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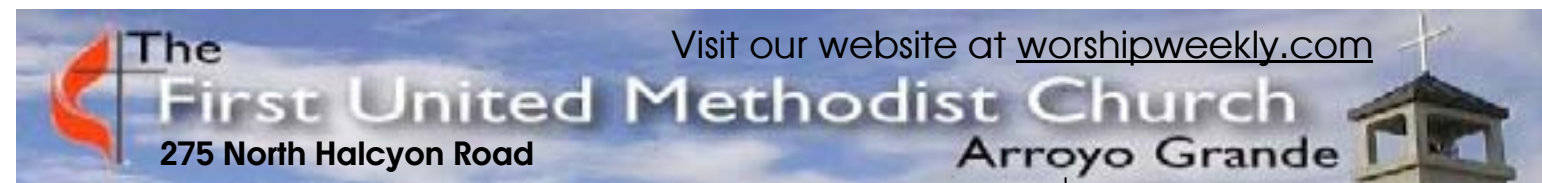
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ARROYO GRANDE

Cast~A~Net

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

April 2012



Maundy THURSDAY

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION & REMEMBRANCE

APRIL 5, 2012 - 7 PM

Pastor David will deliver a special message remembering the Last Supper of Christ, His pleading prayer to God the Father to spare Him in the Garden, and the betrayal by one of his own. This Service will include Holy Communion and special music from our Chancel Choir. We hope you will join us!

Good FRIDAY

ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
APRIL 6TH, 2012—3 PM

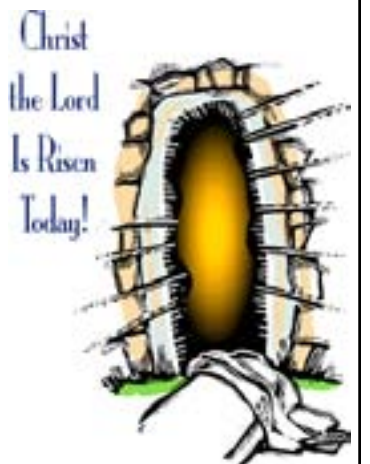
Come listen as 5 different churches - St. Patrick's Catholic Church, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande, St. John's Lutheran Church and Nipomo Presbyterian—all combine in music and the telling of the final hours of Jesus.

GOOD FRIDAY FREE MOVIE NIGHT
The Passion Recut at UMC of AG (see page 15)

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

APRIL 8, 2012

- **THE CONTEMPORARY 8:30 AM SERVICE** will be a Resurrection Celebration of music led by our Praise Team, and a time of Holy Communion, The kids will be dismissed directly to their own special Easter celebration with the Resurrection Eggs.
- **JOIN US FROM 9:30—10:30 AM FOR AN EASTER CELEBRATION BRUNCH** hosted by our Christian Education Team.
- **THE TRADITIONAL 10:30 AM SERVICE** will be filled with special resurrection anthems sung by our Chancel Choir, and a time of Holy Communion, the children's moment will tell the Easter story then send the kids will head off to a special Easter program geared just for them with the "Resurrection Eggs."
 ** *During Sunday School for both services, kids will have the Easter Story told to them using the popular 'Resurrection Eggs.' Each child make their own set to take home and share with their families.*





Dear Church Family and Friends,
I want to give you what I believe is the mission, core values, strategy and vision for our church.

First—the mission of the United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande is about making the love of God real. Our church is a community of people committed to Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, united in God’s love, and called to make that love present to others through our words and actions.

Second—our core values are Christ-centered, grounded in scripture, warm hearted, open-minded, mission directed and connection committed. These values describe and ultimately define who we are in how we participate in our community together.

Third—our strategy, is that First United Methodist of Arroyo Grande be strengthened as a congregation of people who:

- invite people to experience the love of God and become disciples of Jesus Christ;
- equip disciples to be agents of God’s reconciling love in the world;
- care for each other in Christian community;
- send equipped disciples out into the world to participate in God’s transformation.

These strategies help us to move toward our vision and accomplish our mission for Christ.

Our vision as we seek to have “every member a missionary,” through the leading of the Holy Spirit, will be transforming lives, creating Christian community and healing the city and the world.

God bless you and keep you this week,
Pastor David M. Burgeson



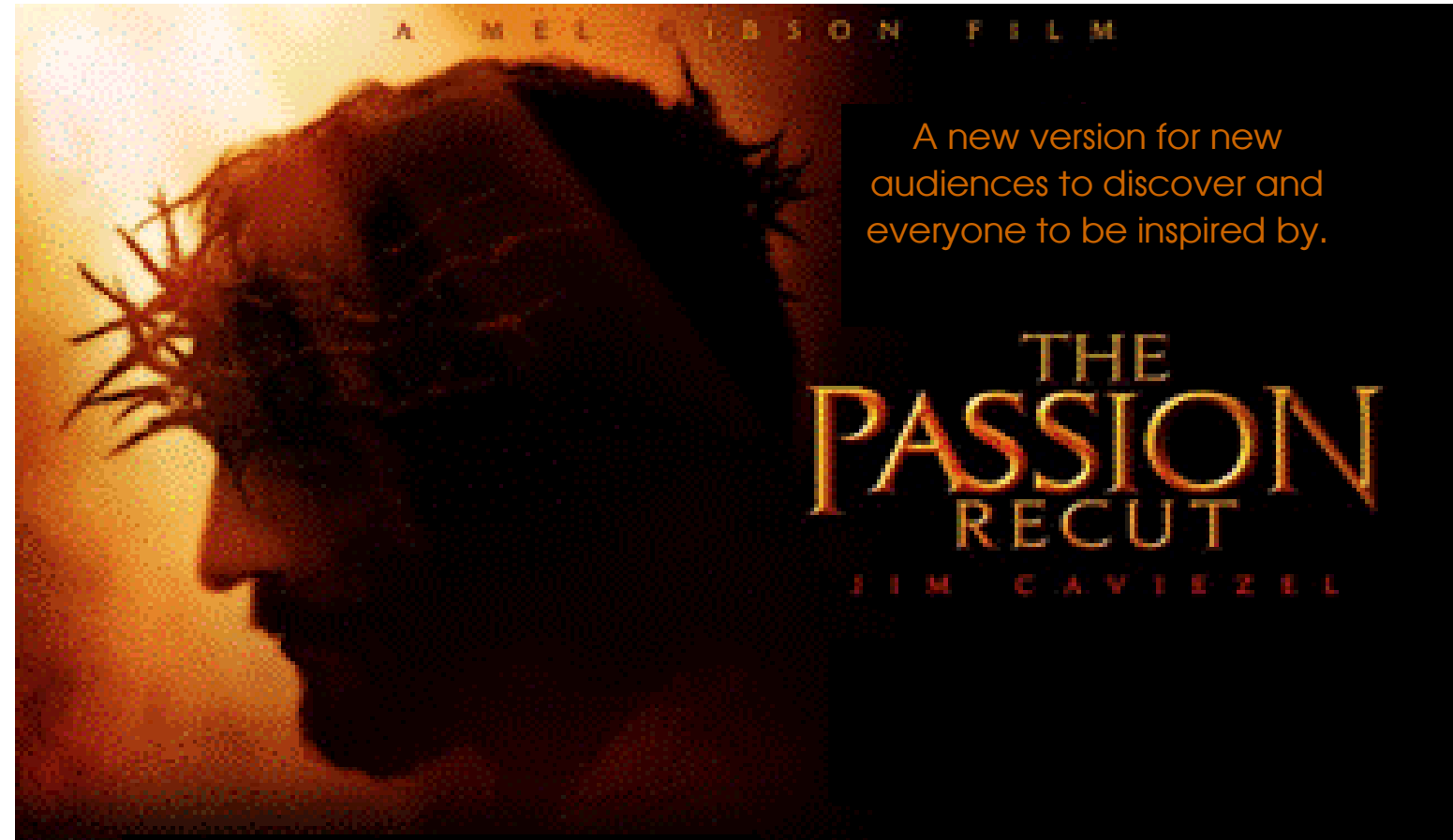
He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV



Monthly Budget
\$23,295.
Received to Date
\$ 19,356.
Difference of:
\$ 3,939.

UMC OF AG *presents*



A new version for new audiences to discover and everyone to be inspired by.

PAID for your salvation!

6 APRIL 2012

GOOD FRIDAY

FREE AT 7 PM

THIS POPULAR MEL GIBSON FILM HAS BEEN RE-IMAGINED BY THE DIRECTOR WITH SIX MINUTES OF VIOLENT SCENES REMOVED AND IS RATED R.

CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE NURSERY FOR SMALL CHILDREN. WE ALSO WILL HAVE A CHILD FRIENDLY FILM AND CRAFTS FOR OLDER CHILDREN. JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND!

No RSVP or ticket necessary! Just like the gift of salvation—this is a FREE GIFT to all. We encourage you to invite someone —be they friend, family, neighbor, or stranger — to see the amazing gift for themselves.

ATTENDANCE



Sunday	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	Nursery	Kids/Youth	Teachers	TOTAL
March 4	41	154	2	7/5	6	216
March 11	n/a	136	3	13/8	6	156
March 18	47	124	2	6/6	6	181
March 25	39	116	2	6/in service	6	169

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 .

DISCIPLES DISCUSSION GROUP

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.

Worship Group

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).

How to STUDY THE Bible

SUNDAYS - 6 PM

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

MEN'S Bible Study

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.

Women of Prayer

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.

THE PASTOR'S STUDY

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.

Church Work Day

WEDNESDAYS—9 AM

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

intercessory PRAYER

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!**

Bible Read-A-Loud

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.

AM Bible Study

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!

How to STUDY THE Bible 3

Sundays—6 PM
McMillen Room
taught by Mike Herber

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE FOCUS

April 15 th	Genesis 15-17	God's covenant with Abram, giving him the land, the strange story of Hagar and Ishmael, and the covenant of circumcision.
April 22 nd	Genesis 18-19	Abram deals with the three visitors, why Abram pleads for Sodom, Sodom destroyed, and Abram gets a name change.
April 29 th	Genesis 20-21	Abraham and Abimelech and the lie. Geography update, moving around, and the birth of Isaac.
May 6 th	Genesis 22-23	Abraham tested, the trip and all the details, and the death of Sarah.
May 13 th	Genesis 24-25	Isaac and Rebekah, Eliezer's service, Laban, the wheeler dealer, and the death of Abraham.



Sermon Series & Bible Study

- Sunday, April 1 Palm Sunday**
- 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services
 - Sermon Series—Week Six: **Final Words From The Cross**
"It Is Finished...Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit"
 - 9:45 AM Sermon Disciples Discussion Group
 - 6 PM *How To Study the Bible*

Wednesday, April 4 6:00 PM Wednesday Pastor's Study

- Sunday, April 8 Easter Sunday**
- 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services
 - **Resurrection Celebration**
 - 9:45 AM Sermon Disciples Discussion Group
 - **How To Study the Bible will be off for Easter and resume April 15.**

Wednesday, April 11 5:30 PM Health Care Issues and Options Study

- Sunday, April 15**
- 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services
 - 9:45 AM Sermon Disciples Discussion Group
 - 6 PM *How To Study the Bible*

Wednesday, April 18 5:30 PM Health Care Issues and Options Study

- Sunday, April 22**
- 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services
 - 9:45 AM Sermon Disciples Discussion Group
 - 6 PM *How To Study the Bible*

Wednesday, April 25 5:30 PM Health Care Issues and Options Study

- Sunday, April 29**
- 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services
 - 9:45 AM Sermon Disciples Discussion Group
 - 6 PM *How To Study the Bible*





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

Val McClure, UMM Publicity for UMC of AG

UMM Plan April Trip To Lighthouse

At their meeting on March 17th the Methodist Men discussed a trip to the **San Luis Port Lighthouse**. The trip is set for **Tuesday, April 17th**. The Lighthouse will be reached by tour bus and will take about 2 hours (including lunch). The group will have a personal tour guide. Tour time is 11am to 1pm. The men will meet at the Church parking lot at 9:45am to carpool to where the Tour Bus departs. The cost is \$25 per person. A sit-down box lunch can be included in the tour, the cost would be \$10.

Decision on a box lunch will be made before the trip. Options would be to bring your own box lunch and make the trip for \$25 or have our present caterer furnish a box lunch at a lesser price.

For further information watch the Sunday bulletins and announcements to be posted on the Methodist Men bulletin board in Criswell Hall. The trip would be open to anyone in the Church (except children). **TICKETS** will go on sale **Sunday, April 1st** in Criswell Hall. For further information see Val McClure, Tom Egan or Wayne Huggins.

SWEETHEART BREAKFAST A BIG SUCCESS

The Annual Sweetheart Breakfast, held at the new Sunrise Terrace Club House was a success, with 58 men and women in attendance (see pictures posted on the UMM Bulletin Board in Criswell Hall – courtesy of Gary Hughes). Entertainment was furnished by Don Gugeler who performed on the clarinet accompanied by Dennis Eiler on the piano. Don then led the group in singing some of the great old songs of yesteryear. Some were surprised to find a heart on the bottom of their chairs for a free box of candy. The food, furnished by JJ Deli, was well received by the participants.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday – May 12th – Camp Arroyo Grande Work Party
Saturday- June 16th – Annual UMM BBQ in private home

If you haven't participated in any of this year events, it's not too late. See Tom Egan, Wayne Huggins or Val McClure.

IRON SHARPENS IRON

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



mark your calendar

UMM Spring/Summer Schedule 2012

- **Tuesday, April 17th**-
Lighthouse Trip
9:45 AM – 1 PM
- **Saturday, May 12th**
AG Methodist Camp Work Party (includes lunch)
- **Sunday, May 20th**
UMM Taco Salad Buffet
11:45 AM – 1 PM
- **Saturday, June 8th**
Annual Carl Kliesch Golf Tournament 8 AM
- **Saturday, June 16th**
Annual UMM BBQ
noon—3 PM
(location to be determined)

Addison Travels

By Alice Addison

In February 2012, Alice Addison completed two items on her bucket list by traveling with the UCSB Gaucho Getaways Alumni Travel Program to the Galapagos Islands of Ecuador and Machu Picchu (Peru). An awesome experience each in its own right, combining the two countries took Alice from the 12,000' heights of Cusco, Peru and the 11,000' heights of Quito, Ecuador to locations around the Equator. In Ecuador she saw icy glaciers on the volcanoes at the equator and "origin of species" creatures, like black iguanas and blue-footed boobies in the heat of the Galapagos Islands at sea level. She snorkeled with colorful fish and sea tortoises. The ecological preserve protects these island species, so it's as if the Garden of Eden of Genesis (2:8) exists before your very eyes.

Culturally and linguistically, Alice used her Spanish, even learning a few new words in Ecuadorian and Peruvian Spanish. A Mexican owl is "tecolote" but in Peruvian Spanish it's "buho". She also began to learn Quechua from various natives in Peru. "Allianchu?" means 'How are you?' and "Osulpaiki" means 'Thank You'.

Historically and architecturally, she explored the pre-Inca, Inca, and Spanish conquistador-Catholic influence, which predominates in Ecuador and especially in Peru. Cusco was the Inca capital and a Spanish colonial stronghold. It was fascinating to see the religious art work of the Cusco school in the churches. The Last Supper had a guinea pig on a plate and corn beer in glasses! The Spaniards never made it to Machu Picchu though, so it remains as the Incas left it. "In the Beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Gen1:1)



Easter Island

Rapa Nui is the current Polynesian name of a South Pacific island where Dutch explorer Jacob Roggeveen landed in 1722. He'd been searching for a place named "Davis Island" or "David's Island" but found this instead. Arriving on Easter Sunday, he called it Paasers, which is Dutch for Easter.

Roggeveen wasn't the first person to discover

something unexpected on Easter. When the women went to Jesus' tomb early on the first day of the week, they expected to find a sealed cave or, if they could move the stone door, a corpse. They expected to pour out their grief and anoint their dearly departed's body. Instead, they found an open and empty tomb — and soon after, Jesus, very much alive.

With God guiding our journey, life is full of joyful surprises.

Now that we, the congregation, are slowly accepting their decision to return to retirement, from their active participation as Minister of Visitation and our worship services, it is an appropriate opportunity to highlight their interesting history and the long association and service to the many Methodist Church congregations they have served.

They were both born and raised in Mississippi, only 10 miles apart, and attended different grade and high schools. The first time they met was when Clydean was

a student at the Gilfoy School of Nursing at Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson and Harold was studying for an Accounting degree at Mississippi College, at Clinton, Ms. They were married in June, 1956. During his senior year and graduation while acquiring his Accounting degree, Harold recognized his true life ambition was to become an ordained minister. Harold enrolled at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. Clydean obtained nursing employment at Emory University Hospital.

Their first appointment, after Harold graduated in 1960 from seminary, was to a church in Jackson, Ms. for a 4 year term. Harold transferred his membership in the Mississippi Conference to the Southern California-Arizona Conference in 1964 and was appointed Associate Pastor at Christ Church United Methodist, in Tucson, Az. and later served terms of various long lengths of service at Ontario, Colton, Upland, West Anaheim and Covina all in the Southern California-Arizona Conference. These were the years when church membership was practiced as the most important and essential part for all age levels of family life and the congregations grew to become large and vibrant entities within the communities.

**A VISIT WITH
REVEREND & MRS.
HAROLD HEADRICK**



During this time Clydean also maintained her nursing career and her successes culminated into the respected position of Head Nurse of the Recovery Room at Pomona Valley Community Hospital. Harold's ministerial career took them back to their original home state and the city of Hattiesburg, Ms. in 1990. They relocated to Arroyo Grande in 2002 to live near their family.

Their son David was born in 1962. All his school years were filled with impressive educational accomplishments that eventually won him his Bachelor degree in Biology from Cal Poly, Pomona. He then progressed to his Masters and Ph.D. from University of California, Riverside. As part of his curriculum he studied abroad at Massey University in New Zealand. Harold and Clydean visited David in New Zealand plus a friend in Australia. A highlight of the trip was the invitation for Harold to preach at a church in Parramatta, Australia. David is currently on the faculty of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo teaching his chosen field of Entomology.

David and wife, Michelle, have two children, Joseph and Claire who like to visit their grand parents Harold and Clydean, for 'sleep overs' and companionship with folks who have a whole lot of wonderful life experience to share. Harold displayed a certificate he was awarded in 2009 for 50 Years of Service as a minister in the United Methodist Church. Clydean graduated from Nursing School in 1957 and retired 41 years later, in 1998 from her career in Nursing. Surely they both have thousands of friends and colleagues from their impressive lifetime of service to God and the Church.

by David Beaman



"I now remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you." 2 Timothy 1:6

"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."

Bridal Tea & Wedding Dress Fashion Show

On Saturday, April 28th at 1: 00 pm in Criswell Hall the members of the United Methodist Women invite you to be part of a memorable experience. They and other members of our Arroyo Grande United Methodist church will be retrieving their wedding gowns from their trunk or closet or box to share them with us all. The owners of the dresses will also share their special memories about their dress. It should be a remarkable afternoon. In addition we will enjoy a "High Tea" with lovely tea pots and tea cups and a variety of sandwiches and sweets (maybe even some wedding cake!).

This event is planned for your enjoyment and to raise money for the on-going work of the UMW to support programs for women and children in our own community and around the world. You may purchase your tickets for this event (\$10) in Criswell Hall during coffee hour after both services.

If you still have your wedding dress and would like to share it or would be willing to model a dress, please contact Sally Weitkamp (489-5107) or Sarah Burgeson in the church office. If you would like to help provide some of the refreshments for the party you may also let Sally know that!



**Women of Worth
W*O*W NEWS**

The ladies of WOW met on March 15. We are pleased to report some new and exciting changes for our group.

Starting next month, our meetings during the longer day light hours will start at 7 PM and go until 8:30 PM. The time will change beginning when daylight savings time ends (November's meeting), the monthly meeting will begin at 6:30 PM and go until 8 PM. Each meeting will have a time of praise, a devotion, a focus for the Bible study, and end in a time of prayer and healing. We are going to focus on a themed scripture each month that will guide our study.

For April our theme is "forgiveness." The focus is on Mary Magdalene and her time with Jesus. We will look at how her past experiences, and how her surrender to Christ can help us to know that we as women are loved and valued by God. God's unfailing mercy in His forgiveness is a gift to us all!

If you have any questions or want to know the upcoming themes for the month, please contact Sarah Burgeson or Linda Herber, who are co-leading the group.

**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 7 PM in the McMillen Room. (Nov. -Feb. 6:30 PM)

Healthy Corner

DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The majority of adults in the United States take one or more dietary supplements either every day or occasionally. Today's dietary supplements include vitamins, minerals, herbals and botanicals, amino acids, enzymes, and many other products. Dietary supplements come in a variety of forms: traditional tablets, capsules, and powders, as well as drinks and energy bars. Popular supplements include vitamins D and E; minerals like calcium and iron; herbs such as Echinacea and garlic; and specialty products like glucosamine, probiotics, and fish oils.

If you don't eat a nutritious variety of foods, some supplements might help you get adequate amounts of essential nutrients. However, supplements can't take the place of the variety of foods that are important to a healthy diet. Scientific evidence shows that some dietary supplements are beneficial for overall health and for managing some health conditions. For example, calcium and vitamin D are important for keeping bones strong and reducing bone loss; folic acid decreases the risk of certain birth defects; and omega-3 fatty acids from fish oils might help some people with heart disease. Other supplements need more study to determine their value.

Many supplements contain active ingredients that can have strong effects in the body. Always be alert to the possibility of unexpected side effects, especially when taking a new product. Supplements are most likely to cause side effects or harm when people take them instead of prescribed medicines or when people take many supplements in combination.

Don't decide to take dietary supplements to treat a health condition that you have diagnosed yourself, without consulting a health care provider. Don't take supplements in place of, or in combination with, prescribed medications without your health care provider's approval. Check with your health care provider about the supplements you take if you are scheduled to have any type of surgical procedure. The term "natural" doesn't always mean safe. A supplement's safety depends on many things, such as its chemical makeup, how it works in the body, how it is prepared, and the dose used. Certain herbs (for example, comfrey and kava) can harm the liver.

Before taking a dietary supplement, ask yourself these questions:

- ☆ What are the potential health benefits of this dietary supplement product?
- ☆ What are its potential benefits for me?
- ☆ Does this product have any safety risks?
- ☆ What is the proper dose to take? How, when, and for how long should I take it?

Let your health care providers (including doctors, pharmacists, and dietitians) know which dietary supplements you're taking so that you can discuss what's best for your overall health. Your health care provider can help you determine which supplements, if any, might be valuable for you. Keep a record of the supplements you take in one place, just as you should be doing for all of your medicines. Note the specific product name, the dose you take, how often you take it, and the reason why you use each one. You can also bring the products you use with you when you see your health care provider

Office of Dietary Supplements, National Institutes of Health <http://ods.od.nih.gov/>



- Two guests joined us, Jed Moore and Daniel Stuart. Both are Boy Scouts and each requested permission to work on their own Eagle Project. In both cases it involves building a cover over the two sand boxes. One is on the Bennett Street side and the other is inside the patio area. It was requested that both provide us with a drawing plan and a schedule showing start time and a daily anticipated progress. The Board voted unanimously to proceed.
- Parsonage Account now stands at \$165,616.
- The Board has applied for a grant from (Santa Barbara District Union) for \$50,000. That \$50,000 and another \$50,000 from the Parsonage Account gives us \$100,000 and that will cover paint and replacing termite infested lumber, re-roofing, tenting for termites, and re-keying. As I am writing this report, 70% of the painting is done. Any generous donations from the congregation to cover this re-work will go back into the Parsonage Account. The House of the Lord is looking more beautiful each day. Thank you Mr. Norm.
- As you have seen by now, Criswell Hall's floor has been stripped and waxed with 5 coats of wax. Thanks to Alice Addison, Harry Egan, Bernie Hawkins, Mike Johnson, Val McClure, Bud Johnson, and Bill Weitkamp for such a beautiful job.
- New keys for the two sheds outside have been made. They will be kept with the other keys.
- The Board is looking into a solar heating system mounted on the roof. It was pointed out that some companies will install and let you rent it from them. More to follow.
- I believe the latest count for round tables. Stands at 6. We need 4 more. If you would like to buy one for the Church, the cost is \$100. Let me know.

Bless YOU all! — Tom Egan, Trustee Chair



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 distributes NEW socks, gently used clothes, and small travel-sized toiletries *which are a CONSTANT need.*

Got Donations?

Wanna Serve?

Contact the Ashtons or the church office.

MEALS SERVED

- March 2012: 385
- 2012 YTD: 883

SOCKS DISTRIBUTED

- March 2012: 301
- TOTAL to Date: 4,633**



We couldn't do it without you!



Do you know these ladies?

We have been blessed to have Kay Walker, Nancy Burns, Bee Frantz, Liz Gholson, Bonnie Swafford, and Peg Gallop—OH and there are others not seen here—who fold, stuff, sticker and sort our newsletter every month. Be sure to find one and give them a pat on the back for a job well done. Our church and our Communications Committee are so grateful for continued work to our church. *If you would like to help out, contact our church office.*

News from the Mission Team formerly Yellow Umbrella

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: JUDY ATWOOD

This month I want to celebrate God's Steadfast Love and the Native American Ministries Sunday special offering which we will take on April 22. We are also tracking special giving in 2012 to see where we are being in mission with those in need. So check out the new totals.

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE

Thanks to your gifts to the [Native American Ministries Sunday](#), [Pembroke First UMC](#) received a grant of \$10,000 for a mentorship program with Native American youth and young adults. This program will enable these youth and young adults to re-connect with their rich spiritual heritage, and develop spiritual pathways for holistic living.

Spiritual Connections in Sacred Pathways is a mentorship ministry of the Pembroke First UMC. This is a youth ministry that will engage clergy and laity in providing mentoring services to troubled youth and youth at risk in six high schools in Robeson County, North Carolina.

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES

Your gifts on Native American Ministries Sunday fund ministries that pave the way for those who aspire to serve Christ's church by making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Because of your generosity, young people like Lauren discover a world worth saving, congregations become stronger, seminarians prepare to serve, and communities are transformed.

More Exploration

General Conference is right around the corner – April 24-May 4. Ask, pray, seek and listen. John and Charles Wesley taught the early Methodist people, "God does nothing apart from prayer."

The teaching of the Bible is equally clear, "Unless God builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." (Psalm 127:1a, An Inclusive-Language Lectionary) Friends, our prayers are needed for this General Conference. There is more potential for significant change to occur this year than at any other time since 1968. We need God's wisdom promised in James 1:2-5. We pray because Jesus promised that if we ask, seek and knock, we will receive an answer and the doors will open. As we ask, pray, seek and listen, I believe God will act and The United Methodist Church will be transformed.

If you are interested in working with the Mission Team, please let me know. We will have you join us at our meetings.

Let us count the ways where you are plugged into mission & ministry of the United Methodist Church. We celebrate you!!!



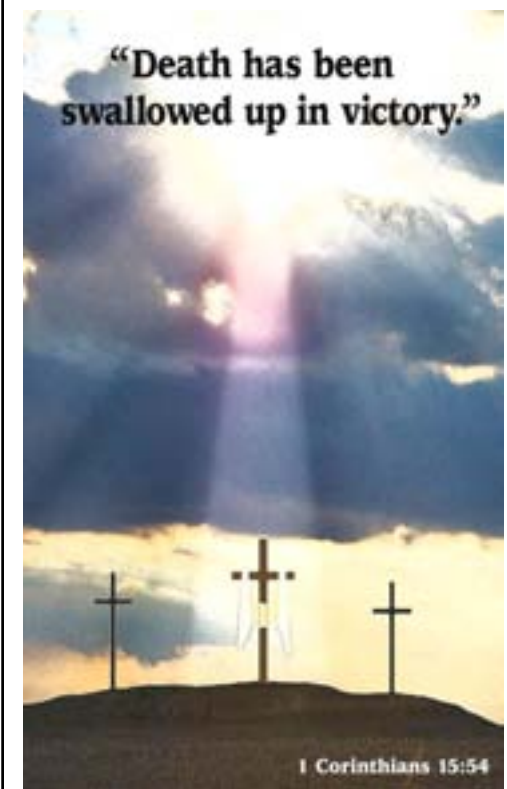
YTD Special Giving 2012	
Five Cities Christian Women	50.00
Human Relations Day	186.00
People's Kitchen	543.00
So. County Food Bank	228.90
Giving Total To Date	1007.90

EVERETT LEE TAYLOR SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

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. Since its beginning, thirty-nine church members have received financial assistance in excess of \$40,250.

Applications for the 2012-13 academic year are currently available from the church office. First time applicants need to submit completed applications, including two (2) letters of reference and a letter of the student's educational goals. Re-applying applicants 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. Qualifying applicants must have full-time work load at a college, university or technical school and must be (or have been) an active member of our church.



Health Care Issues and Options Study

As a follow-up to the study we did last year on the Social Principles, we now have an opportunity to learn more about one of the Social Principles - *Health Care*.

As you may recall from our reading and studying of the Social Principles last year, the United Methodist Church regards healthcare as a basic human right, as well as a responsibility both public and private. As the position of the Church elaborates: "We encourage individuals to pursue a healthy lifestyle and ... also recognize the role of governments in ensuring that each individual has access to those elements necessary to good health." (Social Principles, ¶162T)

To aid us in our study of the health care issues, volunteers from the San Luis Obispo United Methodist Church will facilitate a discussion to consider how health care policy can reflect our shared values. They have led similar workshops at Los Osos UMC, Santa Maria UMC, San Luis

Wednesdays, April 11, 18 & 25 (McMillen Room - UMC of AG)

Obispo UMC and the Atascadero UMC. Recommended reading for the study is T.R. Reid's book *The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care*. The book will be available for purchase or to borrow. We will also be viewing the FRONTLINE documentary, "Sick Around the World" to see what lessons we can learn from health care models in other countries. There will be opportunities for us all to discuss our experiences with the health care delivery network and how it has affected our selves, our friends and our loved ones.

We encourage attendance at all three sessions beginning Wednesday, April 11. We will be meeting at 5:30 PM. If you would like to participate in the meal offered at 5 PM you are invited to pick up your food and bring it into the McMillen room. That way we will be able to start promptly at 5:30 PM and finish by 7 PM. We look forward to seeing you there.



Jr & Sr High Youth Overnight at Camp A.G.

April 14th, 2:00pm – 15th, 1:00pm
Join us for this PRE-CAMP experience

Music Games
Devotions Small Groups

Chaperone required to stay \$20.00 per person for the 3 meals
For More Information and to RSVP call Debbie @ 489-4139

Camp A.G., 250 Wesley, Arroyo Grande, CA



Mark Your Calendars!

- ☆ We are still collecting cans for the People's Kitchen. Please bring in cans to help our kids learn how to help others. Contact Victoria Gandy for info.
- ☆ **Babylon: Daniels Courage in Captivity.** 2012 VBS— June 18-22 is when we are slated to take over the church and time warp back into Bible Times. **Adult & child tribes will be available. This is a whole church event - We invite you all!** Contact Sarah Burgeson with any question.
- Then we ready ourselves for Camp in the summer! Visit camps online: CalPaccamps.org or call Rev. David Camphouse, Camp Coordinator at UMC of Santa Maria—more details at right.
- We will see you in church!

2012 Summer/Fall Camp FUN Camp Arroyo Grande

Grow in Faith, Have Fun, & Change the World
July 2-6 from 9 AM - 4 PM
Vacation Bible School Day Camp
open to 1st—6th grades
\$125. per person



Riding the Ark
July 15—18 (overnight)
Younger Elementary Camp
open to 1st—3rd grades
\$200. per person

Around the World on a Rainbow
July 15th— 21st (overnight)

Older Elementary Camp
open to 4th—6th grades
\$350. per person



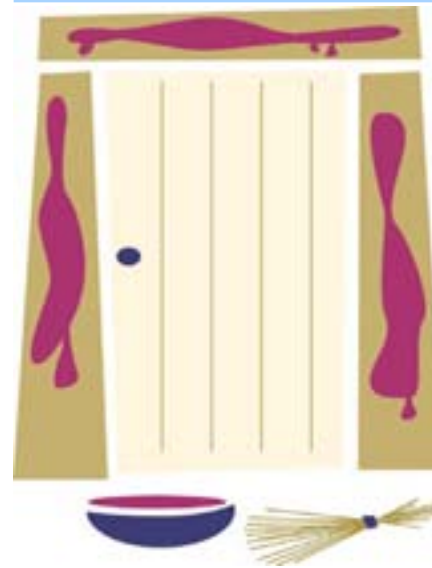
Faith Your Fears
July 22nd — 28th (overnight)
Jr./Sr. High Camp
6th —2012 graduates
\$350. per person

Men's Retreat
God at Work... Building Real Men!
Sept. 7th—9th
for men ages 18 +
\$120. per person



Women's Retreat
My Times are in Your Hands
October 12—14
for women ages 18 +
\$120. per person

More Camp info—Contact Debbie Tallant at 489-4139



DOORPOSTS

The image of a doorframe marked with blood comes from the Old Testament Passover account, when the Israelites prepared to flee slavery in Egypt. God directed them to slaughter lambs for a final meal and paint their doorposts with the blood. God sent the Angel of Death to kill the first-born sons of Egypt, but the blood on the Israelites' doorposts served as a signal that the Destroyer should "pass over" those homes. **Likewise, the blood of Jesus - who is the Lamb of God - saves us from eternal death.**

Where Was I ?

Our young son often asks where he was when something significant happened before he was born. "Where was I when you two got married?" "Where was I when Nana died?" And even "Where was I before I was inside your body?"

My response is always "You were in God's heart." God said as much to Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" (Jeremiah 1:5, NRSV).






A Good Friday spiritual asks plaintively, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" Clearly none of us were present when Jesus died. Yet as we worship on Good Friday, we place ourselves at the cross, where Jesus bore our sins.

"Where was I," we might ask our heavenly Father, "when they crucified Jesus?" I'm confident that God's tender answer is "You were in my heart." Indeed, only because of our place there did Jesus go willingly to the cross — and rise to assure us of everlasting life.

—Heidi Mann

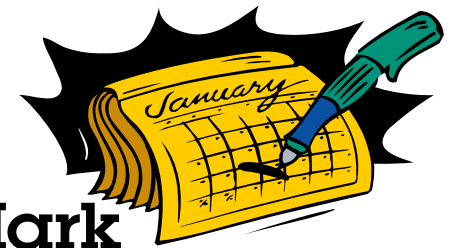
WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY CRUCIFIED MY LORD?
WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY CRUCIFIED MY LORD?
OH! SOMETIMES IT CAUSES ME TO
TREMBLE, TREMBLE, TREMBLE.
WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY CRUCIFIED MY LORD?
WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY NAILED HIM TO THE TREE?
WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY NAILED HIM TO THE TREE?
OH! SOMETIMES IT CAUSES ME TO
TREMBLE, TREMBLE, TREMBLE.
WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY NAILED HIM TO THE TREE?
WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY LAID HIM IN THE TOMB?
WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY LAID HIM IN THE TOMB?
OH! SOMETIMES IT CAUSES ME TO
TREMBLE, TREMBLE, TREMBLE.
WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY LAID HIM IN THE TOMB?

African American Spiritual

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 COFFEE HOUR: TRUSTEES 8:30 AM Contemporary Service & Kid's Sunday School 9:45 AM Disciples Group (MMR) 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Children's Church (MMR) 10:30 AM Youth Group (215) 11:45 AM Christian Education Team Meeting (MMR) 6 PM How To Study the Bible (MMR) 	2 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) 7:30 PM AlAnon (MMR) 7:30 PM AlaTeen (211) 	3 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 1 PM The Adventures of Dr. Chess—Spring Chess Camp (211) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 10:30 AM <i>Communications Comm. (L)</i> ** Please NOTE CHANGE 5 PM Grande Ringers 5:20 PM—8:30 PM Christian Counseling/Support & Recovery Groups for Women (211) - <i>call office for group info.</i> 6:30 PM AG UM CC Positive Discipline (CH) 7 PM Trustees (MMR)	4 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM EOC Health Screening (N/L) 9 AM All-Church Work Day 5 PM Free Fellowship Dinner (CH) 6 PM Lent Bible Study #7 (MMR) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)	5 <i>Maundy</i> THURSDAY 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11:30 AM People's Kitchen 1 PM The Adventures of Dr. Chess—Spring Chess Camp (211) 5 PM Bible Reading (S) 5 PM Grande Ringers 7 PM Maundy Thursday Service	6 <i>Good</i> FRIDAY AG UM CC closed 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 3 PM Good Friday Ecumenical Service at St. Patrick's Church 7 PM Movie Night "The Passion of the Christ—Recut"	7 <i>Holy</i> SATURDAY 12:30 PM The Adventures of Dr. Chess (211) 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (S)
8 COFFEE HOUR: RESURRECTION SUNDAY BRUNCH 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 9:45 AM Disciples Group (MMR) 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group (215) **Children's Sunday School & Nursery Care available for both services. 	9 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) 7:30 PM AlAnon (MMR) 7:30 PM AlaTeen (211)	10 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 10 AM UMW Steering Committee (CH) 1 PM The Adventures of Dr. Chess—Spring Chess Camp (211) 5 PM Grande Ringers 5:20 PM—8:30 PM Christian Counseling/Support & Recovery Groups for Women (211) - <i>call office group info.</i> 6 PM AG MS Support Group (MMR) 6:30 PM AG UM CC Positive Discipline	11 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM All-Church Work Day 12:30 PM Alzheimer's Assoc. Care Giver Support (MMR) 5 PM Free Fellowship Dinner (CH) 5:30 PM Health Care Issues & Options Study #1 (MMR) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)	12 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 12 PM Esther Circle (MMR) 1 PM The Adventures of Dr. Chess—Spring Chess Camp (211) 5 PM Bible Reading (S) 5 PM Grande Ringers 7 PM AG UM Children's Center Open House	13 8:30 AM Bible Study (L)	14 12:30 PM The Adventures of Dr. Chess (211) Jr. & Sr. High Overnight at Camp AG 2 PM on 4/14— 1 PM on 4/15
15 COFFEE HOUR: MISSION TEAM 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 9:45 AM Disciples Group (MMR) 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group (215) **Children's Sunday School & Nursery Care available for both services. 6 PM How To Study the Bible (MMR) 	16 9 AM AG UM Children's Center Practice (S) 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) 7:30 PM AlAnon (MMR) 7:30 PM AlaTeen (211)	17 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM AG UM Children's Center Practice 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 9:45 AM UMM Meeting -Trip to Port San Luis Lighthouse —(leave from UMC of AG—tour at 11 AM) 2 PM Preschool Board - closed (MMR) 3:30 PM Preschool Board - open (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers 5:20 PM—8:30 PM Christian Counseling/Support & Recovery Groups for Women (211) - <i>call office group info.</i> 7 PM JOY Circle (a member's home)	18 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM AG UM Children's Center Practice (S) 9 AM All-Church Work Day 5 PM Free Fellowship Dinner (CH) 5:30 PM Health Care Issues & Options Study #2 (MMR) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)	19 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM AG UM Children's Center Practice (S) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11:30 AM People's Kitchen - 5 PM Aloud Bible Reading (S) 5 PM Grande Ringers 7 PM WOW (MMR)	20 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 9 AM AG UM Children's Center Practice (S) 12 PM Alzheimer's Assoc. Care Giver Support (MMR) (MMR)	21 ALL DAY — UMW Bridal Tea Dressing Room set-up (MMR) 12:30 PM The Adventures of Dr. Chess (211) 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
22 COFFEE HOUR: Children's Center Sunday and Ice Cream Social (CH) NATIVE AMERICAN SPECIAL OFFERING 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 9:45 AM Disciples Group (MMR) 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group (215) **Children's Sunday School & Nursery Care available for both services. 6 PM How To Study the Bible (MMR)	23 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) 7:30 PM AlAnon (MMR) 7:30 PM AlaTeen (211)	24 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers 5:20 PM—8:30 PM Christian Counseling/Support & Recovery Groups for Women (211) - <i>call office group info.</i>	25 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM All-Church Work Day 9:30 AM Mary-Martha Circle (MMR) 5 PM Free Fellowship Dinner (CH) 5:30 PM Health Care Issues & Options Study #3 (MMR) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)	26 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 4 PM Book Club (MMR) 5 PM Aloud Bible Reading (S) 5 PM Grande Ringers	27 8:30 AM Bible Study (L)	28 12:30 PM The Adventures of Dr. Chess (211) 1 PM UMW presents Bridal Tea and Fashion Show (CH/MMR)
29 COFFEE HOUR: ENDOWMENT 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 9:45 AM Disciples Group (MMR) 10:30 AM Traditional Service & **Children's Sunday School & Nursery Care available for both services. 6 PM How To Study the Bible (MMR)	30 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) 7:30 PM AlAnon (MMR) 7:30 PM AlaTeen (211)					

2012 GENERAL CONFERENCE — APRIL 25—MAY 4, 2012

APRIL



**Mark
Your Calendar!**



**Prevent
Child Abuse**

APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE CHILD

Be sure to join us for Children's Center Sunday on April 22—we invite you to stay for the Ice Cream Social. Call the AG UM CC office—see how you help shape the life of these precious little ones (805) 481-2223.

Date	Meeting/Event	Time
4/1	Christian Ed. Team	11:45 AM
4/3	Communications	10:30 AM
4/3	Trustees	7 PM
4/5	People's Kitchen	11:30 AM
4/5	Maunder Thursday	---
4/6	Preschool Closed	---
4/6	Good Friday Ecumenical Service FREE Movie Night	--- 3 PM 7 PM
4/8	Easter Sunday Resurrection Brunch	9:30— 10:30 AM
4/10	UMW Steering Committee	10 AM
4/10	UMM Lighthouse Trip	9:45 AM
4/11	Health Care Options Study Begins	5:30 PM
4/12	Esther Circle	12 PM
4/17	Preschool Board	-----
	• Closed session	2 PM
	• Open session	3:30 PM
4/17	JOY Circle	7 PM
4/19	People's Kitchen	11:30 AM
4/19	Women of Worth	7 PM
4/25	Mary-Martha Circle	9:30 AM
4/26	Book Club	4 PM
4/28	UMW Bridal Tea & Fashion Show	1 PM

Celebrating a



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| Ray Ewick | 4/1 |
| Liz Gholson | 4/3 |
| Esther Miller | 4/4 |
| Pam Bauske | 4/7 |
| Amber Burgeson | 4/5 |
| Patti Melsheimer | 4/6 |
| Ryan Bailey | 4/7 |
| Sadie Barber | 4/9 |
| Don Gugeler | 4/11 |
| Randy Dobbs | 4/16 |
| Lea Ann Collagan | 4/25 |
| Bob Woods | 4/25 |
| Mac Stransky | 4/29 |



*Did we miss your birthday?
Contact our church office—Let us know!*



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| 1st | Board of Trustees |
| 8th | Christian Ed. Team |
| 15th | Mission Team |
| 22nd | AG UM Children' Center
Sunday & Ice Cream Social |
| 29th | Endowment Board |

*Any changes need to be done through group changes and reported to the church office.
Thanks to you all!*



**CHURCH
WORKDAY**

**Weekly Wednesdays
from 9 - 11 AM
You can help too...
just show up!**

HE IS NOT HERE;

He is RISEN!

Watch your mail box for a special way to give back to the Lord a portion of what he has given you.