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# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ARROYO GRANDE

# Cast~A~Net

The Kingdom of God is like a net that was cast into the sea. -Matthew 13:47

March 2012



**On Sunday, February 19th, Pastor David shared with us these words:**  
*"The church is still God's hope for the world. Through Christ's Church the manifold wisdom of God will be made known. It is God's intention for that to happen, therefore it will. If we want to be a generation that experiences the joy of God and see God's promises come to life, then we must begin today to boldly put our faith in God's ability to use us for decisive acting. When we do, we will one day awaken to the reality of a renewed church. Not an irrelevant church struggling to get by, but a church that cannot be contained; a church that is so effectively used by God that the gates of hell will no longer stand against it."* (*Deepening Your Effectiveness*, Glover & Levy, pg. 224)

**What a powerful statement!** In Matthew 16:18, Jesus says to Peter, "I say to you that you are Peter (*which means 'rock'*), and upon this rock I will build my church, *and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.*" God wants everyone to have a personal relationship with Him through His Son, Jesus Christ. It is our hope that utilizing this pathway will help new believers in Christ as they become part of the Body of Christ and begin their faith journey.

**The Discipleship Pathway for the United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande** is scripture based and Christ centered. With a quick glance, the world can see who we are as a church and part of the Body of Christ.

**FIRST, we want to Know Christ.** We, as a community of believers, identify unchurched persons, who are new to the idea of Christ or are ready to rededicate their life to Christ. Our goal is to give opportunities for everyone to watch and grow in Christ with the United Methodist Church (UMC). We learn about the church 'body' governed by Christ, the Core Beliefs that unite all Christians, and the Core Values that make the UMC unique in God's family.

**SECONDLY, we nurture and Grow In Christ.** We realize the importance of walking with Christ. We understand that it is important to study the Bible and connect with one another in small groups. This creates opportunities for new or re-dedicated believers to learn and actively participate in life with Jesus. In these groups, we learn to deepen the ways we apply the Word of God to our lives, making the things we learn in church part of our daily lives. It is through this that we begin to discover our God given Spiritual Gifts for His call and use on our life.

**LASTLY, we will Go, Share Christ.** Here we become dedicated followers of Christ, having entered into fellowship with other mature committed believers and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Our Heart's desire is to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ—that is to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20).

It is through this pathway of knowing Christ, growing in Christ, and sharing Christ as led by the Holy Spirit, we—the **First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande**— will make disciples of Jesus Christ.



**Hello all!** I shared with you a little about Spiritual Gifts in this past month in our talks about discipleship. I have had many responses and thought I would offer you all an opportunity to survey YOUR gifts. Here is a version of a Spiritual Gifts Inventory. I pray that you learn something new about yourself, and that the Lord validates a gift you may pose which you may have been questioning until now. God Bless!

## Spiritual Gifts Inventory

This is **not a test** so there are no wrong answers. The Spiritual Gifts Inventory consists of 80 statement items. Some items reflect concrete actions; other items are descriptive traits; and still others are statements of belief. **Here are some helpful hints to keep in mind:**

- ☆ **Take your time.** There is no need to rush.
- ☆ **Go with your first response.** That is usually your real belief.
- ☆ **Do not ask for help from others**— these are your personal opinions and experiences.
- ☆ Select the one response that **best describes you.**

- \_\_\_ 1. I am able to organize ideas, things, time, and people for more effective results.
- \_\_\_ 2. I receive much joy from working with my hands at various arts and crafts.
- \_\_\_ 3. I find that my skills in building or repairing objects benefits others.
- \_\_\_ 4. I like sharing with other people how God has changed my life.
- \_\_\_ 5. I am able to share words of encouragement with those who are struggling in life.
- \_\_\_ 6. There have been times when I have felt sure I knew God's specific will for the future, even if others haven't been sure.
- \_\_\_ 7. I am so confident that God will meet my needs that I give to God sacrificially and consistently.
- \_\_\_ 8. I find joy in being a help to someone who can utilize my help and concern.
- \_\_\_ 9. My home is always open to people passing through who need a place to stay.
- \_\_\_ 10. When I am asked to pray for others, I feel that my prayers will have tangible results.

- \_\_\_ 11. Oftentimes, I am able to perceive what is the heart or mind of another person without them telling me.
- \_\_\_ 12. I am able to motivate people into getting things done.
- \_\_\_ 13. I enjoy doing things to comfort people during sickness or times of problems or anxiety.
- \_\_\_ 14. When I sing, I feel a great sense of joy.
- \_\_\_ 15. I would appreciate being involved in an instrumental music presentation.
- \_\_\_ 16. I appreciate being called on to do things for other people.
- \_\_\_ 17. I have enjoyed relating to a certain group of people over a long period of time, sharing personally in their successes and failures.
- \_\_\_ 18. I feel that I can communicate Biblical truths to others so they are helped.
- \_\_\_ 19. When important decisions need to be made, I sense a confidence in God's guidance.
- \_\_\_ 20. When I use my ability to write, I know that others will learn and grow from it.
- \_\_\_ 21. I am able to plan and administer programs which will be of benefit to others.
- \_\_\_ 22. I enjoy the times that I am able to create beautiful items with my hands.
- \_\_\_ 23. I enjoy the work necessary for gardening, landscaping, and other projects.
- \_\_\_ 24. I feel comfortable telling others how God has changed my life.
- \_\_\_ 25. I am able to talk with and build up those who are having difficulties in life, whether they are in despair, sorrow, or not sure of themselves.

\*\*\* NOTE: Items 50-80 are continued on insert.



## PASTOR HAROLD HANGS UP HIS ROBE

**On February 26th, Pastor Harold put on his robe a final time to participate in our 10:30 AM worship service.** After retiring as a senior pastor in ministry for over 50 years, Pastor Harold took up the mantle here at UMC of AG as the Minister of Visitation. Together, Harold and Clydean, have contributed to many parts of our church in varied ministries.

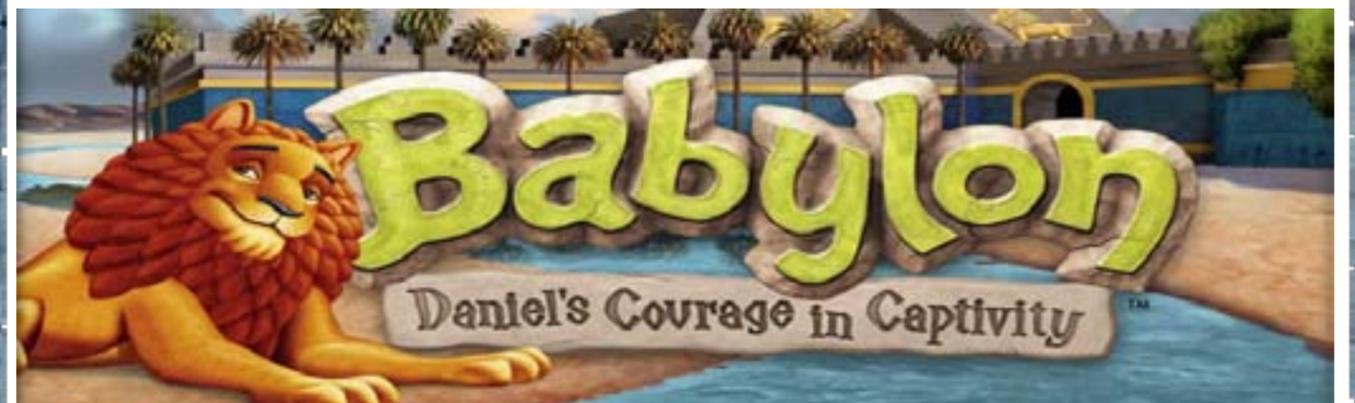
We will miss him as a participant in our weekly church services, and are certain to see them in the church pews. Be sure to take a minute to tell them BOTH how much we appreciate their service to the Lord and his church. *We wish them well.*

**Happy Retirement and our prayers go with you.**



JAMIE FOSTER PRESENTS  
**The Life of Saint Patrick**  
 MARCH 17 @ 7 PM  
 UMC OF AG SANCTUARY  
 ADMISSION IS FREE!

## SEE WHAT EVERYONE'S ROARING ABOUT!



**JUNE 18 - 22, 2012**

# Children's Church

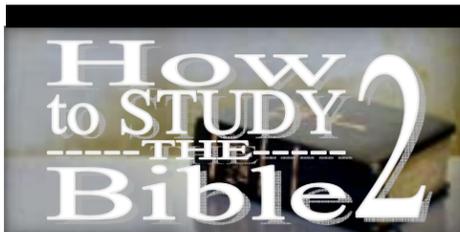
8:30 & 10:30 AM  
ALL elementary kids meet in the Sanctuary at the beginning of worship and sit on the front pews and are dismissed after our **Children's Moment** (with teachers) to room 211 .



**SUNDAYS - 9:45 AM**  
Pastor David gives us a message—this group will take it a little further. Come join us in the McMillen Room.



**SUNDAYS - 10:30 AM**  
**WEDNESDAYS - 7 PM**  
Join these 6th-12th grade young people and dive into the life of a teen living for Christ (room 215).



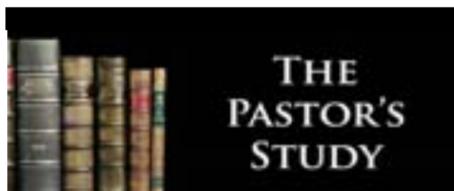
**SUNDAYS - 6 PM**  
Join us in the McMillen room and learn different ways to see (and hear) God's Word.



**MONDAYS - 7 PM**  
All men seeking God's will for their lives are welcome to join us in room 215. We are working through a study on the book of Amos.



**MONDAYS - 7 PM**  
The Women of Prayer meet in the Sanctuary, seeking the will of God for this church, our families, our community, and the world. Join us...  
**RAIN or SHINE.**



**All-Church WEDNESDAYS**  
• ADULTS - 6 PM  
• KIDS NIGHT OUT - 6 PM  
• YOUTH - 7 PM  
Weekly, Pastor David spreads the Word of God via his sermon series and study. This is another way that we as a whole church can take Jesus with us and live as disciples.  
Be sure to join us at 5 PM for a FREE fellowship dinner before we start our night's activities.



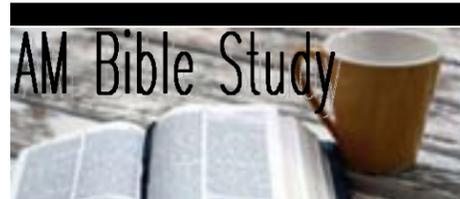
**WEDNESDAYS—9 AM**  
Join us every week as we clean-up the house of the Lord. Come and contribute as you are able.



**THURSDAYS - 10 AM**  
The prayers are lifted up each week by our **Intercessory Prayer Group**. These prayer warriors meet and pray for our church, community and ANY spoken or unspoken requests given to our church. **Come pray with us!**



**THURSDAYS - 5 PM**  
—RAIN OR SHINE—  
Come to the Sanctuary and read the Bible **out loud**. Be a part of this time to bless the Lord and speak His Word which never returns void.



**FRIDAYS — 8:30 AM**  
Meet weekly in the Library and join us for the Bible and fresh Brew...goodies too!  
**STUDY IS OPEN TO EVERYONE!**

# LENT Sermon Series & Bible Study

<b>Sunday, March 4</b> <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services -</li> <li>Sermon Series—Week Two: <i>Final Words From The Cross</i> "Behold Your Son...Behold Your Mother"</li> <li>9:45 AM Sermon Disciples Discussion Group</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, March 7</b>	6:00 PM Lenten Study: Into the <i>Final Words From the Cross</i> Week Three: "My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"
<b>Sunday, March 11</b> <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> <b>ONE SERVICE SUNDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:30 AM Worship Services</li> <li>Sermon Series—Week Three: <i>Final Words From The Cross</i> "My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, March 14</b>	6:00 PM Lenten Study: Into the <i>Final Words From the Cross</i> Week Four: "Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise"
<b>Sunday, March 18</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</li> <li>Sermon Series—Week Four: <i>Final Words From The Cross</i> "Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise"</li> <li>9:45 AM Sermon Disciples Discussion Group</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, March 21</b>	6:00 PM Lenten Study: Into the <i>Final Words From the Cross</i> Week Five: "I Thirst"
<b>Sunday, March 25</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</li> <li>Sermon Series—Week Five: <i>Final Words From The Cross</i>—"I Thirst"</li> <li>9:45 AM Sermon Disciples Discussion Group</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, March 28</b>	6:00 PM Lenten Study: Into the <i>Final Words From the Cross</i> Week Six: "It Is Finished...Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit"
<b>Sunday, April 1</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</li> <li>Sermon Series—Week Six: <i>Final Words From The Cross</i> "It Is Finished...Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit"</li> <li>9:45 AM Sermon Disciples Discussion Group</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, April 4</b>	6:00 PM Wednesday Pastor's Study
<b>Sunday, April 8</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</li> <li><b>Resurrection Celebration</b></li> <li>9:45 AM Sermon Disciples Discussion Group</li> </ul>

**Please Note:**  
Discussion Groups and Studies and are held in the McMillen Room

Pastor David, our Spiritual Education, and our other Ministry Directors are always open to suggestions or new ideas for studies and small groups—for any age, adult, youth and child.  
Let us know how we can meet your needs.



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

Val McClure, UMM Publicity for UMC of AG

### METHODIST MEN TO HEAR FROM SPY LADY

The March meeting of the UMM will focus around the Spy Museum in Washington DC. The meeting will be held in Criswell Hall on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. The speaker will be Jennifer Saxton who worked as a media consultant for the Museum. She will show slides on some of the latest spy-ware as part of her presentation. The meeting will include a full breakfast menu and be served before the presentation. Cost is \$9 per person. As the meal is catered, tickets will be sold in advance for the event - available in Criswell Hall starting Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the day of the event for \$10. Contact Tom Egan, Wayne Huggins or Val McClure for more information.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Will be held on **Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** from 9 AM to 10:30 AM. The now world famous event will be serving scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, fresh fruit, coffee, hot chocolate and tea: \$5 for adults and \$1 for ages 10 and under. As it is St. Patrick's Day weekend, look out - something may be green (ever eaten green pancakes)? Save the date and help the men raise money for the youth of our church.

# IRON SHARPENS IRON

“...so one man  
sharpens another.”  
Proverbs 27:17

### TIME FOR A NEW LIFE ADVENTURE

Has your life seemed a little flat lately? Have you longed for an activity to stimulate your mind and give life new purpose? - Here is an idea as easy as 1,2,3 and you can sign up today. Consider applying for service to your community on the San Luis Grand Jury. The one year commitment will take you into a whole new world of friendship and interest. The 19 person Jury is picked from about 50 applicants a year and serves twice a week. This amounts to about 20 hours a week. A juror receives \$15 a month and is reimbursed for mileage. You would be interviewed for the position by a former Jury member and will have a full working knowledge of the job if you are chosen to serve. You would come away with a better understanding of how our County works and some of the problems related to police, jails, county government, etc. At the end of your service you are eligible to join the FGJA (Former Grand Jury Association) for monthly meetings with former Jury members. For further information or applications contact Val McClure .



### Adeline Bottorff-- Always Giving Her Time and Talent Serving the Needs of Our Church.

*It takes a LOT of voluntary service from congregation members to make the church mission successful and we are blest to have many members who share their time plus their commitment to serve in meeting that goal. New Volunteers are Always Welcome too!*

Adeline is a good example of a member who is often seen doing voluntary tasks whenever one drops by the church. She is a long time member of United Methodist Women, Joy Circle, an existing member of the original Preschool Board, volunteers with Yellow Umbrella activities, serves as substitute with Peoples Kitchen, participates in Friday morning Bible Studies and does weekly maintaining and replenishing of up-to-date content in all the pew racks in the sanctuary.

Adeline grew up in Merced County, CA and when it was time for college she chose to pursue school teaching of elementary school age children. The earliest part of her college life began at San Jose State University then finished at Anderson University and Theological Seminary in Anderson, Indiana. She taught two years on a provisional credential before returning to school to obtain her BS in Education.

She met a fellow teacher at a teacher's conference in Asilomar and married Harry Bottorff, in the Merced Methodist Church in 1958. They lived and taught in Fresno for 8 years. Harry taught Social Sciences to high school students and also coached after school athletics. In 1966, new opportunities opened for them and the family, including their daughter, moved to San Luis Obispo. When Harry was coaching the

girls' basketball team, Adeline kept score for him during the games. She also supervised the girls showers for him after the games. Harry also, was an assistant coach for 2 of the football coaches and scouted for them. Adeline eventually attained 2 graduate Education degrees as a Reading Specialist at Cal Poly, SLO.

They shared their home as Foster Parents to 2 different children during their working years. The family enjoyed several vacation trips to their favorite destination, Vancouver Island, B. C. When they moved to Bee Canyon, near Arroyo Grande, they raised and sold Christmas trees for 4 years before letting the trees mature.

Adeline had taught in the Scandinavian School District and the Lone Star School District in Fresno County and then in the Lucia Mar Unified School District for 30 total years. Harry had taught in Fresno and at San Luis Obispo High School for 33 total years before they retired in 1989. They became members of Arroyo Grande United Methodist Church during the time Rev. Ehrhardt Lang was pastor.

After Harry passed away, Adeline joined the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program for foster children in the court system. Seeing the need for foster parent homes, she became an emergency care foster parent. It was a rewarding endeavor to give children some stability and love until they could be placed in a more permanent environment or reunited with a parent. The youngest was a "preemie" baby boy (4.2 pounds) and the longest was a girl in her home for one year.

Adeline is especially proud of her time serving on the Board of the AGUMC Preschool and Children's Center. It has given her the opportunity to extend some of her career experience to help perpetuate the many successes the Pre School Staff, and the school, have enjoyed. The church is very fortunate to have the services of numerous professional experts since the Children's Center was established. **by David Beaman**



**BOARD of TRUSTEES**

- Tom Egan was elected as chair of the Trustees and Don McGuire as Vice-Chair. The amazing people that worked so hard for you last year have all returned. Expect great things.
- The Parsonage Fund now stands at \$165,616. This represents a \$4,000 increase.
- The Board is working on presenting a request for a grant from a United Methodist group. We want to request \$50,000 and try to match that amount to a total of \$100,000. This will cover re-roofing, outside painting, tenting the entire facility to rid us of termites, and re-keying. This is a huge undertaking but as a broken heart needs mending, so does the *House Of The Lord*. She is broken. How to raise \$50,000 is still a mystery. One way would be to ask for pledges beyond your annual pledge and take that amount from the Parsonage Fund and repay the Parsonage Fund with your pledges. *The House Of The Lord* has been our home and refuge for so many years, but it now needs our help. Please pray about this.
- We have bids in our hands for the 4 projects and they total a little over \$95,000. "Ask in My name....."
- The walls in Criswell Hall have been cleaned and it is now time to concentrate on the floor. The next 2 Saturdays are busy so the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in March are being looked at. We need the calendar's permission first. More to follow. Our present cleaning company is

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being very helpful. They will order the stripper and the wax and help us with the necessary equipment.

- Our Wednesday work day is working out great. I don't know if they are coming to work or for the donut and coffee but a lot is being accomplished. Besides pulling weeds, Pastor Harold and Wayne Huggins did a beautiful job on trimming hedges and bushes. Plus that, an electrical outlet has been replaced, a door in the women's restroom has been repaired, the step Mr. Lutz stands on has been repaired, a broom hook and a leaky PVC pipe has been fixed in the Children's Center and the exit signs glow again. We get together every Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. What a fine group.
- The roof to the Bennett St. side is angry that it didn't get re-roofed when the Sanctuary roof was replaced, so it is now leaking.
- As you may have noticed, the small display case outside the library has been fixed.
- For some time now, maybe 3 years, we have been talking about getting new round tables for Criswell Hall. But, we have seen other demanding needs. I started looking at catalogues and found a 5 foot diameter table .56 pounds folding legs for \$96. I stopped turning pages. I said to myself, "self "I said, if I can get 10 people to buy a table, we can sit 80 people. I think I can see 3 hands go up. If you want to join that group, please let me know and I'll do the rest. Because I know you and love you as I do, I know the wait won't be long.
- God is good, all the time. **All the Time!!**

God bless YOU!  
Tom Egan, *Trustee Chair*



**UMW Bridal Tea and Fashion Show**

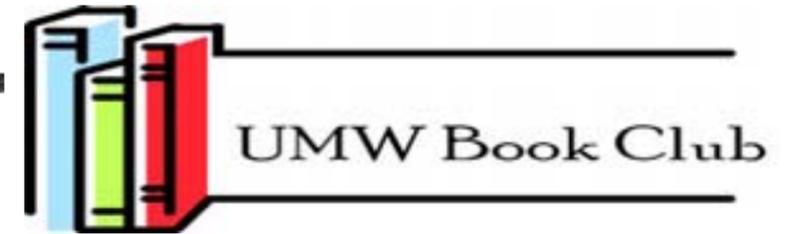
Our United Methodist Women have been busy making plans for two major spring events. Our first activity will be a Bridal Tea and Fashion Show on Saturday, April 28th. This will be a fund raiser to help support our mission projects both locally and throughout the world. There will be an abundance of goodies at The Tea, including a wedding cake! There will be special music and entertainment. But the main event will be a fashion show of bridal gowns and dresses.

If you still have your wedding dress, or your mother's, or your daughter's, or even your grand daughter's, we would like to present it at the Bridal Fashion Show. If you have a dress you would like to share with us for this event, you can sign up in Criswell Hall on Sundays March 11, 18 & 25. Look for our table near the UMW bulletin board. Tickets for the Tea and Fashion Show will go on sale April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our second spring event will be a Spiritual Retreat on Saturday, May 26th at the home of Sally Weitkamp. *More information to come.*

**Be sure to mark your calendar for both these events.**

*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.*



**January brought us, The Noticer** by Andy Andrews as a choice for the Book Club. This story details a man named "Jones" who had a gift for seeing what others missed. There were many comments from our readers regarding both book and author. Some were even so enthusiastic that they ordered Andrews' first book, The Traveler's Gift.

**February** —We read Forgotten Girls: Stories of Hope and Courage telling the stories of women and girls all over the world. Stories of their deep pain and suffering, inspiring courage and incredible hope. This book tells stories of girls who have discovered their value through God's eyes.

**March**—we will read and discuss Beaded Hope, "A moving story about the power of faith and hope to overcome even the most tragic circumstances." As "four women embark on a mission trip to South Africa, they all have selfish reasons for going. What none of them expects is how profoundly their lives will be transformed by those they meet."

**To join this group on the 4th Thursday of the month, please contact Patti Melsheimer for more information. See you at 4 PM in the McMillen Room.**

**UMW**  
Steering Committee  
Monthly—watch for details on new time!

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

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

**Mary-Martha**  
Circle  
4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM in the McMillen Room.

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

submitted by Patti Melsheimer

# Healthy Corner

## Malaria Killed 1.2 million People Worldwide in 2010

This was a 32 percent decrease from the number of malaria deaths in 2004. In a recent article in The Lancet researchers commented that although most malaria deaths occur in very young children, 42 percent of deaths occurred in children over age 5 and adults. According to the analysis of data collected from 1980 to 2010, global malaria deaths rose from 1 million in 1980 to a peak of 1.8 million in 2004. Since then, increased malaria intervention efforts have helped to reduce malaria death rates, in journal news release.

The risk of malaria death in 2010 was highest in western, eastern and especially central sub-Saharan Africa. In 2010, there were about 700,000 malaria deaths among African children under age 5, or about 56 percent of all global malaria deaths.

About 1,500 cases of malaria are diagnosed in the United States each year. The vast majority of cases in the United States are in travelers and immigrants returning from parts of the world where malaria transmission occurs, including sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

Malaria is not spread from person to person like a cold or the flu, and it cannot be sexually transmitted. You cannot get malaria from casual contact with malaria-infected people, such as sitting next to someone who has malaria. [Symptoms of malaria](#) include fever and flu-like illness, including shaking chills, headache, muscle aches, and tiredness. Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea may also occur. For most people, symptoms begin 10 days to 4 weeks after infection, although a person may feel ill as early as 7 days or as late as 1 year later.

Many effective antimalarial drugs are available. Your health-care provider and you will decide on the [best drug for you](#), if any, based on your travel plans, medical history, age, drug allergies, pregnancy status, and other factors.

Since the global peak in 2004, there has been a substantial decrease in malaria deaths. This is attributable to the rapid, although variable, scale-up of control activities in sub-Saharan Africa. This scale-up has been driven in part by an expansion in health aid targeted towards malaria.

The Nothing But Nets campaign, which is supported by the United Methodist Church, works with UN partners like UNICEF, the UN Refugee Agency, and the World Health Organization to purchase nets, transport them to Africa, and distribute them to families. Net distributions are typically part of a wider public health effort within a country coordinated by the Ministry of Health, the UN and other local and international organizations. Every \$10 contribution to Nothing But Nets will cover the cost of purchasing a long-lasting, insecticide-treated bed net, distributing it, and educating communities on its use. The UN goal is to end malaria deaths by 2015.

**More information"**

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has more about [malaria](#).

(SOURCE: The Lancet, news release, Feb. 2, 2012)



### The Endowment Board Reports ~Wayne Huggins

As reported to the Charge Conference in January, the stock market returns were not good in 2011. Endowment funds were invested in several mutual funds in different sectors by our advisor/broker in order to provide adequate asset diversification. Most of these funds pay dividends, and usually increase in value when the stock market goes up. Conversely, if the market is flat or down, the value of our investments is likewise diminished. Accordingly, no money was distributed for missionary support or various other projects.

In looking back over the past few years, the main reason the Endowment Fund has increased in value is not due to the stock market performance, but to generous donations or bequests from people who wanted to provide a perpetual gift to the church in order to financially support ongoing programs (missionary) or specific projects (youth, facilities, AG Camp, children center, feeding the hungry, etc.) not covered in the operating budget.

Please pick up a copy of the Endowment Board Brochure in the Narthex for additional information, and consider including a special bequest to the church in your Will.

## ATTENDANCE



Sunday	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	Nursery	Kids/Youth	Teachers	TOTAL
February 5	39	97	2	8/8	6	161
February 12	45	105	2	7/6	6	171
February 19	48	124	2	9/10	5	199
February 26	37	121	1	7/in service	4	170

**Wednesday Fellowship Dinner**

**You are invited EVERY Wednesday at 5 PM - its FREE!**

**Join us In Criswell Hall.**

## FINANCES

**Monthly Budget**  
\$22,000.

**Received to Date**  
\$ 19,757.

**Difference of:**  
**\$ 2,243**

# News from the Mission Team formerly Yellow Umbrella

## MISSION HIGHLIGHT: JUDY ATWOOD

This month I want to celebrate God's Steadfast Love and the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering which we will take on March 18. We are also starting to track special giving in 2012 to see where we are being in mission with those in need.

## GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE

So much of what UMCOR does is about revealing God's steadfast love for humankind. For more than 70 years, UMCOR has brought hope and solidarity to communities both at home and abroad in the wake of disaster, and support and expertise to those on a path to development. UMCOR's relief-supply ministry is part of those efforts, gathering the goodwill of selfless volunteers to assemble much-needed relief kits and cleaning buckets to ship to those seeking to become self-sufficient or to rebuild lives and communities following an emergency.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Join United Methodists everywhere by participating in the special offering that supports UMCOR's vital work. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for UMCOR to manifest God's steadfast love throughout the world. Please give generously.

## More Exploration

General Conference is right around the corner – April 24–May 4. If you want to learn more about what will be happening, go to [www.umc.org/General Conference](http://www.umc.org/General Conference). More information will be added online and to our publications, the closer we get to the gathering.

If you are interested in working with the **Mission Team** (formerly *Yellow Umbrella*), please let me know and we will have you join us at our meetings. We are starting our tracking for 2012.

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



2012 Special Giving TOTALS	
Five Cities Christian Women	50.00
Human Relations Day	186.00
People's Kitchen	501.00
So. County Food Bank	111.37
<b>Giving Total To Date</b>	<b>848.37</b>

After a year's practice at being transparent where we have been sharing our \$\$'s, I wanted to be sure we got our 2012 list started right away. Again, thank you for your faithfulness to the missions and ministry of the church, both local and around the world. We will provide updates for you each month, as we did before, so together we can watch our list grow.



**The Everett Lee Taylor Memorial Scholarship Fund** was established in 1990 to help defray the cost of college education for deserving members of our church family. Over the course of the last twenty-three years, thirty-nine church members have received financial assistance in excess of \$40,250.

Scholarship applications for the 2012-2013 academic year are currently available from the church office, Monday-Friday, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 1 P.M. First time applicants need to submit completed applications, including two (2) letters of reference and a letter of the student's educational goals. Former recipients applying need to submit a new application and a letter describing college or university educational experiences and future goals, plus a current college transcript to show they are in good standing.

These materials must be returned to the church office no later than **May 1st**. Recipients will be honored on Youth Sunday in June.

If you or someone you know at the church could use some financial assistance for the 2012-2013 academic year, please encourage them to apply for this scholarship. The applicant must be a full-time college, university, or technical school student next year and must be or have been an active member of our church.

**You may also donate to the Everett Lee Taylor Scholarship Fund at any time.** *Without continued donations, eventually we will not be able to show our appreciation and support to our deserving church members.*

Thank you - Nancy L. Gerrish, *Scholarship Chair*

## Coming Soon to Wednesdays



April 11, 18 & 25, you will have an opportunity to take part in learning about and discussing some of the critical issues of health care facing us today.

Volunteers from the San Luis Obispo United Methodist Church will facilitate the discussion considering how health care policy can reflect our shared values.

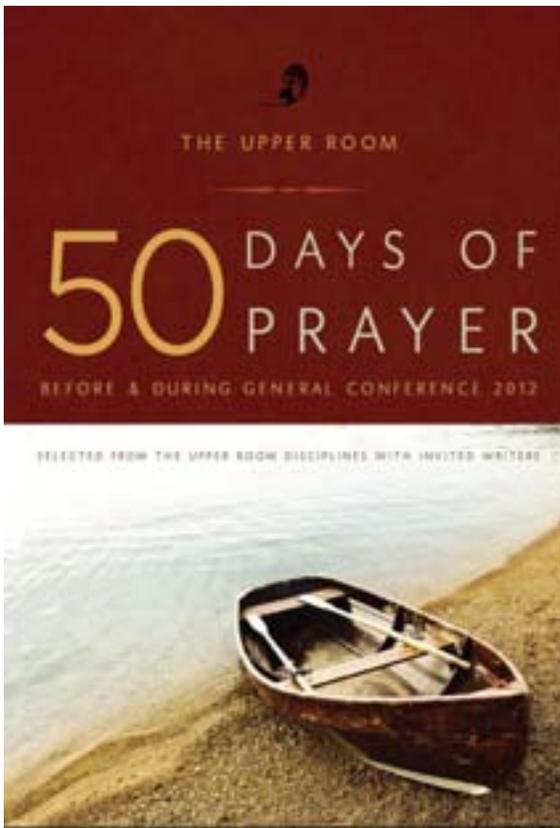
**Be sure to mark your calendars!**

*All the Believers were one in Heart and Mind.*

**Acts 4:32**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<p>4 <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i></p> <p><b>Coffee Hour: Mission Team</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service  <b>9:45 AM</b> Discussion Group (MMR)  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  <i>* Kid's Sunday School both services</i>  <b>10:30 AM</b> Junior Church (MMR)  <b>6 PM</b> How To Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>5  <b>3 PM</b> Central Coast Homeschoolers Theater Ensemble (MMR)  <b>5:00 PM</b> Youth Self Defense &amp; Safety Awareness (CH)  <b>6 PM</b> Debtors Anon (MMR)  <b>7 PM</b> Men's Bible Study (215)  <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)  <b>7:30 PM</b> AlAnon (MMR)  <b>7:30 PM</b> AlaTeen (211)</p>	<p>6  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)  <b>9:AM</b> All Church Work Day  <b>5 PM</b> Grande Ringers  <b>5:20 PM</b> Mom/Dad Factor Ladies Counseling Group (211)  <b>6:25 PM</b> Boundaries for Ladies  <b>6:30 PM</b> Positive Discipline (CH)  <b>7 PM</b> Trustees (MMR)  <b>7:30 PM</b> Ladies Christian 12-Step (211)</p>	<p>7  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9 AM</b> Senior Health Screening (N/L)  <b>5 PM</b> Free Fellowship Dinner (CH)  <b>6 PM</b> Lent Study #3 (MMR)  <b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir (S)  <b>7 PM</b> UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>1  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise Group (CH)  <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L)  <b>11:30 AM</b> People's Kitchen  <b>5 PM</b> Aloud Bible Reading (S)  <b>5 PM</b> Grande Ringers  <b>7 PM</b> Worship Team (MMR)</p>	<p>2  <b>AG UM CC Spirit Day wear your shirts!</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L)  <b>3:30 PM</b> AG UM CC Closed  <b>4 PM</b> AG UM CC Staff Development (MMR)</p>	<p>3  <b>12:30 PM</b> Adventures of Dr. Chess (211)</p>
<p>11 <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i></p> <p><b>Coffee Hour:</b>  <b>Mary Martha Circle &amp; Library</b>  <b>Children's Ministry Bake Sale</b></p> <p><b>10:30 AM ONE Service</b>  <i>* NO discussion group</i>  <b>11:45 AM</b> Christian Ed. Team  <b>6 PM</b> How To Study the Bible (MMR)</p> <p><i>** Daylight Savings Time Begins</i></p>	<p>12  <b>3 PM</b> Central Coast Homeschoolers Theater Ensemble (MMR)  <b>5 PM</b> Youth Self Defense &amp; Safety Awareness (CH)  <b>6 PM</b> Debtors Anon (MMR)  <b>7 PM</b> Men's Bible Study (215)  <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)  <b>7:30 PM</b> AlAnon (MMR)  <b>7:30 PM</b> AlaTeen (211)</p>	<p>13  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)  <b>10 AM</b> UMW Steering Committee (CH)  <b>9:AM</b> All Church Work Day  <b>10:30 AM</b> Communications (L)  <b>5 PM</b> Grande Ringers  <b>5:20 PM</b> Mom/Dad Factor Ladies Counseling Group (211)  <b>6 PM</b> MS Support Group (MMR)  <b>6:25 PM</b> Boundaries for Ladies  <b>6:30 PM</b> Positive Discipline (CH)  <b>7:30 PM</b> Ladies Christian 12-Step (211)</p>	<p>14  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>11 AM</b> Congregational Care &amp; Evangelism Team (MMR)  <b>12:30 PM</b> Alzheimer's Association Care Giver Support Group (MMR)  <b>5 PM</b> Free Fellowship Dinner (CH)  <b>6 PM</b> Lenten Study #4 (MMR)  <b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir (S)  <b>7 PM</b> UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>15  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L)  <b>11:30 AM</b> People's Kitchen</p> <p><b>5 PM</b> Aloud Bible Reading (S)  <b>5 PM</b> Grande Ringers  <b>6:30 PM</b> - WOW (MMR)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AG UM CC CLOSED for Staff Development</b></p>	<p>16  <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L)  <b>12 PM</b> Alzheimer's Support Group for Adult Children of Parents (MMR)</p>	<p>17  <b>8:30 AM</b> UMM Breakfast Meeting - UMC of AG  <b>7 PM</b> The Life of St. Patrick (S)  <b>12:30 PM</b> Adventures of Dr. Chess (211)</p> 
<p>18 <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i></p> <p><b>Coffee Hour:</b>  <b>UMM Pancake Breakfast</b></p> <p><b>Special Giving Sunday: One Great Hour of Sharing</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service  <b>9:45 AM</b> Discussion Group (MMR)  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Youth Group (215)  <i>* Kid's Sunday School both services</i>  <b>6 PM</b> How To Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>19  <b>3 PM</b> Central Coast Homeschoolers Theater Ensemble (MMR)  <b>5 PM</b> Youth Self Defense &amp; Safety Awareness (CH)  <b>6 PM</b> Debtors Anon (MMR)  <b>7 PM</b> Men's Bible Study (215)  <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)  <b>7:30 PM</b> AlAnon (MMR)  <b>7:30 PM</b> AlaTeen (211)</p>	<p>20  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)  <b>9 AM</b> Clergy Cluster (215)  <b>9:AM</b> All Church Work Day  <b>2 PM</b> Preschool Board - closed session (MMR)  <b>3:30 PM</b> Preschool Board - open session (MMR)  <b>5 PM</b> Grande Ringers  <b>5:20 PM</b> Mom/Dad Factor Ladies Counseling Group (211)  <b>6:25 PM</b> Boundaries for Ladies  <b>6:30 PM</b> Positive Discipline (CH)  <b>7 PM</b> JOY Circle  <b>7:30 PM</b> Ladies Christian 12-Step (211)</p>	<p>21  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>5 PM</b> Free Fellowship Dinner (CH)  <b>6 PM</b> Lenten Study #5 (MMR)  <b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir (S)  <b>7 PM</b> UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>22  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L)  <b>1 PM</b> Mission Team (MMR)  <b>4 PM</b> Book Club (MMR)  <b>5 PM</b> Aloud Bible Reading (S)  <b>5 PM</b> Grande Ringers</p>	<p>23  <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L)</p>	<p>24  <b>12:30 PM</b> Adventures of Dr. Chess (211)  <b>6:30 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal (S)</p>
<p>25 <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i></p> <p><b>Coffee Hour: Congregational Care &amp; Evangelism Team</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service  <b>9:45 AM</b> Discussion Group (MMR)  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  <i>* Kid's Sunday School both services</i>  <i>** Youth Group participate in service</i>  <b>6 PM</b> How To Study the Bible (MMR)  <b>3 PM</b> SLO County Band (S)</p>	<p>26  <b>5 PM</b> Youth Self Defense &amp; Safety Awareness (CH)  <b>6 PM</b> Debtors Anon (MMR)  <b>7 PM</b> Men's Bible Study (215)  <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)  <b>7:30 PM</b> AlAnon (MMR)  <b>7:30 PM</b> AlaTeen (211)</p>	<p>27  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)  <b>9:AM</b> All Church Work Day  <b>5 PM</b> Grande Ringers  <b>5:20 PM</b> Mom/Dad Factor Ladies Counseling Group (211)  <b>6:25 PM</b> Boundaries for Ladies  <b>6:30 PM</b> Positive Discipline (CH)  <b>7 PM</b> Church Council (MMR)  <b>7:30 PM</b> Ladies Christian 12-Step (211)</p>	<p>28  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9:30 AM</b> Mary-Martha Circle (MMR)  <b>5 PM</b> Free Fellowship Dinner (CH)  <b>6 PM</b> Lenten Study #6  <b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir (S)  <b>7 PM</b> UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>29  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L)  <b>5 PM</b> Aloud Bible Reading (S)  <b>5 PM</b> Grande Ringers</p>	<p>30  <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L)</p>	<p>31  <b>12:30 PM</b> Adventures of Dr. Chess (211)</p>



# JOIN US IN 50 DAYS OF PRAYER

When delegates to General Conference meet in Tampa in April, you and other United Methodists around the world will be able to join them in an unprecedented concert of prayer, seeking God's will for their decisions. Consider praying with us whether you are [in Tampa](#) or [outside the area](#).

The Upper Room, a division of GBOD, has produced a prayer guide called [50 Days of Prayer](#), which is available as an ebook, a PDF download, a book and a daily email.

Traditionally, The Upper Room's General Conference prayer guide has covered the 40 days prior to the conference. The new guide includes the additional 10 days General Conference will be in session.

Through translation crowdsourcing, the guide is now available in all of the official languages of the conference — English, French and Portuguese — and it will be included in the official program book for GC2012. The text will be made available to the bishops for translation into other languages as well.

“This is an intentional step forward in being a global Christian community and calling on every church, in every country all around the world to pray together for 40 days before we gather

in Tampa at the convention center on April 24.” Albin said. “ Then for the entire time the conference is in session, we'll be praying onsite with the delegates and the community as they use these meditations.

“I'm convinced the one thing every United Methodist can do to influence the outcome of the General Conference is lift it to the Lord in prayer,” he said in a recent [presentation](#) to the Pre-General Conference gathering. “When we pray, we can be confident God will hear and answer our prayer.”

*Rev. Tom Albin who is a member of the Oklahoma Conference, is dean of The Upper Room and director of ecumenical relations. The Kansas native is co-chair of the Prayer Support Team for General Conference 2012.*

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**Available at [50daysofprayer.upperroom.org](http://50daysofprayer.upperroom.org)**

This resource, **50 Days of Prayer Before & During General Conference 2012**, serves as an invitation to provide spiritual support to the 2012 General Conference. Electronic communication will make it possible for every local congregation in every part of the world to pray with and for the 988 delegates of the 2012 General Conference. Every United Methodist will be able to read the same scripture, share the same insights, and pray the same prayer for 40 days prior to the General Conference in Tampa, Florida, as well as through each day of the General Conference, April 24 through May 4, 2012.

**We want God to lead and shape the future of The United Methodist Church.** This guide will allow us to actively support the spiritual preparation needed before the General Conference and intercede faithfully during the ten days of the Conference. The kingdom of God comes through prayer and discernment. Through use of this resource, we unite in prayer for God's will to be done in God's way and in God's time.