The First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande Cast~A~A~Aet

"The Kingdom of God is like a net that was cast into the sea."

Matthew 13:47

January 2012

United in Christ,
Nurtured by the Spirit,
Immersed in God's Grace,
Treasuring the Scripture,
Educated for action,
Desiring God's Will,

Motivated for mission,
Enabling wholeness for all,
Trained for social action,

Helping bring world-wide shalom
Opening hearts to God,
Developing new ministries,

Including women of all colors,
Serving our neighbors,

Telling God's mission story,

We

Organize

Mission

Everywhere

Needed!

September 1992, Edith Tallent Sunday for Fort Worth West UMW Annual meeting

UMW Sunday January 8th

Faith, Hope and Love in Action

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

Happy New Year! I have enjoyed serving as Chair of United Methodist Women these past few

years. We will have UMW Sunday on January 8th, 2012 with Santa Barbara District President Beverly King as our guest speaker. Her subject will be "Let It Shine" and the role of United Methodist Women doing just that. We will also be having an installation of new officers.

Arroyo Grande UMC will be hosting the Santa Barbara District LOT (Local Officer Training) this year. It will be held on Saturday, January 21st, 2012 and the northern churches will be invited to attend at this time. On February 4th, Thousand Oaks UMC will host the southern Santa Barbara District churches.

Thanks again to our wonderful church for all the support you have given United Methodist Women in their fundraising efforts for local and global mission giving. ~ Virginia Mothes

UMWSteering

Monthly—watch for details on new time!

Committee

Circle OCircle

2nd Thursday of each month at 12 PM in the McMillen Room.

JOY OCirolo

3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in home of a member.

Mary-Martha OCircle

Last Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM in the McMillen Room.

WOW

OCircle

3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM in the McMillen Room.

Happy 2012 Church Family!

As one year closes and another begins, I want to say a very BIG <u>THANK YOU</u> for the ways, both seen and unseen, that you all continue to MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST. It is a privilege to be your Pastor. I deeply appreciate your expressions of love for my family always. We pray that this New Year will be full of God's blessings for you and *your* family.

<u>Remember:</u> New Years Day is ONE service at 10:30 AM with the Lord's Wranglers—with gospel worship music. We will see you there!



Together in ministry,

January Sermon Series & Wednesday Night Bible Study

Welcome 2012! Another Year to Study and Grow in God's Word.	These are just a few of the ways that UMC into God's Word a little deeper. There is Pastor David, our Education and Ministry Dir suggestions or new ideas for studies and small ground child. Let us know how we can in	always room for growth! rectors are always open to oups—for any age, adult, youth
Sunday, January 1	10:30 AM Gospel Music Service— With worship led by The Lord's Wranglers (One Service)
Wednesday, January 4	6:00 PM 2012 General Conference—Part 1	led by Judy Atwood
Sunday, January 8	 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM UMW Sunday - Santa Barbara District President Beverly King 9:45 AM Disciples Discussion Group 6:00 PM "How To Study The Bible" led 	
Wednesday, January 11	6:00 PM 2012 General Conference - Part 2	led by Judy Atwood
Sunday, January 15	 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services 9:45 AM Disciples Discussion Group 6:00 PM "How To Study The Bible" 	led by Mike Herber
	5 Weeks—Making Disciples of Jesus (Christ
Wednesday, January 18	6:00 PM "A Look At Invitational Discipleship"	led by S. Coho
Sunday, January 22	 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services 9:45 AM Disciples Discussion Group 6:00 PM "How To Study The Bible" 	led by Mike Herber
Wednesday, January 25	6:00 PM "A Look At Invitational Discipleship"	led by S. Coho
Sunday, January 29	 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services 9:45 AM Disciples Discussion Group 6:00 PM "How To Study The Bible" 	led by Mike Herber

Please Note: Sunday Disciples Discussion Group and Wednesday Adult Bible Study are both held in the McMillen Room



Happy 2012!

the Teens lt's Soup-er Bowl time! Look for the Soup-er Bowl of Caring bucket in Criswell Hall beginning January 1, 2012. The youth will again be collecting canned goods

and non-perishable food items until 02/05/12, **Soup-er Bowl Sunday**. That day we will have one last drive to the goal line with our tables set up and we will even have canned food you can buy to put in the bucket, in case you forgot your cans at home. All food collected will be given to the *Five Cities Christian Women's Food Bank* and any money raised from the selling of canned food will go to support our Compassion International child, Blandy. Thanks for helping us to make a "touchdown" and give back to the local community and the community at large.

In His Service, Mike and Lou



We Trust That You Had A Merry Christmas!

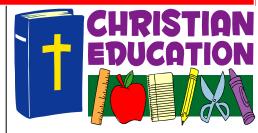
Now it's time to say "Happy New Year!" As we welcome in 2012, we want to share some of the things coming up this year!

Our Children's Ministries is growing Sunday school volunteers -Victoria

so quickly! Many thanks to our Sunday school volunteers -Victoria Gandy, Eileen Odom, Leona Beerup, Adeline Bottorff and Sarah Burgeson as well as the staff, Carolyn Russell, Kassondra Quaglino. You are so faithful to the growing hearts of these little ones.

2012 will bring with it new things. We are hoping to start a children's choir and have special programs for our church through out the year. Some of these will include the children's mission project—we are open to new ideas; Kids will be earning *Bible Bucks* as the bring their Bibles, learn the scriptures, and bring friends; A "Rock the Block" party when school is out to encourage community involvement; VBS is on it's way so get your calendars marked for the week of June 18th. What else? Oh my...so many fun things to do!

Have a blessed 2012 and we look forward to seeing you Sundays. Look for our new bulletin board in Criswell Hall and see what we have been up to.



6 Week Adult Study <u>HOW TO STUDY THE BI-</u> BLE

This study provides a basic overview in how to look at the bible from six different vantage points in order to more correctly interpret the meaning of scripture—*Textual, Historic, Literary, Theological, Exegetical, and Devotional.* Participants will be taught how to easily utilize resources along with hands on practice to help clarify their study and interpretation of God's Word.

Study begins Sunday, January 8th, 2012 at 6 PM in McMillen Room led by Mike Herber. Books, *Six Ways to Study the Bible*, can be purchased through the church office (cost \$16).

2012 General Conference *Part 1 & 2*

In two parts, this class on January 4th & 11th is led by Judy Atwood. This short class will go deeper into the process of the General Conference and the topics on the table for decision in 2012.

We hope you will attend this 6 PM Wednesday evening class in the McMillen Room.



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

day of the meeting.

* EXTRA! EXTRA! * Men's News

Submitted by Val McClure, UMM Publicity for UMC of AG

ary 8th. A few tickets will be available at the door the

Men To Hear Slovakian Adventure

On January 21, 2012 at 8:30 am in Criswell Hall, the Methodist Men will hear an exciting presentation by Pastor Randy from the St. John Lutheran Church on his adventures over the past 4 years taking groups from various churches to Martin Slovakia. The lay groups have ranged from 10 to 15 people and in their 3 week stay in that country they've taught conversational English to the Slovakian people in a Lutheran Bible camp. His presentation will include the history of Martin Slovakia which at one time was part of Yugoslavia and under Russian domination . The experience gives the layman an opportunity to share their life with Christ and to fellowship with the Slovakian people. The program will include a power point presentation of his journeys. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers at the end of the presentation.

The meeting will include a catered breakfast at \$9 per person. Women and friends are invited to attend this meeting. Because the meal is catered you are urged to sign-up prior to the meeting date. Tickets will be available in Criswell Hall starting Janu-

Pancakes Are Coming!

On Sunday, January 22, 2012 the Methodist men will offer their famous Pancake Breakfast. The meal will be served from 9 AM to 10:15 AM in Criswell Hall. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit cup, orange juice, coffee and hot chocolate will be served at \$5 adult and \$1 for children under 10 years of age. Tickets are available at the door. This is a great chance to meet the members of early service as they eat breakfast with the 2nd service participants. Mark your calendars and plan on participating.

Happy New Year - Happy New Year - Happy New Year

Tiendship and too

The **UMC** of **AG People's Kitchen Team** serves hot meals to the needy in our community at the *Shouts of Grace Church* in Grover Beach on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. The team leaves UMC of AG at 11:30 AM with eager hearts for service.

Our team also distributes NEW socks, gently used clean clothes, and small travelsized toiletries *are a CONSTANT need.*

Meals Served
December 2011: 372

YTD: 2,634

Socks Distributed
December 2011: 252

YTD: 3,769

Got Donations? Wanna Serve?

Contact the Ashtons on Sundays or the UMC of AG church office anytime.



Library News

Start the **New Year** by reading a book. We'll be happy to assist you!

Check us in the Library between and after services on Sundays!

- Yellow Umbrella News - Mission & Social Concerns

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: JUDY ATWOOD

This month I am sharing information about the Human Relations special offering and an upcoming opportunity to learn about General Conference.

Human Relations Sunday January 15

Jan. 15 is Human Relations Day, one of six United Methodist Special Sundays with offering. Your Human Relations Day offering supports vital community ministries that teach and advocate for justice, especially among people struggling to survive on the margins of society.

Human Relations Day happens the Sunday immediately following the observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

The offering supports youth offender rehabilitation ministries through the General Board of Church & Society, and the General Board of Global Ministries' Community Developers and United Methodist Voluntary Services programs

More Exploration

General Conference of the UMC will be this coming spring. If you want to learn more about how this process happens and the structure of our church, I would invite you to come on Wednesday evenings Jan. 4 and 11 at 6 p.m. for a time of discovery of how this happens. Come at 5 p.m. and enjoy supper as well. I have been to General Conference as a delegate several times and look forward to sharing and answering your questions.

THANKS FOR SPECIAL GIVING AND MINISTRY RESPONSES.

I continue to say thank you on behalf of the recipients of all the special givings which you have shared with others. You continue to amaze me. If you are interested in working with the Yellow Umbrella next year please let me know.

Let us count the ways where you are plugged into mission and ministry of the United Methodist Church.

I celebrate you!!!

Many hands can do many things!

Special Giving Updates	2011
Domestic Disaster Response	298.00
Five Cities Christian Women	174.00
Goat for Haitian Goat Farm	50.00
Haiti Relief	50.00
Japan Relief	1830.00
Julie/ David Elmore (Alaska)	150.00
Methodist Student Day	300.00
Mule for Haitian Goat Farm	350.00
Native American Ministries	409.00
Nothing But Nets	517.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	785.00
Peace with Justice	307.00
People's Kitchen	1183.28
So. County Food Bank	1483.78
Spring Storms	405.00
VBS Mission Project	249.29
World Communion Sunday	586.00
Your Giving TOTAL	9,127.35



☆ Our Parsonage Fund saw a rise in value by \$12,000 to \$161,137. Our budgeted account is out of money; our non-budget account is out of money; And Sarah's Office Account which buys the coffee supplies and kitchen supplies has been out of funds for the past 6 months. How can I be out of money...I have more checks! But, onward and upward.

- ↑ I am still looking for a company that will tune and maintain the church organ.
- Another light in the parking lot is out and we still need a lift to repair the one light in the Sanctuary.
- Now that the roof above the Sanctuary has been replaced, we are repairing the damage the leaks caused.
- The tool closet just outside the McMillen Room has been re-keyed. There will be a key in the office with a red cap. I am asking you to sign out the key if you need access to the closet. I have already received some used tools which I gladly accepted. Thank you very much for the help.
- 🖈 I have already turned in our 2012 budget. It got a smile out of Joel. I like to make people happy. It was \$1,000 less than he anticipated. I doubt if I'll be able to stay within it, but he smiled for a while.
- We have informed the landscaping company that we'll no longer use their services as of January 1. As a Church, we'll maintain the property ourselves. Since the last work party was a success, lets do it again. Maybe once a quarter from 9 to 11:30. Give me your inputs. The work would center on yard work and some small projects.
- ☆ The Board of Trustees would like to wish all of our brothers and sisters in Christ a beautiful and a bright 2012.
- ~ May the Lord take a liking to each and every one of you. Tom Egan, Chair—Board of Trustees



as of 12/26/11

Monthly Budget \$22,000.

Received to Date \$22,927.

Difference

+ \$927.





Sunday	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	Nursery	Kids/Youth	Teachers	TOTAL
12/4	30	110	0	11/12	6	169
12/11	46	120	1	13/7	6	183
12/18	52	116	1	10/8	6	193
12/25—ONE service	n/a	94	1	6/in service	2	103
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SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT

Lay Speaking Ministries

Cal-Pac Conference United Methodist Church
Northern Santa Barbara District

Presents



LAY SPEAKERS SCHOOL

Three Classes offered for: Beginning, Local Church and Certified Lay Speakers

Dates: 2 Saturdays: January 28, 2012 AND February 4, 2012

Times: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Location: Arroyo Grande United Methodist Church

275 North Halcyon Rd, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Cost (per person): \$25.00 (includes materials & refreshments and lunch at each class)

3 CLASSES OFFERED (schedule only allows one class per student):



#1 Basic Course in Lay Speaking: Lay Speaking Ministry is more than just speaking!
This ministry goes beyond filling in for the pastor or speaking in public. Teaching, serving, training, leading, participating, caring, loving, and communicating are now integral parts of Lay Speaking Ministries. (Required first course for all beginning lay speakers)



#2 Lay Speakers Lead Small Groups: This course is designed to help persons prepare for leadership of those interested in study, personal growth, and action. Participants will be guided through resources that will help them continue to grow. Skills in starting and keeping a small group going will be developed (Prerequisite: Basic Course)



#3 From Your Heart to Theirs – Delivering an Effective Sermon: The objective of this course is to help you hone your preaching skills. The training will include groundwork to help you present a short sermon. (Prerequisite: Basic Course)

For More Info: Contact Rev. Jane Voigts 805-543-7580, pastor@sloumc.com or Rev. Dave Burgeson 805-481-2692, revdmbumc@sbcqlobal.net

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San Luis Obispo UMC, 1515 Fredericks St, SLO, CA 93405; grannynpa@sbcglobal.net
Make checks payable to "SLOUMC"

Name:	Church/District:	
Address:	City:	Zip
Best Ph#: ()	Email:	5-00-0
Circle Course No.: #1 #2 #3 Pa	astor's Recommendation Initials:	(for new lay speakers,

Please Call Sandy Smeltzer to Register by phone or Send/Email Your Registration by Jan 15, 2012

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Inserts

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- ☆ AG UM CC Chronicle



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10:30 AM Traditional Service &

Children's Sunday School

ble" (MMR)

6 PM "How To Study The Bi-

7 PM Women of Prayer (S)

7:30 PM AlAnon (MMR)

7:30 PM AlaTeen (211)

6:25 PM Boundaries for

7:30 PM Ladies Christian

12-Step to Recovery (211)

Ladies (room 211)

JANUARY 2012



Sunday Monday Wednesday Friday Saturday Tuesday **Thursday** 8:30 AM Senior Exercise 8:30 AM Senior Exer-8:30 AM Senior Exer-12:30 PM Adventures OFFICE CLOSED AG UM CC Group (CH) cise Group (CH) cise Group (CH) of Dr. Chess (215) Spirit Day - wear your 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 9 AM EOC Senior 10 AM Intercessory shirts! 5 PM Champion Youth Self YEAR'S 5 PM Grande Ringers Health Screening (N/L) Praver (L) Defense & Safety Aware-11:30 AM People's 5:20 PM Mom & Dad Factor 5 PM Free Fellowship 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) ness (CH) Coffee Hour -Group for Ladies (211) Kitchen - leave to serve Dinner (CH) 3:30 PM AG UM CC 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) **Finance Committee** 6:25 PM Boundaries for 6 PM 2012 Gen Conf #1 5 PM Aloud Bible Read-Closed 7 PM Men's Bible Study 10:30 AM Gospel Music Service Ladies (room 211) (MMR) ina (S) 4 PM AG UM CC Staff (215)with the Lord's Wranglers 7 PM Trustees (MMR) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 5 PM Grande Ringers Development (MMR) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) (No 8:30 AM service today) 7:30 PM Ladies Christian 12-7 PM UM Youth Group 7PM Red Umbrella 7:30 PM AlAnon (MMR) **UN-hanging of the Green** Step (211) (215)(MMR) 7:30 PM AlaTeen (211) after service-join us! 10 11 12 United 5 PM Champion Youth -8:30 AM Senior Exercise 8:30 AM Senior Exer-8:30 AM Senior Exer-8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 12:30 PM Adventures Methodist Self Defense & Safety of Dr. Chess (215) Group (CH) cise Group (CH) cise Group (CH) Women 6:30 PM Praise Team Awareness (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 11 AM Blue Umbrella 10 AM Intercessory 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 10:30 AM Communications Praver (L) Rehearsal (S) (MMR) UMW Sunday 12 PM Esther Circle 7 PM Men's Bible Study 12:30 PM Alzheimer's Coffee Hour -5 PM Grande Ringers Association Care Giver (MMR) **JOY Circle** Support Group (MMR) 5:20 PM Mom & Dad Factor 5 PM Áloud Bible Read-7 PM Women of Prayer (S 8:30 AM Contemporary Service & 7:30 PM AlAnon (MMR) Group for Ladies (211) **5 PM** Free Fellowship ing (S) Kid's Sunday School 7:30 PM AlaTeen (211) 6 PM Arroyo Grande MS **5 PM** Grande Ringers Dinner (CH) 9:45 AM "Dig Deeper" Disciples Support Group (MMR) 6 PM 2012 Gen Conf #2 Group (MMR) 6:25 PM Boundaries for (MMR) 10:30 AM Traditional Service & Ladies (room 211) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) Children's Sunday School 7:30 PM Ladies Christian 12 7 PM UM Youth Group 12 PM SPRC (MMR) Step to Recovery (211) (215)11:45 PM Green Umbrella 6 PM "How To Study The Bible" (MMR) 15 18 19 20 Coffee Hour -8:30 AM Senior Exercise 8:30 AM Senior Exer-8:30 AM Senior Exer-8:30 AM Bible Study (L) **UMW District Meeting Esther Circle** Group (CH) cise Group (CH) cise Group (CH) 12 PM Alzheimer's (all-church) 9 AM Clergy Cluster ((211) 8:30 AM UMM Break-**5 PM** Free Fellowship 10 AM Intercessory Support Group for Adult **Human Relations Sunday** 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) Prayer (L) Children of Parents fast Meeting (TBA) Dinner (CH) 6 PM Making Disciples 11:30 AM People's 12:30 PM Adventures 2 PM Preschool Board -(MMR) 8:30 AM Contemporary Service & closed session (MMR) of Jesus Christ Part II Kitchen - leave to serve of Dr. Chess (215) **OFFICE CLOSED** Kid's Sunday School 3:30 PM Preschool Board -5 PM Aloud Bible Read-(MMR) 9:45 AM "Dig Deeper" Disciples open session (MMR) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) ing (S) 5 PM Champion Youth Group (MMR) **5 PM** Grande Ringers 5 PM Grande Ringers 7 PM UM Youth Group Outreach - Self Defense & 10:30 AM Traditional Service & 5:20 PM Mom & Dad Factor (215)6:30 PM Women of Safety Awareness (CH) Children's Sunday School Worth - WOW (MMR) Group for Ladies (211) 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 6 PM "How To Study The Bi-6:25 PM Boundaries for 7 PM Finance (MMR) 7 PM Men's Bible Study ble" (MMR) Ladies (room 211) (215)7 PM JOY Circle (at a mem-7 PM Women of Prayer (S) ber's home) 7:30 PM AlAnon (MMR) Bell Choir 7:30 PM Ladies Christian 12-7:30 PM AlaTeen (211) Sunday Step to Recovery (211) 22 26 Pancake Breakfast 5:00 PM Champion Youth 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 12:30 PM Adventures 8:30 AM Senior Exercise 8:30 AM Senior Exer-8:30 AM Senior Exer-Outreach - Self Defense & Group (CH) cise Group (CH) cise Group (CH) of Dr. Chess (215) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 10 AM Intercessory 6:30 PM Praise Team 8:30 AM Contemporary Service & Safety Awareness (CH) 9:30 AM Mary-Martha 6:30 PM 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Circle (MMR) Kid's Sunday School Prayer (L) Children's Center Rehearsal (S) 9:45 AM "Dia Deeper" Disciples 7 PM Men's Bible Study 5:20 PM Mom & Dad Factor 5 PM Free Fellowship 1 PM Yellow Umbrella Taco Bar & Regatta Group (MMR) Group for Ladies (211) Dinner (CH) 9 AM-3 PM (MMR) Painting Party (CH) Lay Speaking Class 10:30 AM Traditional Service & 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) 6:25 PM Boundaries for 6 PM Making Disciples 4 PM Book Club (MMR) Children's Sunday School 7:30 PM AlAnon (MMR) of Jesus Christ Part II 5 PM Aloud Bible Read-(MMR/211/CH) Ladies (room 211) 1:30 PM UMC of AG Charge 7:30 PM AlaTeen (211) 7:30 PM Ladies Christian 12 (MMR) ina (S) Conference (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) Step to Recovery (211) 6 PM "How To Study The Bi-7 PM UM Youth Group ble" (MMR) (215)29 Coffee Hour -5 PM Champion Youth 8:30 AM Senior Exercise **Church Council** Outreach - Self Defense & Group (CH) 8:30 AM Contemporary Service & 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) Safety Awareness (CH) Kid's Sunday School 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers 9:45 AM "Dig Deeper" Disciples 7 PM Men's Bible Study 5:20 PM Mom & Dad Factor (215)Group (MMR) Group for Ladies (211)

Walk To Emmaus

Weekends Coming Soo

The Walk to Emmaus experience is a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the Church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The "Emmans Community" is made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend. The community supports the 72-hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love and self-giving. The Emmans Women's Walk #46 Walk typically begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Men and women attend separate weekends.

During and after the three days, Emmaus leaders encourage participants to meet regularly in small groups. The members of the small groups challenge and support one another in faithful living. Participants seek to Christianize their environments of family, job, and community through the ministry of their congregations. The three-day Emmaus experience and follow-up groups strengthen and renew Christian people as disciples of Jesus Christ and as active members of the body of Christ in mission to the world.



February 23-26

March 1-4



Date	Meeting	Time
1/3	Trustees	7 PM
1/5	People's Kitchen	11:30 AM
1/5	Red Umbrella	7 PM
1/8	Staff-Parish	12 PM
1/8	Green Umbrella	11:30 PM
1/10	Communications	10:30 AM
1/11	Blue Umbrella	11 AM
1/12	Esther Circle	12 PM
1/17	Preschool Board	
	<i>Closed</i> session <i>Open</i> session	2 PM 3:30 PM
1/17	JOY Circle	7 PM
1/19	Finance	7 PM
1/19	People's Kitchen	11:30 AM
1/21	UMW District Mtg	AU-Day
1/21	UMM Meeting	8:30 AM
1/22	UMC of AG Charge	1:30 PM
	Conf.	
1/25	Mary Martha Circle	9:30 AM
1/26	Book Club	4 PM
1/28	Lay Speaking Class	9 AM-3
		7/%

Celebrating a

Phil McKibben	1/2	Nancy Baughman	1/17
Doris Rice	1/3	Caitlin Herber	1/17
Alex Paredes	1/4	Tracy Regusci	1/18
C. J. Cochran	1/4	Art Moore	1/20
John Neel	1/4	Russell Ewick	1/20
Karen Marshall	1/5	Jim Alquist	1/20
Alonzo Ferrari	1/6	Judy Leonard	1/22
Polly Monson	1/6	Madge Young	1/24
Norm Henderson	1/7	Pat Conover	1/26
Charles Lang	1/7	Lynn Stewart	1/27
Matthew Rohla	1/9	Barbara Schilkoff	1/28
Jim Duffin	1/10	Mary Throndson	1/29
Robert Gandy	1/10	Jordan Henderson	1/29
Bill Brown	1/14	Eileen Odom	1/29
Carolyn Russell	1/15	Ed Avila	1/29
Lexi Raetz	1/15	Patrick Spalding	1/31

