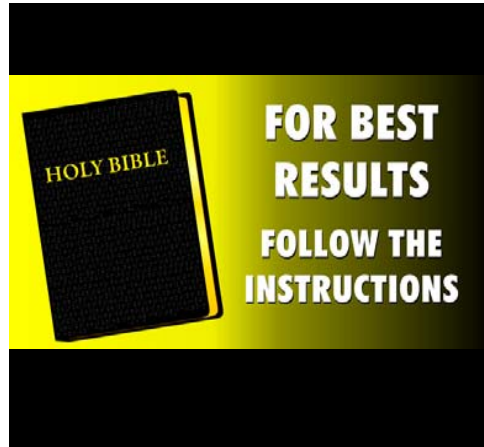


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### Music Sunday

June 6th

This year's Music Sunday will be June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Chancel choir decided to replay some of their favorite anthems from the last year for our 10:30 service, mixed with uplifting scriptures.

We have had an exciting year of many new anthems as well as old favorites so the choices were difficult. We hope you enjoy the mix. Some of our favorites include:

- *Halle, Halle, Halle*
- *The Prayer*
- *Glorious Impossible*
- *Majesty*
- *Fly Away Medley*
- *And a few surprises.*

Come join us for a day of worship through music & the word of God.



### Youth Sunday

June 13th



Hard to believe that June is here again and it's time for another **Youth Sunday**. We hope to see everyone there to congratulate and honor our hardworking students. **June 13** at both services the youth will lead us in worship. With skits, song and worship on the agenda, planning is underway. As always, we will recognize our graduates from junior high, high school, and college.

#### A special call to all graduating students:

Be sure that you or any other graduating student who will be exiting junior high, high school or college, give their name and the school's name that they are graduating from, to the office or Mike and Linda Herber **by June 10th**. We don't want to miss anyone!

**Don't forget— We will feed your sweet tooth at the annual bake sale after both services.**

### Our Confirmands

Eight take the journey

Eight youth have been gathering since March 20 for the journey of faith that is confirmation. These classes prepare our young people to understand better what it is to profess their faith before the congregation and gives them the opportunity to personally choose to become a member of the church on **June 13, Youth Sunday**.

Please pray for:

- Carina Avila,
- Patrick Harvey,
- Duncan Leonard,
- Jed Moore,
- Victoria Paredes,
- Anna and Gabe Prestemon
- Amanda Trecartin

These youth have been under the guidance and leadership of Pastor David and Mike, along with their trusty assistant and official photographer "Lou" (Linda Herber). This journey to learn what it means to be a Christian and what that means in the United Methodist faith has been a growing experience for all involved.

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*Children's Center Chronicle*

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Well my dear friends and family, God has answered yet another prayer. God is good, isn't He? Let me introduce our new Children's Education Director, Carolyn Russell-Williams. Our church has prayed for the right person to join with our volunteers and meet the growing needs of our children. It is a blessing to see the Sunday School numbers increase as well. Let me share with you more about her.

Pastor David Burgeson



*David*



Carolyn Russell-Williams

Born in Woodland, CA, Carolyn Doty grew up in rural Nipomo, where her father was the local veterinarian, and her mother was a schoolteacher. She attended Cuesta College in SLO, and received a Bachelor's degree in Studio Art from the UCSB. She married Jim Russell, and made their home in Ventura, CA where all three of their children were born – Ibbby, William and Wyatt. She also worked with her husband as a

Decorative Painter, for the YMCA teaching swimming, as well as, teaching art while exhibiting her own original paintings.

Carolyn joined the First UMC of Ventura, becoming involved in the Sunday School as a teacher, and later as the Chairperson for Family Ministries, a group which planned and put on family events for the church throughout the year. Also, Carolyn created props for Vacation Bible School, as well as running all the Arts and Crafts sessions.

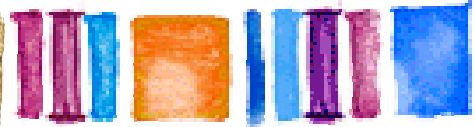
Her husband Jim became ill with cancer and passed away in 2003. The family continued to live in Ventura, and Carolyn continued her activities with FUMC. In 2006, she met and married Richard Williams and together they moved to Gilbert, AZ for a few years. While in Arizona, she worked as a Substitute Teacher and Art Instructor. The family returned to CA, and the Doty family home in Nipomo in October, and the family then began attending FUMC, Arroyo Grande.

Carolyn is pleased to join the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande in membership and hopes to contribute her talents as the Children's Education Director to build and enhance educational opportunities for the children of our church. Her goal is to attract more families and children to UMC of AG. Join me in making the whole family feel welcome!

DATE	JUNE'S FOCUS	
June 6th	Music Sunday	See cover for information
June 13th	Youth Sunday	See cover for information
June 20th	Guest speaker: Rev. J Harold Headrick	Pastor David gone to Annual Conference
June 27th	Matthew 5: 3—12	5 Week Series on the Beatitudes



- 6/1 Linda Leonard  
Neil Prestemon
- 6/3 Joyce Hammond  
Mindy Earley  
Jill Olsen
- 6/4 Trevor Foster  
Mike Reineke
- 6/5 Jim Steiner
- 6/7 Ian Leonard  
Ray Douglas
- 6/8 Sadie Krovious
- 6/11 Bill Weitkamp
- 6/15 Chet Kielan  
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- 6/17 George Stewart  
Steve Shrefler
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- 6/22 Jean Hubbard
- 6/23 Sandy Underwood  
Bill Paulsen
- 6/24 Victoria Paredes  
Richard Awalt
- 6/26 Jim Wise
- 6/27 Dee Anna Shrefler
- 6/28 Bobbi Merris  
Greg Riley
- 6/29 Kaz Ikeda  
Carol Spaulding
- 6/30 Willy Raetz



Spend A While on The Nile



**Would you like to...**

- visit an Egyptian prison?
- spend a week on the Nile?
- see Pharaoh's Palace?
- shop in the Marketplace?
- make ancient tools and jewelry?
- eat exotic foods—Pyramid Pizza, Tut Tacos, Bastet Burgers & Phaorah's Phries.

**A Vacation Bible School leadership role** is a unique way to nurture *our children* in God's love and grow *our own* faith in the process. We need ALL ages to be a Egyptian Family "tour guides"—**quirky teens** and **experienced seniors** are NEEDED to make this a success! *Your are never too young or too old to spread the Word of God.* Whether you can commit to **one day or all five** - *There is a place for you!*

**Take advantage of the exclusive UMC of AG VBS offer.** Reservations begin May 30th. We look forward to sending you on the trip of a life time. I'll be talking to you soon!

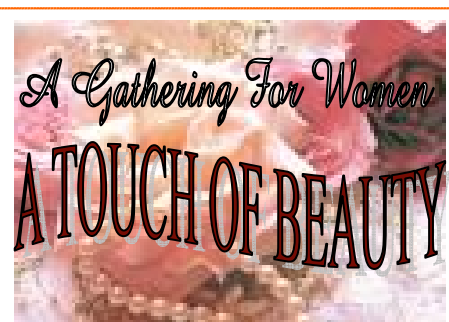
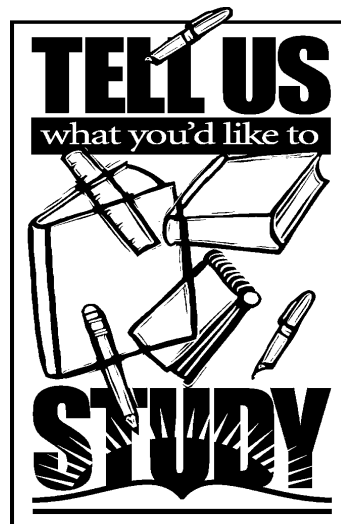


**Egyptian Families will also make blankets with prayers inside to send to children in Africa along with a "Jesus Loves Me" book to color and some crayons.**

**DON'T MISS THIS!**



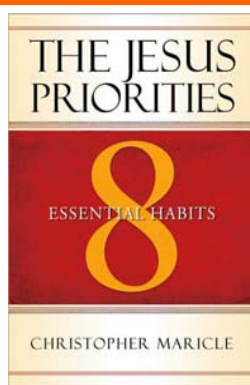




You are invited to join us for a time of relaxation in soft candlelight with warm fellowship and sweet testimony.

We will praise the Lord in song, and through interactive fun, learn more about the Word of God. Prayer and benediction close this light hearted evening that's like a spa for the spirit. You'll be strengthened and refreshed!

**June 18th**  
**7 – 8:30 PM**  
In the McMillen Room



**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!



**Need Prayer? Got 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.



- Do you frequently complain that people mumble?
- Do you often ask people to repeat what they said?
- Do others say that you play the TV or radio too loudly?
- Do you frequently ask people to repeat what they have said?

If you answered "yes" to these questions you may have a hearing loss. Hearing is one of our most vital senses, and communication skills are central to a successful life for all. Communication disorders greatly affect education, employment, and the well-being of many. Approximately 17 percent, or 36 million, of American adults say that they have some degree of hearing loss. Roughly one-third of Americans ages 65 to 74 and 47 percent of those 75 and older have hearing loss. Men are more likely to experience hearing loss than women.

Hearing loss comes in many forms. It can range from a mild loss in which a person misses certain high-pitched sounds, such as the voices of women and children, to a total loss of hearing. It can be hereditary or it can result from disease, trauma, certain medications, or long-term exposure to loud noises. There are two general categories of hearing loss. Sensorineural hearing loss occurs when there is damage to the inner ear or the auditory nerve. This type of hearing loss is permanent. Conductive hearing loss occurs when sound waves cannot reach the inner ear. The cause may be earwax build-up, fluid, or a punctured eardrum. Medical or surgical treatment can usually restore conductive hearing loss.

One form of sensorineural hearing loss, presbycusis, comes on gradually as a person ages. Presbycusis can occur because of changes in the inner ear, auditory nerve, middle ear, or outer ear. Some of its causes are aging, loud noise, heredity, head injury, infection, illness, certain prescription drugs, and circulation problems such as high blood pressure.

Tinnitus is a ringing, hissing, and/or roaring sound in the ears frequently caused by exposure to loud noise or certain medicines. Tinnitus is a symptom, not a disease, so it can accompany any type of hearing loss. Tinnitus can also be a sign of other important health problems, such as allergies and problems in the heart and blood vessels. Tinnitus can come and go, or it can persist or stop altogether.

Some people may not want to admit they have trouble hearing. Older people who can't hear well may become depressed or withdraw from others to avoid feeling frustrated or embarrassed about not understanding what is being said. Sometimes older people are mistakenly thought to be confused, unresponsive, or uncooperative just because they don't hear well.

Hearing problems that are ignored or untreated can get worse. If you have a hearing problem, you can get help. See your doctor. Hearing aids, special training, certain medicines, and surgery are some of the choices that can help people with hearing problems. Your doctor may recommend that you see an audiologist, an expert in the non-medical management of the auditory system who specializes in finding the best type and model of hearing aids for you. The audiologist will recommend hearing aid(s) and/or other hearing assistive devices and will instruct you in their use.

**If you suspect you have a hearing loss, don't wait! Have your hearing checked!**



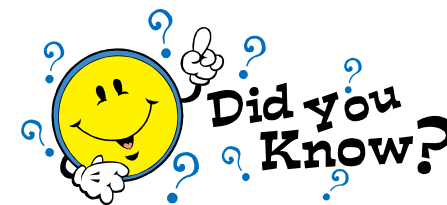
- Due to the Lakers game, we had to move quickly. Lakers won!
- We had two visitors Tuesday night, Maddy from Children's Center and Mike Coho, representing the Multi-Media. Maddy explained that the two windows in the Nursery are not safety glass. We went into the Nursery so she could explain what she wanted to do. For \$95 two pieces of glass can be removed. To repair the two new holes in the wall would cost approximately \$1,400 according to the first bid. This involves: 1) taking out the rest of the wall and leaving the two stanchions that are load bearing, 2) patching the walls where needed, and 3) painting to match the other walls. The second option is to remove even the stanchions and installing a load bearing beam at the ceiling. Doing this along with the other necessary repairs will cost \$2,900. Being short of storage space, AG UM CC needs to install some storage cabinets. The cost would be around \$2,600. Home Depot is offering grants of \$2,500. The request has to be in by May 15, 2010. We will get an answer in August 2010. After some very fine discussions, the Board said remove the glass now and wait for more bids as to making the repairs. Keeping in this same line, Tom noted that the two pieces of glass in the Narthex are not safety glass. To remove and replace with safety glass this would run around \$500. Children are in the Nursery until around 4 PM. Arroyo Grande Glass could remove and replace in the Narthex in the AM and remove in the Nursery in the PM. The Board said "do it."
- Mike (representing the Multi-Media Dept.) wants to install a stereo equalizer into our sound system. This would make changing the sound system used at 8:30 AM to the one used in the 10:30 AM service so much easier. The sound would also be greatly enhanced. Cost... \$250 "do it."
- Finance: we are pretty close to our monthly budget. We gained around \$4,500 on our Parsonage Fund and now stand at a little over \$40,000.
- January thru March gas bill was high. It was suggested we compare 2009 with 2010 and check for leaks. The three months of 2009 and those in 2010 were not too far apart. The small dial on the gas meter was checked to see how fast it was turning. It was turning fast enough to suggest we turn off all pilots and see how fast, if at all, the dial moves. The last bid to paint the bus was \$2,500. We are expecting one more bid.
- Blocks of cement around the metal shed have been broken up and disposed of. The plan is to make that far corner of the lot a little easier to look at. The shed itself has to be sprayed inside and out and the dirt spread out.
- Two new cork boards have been purchased and installed. They are located in the entry of Criswell Hall on the wall between the bathrooms.
- New round tables will cost \$100 ea. The carrier costs \$400. We would need 13 tables.
- The phone company next door has cut the branches hanging over the fence and pulled them over the fence to their side.
- Carleen Minckler has donated tools to the Church which will probably be stored in the closet just outside the McMillen Room.

### REPORT MAY '10 TOM EGAN, CHAIR



### NEW Adopt-a- Book shelf in the Library

So many wonderful books have been donated to us, that we want to make some readily available to our church members. Come in! Look them over! Take whatever book, or books, appeal to you. Return if you wish or keep if you wish.



### The 7 Things That You Will NEVER Regret

1. Feeling reverence for your Maker.
2. Showing kindness to an aged person.
3. Destroying a letter (or not sending an e-mail) written in anger.
4. Offering an apology that saves a friendship.
5. Stopping gossip that could wreck a reputation.
6. Taking time to show loved ones consideration.
7. Accepting the judgment of God on any question.

## Welcoming...

### Definition according to the *Webster's Dictionary*:

- means to greet hospitably and with courtesy or cordiality
- means to accept with pleasure the occurrence or presence of <as in, *welcomes danger*>

## Welcoming...

### Definition according to the *God's Church*:

- Means reaching out. Every person in the church is a greeter—because we are called to be disciples of Christ.
- Showing others the hospitality of God.
- Being sincere and generous, sharing our time, possessions and interests, because this reflects God's abundance.
- Requires understanding that people are looking for God even when they don't know they are seeking.
- Implies accepting everyone, regardless of our differences in beliefs, convictions, mistakes, pasts, or any other dissimilarity.
- Means showing love to others as a way of expressing God's love for them.
- Offers us an opportunity for others to encounter God through us.
- Allows us ways to provide support for those who are broken and hurting.
- Means helping people connect in ways that allow them to use their unique God given gifts to help others, including church family and friends.
- Means being an active listener. A way to provide hope as an expression of God's love.

### Whose definition do you live by?

# PRAYER

## The Believer's Secret Weapon





## We Believe In Jesus Christ

Compiled by Jerry Smith

"In trying to find words to express their faith in Jesus, the New Testament writers gave him various names. Jesus was Master, Rabbi, Teacher. He was the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He was the Doorway to the sheepfold, the Light of the world, the Prince of Peace, and more. In the church's long tradition, scores of other names or titles have been given. Let's look at five of the most central biblical names for Jesus:

### † Son of God

We believe in Jesus as God's special child. We call this the Incarnation, meaning that God was in the world in the actual person of Jesus of Nazareth. The Gospel writers explain this in different ways. In Mark, Jesus seems to be adopted as God's Son at his baptism. In Matthew and Luke, Jesus is conceived by the Holy Spirit. In John, Jesus is God's pre-existing Word who "became flesh and lived among us" (1:14). However this mystery occurred, we affirm that God is wholly present in Jesus Christ.

### † Son of Man

Paradoxically, we also believe that Jesus was fully human. One of the church's first heresies claimed that Jesus only seemed to be human, that he was really a divine figure in disguise. But the early church rejected this. It affirmed that Jesus was a person in every sense that we are. He was tempted. He grew weary. He wept. He expressed his anger. In fact, Jesus is God's picture of what it means to be a mature human being.

### † Christ

We say "Jesus Christ" easily, almost as if "Christ" were Jesus' surname. Yet this name is another way of expressing who we believe Jesus to be. Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word Messiah, which means God's Anointed One. For years before Jesus' time the Jews had been expecting a new king, a descendant of the revered King David, who would restore the nation of Israel to glory. Like kings of old, this one would be anointed on the head with oil, signifying God's election; hence, the Chosen One = the Anointed One = the Messiah = the Christ. The early Jewish Christians proclaimed that Jesus was, indeed, this Chosen One. Thus, in calling him our Christ today, we affirm that he was and is the fulfillment of the ancient hope and God's Chosen One to bring salvation to all peoples, for all time.

### † Lord

We also proclaim Jesus as our Lord, the one to whom we give our devoted allegiance. The word Lord had a more powerful meaning for people of medieval times, because they actually lived under the authority of lords and monarchs. Today some of us may find it difficult to acknowledge Jesus as Lord of our lives. We're used to being independent and self-sufficient. We have not bowed down to authority. To claim Jesus as Lord is to freely submit our will to his, to humbly profess that it is he who is in charge of this world.

### † Savior

Perhaps best of all, we believe in Jesus as Savior, as the one through whom God has freed us of our sin and has given us the gift of whole life, eternal life, and salvation. We speak of this gift as the atonement, our "at-oneness" or reconciliation with God. We believe that in ways we cannot fully explain, God has done this through the mystery of Jesus' self-giving sacrifice on the cross and his victory over sin and death in the Resurrection."

Source: UMC Members Handbook



# 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.

The school year is flying by and it is hard to believe that the year is almost over. The confirmation class continues on with our eight participants going through classes and getting closer to making the commitment of joining the church. The youth will take over both services on Youth Sunday, June 13. Confirmation of youth will take place at the 10:30 am service only. We hope to see you all there. Keep us in your prayer as we continue to prepare for the services.

Thanks to the parents and youth who helped at a fashion luncheon for the Arroyo Grande Woman's Club on 04/24/10. We had a great time and received a donation of \$100 that we put towards our youth funds.

We will continue to meet during the summer and hope to see all the youth there. For our June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting we will be in the kitchen making our famous enchiladas for serving on July 12th at the People's Kitchen.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for VBS—July 19-23. It is going to be a blast!! Sarah Barber has the scoop,.

Saturday, July 25th, we will host a visiting youth choir. The choir will be sing during worship on Sunday, July 25, 2010. So watch for more information on this event in July's issue of the Cast~A~Net.

In God's service,



Mike and Linda

The motley crew pictured at left are: (in no particular order) Jordan Henderson, Devon Paredes, Caitlin Herber, David Anderson, Adrian Paredes, Amanda Tre-cartin, guest, David Avila, and Pastor David.

## Calling All Graduates!

Calling all graduates...We need you...If you are a Junior High, Senior High or College graduate, or you know someone who is, we would like to acknowledge your hard work on Youth Sunday, June 13th!

So, don't be shy! We are so proud of all of you and you should be too. Let your church family give you a BIG 'pat on the back!'

Contact Mike and Linda or you can leave your name with the Church Office.





UNITED METHODIST **★ EXTRA! EXTRA! ★**  
**MEN Men's News**

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

**April 17**—approximately 16 men and guests toured the Santa Maria Museum of Flight. We broke into two groups and enjoyed a fine tour. After the tour we had a light lunch, a great time of fellowship and came back home.

**May 8th**—the Men (and some ladies) participated in the Karl Kliesch Memorial Golf Tournament. The proceeds from the event benefit our UM Youth Group Fund, much of which will fund camp scholarships. After golf we met at Fin's Restaurant for lunch and prizes - bragging rights.

**May 16th**—we hosted the last Pancake breakfast of the 2009-10 UMM calendar year. It was another success. We are glad to see you all there and look forward to the fall when we will host another in September.

**May 22nd**—we worked over at Camp Arroyo Grande. We did stop for a short lunch break then it was back to work. Thanks to all of the men who helped out on this annual "work day." We know that the camp appreciates the help!

**Coming Up**

The final *hoo-rah* for the 2009-10 UMM schedule will be on **June 19th** for the **UMM Year-End BBQ** at the home of Steve Shrefler. A special thank you in advance to the Shreflers for allowing us to take over your home for the day. Tickets are \$13 per person. Directions will be made available with the purchase of your ticket. Watch the bulletin for more details. *Please note the date change and the location change.*

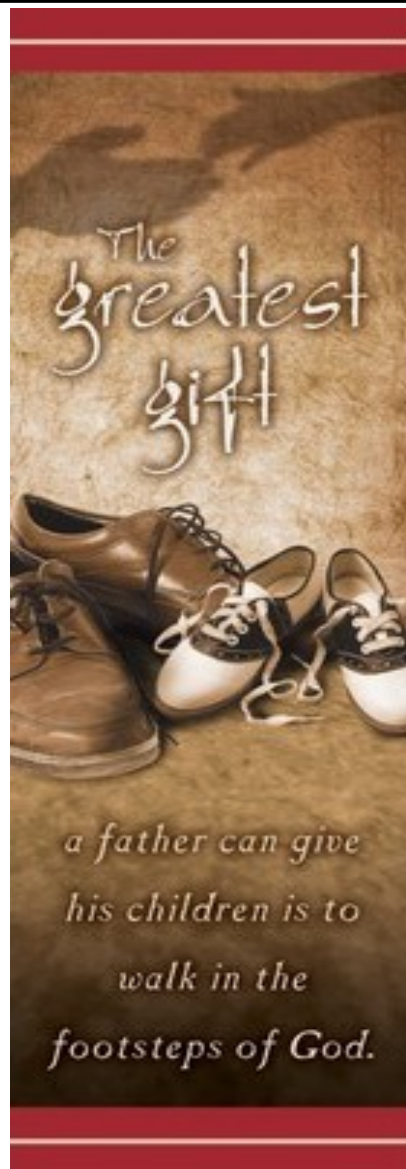
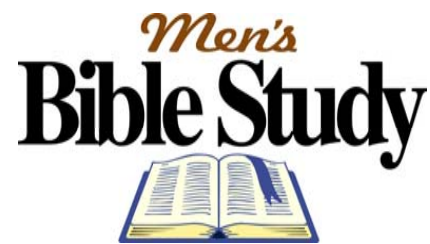
**No programs scheduled for July and August.**

**F**ood  
**Fun**  
 Fellowship

**Are you a member?**

*It's not complicated!*  
 Begin by joining us for our monthly breakfast meetings at 8:30 AM at the Mission Inn of Pismo Beach.

**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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:  <b>TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!</b>                  REMINDER:  <b>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS</b>  <b>June 10th</b></p>	<p><b>JUNE</b></p>	<p><b>1</b>                  8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)                  9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)                  1 PM—7 PM Christian Counseling (L)                  5 PM Grande Ringers                  7 PM Trustees (MMR)</p>	<p><b>2</b>                  8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)                  9 AM EOC Senior Health Screen. (N/L)                  1 PM—7 PM Christian Counseling (L)                  7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)                  7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p><b>3</b>                  8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)                  10 AM Intercessory Prayer Group                  11:45 AM People's Kitchen <i>leave to serve</i>                  5 PM Grande Ringers                  7 PM Red Umbrella (MMR)</p>	<p><b>4</b>                  8:30 AM Weekly Bible Study (L)                  4 PM AG UM Children's Center Staff Development (MMR)</p>	<p><b>5</b>                  12—3 PM Reception for Ryan family (CH)                  12:30 —4:30 PM Adventures of Dr. Chess (211)                  6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal                  5 PM Confirmation Class</p>
<p><b>6</b>                  Coffee Hour Host-Mary-Martha Circle                  8:30 AM Contemporary Service                  9:30 AM Sunday School/Bible Study (MMR)                  10:30 AM Traditional Service</p> <p><i>Music Sunday</i></p>	<p><b>7</b>                  10 AM UMW Steering (MMR)                  1 PM—7 PM Christian Counseling (L)                  6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR)                  7 PM Men's Bible Study (215)                  7 PM Women of Prayer (S)                  7:30 PM AlAnon (MMR)                  7 PM SPRC (P/S)</p>	<p><b>8</b>                  8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)                  9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)                  10:30 AM Communications (L)                  1 PM—7 PM Christian Counseling (L)                  5 PM Grande Ringers                  7:30 PM AlAnon (MMR)                  7 PM MS Support Group (MMR)</p>	<p><b>9</b>                  8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)                  1 PM—7 PM Christian Counseling (L)                  1 PM Alzheimer's Care-Givers Support Group (MMR)                  7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p> <p><b>Missionary Potluck</b>                  Rev. Dr. Krista Givens from the Int'l UMC in Hamburg, Germany</p>	<p><b>10</b>                  8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)                  10 AM Intercessory Prayer Group (L)                  12 PM Esther Circle (MMR)                  5 PM Grande Ringers</p>	<p><b>11</b>                  8:30 AM Weekly Bible Study (L)</p>	<p><b>12</b>                  12:30 —4:30 PM Adventures of Dr. Chess (211)</p>
<p><b>13</b>                  Coffee Hour Host-ELT Scholarship Committee                  8:30 AM Contemporary Service                  9:30 AM Sunday School/Bible Study (MMR)                  10:30 AM Traditional Service</p> <p><i>Youth Sunday</i></p>	<p><b>14</b>                  10 AM UMW Steering Com. (MMR)                  1 PM—7 PM Christian Counseling (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><b>15</b>                  8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)                  9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)                  1 PM—7 PM Christian Counseling (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><b>16</b>                  8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)                  9:30 AM Mary-Martha Circle (MMR)                  1 PM—7 PM Christian Counseling (L)                  7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p><b>17</b>                  8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)                  10 AM Intercessory Prayer Group (L)                  5 PM Grande Ringers                  7 PM Church Council (MMR)</p>	<p><b>18</b>                  8:30 AM Weekly Bible Study (L)                  1 PM Alzheimer's Care-Givers Support Group (MMR)                  7 PM Touch of Beauty (MMR)</p>	<p><b>19</b>                  12 PM UMM BBQ at the home of the Shreflers                  12:30 —4:30 PM Adventures of Dr. Chess (211)                  6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal</p>
<p><b>20</b>                  Coffee Hour Host-Yellow Umbrella                  8:30 AM Contemporary Service                  9:30 AM Sunday School/Bible Study (MMR)                  10:30 AM Traditional Service</p> <p><i>Happy Father's Day</i></p>	<p><b>21</b>                  1 PM—7 PM Christian Counseling (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><b>22</b>                  8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)                  9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)                  12:30 —3:30 PM Adventures of Dr. Chess (211)                  1 PM—7 PM Christian Counseling (L)                  5 PM Grande Ringers</p>	<p><b>23</b>                  8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)                  1 PM—7 PM Christian Counseling (L)                  7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p><b>24</b>                  8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)                  10 AM Intercessory Prayer Group (I)                  5 PM Grande Ringers</p>	<p><b>25</b>                  8:30 AM Weekly Bible Study (L)</p>	<p><b>26</b>                  12 PM UMW Quarterly Meeting (CH)                  12:30 —4:30 PM Adventures of Dr. Chess (211)</p>
<p><b>27</b>                  Coffee Hour Host-AG UM Children's Center Ice Cream Social                  8:30 AM Contemporary Service                  9:30 AM Sunday School/Bible Study (MMR)                  10:30 AM Traditional Service</p>	<p><b>28</b>                  1 PM—7 PM Christian Counseling (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><b>29</b>                  8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)                  9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)                  12:30 —3:30 PM Adventures of Dr. Chess (211)                  1 PM—7 PM Christian Counseling (L)                  5 PM Grande Ringers</p>	<p><b>30</b>                  8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)                  1 PM—7 PM Christian Counseling (L)                  6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearse (S)                  7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p><b>ABBREVIATION LEGEND</b>                  MMR McMillen Room                  CH Criswell Hall                  K Kitchen                  S Sanctuary                  N Narthex                  P/S Pastor's Study                  L Library</p>		



# a Note from the Chancel Choir...

The Chancel Choir has been busy preparing for Choir Sunday which will take place this year on June 6. The choir will perform seven or eight of the most popular anthems over the last year during the worship service. This will mark the choir's final Sunday in the loft until September. Make plans to join with the choir in a service of praise and celebration in music.

The Choir would like to express their thanks and appreciation for our talented Organist, Don McGuire, and Pianist, Dennis Eiler, and the many wonderful volunteers who have been turning pages for us, Rebecca Avila, Karen Brown, Judy Smith, Ebby Russell, Lori Ford and Peg Gallop. They would also like to express a special thanks to Choir Director Julie Walters for continuing to bless us with her outstanding musical and directing gifts.

During the Summer our Summer Music Program gives the congregation a chance to hear performances from a variety of talented musicians. If you are interested in performing during the Summer contact our Choir Director Julie Burns Walters.

Choir Rehearsals will resume in late August. See you there!

## Another Gift That Keeps On Giving

Our church has recently received a substantial gift of \$50,000 from Vernon and JoAnn Wizemann. The money was invested in a mutual fund. The monthly income from this fund is designated to be used to "feed the hungry", in accordance with the wishes of Vernon and JoAnn. After considering other options, they decided that the income would go to the Food Bank Coalition of San Luis County (Oceano). This gift is "seed money". Vernon and JoAnn hope that others will also contribute to this fund so that it may grow and distribute additional income to feed the hungry. If anyone wishes to contribute to this Fund, make the check payable to the church and indicate Wizemann Fund on the memo line.

The FUMCAG is extremely grateful for this generous gift. The Endowment Board is responsible for managing the fund and ensuring the income is used as designated by the Wizemann's.



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**

June 5th  
June 19th



**Monthly Goal**  
\$ 21,179  
**Received**  
\$ 18,879  
**Difference (as of 5/26)**  
**\$ -2,300**

**One week to go!**  
**We can do it!!!**



2nd	170
9th	236
16th	195
23rd	194
30th	no info. at time of publication

**May Sunday Average = 199**



*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.*

**Oh boy it's June!** That means summer and vacations! Our Circles will be taking a break for July and August. We will start meeting again in September.

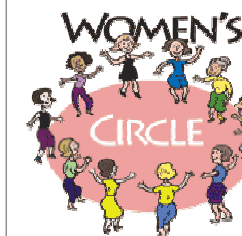
Did you know that the United Methodist Women is the largest denominational faith organization for women in the United States. We have approximately 800,000 members whose mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders and advocating justice.

Members raise up to \$20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.

Also, did you know that churches in the Methodist tradition from Britain, the Caribbean, and the Americas, Dominican Republic, Canada and the United States met together with representatives of the Methodist Church of Haiti on April 19-22 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic to prepare a unified plan to respond to the crisis in Haiti? Priorities include, education, reconstruction, health, development, evangelism and Christian education.

Don't forget about the UMW Quarterly Meeting in Criswell Hall on June 26th at noon. Be sure to bring a sack lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

Ann Williamson, UMW publicity



- Esther Circle— June 10th
- JOY Circle— June 15th
- Mary Martha— June 16th

**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.

**JOY Circle** meets on the third Tuesday of each month at **6 PM** for diner. Call the church office for more information.

**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.

## UMW Holiday Arts & Crafts Boutique

**13 November 2010**  
**9 AM—2 PM**

We need your help to create the numerous items needed to make this boutique a success. So start creating now!!

We trust that many will participate and donate their time and energy to the many aspects of this day. You can also contact Virginia Mothes with craft ideas or more information.



## Getting To Know Marian Middleton

by David Beaman

I became friends with Marian and her husband Bob when I joined our church in 1985. Bob sang in the Chancel Choir, which was a main attraction for me to become a member so I could also sing with the choir. Marian shared some events of her life in a recent visit to her beautiful home with the exceptional panoramic views of sunsets and the Pacific Ocean.



Marian was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Her father, a banker and her mother a homemaker to the family of four, included her brother. The effects of the Great Depression were felt by everyone in those days and the branch bank her father managed did not escape the perils of monetary shortfalls from the lack of jobs for its customers. He did manage to keep his job and her parents had the foresight to emphasize the importance of a good education for the children. She and her brother daily walked to the same school from kindergarten through their graduation after grade twelve. Next she attended 2 years at Albion College, followed by work in wartime related industry which allowed her to continue her education at University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, and to earn a degree in the School of Business Administration.

After graduation, she and a girlfriend traveled to Los Angeles on the adventure to seek employment and to experience their independence to make their own way in life. Marian wrote a letter to MGM Studios profiling her education accomplishments and was immediately hired. The next years (1946 -1957) she worked for Hollywood directors, writers and producers and especially enjoyed the unique privilege of each day having lunch at the MGM Commissary where fellow diners included many famous movie stars during the hugely successful heydays of the

movie making industry.

Bob Middleton entered her life when they played Badminton after night school classes in Beverly Hills. Bob was a graduate of Cal Berkeley and worked in tool design for Douglas Aircraft. His dream and vision was to own and operate a crop producing farm and after their marriage they invested in property near Tulare and settled in to raise cotton, corn, alfalfa, soy beans, oats and barley. Their two daughters,

Marcia and Barbara, grew up on the farm, attended a small local elementary school and graduated from Hanford High School. Marian remarked that the Central California Valley farm life, although not something she ever had anticipated would happen, was a most fulfilling and enjoyable endeavor for each family member and something they truly enjoyed and cherished. Marcia graduated from Cal Berkeley as a Chemical Engineer and Barbara graduated from Cal Poly SLO Business School.

Bob and Marian retired from the farm in 1980 and bought land on which was built their new home in Pismo Beach. They did extensive traveling in USA and abroad plus both were avid Bridge players. Marian was an English tutor with the Literacy Council for more than 20 years. Bob had a keen passion for expressing his views on property taxation *unfairness* and wrote many local newspaper letters-to-editor plus addressed the subject at County Board of Supervisors meetings. Bob passed away in 2005.

Marian faithfully serves on the AGUMC Library Committee and you may want to stop in for a visit on Sunday mornings. She offers friendly conversation to everyone. *She has many longtime friends in our church family!*



## Lamb Mission Bank

God can do great things with our gifts. This craft reminds us that every little coin counts. When your lamb is full, empty out the coins and give them to a charity or church mission program.

### What you need:

- Knit glove (black or white)
- 1-foot-long piece of thin ribbon, any color
- Stapler
- Craft glue or hot glue gun
- Fiberfill or cotton balls
- 2 googly eyes

### What you do:

1. Staple one end of the ribbon to the inside of each side of the glove's opening to make a hanger.
2. For the lamb's body, cover the palm and half of the thumb with glue. Stick the fiberfill or cotton balls onto the glue.
3. Glue a googly eye to each side of the mitten's thumb. (The other fingers will be the legs.)
4. Hang the lamb where you'll see it often. Whenever you have extra change, drop it into your lamb bag.

**You did such a great job singing on Mother's Day! Your smiles and singing was a blessing to the WHOLE church!**

### The KID'S Reminder:

For Sunday, don't forget to review *The Lord's Prayer* and remember to bring your Bibles. **Ask a friend to come with you!**

### A Message To the BIG PEOPLE In Their Lives:

We will be studying about Communion and what it means for us "To Come to the Lord's Table" as taught in 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26. Also, we learn about the putting on *the Armor of God* from Ephesians 6 and *the Fruit of the Spirit* from Galatians 5:22-23. We encourage you to look these passages up for yourself and spend time reviewing them for yourself and with your little person.

We will also be asking parents/caregivers to sign their child in and out each Sunday. Please see Carolyn Russell-Williams or Victoria Gandy with any questions that you may have. Thank you for all of your efforts and God bless!

