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News You Can Use!



Church Pianist:
Dennis Eiler

We have long been praying for a willing and talented person to play during our worship services and God has blessed us with an answer in Dennis Eiler. Come and welcome Dennis Sundays during our 10:30 AM worship or catch him at choir practice on Wednesdays at 7 PM.

New Member:
Gene Freehvf

Gene is the newest member of our church family and comes to us from Trinity UMC of Ontario. A Grover Beach resident, Gene is retired who enjoys painting and writing.



Be sure to find these two gentlemen and introduce yourself over a 'cup of Joe' and learn more.



Daisey Sheriah Paredes

entered into the Holy Sacrament of Baptism, April 4th during our Easter Sunday Worship Service

in the presence of her loving family (pictured above with Pastor David and her parents). Parents, Peter & Michelle Paredes were married in this church. Daisey's siblings who were also baptized here and have been involved in our children's and youth groups ever since.

The Paredes family is pictured above left are: (in no particular order) Devin-17, Adrian-15, Victoria-12, Alex-10, Vincent-7, Josiah-2, and Daisey -6 mo. Also present were many family members, including her grandparents—Joe and Nancy St. Laurent.

What A Special Easter Blessing!



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Children's Center Chronicle

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Pastor David M. Burgeson



Hello to you all,
My usual letter will not appear this month...I know, big disappointment. I would, however, like to take the time to share with you a special invitation from the Yellow Umbrella (members of our church that focus their time and energy on designating our mission funding and events.)

You won't want to miss this one!
In ministry for His purpose, *David*

Heads-up from the Yellow Umbrella!

June will be an interesting month for our church. On June 9, we will welcome a visit from the Pastor of the International United Methodist Church in Hamburg Germany, the Reverend Doctor Krista Givens.

Rev. Dr. Givens is a native of Southern California. Her work began as an artist after she received her Bachelor's Degree in Studio Art from Scripps College in 1994. She worked various art-related jobs for the next four years.

She knew her call suddenly in 1998 when the Lord opened a path for her to attend seminary. Krista is a class of 2001 graduate from Claremont School of Theology with a Masters of Divinity. While in seminary, she was one of the two coordinators for all worship services on campus and she also served as the Director of Children and Youth Ministries at Claremont United Methodist Church.

Rev. Dr. Givens was commissioned as a Missionary for the Global Board of Ministries of the UMC in New York last October and is now pleased to be serving as the pastor of the church in Hamburg.

We are looking forward to welcoming Rev. Dr. Givens to UMC of AG to visit with our church family.

	SCRIPTURE	MAY'S FOCUS
May 2	John 13: 31—35	Change
May 9	Proverbs 31:10-31	Mom's
May 16	Pastor David gone	Pastor Harold to preach
May 23	Acts: 2: 1— 21	Prophecy
May 30	John 16: 12—15	Vital Truth



- Diane O'Lear 5/1
- Hilary Henderson 5/2
- Susan Coho 5/3
- Janice Smith 5/6
- Wil Cawelti 5/8
- Glen Hughes 5/9
- Richard Walters, Jr. 5/10
- Marian Balster 5/11
- Jim David 5/11
- Bryan Trujillo 5/12
- Matt Regusci 5/12
- Heidi Carpentier 5/13
- Doris Douglas 5/16
- Mara Spalding 5/17
- Vinnie Paredes 5/18
- Charlie Sloan 5/18
- Mike Herber 5/20
- Bill Awalt 5/21
- Raul V. Castillo 5/22
- Ann Williamson 5/22
- Paul Jacob 5/22
- Lesley Riley 5/23
- Mary Patterson 5/27
- Jennifer Beckman 5/29
- Vel Lowry 5/29

May 2010

- 2nd UMW
- 9th JOY Circle
- 16th UMM Pancakes
- 23rd ELT Scholarship
- 30th Finance



Free Movie Night



THE BLIND SIDE

Saturday-May 29, 2010

Show time: 6:30 PM

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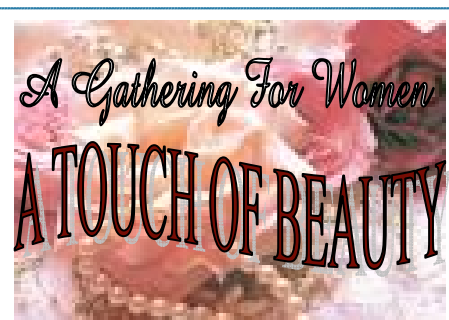
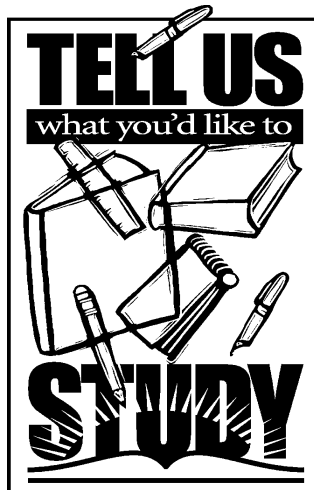
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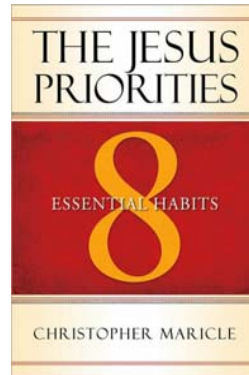
Come out for a special DATE with the Lord in an evening of candlelight and testimony. Get to know your sisters in Christ during this special evening. All women of the church and community are welcome. So join us on the 3rd Friday of each month in the **McMillen Room** from **7- 8:30 PM**

Join us as we...

- Enjoy food & fellowship.
- Lift our voices in song to the Lord.
- Hear how God changed lives in their testimony.
- Receive teaching from the Word.
- Pray together.

You won't want to miss this—it is like a spa for your spirit!

It's NOT just for kids!!
Join us Sunday for Adult **Sunday School!**



A new 8 week study entitled: **The Jesus Priorities; Eight Essential Habits** by Christopher Maricle.

We will discover the eight steps Jesus repeatedly modeled for us as disciples in his ministry. That is to heal, to love, to pray, to spread the Word of God, to build up treasure in heaven, to seek God's will, to accept children as precious, and to live with humility. These *Jesus Priorities* will transform your life in the midst of living it.

We'll meet in the **McMillen Room** after the **8:30 AM** service. Grab a snack for your body and come feed your soul.

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!



PRAYER CHAIN



Do you need prayer? A word of grateful praise? Bring it to our Prayer Chain.

Thursdays at 10 AM, a group of dedicated prayer warriors, known as the **Intercessory Prayer Group**, meet in the Library to pray for our church family. They pray for requests mentioned on the prayer request cards, those mentioned in services each week, those written in the prayer book and those called into our prayer chain. **We invite any who would like to join and intercede as we lift up these requests to God our Father.** Contact the church office for information.

Requests can remain anonymous.



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.



by Patti Melsheimer

I was sick and you visited me
Matthew 25:36

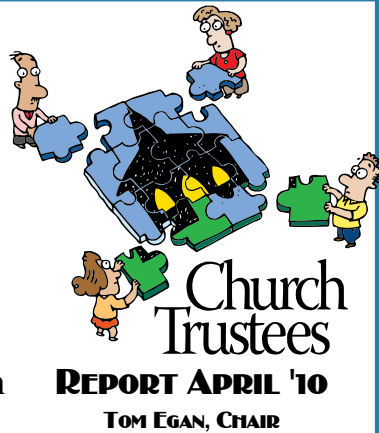
Jesus urges us to visit the sick but sometimes it is hard to know how to visit, what to say and what or if we should take a gift. Oftentimes having something in your hands can facilitate starting a conversation, so a gift can be doubly helpful! Here are some ideas you might use when you visit, whether in the hospital or at home, that you haven't thought of previously. But first find out what you can and can't bring. Check with the hospital or a family member. There may be dietary restrictions or allergies; there may be restrictions about having live plants or flowers in the room. Once you have a list of any limitations, consider these ideas:

- **A hospital care package.** The dry air in a chilly hospital room can make it uncomfortable, but you can improve the atmosphere with a gift basket you put together yourself to specifically address these problems. Depending on your budget, consider including: lip balm to moisten lips parched from chemotherapy treatments or dry hospital air, gum or mints to freshen a dry mouth, a knit hat for the chemo patient who has lost hair, cozy slippers with non-slip soles, a warm robe or soft pajamas.
- **That's entertainment.** Offer to read from a favorite book or bring books, music, and movies that can be viewed on a portable DVD player. For someone who has a long-term illness, consider giving a subscription to an online video rental service such as Netflix or Blockbuster, or for someone with sight problems, contact the Braille Institute for books on tape.
- **An appointment for pampering.** Although the patient may not be able to use it immediately, a gift certificate for a massage, a new hairstyle, or a spa service provides something to look forward to after recovery. Some salons and spas will go to the patient to provide these services, so be sure to ask.
- **The personal touch.** Create a quilt or lap robe for the person. Stitching on personal sayings or quotes can make it even more meaningful. Or get friends together to create a "voice quilt" by recording messages either on the new cards now popular or by creating a music box for the patient to listen to from supplies found at crafts stores.
- **Helping hands.** Your time might be even more relevant and appreciated than any gift you buy. A loved one in the hospital or even recovering at home has a lot of worries: keeping the house running, picking up groceries and dry cleaning, taking children to and from activities and lessons, caring for pets who may be feeling neglected and other responsibilities. When you offer, be specific about what you can offer to do and when.

A headline during Christmas read "Time is the greatest gift we can give". Whether you go to visit someone in the hospital or at home, send a card or drop a short note to someone who is ill or unable to get out. The fact that you took the time to do so will be much appreciated.



- Our Parsonage Fund lost \$500 in February but gained \$100 in March. Due to high gas bills, Norm suggested we check for possible leaks. This will be done. The Board authorized helping find finances to buy a license to show movies at Church.
- We have received one more bid to paint the bus for \$2,500.
- Replaced the Sump pump that pumps water from the drive way.
- The RVers have received our request for assistance.
- The first-aid kits have been inspected. Items have been added to bring them current. Kit locations are: two (2) in kitchen, one (1) in Narthex, and one (1) in Church Office.
- Tom has asked Norm to help break up the cement blocks located near the metal shed.
- The Board was asked to list posting guidelines for signs, flyers and other ads recognizing upcoming events or items of special interest. They will no longer be placed on doors, walls, or windows. Notices can be placed on the cork boards hanging as you enter Criswell Hall. Other cork boards in the Hall will be modified to accept postings as well. A kiosk may be in the future, which will also be for this purpose. Postings can hang for 60 days. This will bring order and information direction as to what is happening in our Church.
- Val McClure has asked permission to get a bid extending the overhead from the Children's gate to the end of the library. He wishes to extend it to the Porticos. McClure will draw plans, get a bid, and fund it. The board wants to see the plans and the bid first.
- It has been brought to our attention that the glass in the nursery and the two pieces of glass in the Narthex are not safety glass. Maddy received a quote of \$550 to fix these areas. Both areas are being looked at.
- The chairs in Criswell Hall have been cleaned. If there are chairs in other rooms that are just as dirty, please let the Trustees know.
- Don asked for ways to remove the scratches from the organ. This needs to be looked into.
- Mike Herber noted his access to an electric lift. It can be used in Criswell Hall to modify the remaining fluorescent light fixtures. We also had ideas as to how it could be used in the Sanctuary to which Pastor David added "over my dead body". We'll go to plan "B".
- The Board also discussed replacing Criswell Hall's rectangular tables with very light 5 foot diameter round tables. 13 tables will be needed costing just over \$100 each. The cart/caddy is \$600-700. This is not a cheap undertaking and needs creative financing. Stay tuned.



April 2010

4th (Easter)	323
11th	178
18th	195
25th	172

Sunday Average = 217

Monthly Goal

\$ 21,179

Received

\$ 18,132

Difference

\$ - 3,047



Church & Pre-school Offices will be closed **May 31st** for **Memorial Day**.

Regular office hours will resume Monday 6/1/2010. **Have a blessed holiday!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>2 Coffee Hour Host- Yellow Umbrella</p> <p>8:30 AM Contemporary Service 9:30 AM Sunday School/Bible Study (MMR) 10:30 AM Traditional Service</p> <p>12 PM Confirmation Class 4 PM Choir Cluster Festival in Santa Maria</p>	<p>3 1-7 PM Christian Counseling Ministry (L) 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) 7:30 PM AlAnon (MMR)</p>	<p>4 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 10 AM Care-Ring Min. (L) 1-7 PM Christian Counseling Ministry (L) 5 PM Grande Ringers 7 PM Trustees (MMR)</p>	<p>5 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 9 AM EOC Sr. Health Screening (N/L) 11 AM Blue Umbrella (MMR) 1-7 PM Christian Counseling Ministry (L) 7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>6 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer Group (L) 11:45 AM People's Kitchen leave to serve 2 PM Yellow Umbrella (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers 7 PM Church Council (MMR)</p>	<p>7 8:30 AM Friday AM Bible Study (L) 4 PM AG UM Children's Center Staff Development (MMR)</p>	<p>8 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearse (S)</p> <p>UMM Annual Carl Kliesch Memorial Golf Tournament</p>
<p>Christian Family Week - May 3 - 9</p>						
<p>9 Happy Mother's Day Coffee Hour Host- JOY Circle</p> <p>8:30 AM Contemporary Service 9:30 AM Sunday School/Bible Study (MMR) 10:30 AM Traditional Service</p>	<p>10 10 AM UMW Steering Committee (MMR) 1-7 PM Christian Counseling Ministry (L) 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) 7 PM SPRC (P/S) 7:30 PM AlAnon (MMR)</p>	<p>11 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 9 AM Clergy Cluster (211) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 10:30 AM Communications Mtg (L) 1-7 PM Christian Counseling Ministry (L) 5 PM Grande Ringers 6 PM AG MS Support Group (MMR)</p>	<p>12 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 1 PM Alzheimer's Care-Givers Support Group (CH) 1-7 PM Christian Counseling Ministry (L) 7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>13 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer Group (L) 12 PM Esther Circle (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers 7 PM Finance (MMR)</p>	<p>14 8:30 AM Friday AM Bible Study (L)</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>Pastor Gone to Preaching Conference in Nashville - May 16 - 22</p>						
<p>16 Coffee Hour Host- UMM Pancake Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 AM Contemporary Service 9:30 AM Sunday School/Bible Study (MMR) 10:30 AM Traditional Service 12 PM Confirmation Class 12:30 PM Flute Fun (CH)</p>	<p>17 1-7 PM Christian Counseling Ministry (L) 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p>18 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 1-7 PM Christian Counseling Ministry (L) 3 PM Preschool Board - closed session (MMR) 4 PM Preschool Board - open session (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers 7 PM JOY Circle (MMR)</p>	<p>19 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 9:30 AM Mary-Martha Circle (MMR) 1-7 PM Christian Counsel (L) 7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>20 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer Group (L) 12 PM Staff Appreciation Luncheon (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers</p>	<p>21 8:30 AM Friday AM Bible Study (L) 1 PM Alzheimer's Care-Givers Support Group (MMR) 7 PM Touch of Beauty (MMR)</p>	<p>22 8:30 AM UMM Camp Work Day at Camp AG 10 AM New Members Class (MMR) 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearse (S)</p>
<p>23 Coffee Hour Host- Finance Committee</p> <p>8:30 AM Contemporary Service 9:30 AM Sunday School/Bible Study (MMR) 10:30 AM Traditional Service 12 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>24 11:30 AM AG UM Children's Center Graduation Ceremony Practice (S) 1-7 PM Christian Counsel (L) 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p>25 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 1-7 PM Christian Counsel (L) 5 PM Grande Ringers</p>	<p>26 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 1-7 PM Christian Counsel (L) 7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>27 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer Group (L) 5 PM Grande Ringers 6:30 PM Green Umbrella (MMR)</p>	<p>28 8:30 AM Friday AM Bible Study (L) 12 PM AG UM Children's Center Pre-K Graduation Lunch (CH) 6:30 PM AG UM Children's Center Promotion Ceremony & Reception (S/CH)</p>	<p>29 Free Movie Night 6:30 PM showing of <i>The Blind Side</i></p>
<p>30 Coffee Hour Host- Staff-Parish Relations</p> <p>8:30 AM Contemporary Service 9:30 AM Sunday School/Bible Study (MMR) 10:30 AM Traditional Service</p>	<p>31 Office Closed</p> <p>Remember Those Who Served</p> <p>1-7 PM Christian Counsel (L) 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) 7:30 PM AlAnon (MMR)</p>			<p>Abbreviation Legend</p> <p>CH Criswell Hall K Kitchen L Library MMR McMillen Room N Narthex P/S Pastor's Study S Sanctuary</p>		



Understanding Your Comfort Zone

Compiled by Jerry Smith

Personal Development Experts tell us: "Comfort zones are all those situations and environments with which you feel comfortable with, mainly because it is 'known' to you – you've had conscious contact with it before and because of that you have a sense of certainty about what to expect and how to handle it. Anything outside your comfort zone feels uncomfortable because inherent in the unknown lies a certain level of uncertainty."

"As soon as something unknown or unfamiliar comes into your life you tend to lose your sense of certainty, and out of this uncertainty your mind starts to 'make up' potential meanings in trying to establish a level of certainty. Most of the time this not only creates fear, but also breeds it. Fear gets constructed in the imagination by 'making-up' meanings to events and circumstances that has not happened – and probably never will. It is only natural to feel fear as it is one of your most primordial instincts designed to protect you."

"Unfortunately, we've come to mistreat the emotion of fear since we tend to treat a lot of trivial things as potentially dangerous by imagining the worst possible outcomes. This is what keeps us trapped in inaction and procrastination. The unknown is just too scary, so you stay in your comfort zone where you feel certain that you know what to expect and how to handle it."

"Those who achieve extraordinary lives share the fundamental strength of courage. Courage is not the absence of fear, but the willingness to break through your 'limitations' and take action despite feeling the fear of uncertainty. Courage breeds more courage. Only by using your ability to break through the fears that prevent you from living your life full out, will you ever experience the fullness of what you can really be. Courage is not a special gift or a special skill, but simply you deciding to take action even though you feel the fear. Most fears are imaginary anyway. Fear is the product of your imagination because you mostly fear that which hasn't happened yet and anything that is still to come can only exist in your imagination."

Fear was designed to be a warning and a call to action. It was never meant to keep you from taking action. I recently read a story about an 84 year old grandmother who lifted a car to release her trapped grandson after an accident. Fear truly is a call to action that empowers you to reach even deeper and access ALL your resources - resources that you have no real conscious awareness of, but

which will become available to you when you burn your bridges and take action regardless.

"Fear is like a balloon that gets inflated by your thoughts. The more you think about it the more you imagine the worst possible outcome, the bigger it gets. You have to own yourself and owning your own thoughts will empower you to control and direct the focus of your mind. By directing your mental focus you are in control. Whether you feel fear or excitement is only a difference in your thoughts and your imagination. The experience of stepping into the unknown really is up to you and your focus. Know this though: it is only your actions that will take you from where you are to where you want to be. Fear will only keep you where you are. Step up and step out of what feels comfortable. Stretch yourself and expand your comfort zone."

"The easiest and most effective way to banish fear is to make contact with what you fear; to take it out of the realm of your imagination and bring it out in the open; into a conscious experience. It is then when you will realize that fear is always a lot bigger in your head than it is in reality. When you stare the tiger in the eye you render it powerless. After having conscious contact with what you fear you no longer have to rely on your imagination to come up with meanings, but you can actually rely on your memory. Fear cannot flourish in your memory, but only in your imagination."

"Take action and just do it. ALL of life is out there. You merely need to go and get it. You can be anything, experience anything and do anything – whatsoever you desire is available to you. Life is not a cruel hoax where you have to suffer the pain of not fulfilling your desires. If you can dream it, you can do it. Inherent in your desires are the seeds and mechanics for its fulfillment. Don't let fear keep you from living the life of your dreams. There are no 'rights' or 'wrongs' other than those experiences which you make so. You can't screw it up. So why not just go for it?"

"Ultimately your fears are the only thing that will prevent you from taking action and making your dreams and desires a reality. Since most of your fears are imaginary, that which prevents you from getting what you want is only an illusion." – Anthony Robbins

SOURCE: http://www.selfimprovement-gym.com/personaldevelopment_resources.html

UM Youth News

Young people in Junior High and High School, join us and bring a friend to our Youth Lounge every Wednesday at 7 PM.

Greetings!

Lets all pray that April showers will bring us May flowers. May and June will be a busy time for the youth. Seven youth are participating in confirmation class which started on March 20. We have five sessions to go before the youth will make the decision whether they wish to join the church on June 13, Youth Sunday. Keep Amanda, Duncan, Victoria, Anna, Gabe, Jed, and Carina in your prayers as they take this journey of faith. We are still in the process of matching youth to adult mentors/sponsors in the church. We also ask that our church prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity.

Jed, Jordan, Devin, and Adrian along with Pastor David, Tina Moore, and Mike and Linda had a great time of fellowship, fun, and food on March 28 up at Camp Arroyo Grande. A Super MYF was held with churches from Paso Robles all the way down to Lompoc. The tabernacle held a rousing game of dodge ball (with the adults just as active as the youth) and then later was calmed down for a very moving video and fellowship time. Steve Talent and his crew fed the bunch (at least 75 adults and youth, I would say) hamburgers. The only low point was due to Mike's fractured rib, he wasn't able to participate in all the games. Bummer! Hopefully there will be another super group soon.

By the time of this writing, the youth and their parents will have helped serve lunch at the Women's Center Fashion Show Fundraiser on 04/25/10. More on this next month.

As stated above, Youth Sunday is June 13 at both services. Plans are underway and hopefully everyone plans on attending. Caitlin is our lone graduating senior and will speak at both services. We will have youth playing instruments, and singing, and there will probably be a skit or two. Hope to see you all there, and don't forget, save up your "sweet tooth" for the bake sale. In His Service, Mike and Linda



We always appreciate visitors to our festivities in the Youth group. Sandra Sawyer, our Adult Christian Ed. Director come to call recently and to her dismay she chose the exploding donut—and a mess was born.

Moral of the story:

Bring a napkin!

Thanks for the visit Sandra!





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

Carl Kliesch Memorial Golf Tournament

The UMM of the UMC of AG are sponsoring the Second Annual Carl Kliesch Memorial Golf Tournament at the Pismo State Beach Golf Course on Saturday, May 8. Carl Kliesch passed away in 2008. He served as UMM president for many years. Sign-ups begin at the golf course at 7:30 AM followed by a shotgun start at 8 AM. It will be a scramble format. The price for golf and brunch is \$38 (brunch only \$25). Brunch will be at Fin's Restaurant immediately after the tournament (10:30 AM). 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. Tickets available until May 2 following Sunday church services in Criswell Hall. Tournament profits benefit church-sponsored activities such as scholarships for our youth to attend camp. Call Bud Johnson for information.

Camp Work Day – May 22

As with all church camps, lots of maintenance is needed at the AG Methodist Camp. While preliminary work on the construction of two cabins has begun, chores such as maintaining and repairing existing facilities continue. Val McClure is organizing a UMM work day for Saturday, May 22.

UMM Barbeque – June 12

The UMM's Annual BBQ is June 12 at the Trilogy Resort on the Nipomo Mesa. See future publications for more details.

Church Breakfast – May 16

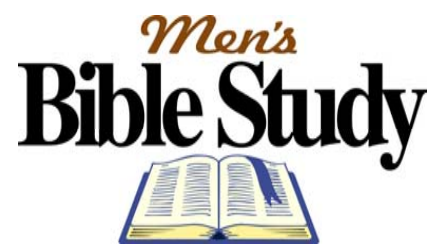
The UMM host their All Church Pancake Breakfast on May 16 from 8:30–10:30 AM in Criswell Hall. Bring your friends for a full breakfast at the *bargain price of \$4 for adults /\$1 for kids.*

Weather and Energy Illuminated March Meeting

Usual and unusual weather events along with future energy trends were well-illustrated in a slide talk by marine meteorologist John Lindsey of PG & E at the March 20th meeting of UMM. It was exciting to look at the scientific possibilities being considered to meet energy needs. How about an electric car that hooks up virtually to the grid for recharging when you park it in your garage? And then there are the refinements in solar, wave and wind power that are coming along. Electrifying times ahead!

Join us monthly at the Mission Inn of Pismo Beach at 8:30 AM on the second Saturday of the month. All men are welcome!

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.



THE BOOK YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR...

Well, folks, our history of the AG United Methodist Church is "hot off the press" now. Distribution of the book to those people who ordered theirs last September was scheduled for the last week of April. On May 2nd and May 9th we will have additional copies for sale in Criswell Hall for \$25 each. Jean Hubbard will be available to sign your copy between services and after the second service on both Sundays. Don't miss this opportunity to capture a piece of history. You'll find the book enlightening and delightful to read. Our year long 125th anniversary celebration was wonderful and gave us many opportunities to grow and share together as a congregation, BUT the entire 125 years of our history together is quite remarkable.



GOOD NEWS T-SHIRT

Jesus told his disciples — and us — to go into all the world and preach the good news. Wherever you go, this cool T-shirt will help spark conversations about your faith.

What you need:

- Newspaper
- Cardboard
- Plain white, cotton T-shirt
- Permanent markers
- Goggles (optional)
- Eye dropper
- Rubbing alcohol
- Clothes hanger

What you do:

1. Cover a table with newspaper. (Work outside or in a well-ventilated area.)
2. Place a piece of cardboard inside your T-shirt. (This keeps pen marks from going through to the other side.)
3. With permanent markers, draw a design of large circles, spirals, hearts, etc.
4. Wear goggles while dropping rubbing alcohol onto your designs with an eye dropper. As the alcohol permeates the permanent marker, the color will break up and spread in interesting ways.
5. Hang the shirt to dry.
6. When the shirt is dry, place cardboard inside it again. On the front, write "I have some good news to share with you." You can also write a Bible verse.

Our Sunday School class is growing by leaps and bounds—and kids this page is just for you! We are so proud of you and pray for you each day. We are so glad to see your smiling faces fill the pews on Sunday mornings.

Remember to review your Lord's Prayer, practice our song, and bring your Bibles on Sunday. Ask a friend to join you!

Note to Families:

We hope that you will join us on Mother's Day, May 13. The Sunday School kids will be singing "I Am A Promise" during the second service. So, moms & dads, grandmas & grandpas, loved ones **one & all** -mark your calendars! **Don't miss this!**

Just for KIDS

"I am with you always."

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he encouraged his disciples in the work they had to do. We, too, are Jesus' disciples and should follow his same instructions.

Follow the words in the clouds to find Mark 16:15-16a, NIV.

Go into all the world away Bible the good the preach and news to all creation people friends animals Whoever in baptized is and believes power will be saved.

Answer: "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." (Mark 16:15-16a, NIV)

a Note from the Chancel Choir...

The Chancel Choir will perform at the Central Coast Cluster Choir Festival on Sunday, May 2 at 4:00 p.m. It will be held this year at the Santa Maria First UMC. The Festival will feature choirs throughout the cluster performing individual pieces, as well as 2 mass pieces. Our Choir will perform **Our God is God**. This year the mass pieces will be "And the Glory of the Lord" and the "Hallelujah Chorus" from the Messiah. You will not want to miss this exciting event. In addition, the Chancel Choir also will be preparing for Music Sunday which closes the Choir season until Fall. Look for more details on this in the next Castanet. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Dennis Eiler who recently became our pianist. It is still not too late to join us. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. 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 every Sunday during the 8:30 AM service and is under the direction of Susan Coho. The team meets for practice every other Saturday of each month, unless otherwise stated.

6:30 PM
Rehearsal Schedule
May 8th & 22nd



The Arroyo Grande Methodist Camp will be the site of a combined work day effort. Our UMM along with people from eight other of our central coast cluster churches will form a work party for the scheduled date(s). (see Men's page for dates and details).

The Camp is located above "The Village" of Arroyo Grande at 250 Wesley Street. The time schedule is separated to allow for those who can only work the morning from 8:30 to noon or the afternoon from 12:45 to 2 PM. Coffee and doughnuts will be served in the morning and a lunch will be provided at noon.

Work will consist of painting cabins and buildings, weed whacking, and splitting logs on the camp's log splitter. Participants are encouraged to wear old clothes, stout shoes and hats, sunscreen and gloves. The camp will provide paint and painting materials and a limited number of necessary tools. Please bring paint cans, rags, and a favorite paintbrush. For those planning on cutting weeds, a gas powered weed whacker would help to augment the camp's tools. There may be an opportunity to work on the new cabin which is in progress.

Storm damage occurred this winter, (see report in April Castanet) and some of the work is related to that damage. **It is important that you RSVP your participation in this event.** A sign-up sheet will be available the first two weeks in May in Criswell Hall or make your reservation by phone to the church office or contact Val McClure for more information.



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.

Spring has Sprung! May is here with it's beautiful spring flowers everywhere!

This month, our focus will be on our very own Mary-Martha Circle. They are a small known group of dear ladies and friends (see photo above). Even though they are a small group they are always happily open to new members. Their members include (in alphabetical order) Carmonde and CJ Cochran, Margaret Coombs, Laura Ewick, Mary Lou Fink, Bee Frantz, Joyce Hammond, Eva McClure, Marian Middleton, Mary Patterson, Susan Potts, and Sally Weitkamp.

Mary-Martha Circle has been in existence for over 55 years! There have been many times when both mother and daughter or sisters have been members.

Some members of this Circle came from a Circle which met years ago called Susannah Circle, which is disbanded. Others were welcomed in when the Shell Beach Church closed. Despite the fact that membership has diminished, for one reason or another, this group of dedicated Christian women is determined to stay together. They are a continued source of great support and comfort to one another.

The ladies use study materials listed by the UM Women's Division. They have continually met for over half of a century studying missions and finding way to give. Monthly, the ladies fellowship over coffee and goodies. All are a continued blessing in their dedicated involvement in mission fund raising projects. Each Circle has and will continue to fully support the UMW organization along with the church as a whole.

Any ladies of the church would be welcomed with open arms. So come by and visit with us. You will be glad that you did!

Ann Williamson, *UMW publicity*



The ladies of the Mary-Martha Circle



- **Esther Circle—May 13th**
- **JOY Circle—May 18th**
- **Mary Martha—May 19th**

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. The ladies also voted to give a \$50. check to Prado Homeless Center in San Luis Obispo to supplement breakfast foods and paper goods.

JOY Circle meets on the third Tuesday of each month at **7 PM**. This month we will meet at the **home of Adeline Bottorff**. Call the church office for more information. The ladies continue to study the *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.



Resurrection Sunday
Church Family Photos



Children's Center Sunday 2010



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