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“He has risen,
See he is not here.
the place where they laid him.”

Mark 16:6

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April 2010

“The kingdom of God is like a net that was cast into the sea” ~ Matthew 13:47

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday, also called Holy Thursday, is the evening Jesus shared a meal with his disciples. He washed His Disciples feet, and He also instituted the Sacrament of the Last Supper. Join us for a service at 7 PM on Thursday, April 1st in our sanctuary.

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Ecumenical Good Friday Service will be at 3 PM April 2nd at St. John's Lutheran Church (notice change of location this year). Several area churches will participate and yes, there will be the traditional passing of the cross through the congregation.

GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION

Good Friday also called Black Friday is a day we remember the crucifixion of Jesus. Our sanctuary will be open for quiet reflection and prayer (drop in any time) during the hours of 9 AM-Noon and 7 PM -10 PM on April 2.

HOLY SATURDAY PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Holy Saturday is the day before Easter when we prepare for Easter. We remember how Jesus' early followers mourned his death and remembered Jesus lying in the tomb. There will be a brief service at 9 AM on April 3rd in Criswell Hall, followed by a continental breakfast.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY FESTIVITIES

Easter Sunday, April 4th we will have celebrative music at both services with Praise Team at 8:30 AM and Chancel Choir at 10:30 AM. There will be a special Sunday School time for the children as they tell the story of the Resurrection through the Resurrection Eggs and, of course, make a special craft. Be sure to join our church family in Criswell Hall as we enjoy light refreshments provided by our Green Umbrella.

THE JESUS PRIORITIES



CHRISTOPHER MARICLE

The Jesus Priorities: 8 Essential Habits to answer one basic question: *What did Jesus of Nazareth consistently say and do during his public ministry that would be instructive for us?* The author literally went through the gospels and did some categorizing and counting, and 8 themes surfaced - things that Jesus said or did a lot. From these Marcicle tried to develop some practical applications for those themes in our everyday lives.

Join us for this new study beginning in April. Watch future publications for dates and times.

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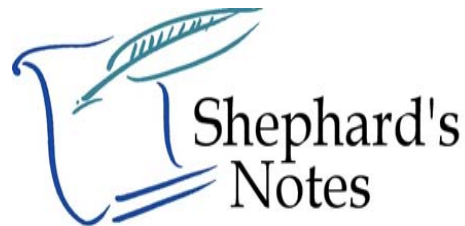
Children's Center Chronicle
April Calendar and Pictures

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I want to tell you about an exciting spiritual retreat I took in February of 2000. It was a special retreat known as Walk To Emmaus that is a ministry of The United Methodist Church. My prayer is that you would

read what it is about briefly here in my Shepherd's notes and if you would like to know more about Walk to Emmaus I would be happy to talk with you.

The *Walk to Emmaus* is a 72- hour short course in Christianity. Comprised of 15 talks by lay people and clergy, the focus is on themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. During this time there is prayer, meditation, worship, and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The community of Emmaus is made up of lay people and clergy who have attended an Emmaus weekend themselves at some point in time. I participated as an assistant spiritual director in August of last year and February of this year at First United Methodist Church in Ventura.

The *Walk to Emmaus* gets its name from a story in the Gospel of Luke 24:13-35. On that first Easter afternoon, our risen Christ appears to the two disciples who were walking along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. He explained the meaning of the scriptures concerning himself and tells how their eyes were opened in the breaking of the bread, as they recognized him as Jesus, the risen Lord.

In closing, I have much more to say on this, but because of space I have to edit myself. The *Walk to Emmaus* offers today's disciples of Christ an opportunity to discover or to re-discover Christ's presence in their lives, to gain fresh insights of God's amazing grace, and build friendships that help faith to grow and support spiritual maturity.

I look forward to telling you more and I will certainly get the word out when the dates for Walk to Emmaus are announced in August.

On The Journey Together, *David*



Pastor David M. Burgeson

April Sermon Themes

DATE	SCRIPTURE	THEME
4th	John 20: 1—18	Resurrection of the Lord
11th	John 20: 19—31	Surprised
18th	—————	Rev. Harold Headrick
25th	John 10: 22—30	Keeping Track



- Ray Ewick 4/1
- Jeremy Earley 4/1
- Liz Gholson 4/3
- Esther Miller 4/4
- Amber Burgeson 4/5
- Patti Melsheimer 4/6
- Ryan Bailey 4/7
- Sadie Barber 4/9
- Don Gugeler 4/11
- Jacquelyn James 4/12
- Randy Dobbs 4/16
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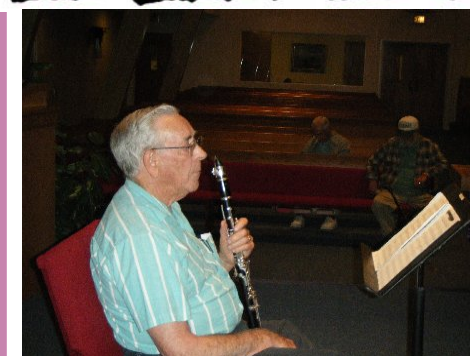


Did we miss your birthday?
 Would you like to have you or a family member recognized? Let us know!



Meet us Sunday's after worship in Criswell Hall. Our **April** hosts for this special time of fellowship are:

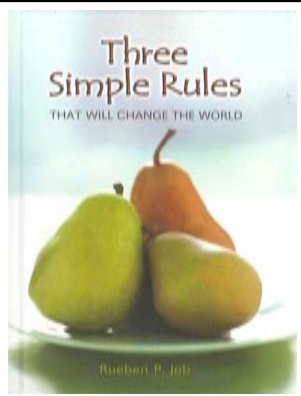
- 4th Green Umbrella**
- 11th Children's Center Sunday**
- 18th Blue Umbrella**
- 25th Esther Circle**



Chancel Choir & Handbell Choir



Small-Group News



Join us Sundays as we begin our new study! This study is based on

John Wesley who practiced this way of living;
 1) Do No Harm,
 2) Do Good, and
 3) Stay in Love with God.

Let's meet in the McMillen Room at 9:30 a.m. Grab a snack for the body and come for food for your soul. As we learn and share in fellowship, you will be glad you came.

Women's Prayer Group

The **Women of Prayer** is a non-denominational women's group that meets at **7 PM on Mondays** in the UMC of AG sanctuary to pray for this church and others in the community; asking God to pour out His Spirit of redemption, deliverance, healing and salvation. Please contact *Susan Coho* if you have any questions with regard to this group of special ladies.

New Gathering For Women A TOUCH OF BEAUTY

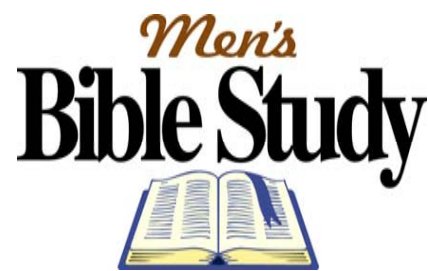
Come out to our newest program for all women of the church and the community on the 3rd Friday evening of each month from 7-8:30 in the McMillen Room.

*We enjoy food & fellowship.
 We lift our voice to the Lord in song.
 We hear a testimony.
 We receive a teaching from the Word.
 We close with prayer.*

You won't want to miss this "date" with the Lord and the sharing of His love for you.

APRIL

Join our Men's Bible Study, Mondays at 7 PM in room 215. You can join with other men who have committed themselves to Christ and who seek spiritual leadership through Christ's word and His teachings. Join the men as they "Learn the Bible in 24 Hours" through this book by Dr. Chuck Missler.



All are welcome to meet with us on **Fridays at 8:30 AM** in the library and get to know our church members in this small group setting. This is the perfect time to join us as we are starting a **new book Come Thirsty, by Max Lucado**. We look forward to having you with us!



**Do you have a prayer request?
 A grateful praise?
 Bring it to our Prayer Chain.**

Every **Thursday at 10 AM** a group of dedicated prayer warriors, our **Intercessory Prayer Group**, meets in the Library to pray for members of our church family, and other requests mentioned on the prayer request cards, those mentioned in services each week, those written in the prayer book and called in via prayer chain. We invite any who would like to join and lift up these requests to the Lord. Contact the church office for more information.

Requests can remain anonymous.



Healthy Corner

by Patti Melsheimer

Adult Macular Degeneration

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is a disease associated with aging that gradually destroys sharp, central vision. Central vision is needed for seeing objects clearly and for common daily tasks such as reading and driving. AMD affects the macula, the part of the eye that allows you to see fine detail. AMD causes no pain. In some cases, AMD advances so slowly that people notice little change in their vision. In others, the disease progresses faster and may lead to a loss of vision in both eyes. AMD is a leading cause of vision loss in Americans 60 years of age and older.

The causes of macular degeneration are unknown. Risk factors include: 1) Obesity - Research studies suggest a link between obesity and the progression of early and intermediate stage AMD to advanced AMD. 2) Race - Whites are much more likely to lose vision from AMD than African Americans. 3) Family history - Those with immediate family members who have AMD are at a higher risk of developing the disease. 4) Gender - Women appear to be at greater risk than men.

AMD has two forms: wet and dry. Wet AMD occurs when abnormal blood vessels behind the retina start to grow under the macula and rapidly causes damage to the macula. With wet AMD, loss of central vision can occur quickly. An early symptom of wet AMD is that straight lines appear wavy. If you notice this condition or other changes to your vision, contact your eye care professional at once. You need a comprehensive dilated eye exam.

Dry AMD occurs when the light-sensitive cells in the macula slowly break down, gradually blurring central vision in the affected eye. As dry AMD gets worse, you may see a blurred spot in the center of your vision and then central vision is gradually lost in the affected eye. The most common symptom of dry AMD is slightly blurred vision. You may have difficulty recognizing faces. You may need more light for reading and other tasks. One of the most common early signs of dry AMD are yellow deposits under the retina called drusen. They often are found in people over age 60. Your eye care professional can detect drusen during a comprehensive dilated eye exam. The dry form is much more common. Because almost all vision loss comes from advanced AMD, the wet form leads to significantly more vision loss than the dry form.

Your eye care professional may suspect AMD if you are over age 60 and have had recent changes in your central vision. He or she will use a variety of tests including a visual acuity test, a dilated eye exam, and a Tonometry test to determine whether you have AMD. You may also be asked to look at an Amsler grid that resembles a checkerboard.



- The financial statement showed that the Trustees spent 97% of their budget in February. The Parsonage Account lost \$500 during the month of February.
- Lights are still at the top of our agenda. Need to install a new set of lights on each side of the choir. If we can get a good price for LED lights, this will be considered for the Sanctuary. All fluorescent light fixtures have been modified with a new electronic ballast and new lights.
- The Board will get two more bids on repainting the bus.
- Termites have been sprayed. The area affected is the last row of pews in the South East corner of the Sanctuary.
- The sump pump located at the South East corner of the drive way on to Halcyon is bad and needs to be replaced.
- Now that the harsh rains are over(?), it is time to inspect the walls and repair as necessary.
- It was noted that we need to re-evaluate the status of our first aid kits. We will need to purchase one or two more and refill the rest (1 or 2).
- Helen said that there is an electrical outlet behind the stove but hard to access. It is now easy to access.
- After the meeting, the Board enjoyed a piece of Tom's Carrot Cake birthday cake prepared by Betty. Thanks—DELICIOUS!!



7th	169	Monthly Goal	\$ 21,179
14th	179	Received thru 2/21	\$ 15,471
21st	182	Difference	\$ 5,708
Average = 177			

One week to go—we can do it!!

The Cross is Pivotal

Pivotal is defined as “crucial” or “absolutely necessary”. Such is the cross on which Jesus died. It represents the gift of salvation from sin and ultimate death. To see sin in all its cruelty and depravity, take a really good look at the cross. True understanding of the cross and what happened there can jar a person to the core.

Consider this: In his parent’s bedroom, a teenager noticed a picture he’d never paid attention to before. It was a vivid scene of the Crucifixion. As the young man studied it, his emotions began to stir. He saw the guiltless Christ dying, the helmeted soldiers poking him with spears, the crowd seething and spitting on Him with hatred. Jesus was pinned—no nailed—to the cross, bleeding and helpless. His mother Mary stood nearby the entire time, consumed by grief. The picture ultimately revealed sin and its results: suffering and death.

What if the room had a different picture - An empty tomb and an angel clothed in light announcing that the Christ had conquered the grave as He said he would? What if it revealed the resurrection promise taught throughout Jesus’ life? Those images represent that God loves mankind and He wants so much to save us from separation from Him—NO MATTER WHAT WE HAVE DONE.

**CHRIST DIED;
CHRIST HAS RISEN;
CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN!**

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ARROYO GRANDE 2010 UMBRELLA MEMBERS

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Susan Coho
Irene Kliesch
Kent Unsworth

Julie Walters
Lorie Ford
Mike Herber

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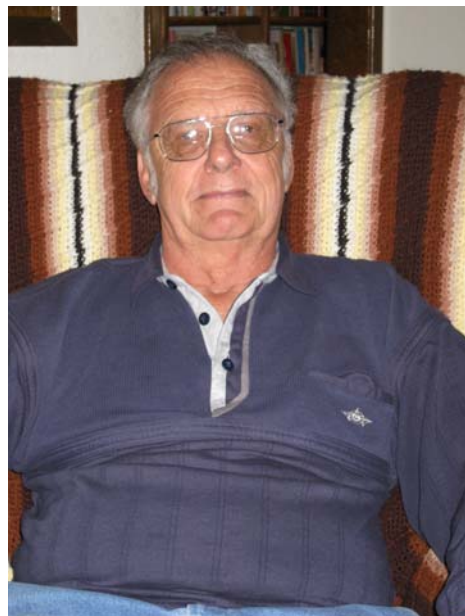
Joy Collins
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Betty Ann Quintana



Chuck Burns—His Creative and Interesting Story by David Beaman

Chuck was born in 1931, into his farming family home in New Bethlehem, PA. He recalls cattle, milking, threshing, hay baling, butchering, sled-ding, peach orchards, life during the depression, stone ground corn meal and *“being brushed off a horse by that low lying branch”*. Hard work farm life was replaced by new ideas and adventures.

He realized at the start how he would fill his life. His upcoming and lengthy commitment to higher education and school teaching change when he left home to finish his junior and senior high school years at a private academy. He continued on to obtain a Religious Education degree from Messiah College, a *Brethren In Christ Church* school at Harrisburg, PA. He met his future wife Nancy, an Elementary Education student from Upland, CA., at Messiah during a year they were enrolled there. When Nancy returned to California they continued their long distance relationship via a year of letter exchange and were married at Upland in 1956. Their next project was a move to Rochester, NY for Chuck to study Voice at Eastman School of Music and Nancy taught school and worked at hospitals to support them. After 2 years, they returned to California where Chuck obtained his Elementary Teaching and Reading Specialist credentials then taught primary grade children in Upland and Ontario school districts. Fostering the promotion and advantage of acquired reading ability and enjoyment, in all school children, became his *passion* and he was an original Board member of The California Reading Association and served as President for 2 years. During this time, daughters Julie and Jacqui plus son Tony were born and Chuck had obtained his Masters in



in School Administration at University of Redlands. The family moved to Arroyo Grande in 1972 and Chuck taught 4th grade, where Sharon Roemer was also a faculty member, at Dana Elementary School in Nipomo.

In 1976, Chuck Burns and Art Cardoza formed a business partnership named *“Burnardoz”* that was recognized as the Premier Ice Cream Shop in the Village of AG. They invested in their ice cream recipes from *BUD’S, in San Francisco*, knowing that *“QUALITY ICE CREAM MUST INCLUDE THE BEST QUALITY INGREDIENTS”!* This venture opened employment for the entire family, and then some. Maintaining the volume of business, inventory of multiple flavors and the popularity of the product kept them busy night and day making 5 gallon and 10 gallon batches of the creamy delights. They expanded the ice cream business to Morro Bay, Isla Vista and Santa Barbara plus added new product lines of dipped chocolate candies, the upstairs shops and Christmas Store. The popular and demanding business was eventually sold to Greg Steinberger. Chuck helped Greg open *Doc Burnstein’s Ice Cream* several years ago. He returned to teaching for a while before retiring in 2006.

Chuck has sung in our Chancel Choir, often doing baritone solos, since early 1980’s when Dr. Earle Blakeslee was director. Others continuing in the choir from that “era” are Don McGuire, organist; Janice Moore and Barbara Reineke, sopranos; David Beaman, tenor; Kent Unsworth, bass. Daughter Julie is the Chancel Choir Director of our church. Chuck, with his vast career experience, also serves as the AGUMC Children’s Center Preschool Board President.

Nancy finished her teaching career in 1972. She worked for *Impact Publishing* before retiring in 2003. She is a member of UMW and serves on Yellow Umbrella at AGUMC.

Chuck and Nancy have 2 grand-children; Jeremy, an Arroyo Grande Police Officer and Megan, a 13 year old student in Atascadero.

Thanks Chuck for the great visit.

Thanks Chuck for the great visit.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

When collecting Campbell’s labels for The Henderson Settlement, I must receive the entire label or it is not accepted by the Campbell’s Soup Corporation. I must send in the appropriate items for the Henderson Settlement to receive the benefits.

Please remember all of our Community Service projects, which includes:

- The entire label from Campbell’s Soup Corporation products;
- aluminum pull tops from soda type cans;
- greeting cards—the front covers (please keep your sentiments if you’d like);
- complete cards/envelopes;
- CRV plastic bottles (for our choir and/or youth group);
- Box Tops for Education *miscellaneous products; and*
- Manufacturer’s Coupons.

You can leave these in our church library or our office.
Thank You!!!!

NEWS FROM THE ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR’S DESK

Life is a series of decisions and choices from the time you wake up in the morning until you go to sleep. This occurs minute after minute, hour after hour, day after day, week after week, month after month and year after year. These decisions and choices determine the character and the fruit of your life.

Here’s the question: Have you chosen to renew your mind with a study of the Word of God? Here within our own dear, home church family, we have options from which to choose.

Adult Sunday School	Sunday 9:30 AM
Children’s Sunday School	Sunday 10:45 AM
Men’s Bible Study	Monday 7 PM
Women’s Prayer Group	Monday 7 PM
Youth Fellowship	Wednesday 7 PM
Pastor’s Topical Study	Wednesday 2 & 6 PM
Morning Bible Study	Friday 8:30 AM
Women’s ATOB Gathering	3 rd Friday 7 PM.
Esther Circle	2 nd Thursday noon
Joy Circle	3 rd Tuesday 7 PM
Mary-Martha Circle	3 rd Wednesday 9:30 AM

Won’t you choose TODAY to attend a study this week and renew your mind and enrich your life?
You’ll be glad you did!

Info: Contact the group leader or Sandra Sawyer through the church office.



Ehrhardt Lang, a former pastor of our church, was recently interviewed by Allie Kay Spaulding who is a writer for the *Santa Maria Times, Life and Times* section. We have placed several copies of this interview in our church library. Come and get one. While you are at it...check out a book!

Also if you have any outstanding books or DVD’s please remember to return them to our library for others to check out. Pass on the word if you enjoyed them and point others in our direction!



Our church & preschool offices will be closed **April 2nd for Good Friday.**

Regular office hours will resume Monday 4/5/10.
Thanks for your cooperation and understanding!

★ EXTRA! EXTRA! ★

Men's News



"Helping men to grow in Christ, so others can know Christ."

Our UMM generally meet on the third Saturday of each month for prayer, breakfast, and discussion of topics pertinent to our community and the world. Check your bulletins or monthly newsletter for scheduled events and/or changes.

Prepare for Takeoff

For our monthly meeting on April 17th, we will be visiting the Santa Maria Museum of Flight. People who wish to carpool will leave the church at 10 AM. The museum is located at 3015 Airpark Drive at the Santa Maria Airport. After arriving at about 10:45 AM., we will have a guided tour of the museum, view vintage aircraft that are being exhibited for the Annual General Aviation Day and have lunch, all for \$10 per person. Guests, including school-age children, are invited. Tickets will be sold at the museum on April 17, not in advance. But people who are on the United Methodist Men's calling list will be phoned in advance so we can get a head count for lunch. Directions to the Santa Maria Museum of Flight: Going south on Hwy 101 in Santa Maria, take Betteravia exit and go west (right) to Skyway Drive and turn left (this street is labeled Blosser Road on the right), continue on Skyway Drive to Santa Maria Airport entrance, turn right, then immediately take another right onto Airpark Drive and follow flight museum signs to 3015 address.

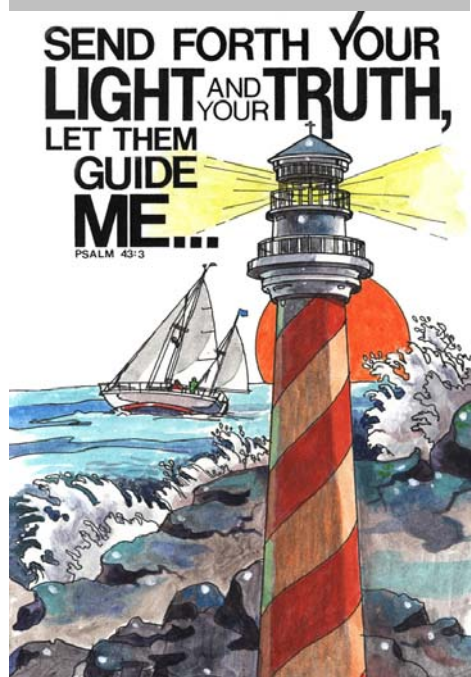
Carl Kliesch Memorial Golf Tournament

The United Methodist Men of Arroyo Grande are sponsoring the second annual Carl Kliesch Memorial Golf Tournament at the Pismo State Beach Golf Course on Saturday, May 8. Carl, who served for many years as president of UMM, died in 2008. Sign-ins at the golf course will be from 7:30 to 7:50 AM. followed by a shotgun start at 8 AM. It will be a scramble format. The price for golf and lunch is \$38 and for lunch only, \$25. Prizes will be given for first and second places and for closest to the hole for 3 holes. There will also be a 50-50 drawing; lunch will be at nearby Fin's Restaurant immediately after the tournament -- at 10:30 a.m. Starting March 28, tickets will be sold in Criswell Hall following Sunday church services. Tournament profits are donated to church-sponsored activities such as youth camper-ships. For more information, call Bud Johnson.

Sweetheart Breakfast Was A Musical Occasion

A barbershop quartet and a group sing-along were the lively entertainment at the annual UMM Sweethearts' Breakfast on February 13, at the Mission Inn. Thank-yous go to Don Gugeler for leading the singing, to Dick Gainer and Don Guegler for sponsoring the quartet and to Irene Kliesch and Tom Egan for the festive table decorations.

submitted by Bill Paulson



When John was exiled to the island of Patmos, he wrote the book of Revelation. In the first chapter, verse 10, John says he was in the spirit on the Lord's day (Sunday) and had a vision of someone he called the Son of Man (meaning Christ). Christ was dressed in a long robe with something draped across his chest. What was it?

- A. A golden sash
- B. A towel
- C. A ribbon with a cross sewn on it
- D. A palm leaf

Answer: A (See Revelation 1:13.)

Christ is not valued at all — unless he is valued above all.

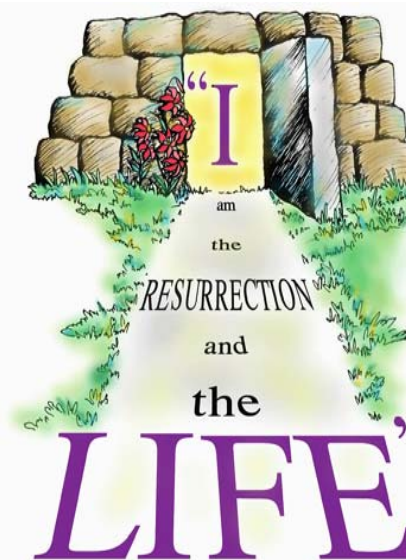
—St. Augustine

Special Dates

- **Holy Week**— March 28-April 3
- **Holy Thursday**— April 1
- **Good Friday**—April 2
- **Holy Saturday**—April 3
- **Easter Day**—April 4
- **Administrative Professionals Day**—April 21



Alana Michelle Johnson, born on January 31st to Dan & veronica Johnson. Alana is the granddaughter to Gloria & Mike Johnson and the great-granddaughter to Pauline Castillo.



John 11:25

Radar Praying

I was once told how radar works. The electronic unit used sends out radio waves. When the waves hit something, they bounce back and are displayed on a screen. That's similar to a helpful way I commune with God.

When I've spent some quiet time in his presence, I let my mind slowly start moving in a circle. I never know what will appear on my mind's "screen." Whatever comes up, I consider that I should give it attention.

Today, for example, the war in Afghanistan came up first. I prayed that hostility would cease, that children could go safely to school and that the government might respond to people's needs.

I moved on to other "pictures." My friend in Texas whose wife just died. Members of Congress who need God's guidance. Missionaries in hostile places. The unemployed, the homeless, the starving, the sick.

Such praying takes time. Sometimes your mind strays or "gets stuck." Allow God to direct your thoughts. When a "picture" comes up and feels God-directed, pray about the matter.

One more thing: Don't be surprised at the results. God may well indicate what your role could be in providing answers.

—Charles Ferrell





Choir Prepares for Holy Week

The Chancel Choir has been working on music for Holy Week. Our Choir Director attended a Choral Music Workshop, and has brought back exciting new music. We will be using some of this music during Holy Week. On Palm Sunday, the choir will be performing 2 anthems. On Easter Sunday, in addition to the traditional Hallelujah Chorus, the Chancel Choir will also perform the new anthems, "The Bells of Easter" and "See What a Morning". In addition to Easter, the Choir will also be participating in the Maundy Thursday Service this year. They will be performing the anthem "In Remembrance". The Choir will also be participating in the Central Coast Cluster Choir Festival in May. Look for more information on this in the next issue of the Castanet. Come and join us. Rehearsals are from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. See you there! ~ Kent Unsworth, *Choir Publicity*



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 and meet every other Saturday of each month, unless otherwise stated.

**6:30 PM REHEARSAL
SCHEDULE**
4/10
4/24

ROOTS, continued from page 8

Sacraments—We believe...

- with many other Protestants, we recognize the two sacraments in which Christ himself participated: Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Baptism—We believe...

- through baptism we are joined with the church and with Christians everywhere;
- baptism is a symbol of new life and a sign of God's love and forgiveness of our sins;
- persons of any age can be baptized;
- in baptism by sprinkling, immersion or pouring;
- a person receives the sacrament of baptism only once in his or her life.

The Lord's Supper (Communion, Eucharist)—We believe...

- the Lord's Supper is a holy meal of bread and wine that symbolizes the body and blood of Christ;
- the Lord's Supper recalls the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and celebrates the unity of all the members of God's family;
- by sharing this meal, we give thanks for Christ's sacrifice and are nourished and empowered to go into the world in mission and ministry;
- in the practice of "open Communion" and welcome all who love Christ, as we repent of our sin, and seek to live in peace with one another.

Wesley and the early Methodists were particularly concerned about inviting people to experience God's grace and to grow in their knowledge and love of God through disciplined Christian living. They placed primary emphasis on Christian living, on putting faith and love into action. This emphasis on what Wesley referred to as "practical divinity" has continued to be a hallmark of United Methodism today.



United Methodist Women

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.



Happy April to One and All!

For more than a century, women in the United Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren traditions have led a struggle for human rights and social justice. The generation of women who founded the early missionary societies developed powerful networks and organizational structures to help women attain full participation in the life of the church and society.

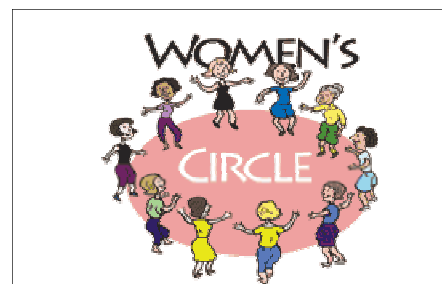
In the early years of women's mission organizations, the focus was on sending missionaries and helping to change the lives of women and girls in foreign lands. They have incorporated the values of home and family into public life, as they addressed issues of poverty, child labor, immigration, migrant labor, family life, racial discrimination, full clergy rights for women, and many other social ills of the day.

Many problems faced by the women at the turn of the century have reemerged in our own time with a new and demanding urgency: new waves of immigration, homelessness, racial division, threats to the environment, substance abuse and addiction, lack of affordable health care, concerns for the well-being of children and the elderly, public education, questions about women's roles in society and world peace.

Because of the faithfulness and courage of the millions of women who have prayed, planned, organized, marched, petitioned, labored, and supported the work of the early missionary societies, the lives of countless individuals, especially women and children, have been irrevocably changed. Women, children and youth in our generation, and the ones that are following us, are living the legacy of the women's missionary movement of the 19th century.

submitted by Ann Williamson

HE IS NOT HERE;
HE IS RISEN!



- **Esther Circle—April 8th**
- **JOY Circle—April 20th**
- **Mary Martha—April 21st**

Esther Circle meets the second Thursday of each month at **noon** in the **McMillen Room**. They are starting a study on the book, *Faith and Food* by Wendy Whiteside. This book discusses how faith is nurtured, strengthened and enhanced by food. It is also about all the ways food touches our lives.

JOY Circle meets on the third Tuesday of each month at **7 PM** at a **member's home**. Call the church office for the name and address of the house where meeting will be held. These ladies are going to do a study course on Sudan.

Mary-Martha Circle meets on the third Wednesday of each month at **9:30 AM** in the **McMillen Room** of our church. They will also study, *Faith and Food* by Wendy Whiteside.



Our Christian Roots

Compiled by Jerry Smith

According to our foundational statement of beliefs in the UMC Book of Discipline, we share the following basic affirmations in common with all Christian communities.

Trinity—We believe...

- in three persons. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are commonly used to refer to the threefold nature of God. Sometimes we use other terms, such as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

God—We believe...

- in one God; He created the world and all that is in it;
- that God is sovereign; that is, God is the ruler of the universe;
- that God is loving. We can experience God's love and grace.

Jesus—We believe...

- that Jesus was human. He lived as a man and died when he was crucified;
- that Jesus is divine. He is the Son of God;
- that God raised Jesus from the dead and that the risen Christ lives today; (Christ and messiah mean the same thing—God's anointed.)
- that Jesus is our Savior. In Christ we receive abundant life and forgiveness of sins;
- We believe that Jesus is our Lord and that we are called to pattern our lives after his.

The Holy Spirit—We believe...

- that the Holy Spirit is God with us.
- that the Holy Spirit comforts us when we are in need, convicts us when we stray from God, awakens us to God's will, and empowers us to live obediently.

Human Beings—We believe...

- that God created human beings in God's image.
- that humans can choose to accept or reject a relationship with God.
- that all humans need to be in relationship with God in order to be fully human.

The Church—We believe...

- that the church is the body of Christ, an extension of Christ's life and ministry in the world today.
- that the mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.
- that the church is "the communion of saints," a community made up of all past, present, and future disciples of Christ.
- that the church is called to worship God and to support those who participate in its life as they grow in faith.

The Bible—We believe...

- that the Bible is God's Word.
- that the Bible is the primary authority for our faith and practice.
- that Christians need to know and study the Old Testament and the New Testament (the Hebrew Scriptures and the Christian Scriptures).

The Reign of God—We believe...

- that the kingdom or reign of God is both a present reality and future hope.
- that wherever God's will is done, the kingdom or reign of God is present. It was present in Jesus' ministry, and it is also present in our world whenever persons and communities experience reconciliation, restoration, and healing.
- that although the fulfillment of God's kingdom--the complete restoration of creation--is still to come.
- that the church is called to be both witness to the vision of what God's kingdom will be like and a participant in helping to bring it to completion.
- that the reign of God is both personal and social. Personally, we display the kingdom of God as our hearts and minds are transformed and we become more Christ-like. Socially, God's vision for the kingdom includes the restoration and transformation of all of creation.

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UM Youth News



Greetings!! Thanks to everyone for another successful Spudtacular!! We were able to raise approximately \$644 to go towards our camping funds. Thanks to all the youth and parents who helped. Without the team of everyone helping, from washing potatoes, to cutting onions, to washing dishes, we couldn't have done it. Thanks also to Spencer's Markets and CFL for their donations to help us defray some of the costs.

By the time this article comes out, confirmation class will be well underway. Please keep all the youth participating in your prayers. Mark your calendars for Youth Sunday, June 13, when our confirmation participants will have the opportunity to join the church.

A big "shout out" goes out to our youth participating in sports and extracurricular activities, from golf, track, swimming, volleyball, hand bells, scouts, 4-H, and even to our two youth on the robotics team. Not to mention any names, some of our youth are really good at WOW (you will have to check with a youth member to figure out the last one!). Way to go!!!!

Look for next month's article, to read about the Youth event held at Camp Arroyo Grande, on 03/28/10 where all of the local churches' youth got together for a time of fellowship and fun.

In Christ's service ~ Mike and Linda



Storm Damage At Camp AG

Steve Tallant, Manager for Camp Arroyo Grande, reports some damage to the well-used Arroyo Grande Methodist Camp.

- A large limb from an oak tree fell through the roof of the Dining Hall on the west end of the building near the fireplace. A temporary patch has been made to keep the rain out. However, they have been able to serve meals to the many groups that have been making use of the camp this winter.
- Lynn Hall on the east side of camp was flooded. A (100 ft.) dead pine tree came down in the second storm. It missed the newly installed fire plug and water connections but took out the hand rail to the steps leading to Lynn Hall.
- A huge cypress tree fell across the campfire pit on the south hill, and just missed the cross near the pit.
- The crew had just finished laying out the first of the new cabins and was ready to dig footings when the first storm hit and washed away all their work. Steve reports they will now have to let the ground dry out before they can resume the project. They should be ready to pour the first foundation when that is completed.

The United Methodist Men plan a workday in May. Men from other churches in our cluster will be invited to participate. Look for more information on this activity in the May issue of the Cast~A~Net.

Submitted by Val McClure