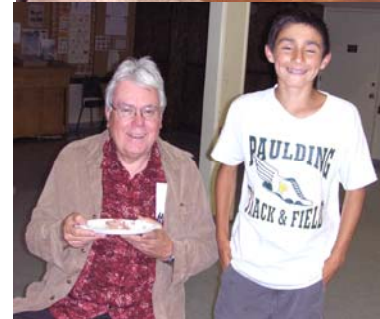
Bible Study Group



8:30 AM Friday Morning
Now is the perfect time to join us! We will be starting a new book this month. This group is open to all who wish to learn more about God's word.



UM YOUTH NEWS



Although summer is upon us, we continue to meet on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. Even with summer vacations, we still have an eager bunch of youth meeting with us, enjoying their time to fellowship with each other and learn more about God. In fact on Sundays, some of the youth are so eager to get there, I have to turn them away until the women's bible study is over. The youth were so excited to meet Pastor Burgeson that we invited him to come and get to know us at our 2nd of July party, celebrating the holiday a few days early. We had BBQ'd hotdogs, chips, soda, bounce houses, bike, scooters, ice cream, a donut eating contest and no shortage of youth. We extended the hours and went from 5:30 to 11:00 pm. Pastor Burgeson accepted our invitation and willingly met a new group of youth and parents. We got the chance to learn information about him (he likes chocolate chips cookies, the *Dodgers*, and had Craig Smithback's father as one of his high school teachers). He learned we were glad to have him and that we are a fun bunch. The only slight set back of the evening was that, after consulting with the police department, we weren't able to set off any of the fireworks brought. But even that didn't seem to be a problem. The donut eating contest was won by David Nicodemus, who won both the speed contest and the most eaten in three minutes (I believe this number was three). David Anderson came in second place. Unfortunately, David Nicodemus went bouncing after the donut eating contest and had to leave shortly after. Multiple donuts and bouncing do not mix.

We really enjoyed it when Pastor Burgeson came the following Wednesday (hey, we didn't scare him) and brought us cookies and sat and listened to the message being given by Mike.

The youth are continuing to collect recycling, as this seems to be going well and helps immensely with costs of running the youth program over and above what is in our budget. Please remember to bring your recycling items and either deposit in the box in Criswell or outside in the recycling bins. Just a note: taking the lids off water bottles is very helpful, no milk jugs or household recycling (such as salad dressing bottles, peanut butter jars, yogurt containers, etc). Items that are great are aluminum cans, water bottles, Gatorade, Vitamin water bottles, etc. If you have any questions, call us and we can let you know what they take to turn in for reimbursement. Thanks again for your support.

In Christ's Service, *Mike and Linda*





UMW News

** The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.**

The UMW is still basking in the success of the Quilt Trunk Show with profit of more than \$1500. The enthusiastic support of the membership made the event possible. Special recognition and appreciation to the following women: Sandy Underwood, who displayed the lovely variety of quilts; Marian Balster, for producing the tickets; Rosemary MacKeen, for coordinating ticket sales; Betty David, for coordinating the delicious food; Pauline Castillo, for managing food tickets; Virginia Mothes for being our UMW money manager; Patti Melsheimer, for community publicity and to Peggy Gainer for the patriotic flag at the table decorations. To all of the thoughtful, helpful, unnamed UMW members who circulated around doing so many tasks, thank you.

A special note of appreciation to Carl Kliesch and the UMM members who wrestle around the table and chairs for UMW events.

A letter has been received from the Grover Beach Elementary School stating that almost 70% of their students live below the poverty level. The school will welcome assistance from the UMW towards a clothing fund for needy children. The UMW Steering Committee will address this issue at their next meeting in September.

The United Methodist Women this year are focused on Native American women and children. The Response Magazine features articles written by Native American women about their tribal sisters and their activities.

Excerpt from the *Response* magazine of the United Methodist Women issue dated April 2008

"I am a member of the Navajo Indian tribe and my clan is the Redhouse Clan. I current serve as Conference President of United Methodist Women in Kansas West Conference. In 1929, I was born in Shiprock, N.M., on the Navajo reservation of a Navajo father and a white mother. I never was very fluent in the language of my tribe, which is a very different one. The only identity card that has any reference to my being Indian is my Social Security card with my Indian census number on it. I had two sisters and a brother, who all had Indian census numbers, as does my son. My parents lived their whole lives on the reservation.

"In 1935 when I was 6, my parents enrolled me and my cousin at the Navajo Methodist Mission School in Farmington, N.M., so that we could have a better education than was available in the government school in my hometown. We were allowed to go home overnight twice a year. Yes, I cried many tears, but surprisingly I soon adjusted and never questioned what my parents chose to do. My sisters and brother all attended the school as well. My parents visited us weekly during the school year. The school made a difference in our lives—many of our graduates went on to college, some got master's degrees, and several became leaders in our tribe. The first Navajo doctor graduated from the school and one of the girls I attended school with did a tremendous work in education on the reservation. A school in my hometown is named after her.

"...at my arrival for school, I had my first taste of racial discrimination. Not from white people but from full-blooded Navajo peers who found out I was part white. They soon taunted me by calling me 'little white person.' To them that was the worst thing they could call me. My brother remembers being called 'half breed' in his younger years at school. I felt differences because of my mixed race and also because I was a girl. There definitely were more privileges given to boys than the girls. On campus, girls had a line of demarcation we were not to go past, but the boys could go anywhere they wanted.

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"Some Indians have attended boarding schools administered by the government or other church denominations and have not had pleasant experiences. My memories of the Mission, as we call it, were of those staff members who loved us as though we were their own children; who taught us so diligently and thoroughly that we were prepared to attend college to do so; who saw to our spiritual development through Bible study as a part of the school curriculum and guided us through commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ; who saw that we understood the value of discipline, who taught work ethics through various duties performed about the campus, who instilled the responsibility of doing homework and who along with my parents, made me the person I am today."

Betty Hodson

Kansas West Conference
Conference President, UMW

PURPOSE
OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



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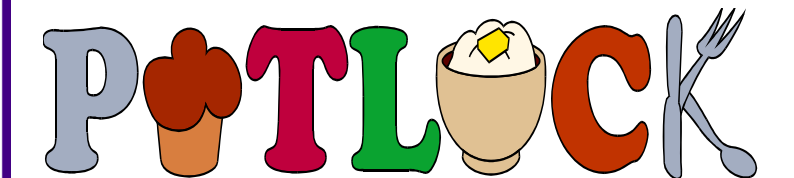
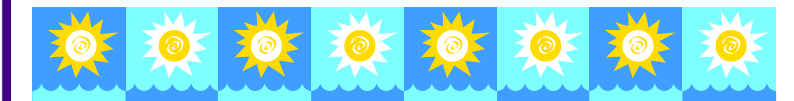
Giving Our Hearts Away

Native American Survival
2008-2009 Mission Study

Online Resources for Native American Study

A website accompanies the 2008-09 Native American mission study. Follow the mission study at www.umwmission.org to visit a new interactive webpage for information and resources on the study.

- ☞ Learn how the United Methodist Church is in mission with Native American communities;
- ☞ Hear Native American United Methodists tell their stories;
- ☞ See where Native American peoples live throughout the United States; and
- ☞ Find out where you can learn more about Native American nations in the United states.



All Church Potluck & Game Night

**August 9th at 6 PM
in Criswell Hall.**

Please bring a dish to share and your favorite game. We would love to see all of the members of our church family there. Be sure to mark your calendar!