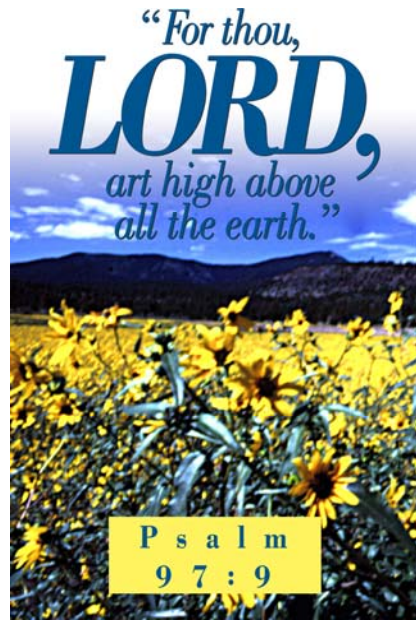


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August 2010

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**California-Pacific
 Annual Conference
 2010**

**New Ministries & New
 Places for New People**

by Patti Melsheimer

This was my first time to attend annual conference so I was one of the “new people” going to a “new place” and learning about “new ministries”! There were interesting discussions, lots of new

people to meet and some old friends to renew acquaintances with. I had forgotten what an interesting experience it is to stay in a dorm room and eat in the cafeteria! There were many sessions to attend - some were just for lay persons but the majority were attended by all.

Our mornings started at 5:45 AM with a Tongsung Kido Morning Prayer service. This was quite a new experience for me and was very inspiring. The prayer services were led by Rev. Eun Pa Hong, the senior pastor at Bupyeong Methodist Church of Korea. As Bishop Swenson introduced him she said, “I know no one else on planet earth with more integrity, living deeply immersed in prayer, daily walking in the Wesleyan way, and profoundly capable of assisting us to become more faithful as a corporate community of disciples in our region.”

In total there were 31 pieces of action requiring votes. Three were especially controversial. There were extensive discussions regarding the possibility of relocating the Annual Conference to the Pasadena Conference. After much debate, it was decided to table the decision until next year. I, personally, could see points both in favor and against the proposed move and was not sure how I would have voted.

There were also long discussions regarding the budget and allocations, much of which centered on how to cut our expenses without cutting programs. The two programs most affected were the camper-ship program and the campus ministry program. It was finally decided to take money from one-time-only funds to fill the gaps left by the reductions. We should be very proud that our church does meet our whole apportionment. We can also be



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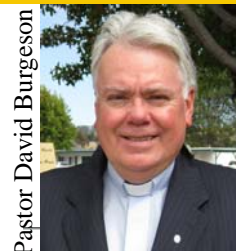
Dear Beloved Community,

I want to thank Patti Mel-sheimer for attending Annual Conference this year as your lay representative from The First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande. There were 1700 clergy and laity from our Annual Conference in attendance. One of the highlights for me is being able to see fellow clergy and laity whom I don't have a chance to see but once a year. Patti has put together her observations and I thank her. You can find additional information at cal-pac.org.

Vacation Bible School has concluded and I must say what a blessing this was for me to see an average of 80 for the five nights. Adults, Youth and Children. Eating, singing, listening, playing and even dare I say dancing! Sarah Barber did a great job as Vacation Bible School Leader. She put together a hard working and dedicated staff spending months planning, building and sewing. I am grateful to you stepping up and making this a "God Sighting" for me. Already looking forward to next year's Vacation Bible School .

What a treat to have the Simi Valley Youth Choir with us in worship on July 25. There were 19 youth and 14 adults who traveled to the Central Coast here on Saturday. They sang two pieces of music in both services. The choir arrived Saturday afternoon and our youth group and them ate, played games, and watched a movie in our sanctuary before heading to Camp Arroyo Grande to spend the night. Thanks to Mike and Linda Herber and Norm and Hillary Henderson for their hard work of preparing, cooking, setting up and taking down tables and chairs, and being gracious hosts and staying till after the movie.

Last month we held an information evening on "Walk to Emmaus." I am pleased to say we will have 4 ladies from our congregation going on the walk August 5-8. Please keep the following ladies in your prayers- Alice Addison, Heidi Carpentier, Tina Moore and Sandra Sawyer.



David



ATTENDANCE

Sunday	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	Nursery	Kids/Youth	Teachers	TOTAL
4th	n/a	161	3	16	3	183
11th	40	128	0	18	5	190
18th	49	141	2	20	5	217
25th	61	195	3	15	3	277
TOTAL						
VBS Week	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	AVERAGE
Adults and kids	75	85	75	85	80	80



- Sean Lehman 01
- Tina Moore 01
- Jacqueline Ridge 02
- Priscilla Alquist 02
- Kay Orrell 05
- John Romanelli 07
- Nancy St. Laurent 08
- Bob Lowry 09
- Virginia Mothes 09
- Frank Ridge 10
- Peggy Gainer 10
- Jeff Buhler 10
- Trudy Romanelli 11
- David Avila 11
- John MacKeen 12
- Bill Gerrish 13
- Bob Underwood 15
- Kathie Buckton 15
- Nancy Gerrish 17
- Hershel Whitefield 17
- Nancy Burns 20
- Brian Eichelberger 21
- Ann DeVos 21
- Christy Eichelberger 24
- Nikki Raetz 26
- Sharon Roemer 27
- Peter Paredes 28
- Chuck Burns 28
- Cecile Huggins 30

A special thanks to our Youth Group for so willingly being involved with raising funds for our VBS this year! You ROCK!

All Washed Up in the VBS Dunk Tank



Name Tags, What Name Tags?

If you don't have one we will get you one. If you have would like to have one or have missed placed yours the cost is \$6 each.

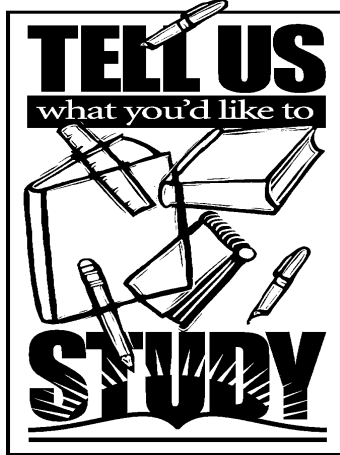
Miracle Boy!

Sweet little Bodie Bennett, who is the grand child of Nancy and Bill Gerrish, was able to come home. His last stay in the hospital lasted 60+ days. Bodie was born with half a heart—but he looks all heart in the pictures below.



Received to date
\$ 20,422

Monthly Goal
\$ 21,179



Contact the Adult Christian Education Director, Sandra Sawyer if you have any questions or input on a future study.

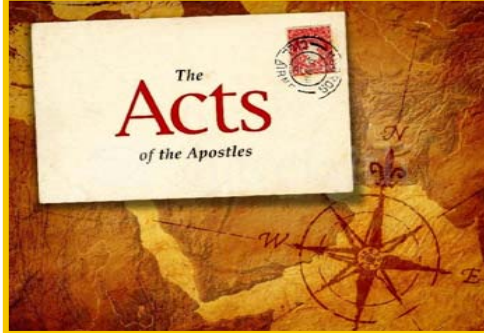


Come out for a special DATE with the Lord in an evening of candlelight and testimony. Get to know your sisters in Christ during this special evening. All women of the church and community are welcome. Join us on the 3rd Friday of each month in the **McMillen Room at 7 PM. NO meeting in July or August!**

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!



Our Sunday School class will review and discuss the 2nd chapter of Acts. These letters to the church at Corinth remind us of the birth of the church. They give us the tools as Christians on how we are to spread the Word of God as disciples of Christ. Grab a snack for your body in Criswell Hall and come feed your soul with us in the **Mc Millen Room after the 8:30 service.**



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 Be Alive: A study of John's Gospel Chapter 1-10.** 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, **Intercessory Prayer Group**, meets 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.**

Requests can remain anonymous.



This non-denominational women's group meet on **Mondays at 7 PM** 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. *Contact Susan Coho if you have any questions.*

Healthy Corner

Osteoporosis: Can It Happen to You?

by Patti Melsheimer

Osteoporosis is a major public health threat for 44 million Americans. Ten million individuals already have osteoporosis and 34 million more have low bone mass placing them at increased risk for developing osteoporosis and the fractures it causes. Eighty percent of those affected are women. Known as "the silent thief," osteoporosis progresses without symptoms or pain until bones start to break, generally in the hip, spine, or wrist. Learn more about this bone-thinning disease that causes serious fractures. Complete this questionnaire to determine your risk for developing osteoporosis.

1. Do you have a small, thin frame and/or are you Caucasian or Asian?
2. Have you or a member of your immediate family broken a bone as an adult?
3. Are you a postmenopausal woman?
4. Have you had an early or surgically-induced menopause?
5. Have you taken high doses of thyroid medication or used glucocorticoids ≥5 mg a day (for example, prednisone) for 3 or more months?
6. Have you taken, or are you taking, immunosuppressive medications or chemotherapy to treat cancer?
7. Is your diet low in dairy products and other sources of calcium?
8. Are you physically inactive?
9. Do you smoke cigarettes or drink alcohol in excess?

The more "yes" answers, the greater your are at risk of developing osteoporosis. Osteoporosis is a complex disease and not all of its causes are known. However, when certain risk factors are present, your likelihood of developing osteoporosis is increased. Therefore, it is important for you to determine your risk of developing osteoporosis and take action to prevent it now.

Osteoporosis is preventable if bone loss is detected early. If the questions suggest that you are at risk for developing osteoporosis, see your healthcare provider. Your healthcare provider may recommend that you have a bone mass measurement test. This test will safely and accurately measure your bone density and reliably predict your risk of future fracture.

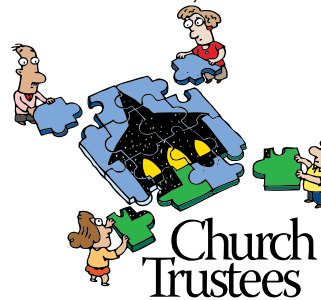
If you already have osteoporosis, you can live actively and comfortably by seeking proper medical care and making some adjustments to your lifestyle. Your healthcare provider may prescribe a diet rich in calcium and vitamin D, a regular program of weight-bearing exercise and medical treatment.

The National Osteoporosis Foundation (NOF) is the nation's leading authority for patients and healthcare providers seeking up-to-date, medically sound information and educational materials on the causes, prevention, detection and treatment of osteoporosis. Please contact National Osteoporosis Foundation (NOF) for more information on osteoporosis or to find out how you can join us in the fight against this devastating disease.



REPORT JUNE '10

TOM EGAN, CHAIR



- Burke & Pace terminated the lease which will result in a \$1,200 per month loss of income.
- A has been placed on the idea of extending the overhang of the library.
- We have agreed to have the bus painted at a cost of \$2,300. A member of the congregation has agreed to pick up 1/2 the cost.

- We are still in contact with the RVers.
- The parsonage Fund lost \$8,000 last month.
- A large section of the lawn has to be treated for weeds and maybe new pieces of sod put down.
- We will move the small electrical sign attached to the front of the office to a spaced near the library.

God said, "No."

- I asked God to take away my bad habit.
God said, "No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up."
- I asked God to make my handicapped friend whole.
God said, "No. His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary."
- I asked God to grant me patience.
God said, "No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't given, it is learned."
- I asked God to give me happiness.
God said, "No. I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you."
- I asked God to spare me pain.
God said, "No. Suffering draws you away from your worldly cares and will bring you closer to me."
- I asked God to make my spirit grow
God said, "No. You must grow on your own. I will prune you to make you fruitful."
- I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.
God said, "No. I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things."
- I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me.
God said, "Aaahh! Now you have the idea."

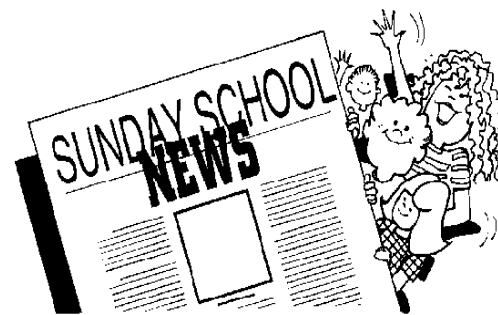
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proud that we received an award and special recognition for our missionary support at the Missionary Luncheon. UMC of AG supports one missionary at \$4,270 and we also give to others an average of \$156 per member of our congregation.

The third point of discussion related to the recommendation that "the mission of the conference be carried out through five essential ministry teams and that these shall be Justice Ministries, Leadership Ministries, New Ministries, Resource Ministries, and the Ministry of Navigation (Spiritual & Temporal Oversight)." All boards, committees and/or commissions of the conference will be assigned to serve through one of these five teams. The objective, I believe, is to have better coordination of the many different groups which make up the Conference. This resolution was approved without extensive discussion.

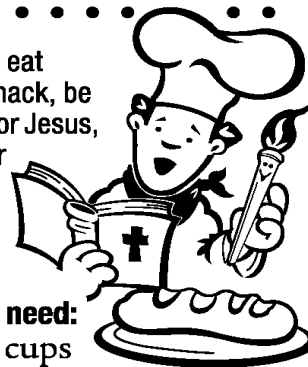
The youth were evident in many aspects of the whole conference. They led prayers, participated in discussions and provided many forms of music. Their presence lent much energy and enthusiasm to the whole experience.

I felt honored to be our church's lay representative to Conference. Thank you!



BREAD painting

When you eat this fun snack, be thankful for Jesus, who is our Bread of Life.



What you need:

- Small cups
- Milk
- Food coloring
- Clean artist brush
- Slice of bread
- Toaster or toaster oven
- Butter (optional)

What you do:

1. Decide how many colors you want to use, and set aside one cup for each color.
2. Pour about 1/4 cup of milk into each cup.
3. Add drops of food coloring until you get a bright color.
4. Using a brush, paint a picture or write words (such as a Bible verse) on the slice of bread. Make sure not to get the bread too soaked.
5. When you're finished painting, toast your bread. You can top it with a bit of butter. Enjoy!

WOW! What fun we had at Vacation Bible School. It was so great to see many of you there and also to see some new faces. We sure had an interesting adventure following Joseph on his journey from a prison in Egypt to the palace.

The fall season is coming so be sure to look out for more fun events that are coming up! We will keep you posted as they are planned.

Reminder:

We will now have a second Sunday School offered during the 8:30 AM service. So spread the word and bring those early risers to church with you.



THE BREAD OF LIFE

Jesus knew that people would starve without physical bread to eat and water to drink. But he also knew they would die spiritually if they weren't fed by him.

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV) and write the Bible verse on the dashes.

JOHN 6:35

WORD LIST

am and be believes
bread comes I in
he hungry go He
life me me never
to never the of will
who will thirsty who

t e l r s u v w a m x y z a b t h e i
j k l m b r e a d n p o f q r l i f e
d H e e f g h i w h o j k l m n p q r
b c d f c o m e s g h i j t o k l m e
n w i l l o p q r s t u n e v e r v w
z y z b c a g o b c d e f g h i j k l
m h u n g r y n a n d o p q r s t u v
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w h o n o b e l i e v e s p q r s t u
v w x y z i n a b c d e f g h i j k l
m n o p q r s t m e u v w x y z a b c
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s t u v w x y n e v e r z a b c d b e
f g h i j k l m n o p q t h i r s t y

“ _____ ”

Answer: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV





CAMP AG HAS A NEW CABIN

At long last, the first of two cabins has taken shape on the hillside of Camp Arroyo Grande. The project has been "in the works" since 2006 when the first funds were raised to replace the camper cabins with new units. The current cabins were brought into camp after WWII and had been Army barracks.

The new cabin is part of a fifteen year plan to refurbish the camp. Plans call for six new units to be built to replace the old cabins. The new units include an indoor bathroom with shower, and sleeping accommodations for 12 persons. The old units had no bathroom facilities and campers had to go to a centralized bathroom behind the dining hall facility.

Our church has been a strong supporter of the project, along with five other members of our cluster group. By 2010 the Arroyo Grande church had contributed over \$15,000 to the project. Total monies raised have been in the \$180,000 ranges which included a \$50,000 grant from the Santa Barbara District of the California Pacific Conference. Many local clubs and organizations have contributed to the project. The property and management is under the Pacific Conference of the Methodist Church. A full time Camp Manager, Steve Tallant and his family live on site and manage over 100 groups and individuals that use the camp each year.

The new cabin is being built by volunteers working with the Camp Manager. The retired pastor of the Arroyo Grande Church, Bob Underwood has given a great deal of his time and effort to the project as well as Tom Egan, chairman of the Trustees. The goal is to have the cabin finished and in use for the winter season. It is hoped that existing funds will allow the construction of the second cabin of the six cabin project.

Contact Val McClure, Church Liaison for further information on Camp Arroyo Grande.

Submitted: by Val McClure



Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for the many cards, calls and prayers I have received since I had my surgery. I can't tell you how much it has meant to me to have such a caring Church Family. The notes of encouragement have really helped me. Please continue to keep me in your prayers and I hope to be back in church soon.

Sincerely, *Nancy St. Laurent*

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unconditional love for the people in their church. The pastor expresses an intense love for the members of his congregation. The members then show love to non-Christians who are visiting their church. The visitors take note of the genuineness, friendliness, and love being exhibited. They feel comfortable and welcomed. The door is then open for them to hear about the One who loves them more than anyone else.

Most churches believe they are friendly. Periodically, however, an honest evaluation is necessary.

A first time visitor may arrive at your church this week. Will anyone greet them? Will they know where to sit? Will they feel genuinely welcome in the service? Or will they slip in and out, unnoticed and never to return?"



Compiled by Jerry Smith

The Friendliness Factor

Thom Rainer is the president and CEO of [LifeWay Christian Resources](http://www.lifeway.com), and for 15 years prior to that led a church and denominational consulting firm. The author of 22 books, his newest, *Transformational Church*, was released in June 2010.

Rainer writes: "Performance evaluations are commonplace in most companies. Employees are normally reviewed on an annual basis and a critique is done of their productivity, attitude and overall performance. LifeWay is no different. Beginning with my very first year, however, I surprised my direct reports by having them evaluate me. It was important to me that I get honest feedback on how I was perceived by others in the company. It is very hard, if not impossible, to evaluate yourself and receive an honest appraisal.

I have found this to be true, as I have served as a consultant for many churches over the years. No matter the size, worship style, age, or location of the church, they tend to have one thing in common: They all believe they are friendly churches. Some believe they are the friendliest church in town. However, if they could see themselves through the eyes of a visitor, they may find that they are not perceived that way at all.

Genuineness is Obvious

It is a part of every service. At some point, during the welcome, the pastor will ask everyone to stand and greet those around them. This is a great opportunity to make a visitor feel welcomed into worship. The danger, however, is that this can also come across as forced or awkward. The visitor receives an obligatory handshake and is not acknowledged for the rest of the service.

People Are Drawn to Genuineness

They can spot manufactured friendliness a mile away. Make eye contact. Get their name. Spend a minute with them. We've all heard the saying that kids spell love t-i-m-e. Well, so do grown-ups. Spend some time getting to know them. Often, un-churched individuals find themselves at church for the first time because of a personal crisis. Genuine friendliness can be a huge factor in them returning to the church and, ultimately, accepting Christ as Savior.

Friendliness Leads to Evangelism

Friendliness and evangelistic effectiveness tend to go together. When church members are truly excited about evangelism there is a natural friendliness toward non-Christians. There is a genuine desire to welcome them into worship. Un-churched individuals often enter a church building expecting to be judged for their appearance, their past, or their lack of church knowledge. However, when a church is full of people who truly embrace the command to love one another, the result is friendliness.

Of the hundreds of interviews I have conducted, an overwhelming majority listed the friendliness of the people as a major attraction to the particular church they eventually joined.

We Are Called to Love

The leader of the church sets the tone. The pastor's modeling of friendliness is critical. Ultimately, however, it comes down to love. One of the characteristics of breakout church leaders is their

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

UMM Activities Call for Many Thanks! Now Watch The For Fall Schedule

UMM Year—End Barbecue

United Methodist Men and their guests enjoyed their annual summer barbecue at the home of Steve and Dee Anna Shrefler on June 19. Thank you, Shreflers, and also Bud Johnson for your usual diligent duties in organizing the event and purchasing the food and supplies. Thanks also to Wayne Huggins, UMM treasurer, for the ticket sales and to all other barbecue helpers.

Carl Kliesch Memorial Golf Tournament

More thanks are due to Chairman Bud Johnson, 34 golfers, the 45-member brunch bunch and 9 sponsors of the successful Carl Kliesch Memorial Gold Tournament held at the Pismo State Beach Golf Course on May 8. The profits for this fundraiser, which benefits youth and other worthy programs of the church, totaled approximately \$1,300.

UMM Funding of Programs

Since the church youth group will not be sending anyone to camp this summer, it is raising money for Vacation Bible School. In addition to the fund raising help of the youth group, \$500 has been donated by UMM for Vacation Bible School expenses.

UMM has also donated \$200 for the School Kits project coordinated by Nancy Baughman.

Summer Break, The Curtains Goes Up For Fall Season

After a busy year, United Methodist Men are taking a summer break. We will resume exciting monthly 8:30 AM breakfast meetings this fall. Mark your calendars - the UMM usually meet on the third Saturday of each month; plan to join us. Refer to church bulletins and this newsletter for scheduling dates and topic updates. Curtains will go up for our fall schedule at Mission Inn, 601 James Way in Pismo Beach on September 18. The speaker will be Connie O'Henley, Executive Director of the Clark Center Performing Arts Association. Everyone is welcome at all UMM meetings.

We will also be serving an affordable and delicious pancake breakfast from 8:30 to 10:30 Am at the church on one Sunday during alternate months starting September 19, so watch for those announcements.

Submitted by Bill Weitkamp



Welcome Party Planned

The Welcome Party for the Chancel Choir is scheduled for Saturday, August 21st at the home of Irene Kliesch. Watch your e-mail and/or upcoming bulletins for more information. Choir Rehearsals will begin, Wednesday, September 1st at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. The Choir will be back in the pews on Sunday, September 12th. If you think that you might be interested in singing with the choir, join us for fun and fellowship at the Welcome party and/or come to the first rehearsal.

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
14th & 28th

WANTED!

Child Care/Nursery Care Provider

As we say "farewell" to Caitlin Herber, who will be attending Azusa Pacific University in the fall, we find ourselves in need of a Nursery Care Provider. This paid position will coordinate/oversee our Nursery care on Sundays from 8 AM—12 PM. A full job description & applications are available in the church office. If you feel God has blessed you with a gift in this area, we ask you to prayerfully consider applying for this special ministry position.



We recently celebrated July 4th and in that we think of our founding fathers. Sample some of the new pioneer publications we have on hand for example:

- "America's Godly Heritage," a DVD that reminds us that Christian principles have a proper role in education, in government, and in the affairs of the nation.
- Beverly Lewis latest series, "Seasons of Grace."

Check us out after services.
We have a self-check out!

A GRATIFYING VISIT WITH WIL & MARJORIE CAWELTI

by David E. Beaman



Finding their home on Alta Vista Way affirmed the desirable feature of living where "peace and quiet" prevail, as a privilege many of us do not have these days. A very steep hill focuses one's attention to drive very carefully, but also provides the benefit of discouraging unwanted visitors who could interrupt your privacy. They have totally enjoyed living in their current home for 41 years.

They joined our church in 1974 while Rev. Gorsline was the Pastor. Wilfred served on many committees over time including Board of Trustees and Finance. Marjorie has taught Sunday School and has served as Chairperson of Church Council. They remain regular attendees and have many long time friends in the congregation.

Wilfred was born in a Santa Maria, CA hospital, although his home was on the family homestead at Cuyama, in eastern Santa Barbara county. The farm produced alfalfa hay, cereal grains, hogs and cattle. He attended elementary classes in a *one room school*. One session year, he and his sister were the only students attending that school because Cuyama had a very small population spread over a vast area. Since there was no facility at Cuyama, he and his sister drove the daily 66 mile round trip to attend, and graduate from Taft High School. He attended Cal Berkeley to study Agricultural Economics and returned to the run the farm from the 1940's until 1961.

Marjorie was born in Chino Valley, CA also into a farm family, and attended a *two room* elementary school. Later the family moved to Riverside where she attended junior college. She went on to graduate with a degree in Elementary Education from UC Santa Barbara, a school she sought out, favored and loved for its beautiful location. Her first school teaching position was in Long Beach.

In the late 1940's, the little Cuyama area became a successful site for oil well exploration and the community was able to make improvements and needed upgrades to the schools. Marjorie's response to offers of furnished housing (named "*The Teachery*") plus good pay, was to make the move to live in Cuyama. She and Wilfred married in 1957 and two of their children, Carol and Mark, were born there.

The family moved to San Luis Obispo in late 1961, where Jean was born. Wilfred continued his education at Cal Poly SLO and UC Davis, from where he earned a Master's Degree in Agronomy. The family moved to Lancaster, CA while he was employed with UC Co-op Extension Service, offering agricultural expertise to the farming and cattle community. Their daughter Beth, was born in Lancaster. There are 7 grand-children.

As they moved from place to place, they continued to subscribe to the *SLO County Tribune* newspaper. Wilfred and Marjorie read an article about the upcoming retirement celebration for the Extension Service Agent in SLO County. They correctly determined that the opportunity would soon open for applications to fill the position and Wilfred took the steps to assure he would transfer to fill the job and return to SLO County, which had long been their goal to accomplish. As the family made numerous moves with Wilfred's career, Marjorie continued to teach in local schools.

Wilfred suffered a debilitating stroke in 1990. He enjoys reading "everything in sight". He and Marjorie work hard to successfully maintain his mobility and his participation in every possible activity. They fill their days with positive endeavors.

The 3 of us enjoyed a great visit. My life feels enriched to know them better. ~ DEB



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.

Faith-Hope-Love in Action was the theme of the UMW School of Christian Mission which was held July 23—25th, 2010 at Chapman University.

The June Cast-a-Net article named the study topics which would be used in that School, but now I would like to outline the books a little better in order that Circle Groups might have a better idea when choosing a study subject for the coming year.

- **For the Love of God, John's Letters**

This is a spiritual growth study, written by Justo L. and Catherine Gunsalus Gonzalez. This study offers an in-depth look at John's Letters. It seeks to answer who wrote the letters, to whom were they written originally and what do these letters mean today to us. Sounds very interesting!!!

- **JOY to the World-Global Christianity**

This is the social study. It was written by Dana L. Robert. "Joy to the World" is a shout of celebration penned by the great hymn writer Isaac Watts in 1819. Although it is a beloved Christmas carol, its message does not stop at Christmas Day. Its deeper message is not about the birth of a baby, but about fundamental changes brought into the world by the coming of Jesus Christ. Sounds very interesting!!!

- **Beauty and Courage of Sudan**

This study is a continuation of the 2010 study. The study book was written by Linda Beher. The study offers an extended portrait of Sudan. The core of Sudan is beauty, despite the ever present war, famine and drought, along with an interior beauty, the spirit of courage. This is richness of tradition, antiquity, cultures and natural resources. It is human interchange and endurance in all its mystery.

As Circle groups resume meetings in the fall and you are asked "What shall we study for next year?", I hope you will have some idea of the topics being recommended by the Women's Division and that one of them sounds inviting.

by Eva McClure, UMW publicity

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- HOPE
— JEREMIAH 29:11
- WISDOM
— ROMANS 12:6
- SPECIAL ABILITIES
— JAMES 1:5
- FORGIVENESS
— NEHEMIAH 9:17
- FAMILY
— GALATIANS 3:26

