

# 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



January and February

## Bible In 90 Days begins January 1, 2013 A study for Adults, Youth, & Children

There's so much that God wants to teach us, and it's all waiting in the pages of His Holy Word. Don't pass up this opportunity to join our all church challenge to read the *Bible in 90 Days*. Do this every day, and you'll be amazed at how much you grow in your walk with the Lord. If you desire to strengthen your relationship with Christ, there is no better way than reading the Bible every day. **The BEST New Year's resolution you will ever make—AND KEEP!**

### THREE COMPONENTS FOR OUR JOURNEY THRU THE BIBLE:

1. Use list provided to read about 12 pages of scripture per day. →
2. Attend ONE weekly Bible study focused on the week's reading.
3. Attend Sunday services to hear Pastor David's sermon focused on the Biblical character from the *Bible In 90 Days* week's reading.

### Bible In 90 Days (BN90) Wednesday Evening Bible Studies

- **BN90 Adults** 6 PM in the McMillen Room with Pastor David
- **BN90 Kids** 6 PM in Room 215 with Victoria Gandy
- **BN90 Youth** 7 PM in the Youth Lounge with Mike Herber

**NOTE:** A Wednesday afternoon class will be added, if enough interest is indicated. Contact Susan Coho, Adult Ed. Director.

### Sunday Mornings with the Bible in 90 Days

*Bible In 90 Days* focused sermons at 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM worship.

### Other Sunday Morning Bible Studies Opportunities

- **BN90 Adults** 9:50 AM in Christian Ed. Office (CH) with Susan Coho
- **BN90 Kids** Both services in Room 211 with Victoria Gandy
- **BN90 Youth** 10:30 AM in the Youth Lounge with Mike Herber

### Resources Needed to Make Your BN90 Readings a Success:

1. Use your own Bible or the *Bible in 90 Days* NIV Bible (\$14).
2. Utilize BibleGateway.com (click "Reading Plans," then *Bible in 90 Days*. Choose a version of the Bible to read, change calendar date to the date you read.)

**ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE CHALLENGE?**

Using Zondervan's NIV *The Bible in 90 Days*, readers will read through the entire Bible cover to cover in 88 days, with 2 "grace" days allowed using this plan.

Start Date:				End Date:			
Day	Start	End	Page	Day	Start	End	Page
1	Ge 1:1	Ge 15:15	12	46	Pr 7:1	Pr 20:21	552
2	Ge 17:1	Ge 28:19	24	47	Pr 20:22	Ecc 2:26	564
3	Ge 28:20	Ge 40:11	36	48	Ecc 3:1	SoS 8:14	576
4	Ge 40:12	Ge 50:26	48	49	Isa 1:1	Isa 13:22	588
5	Ex 1:1	Ex 15:18	60	50	Isa 14:1	Isa 28:29	600
6	Ex 15:19	Ex 26:43	72	51	Isa 29:1	Isa 41:18	612
7	Ex 29:1	Ex 40:38	84	52	Isa 41:19	Isa 52:12	624
8	Le 1:1	Le 14:32	96	53	Isa 52:13	Isa 66:18	636
9	Le 14:33	Le 26:26	108	54	Isa 66:19	Jer 10:13	648
10	Le 26:27	Nu 8:14	120	55	Jer 10:14	Jer 23:8	660
11	Nu 8:15	Nu 21:7	132	56	Jer 23:9	Jer 33:22	672
12	Nu 21:8	Nu 32:19	144	57	Jer 33:23	Jer 47:7	684
13	Nu 32:20	De 7:26	156	58	Jer 48:1	La 1:22	696
14	De 8:1	De 23:11	168	59	La 2:1	Eze 12:20	708
15	De 23:12	De 34:12	180	60	Eze 12:21	Eze 23:39	720
16	Jos 1:1	Jos 14:15	192	61	Eze 23:40	Eze 35:15	732
17	Jos 15:1	Jdg 3:27	204	62	Eze 36:1	Eze 47:12	744
18	Jdg 3:28	Jdg 15:12	216	63	Eze 47:13	Da 8:27	756
19	Jdg 15:13	1Sa 2:29	228	64	Da 9:1	Hos 13:6	768
20	1Sa 2:30	1Sa 15:35	240	65	Hos 13:7	Am 9:10	780
21	1Sa 16:1	1Sa 28:19	252	66	Am 9:11	Nah 3:19	792
22	1Sa 28:20	2Sa 12:10	264	67	Hab 1:1	Zec 10:12	804
23	2Sa 12:11	2Sa 22:18	276	68	Zec 11:1	Mt 4:25	816
24	2Sa 22:19	1Ki 7:37	288	69	Mt 5:1	Mt 15:39	828
25	1Ki 7:38	1Ki 16:20	300	70	Mt 16:1	Mt 26:56	840
26	1Ki 16:21	2Ki 4:37	312	71	Mt 26:57	Mk 9:13	852
27	2Ki 4:38	2Ki 15:26	324	72	Mk 9:14	Lk 1:80	864
28	2Ki 15:27	2Ki 25:30	336	73	Lk 2:1	Lk 9:62	876
29	1Ch 1:1	1Ch 9:44	348	74	Lk 10:1	Lk 20:19	888
30	1Ch 10:1	1Ch 23:32	360	75	Lk 20:20	Jn 5:47	900
31	1Ch 24:1	2Ch 7:10	372	76	Jn 6:1	Jn 15:17	912
32	2Ch 7:11	2Ch 23:15	384	77	Jn 15:18	Ac 6:7	924
33	2Ch 23:16	2Ch 35:15	396	78	Ac 6:8	Ac 16:37	936
34	2Ch 35:16	Ez 10:44	408	79	Ac 16:38	Ac 28:16	948
35	Ne 1:1	Ne 13:14	420	80	Ac 28:17	Ro 14:23	960
36	Ne 13:15	Job 7:21	432	81	Ro 15:1	1Co 14:40	972
37	Job 8:1	Job 24:25	444	82	1Co 15:1	Gal 3:25	984
38	Job 25:1	Job 41:34	456	83	Gal 3:26	Col 4:18	996
39	Job 42:1	Ps 24:10	468	84	1Th 1:1	Phm 25	1008
40	Ps 25:1	Ps 45:14	480	85	Heb 1:1	Jas 3:12	1020
41	Ps 45:15	Ps 69:21	492	86	Jas 3:13	3Jn 14	1032
42	Ps 69:22	Ps 89:13	504	87	Jude 1	Rev 17:18	1044
43	Ps 89:14	Ps 108:13	516	88	Rev 18:1	Rev 22:21	1048
44	Ps 109:1	Ps 134:3	528	89			
45	Ps 135:1	Pr 6:35	540	90			

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# Shepherd's Notes

David Burgeson, *Pastor*

Dear Church Family and Friends,

I want to thank you for the ways, both seen and unseen, that you have served the First United Methodist Church. As the New Year approaches, be sure to take some time and reflect on how we have shared the good news of Jesus Christ through word and deed.

For 2013, we can continue sharing of Christ with several goals that I pray we will have in place by the end of the first quarter—end of March. I hope to :

1. Discover and implement ways to increase our Sunday worship attendance by 10% by the end of 2013. Average attendance at the end of 2012 was 157.
2. Develop a Congregational and Membership Care Team. This group will work along with me to visit our shut-in members and those who have not been to church for 3 Sundays.
3. Conduct a “What It Means To Be A United Methodist” class each quarter. This class would be for any and all who are new to our church or for those who would like to know more about our church structure.
4. Begin a monthly potluck gathering for singles. This would be a great time of food and fellowship. We can consider planning outings as well.
5. Have a membership and constituent data base active and running in our church office. I would like this to be fully in place by the end of January. We are in process of this now and ask that if you have not completed an information form for you or your family, that you do so and send it to our church office as soon as possible. You will find a blank form insert in this issue. Please complete it in as much as you can so we have this information for our directories, our attendance files, and our membership information. Please note “membership information” on the envelope.
6. Our Finance Team will share a detailed report with you each quarter as to where we are in our income and expenses. The first of which will be ready at the end of March.
7. Utilizing social media as a means of sharing information about our church.

I will keep you all updated in the Sunday morning bulletins and our future *Cast~A~Net* issues. Please let me know if any of these teams, groups and functions are something that you would like to be involved in or help to implement.

God bless you all and Happy New Year!



Thanks

**Congratulations to Jed Moore  
on completing his  
Eagle Scout Project!**

The beautiful shade structure in the back yard over the sand box is being enjoyed by the children and staff of our preschool and Sunday School.





Many of us were introduced to Epiphany through the familiar silhouetted-image of Three Wise Men bearing gifts as they followed the Great Star by night. In some cultures, Epiphany is known as the *Day of the Kings* (*Día de los Reyes*). It is also known as Twelfth Day or Twelfth Night, reflecting an old custom of giving a gift for each of the days from December 25 to January 6 for the 12 days of Christmas. The day has special meaning for a number of reasons. Several branches of Christianity celebrate the birth of the Christ Child on January 6 (or 1/7).

*Epiphany* means *appearance* or *manifestation*. Popular usage likens *epiphany* to words such as *eureka* or *aha!* Use of this word by some English speakers conjures images of having a light bulb turned on, or of being able to see something that was once hidden from view. The texts for the Sundays after the Epiphany dramatize the many ways that we people came to understand who Jesus was, through his baptism, the miracle at the wedding, or through that bodacious declaration in his hometown synagogue! But, this ever-widening circle of revelation began 'outside the circle' of Judaism, so to speak, with the Magi.

### Who were the Magi?

Many versions of the Bible refer to them as the *Wise Men*. We often forget that these Magi or *Wise Men* were non-Jews. Older sources suggest that they were priestly descendants of one of the tribes of the Medes known for their knowledge of the stars (astronomy) and their ability to interpret dreams.

### What can we learn from the Wise Men?

**First, the Wise Men began their journey because of their beliefs.** It was a common belief that when a world leader like a king was born that a special stellar phenomenon would appear in the sky. The Magi saw something that convinced them that they had seen the long-awaited sign. Historians tell us that the Jews, the Romans, and the Persians were all watching the skies about that time, looking for signs of the birth of an extraordinary king. A few years before, around 11 BC, Halley's Comet had been seen. There were other stellar phenomena, including a bright star, Sirius, which appeared brightly in the daytime instead of at night. The Wise Men saw the star and began their journey.

*God grant us inspiration for the coming journey.*

**Second, the Wise Men were willing to follow what they saw into unknown territory.** Their journey took them outside their country and their comfort zone.

The Wise Men risked the consequences of disobeying Herod, who was known to behave as a madman when provoked and returned to their country by another way.

*Christian journey—often an off-road excursion.*

**Third, the Wise Men were committed to the journey -- wherever the star might lead.** The Wise Men set out to find a newborn King by following a star and ended up in finding a baby born to young, relatively poor parents! Not exactly what they expected and not exactly what befit their dignity as priests.

*In this coming year, may we look to heaven for guidance and comfort and may we accept God's blessings in whatever forms we find them, just as the Wise Men accepted that their long, expensive journey led them to a baby born to young, inexperienced parents who lived on the poor side of town.*

**Finally, the Wise Men brought gifts.** They did the thing that people in the East or in Africa or in India would do when visiting royalty. They brought gifts.

- *Gold*—a gift that you brought to a king.
- *Frankincense*—the gift for a priest.
- *Myrrh*—given to someone about to die.

*On This Twelfth Day, or Three Kings Day, otherwise known as Epiphany, think of the gift that you will offer to God in the coming year. The gift of time? The gift of your talents? Your service in the community? Your witness and testimony? The gift of undying love and devotion?*

Their greatest gift comes to us in the form of a realization. The Wise Men were the first Gentiles to recognize that Jesus belongs to everyone. Good news is for everyone, not just a select few.

*Star of wonder, Star of light,  
Star with royal beauty bright.  
Westward leading, Still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light. Amen.*



# Helping men grow in Christ; so others may know Christ!

Bernie Hawkins, *President* Mike Johnson, *Vice President*  
Wayne Huggins, *Treasurer* Tom Egan, *Devotions*  
Val McClure, *UMM Publicity*

## Sweetheart Breakfast Will Win The Ladies Hearts



Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM the UMM will hold its Annual Sweetheart Breakfast. There will be flowers for the ladies along with quartet music to win their hearts. A delicious breakfast of Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Sausage, Hash browns and Tropical Fruit Salad will be served

with a variety of Loaf Cakes for dessert. The cost is \$10.00 per person and tickets will go on sale February 2nd in Criswell Hall. A ticket is necessary for this event and will not be sold at the door. An honored guest at the event will be former UMC of AG pastor, Reverend Ehrhardt Lang and his wife Cheryl. He will give some short remarks about his recent adventures as a new published author.

## Bring In the New Year With Pancakes

The first UMM Pancake Breakfast of the new year will be held on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 to 10:30 AM in Criswell Hall. Menu will include (you guessed it!) Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Fresh Fruit Cup and Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Tea and Juice. **Cost:** Only \$5 Adults; kids under 10 years old: \$1. Tickets available at the door. Profits go to youth activities, Camp Arroyo Grande and special Church needs. Let's get the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Service together over a great pancake meal.



## First Meeting of the New Year Will Bring Robert Gandy to the Podium

The first meeting of 2013 for the Methodist Men (UMM) will be on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> in Criswell Hall at 8:30 AM. Featured speaker will be Robert Gandy, father of our beloved Sarah Burgeson. Mr. Gandy is a retired Sergeant of the Los Angeles Police Department. He has worked with the Governors Office of Emergency Services at the California Specialized Training Institute at Camp San Luis Obispo for the past almost 20 years.

Breakfast will be served buffet style at 8:30 AM will include scrambled eggs, ham, sweet roles, hash browns and tropical fruit salad. **Cost: \$9** per person with phone reservations. Without reservations, \$10 door ticket. Women are welcome to attend.

For further information see Bernie Hawkins, Mike Johnson, Wayne Huggins, Val McClure or Tom Egan.

## UMM Schedule 2013

- **January 19 Breakfast Meeting**  
8:30 AM in Criswell Hall—special guest, Robert Gandy of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.
- **January 20th Pancake Breakfast**
- **February 16 Sweetheart Breakfast**  
8:30 AM in Criswell Hall—special program for the Valentine's Day.
- **March 16 Breakfast Meeting**  
8:30 AM in Criswell Hall—special guest, James Roland, Lawman to the Nation.
- **March 17th Pancake Breakfast**
- **Carl Kliesch Memorial Golf Tournament**—May Date to Be Announced
- **April 21st Taco Salad Buffet**  
Served after church at 11:30 AM
- **May 18th Camp Work Party**
- **May 19th Pancake Breakfast**
- **June 15th All-Church Barbeque**





United  
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FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

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

*“The organized unit of the 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.”*

Sally Weitkamp, *UMW President*; Betty Ashton, *Treasurer*; Patti Melsheimer, *UMW Publicity*

## United Methodist Women’s Sunday January 27

Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to be in church on January 27<sup>th</sup> for United Methodist Women’s Sunday. Our speaker for both services will be Dr. Veda Ward. Veda was the leader of last year’s UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat, and was such an exciting presenter that she has been invited back so that the whole congregation could hear her!

Dr. Ward is a recent graduate of the Claremont School of Theology’s “Lay Ministry Academy.” A professor of Recreation and Tourism Management at California State, Northridge, she is currently the President of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women. This will also be the time for the installation of the new officers for the UMC of AG United Methodist Women. Following the morning’s service there will be a potluck luncheon.

We hope you will join us!

## Arroyo Grande United Methodist Women Donate \$2,535 to Local Charities

During the year 2012 the United Methodist Women raised approximately \$6,800 thru pledges and fundraisers. Sixty percent of the funds raised are sent to the UMW Cal Pac Conference for distribution to mission projects that serve women and children around the world. Forty percent is designated for local programs. This year, for the local projects, the UMW steering committee has designated \$750 to the People’s Kitchen; \$750 to the Five Cities Christian Women’s Food Pantry; \$550 to the Grover Beach Elementary School; and \$485 to the African Water Well project.

The UMW wishes to extend a great **Thank You** to all who supported the recent Holiday Boutique and Elegant Luncheon. Approximately \$3,150 was raised from the sale of crafts and the luncheon. The sale of opportunity tickets for the antique quilt made \$997.

### Mark Your Calendar With These Important Dates!

- **January 27<sup>th</sup>** UMW Sunday & All Church Potluck
- **March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>** Women’s Spiritual Retreat
- **May 4<sup>th</sup>** Immigration Discussion & Cinco de Mayo Luncheon
- **August 10<sup>th</sup>** *Faith, Hope, Love in Action* – An Afternoon in Explanation of the New UMW structure.
- **October 26<sup>th</sup>** Annual Boutique & Luncheon
- **November 10<sup>th</sup>** Soup Luncheon & World Thank Offering Program



## United Methodist Women Book Club

For more than 140 years members of United Methodist Women and predecessor organizations have been involved in mission that includes prayer, study and action. The Reading Program is a study opportunity for United Methodist Women. Hopefully it should also lead to action. It is always helpful to read a good book about an important subject but it is so much more meaningful when one can discuss the book with others.

Our Arroyo Grande UMW has now been reading and discussing together for over a year. All agree that the books have been interesting, thought provoking and have expanded our knowledge about situations around the world.

You are invited to join us on the fourth Thursday of the month for a lively discussion! The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM.

The book for January is entitled *“Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide.”*

*“This is a passionate call to arms against the oppression of women around the globe—“the central moral challenge” of our time. Through inspiring stories of extraordinary women, Kristof and WuDunn show that the most effective way to fight global poverty is to unleash the potential of women. They also offer an uplifting do-it-yourself tool kit for those who want to help.”*

It's that time of year again and starting in January, the youth will be collecting food for the **Soup-er Bowl of Caring**. Please look for the bucket in Criswell and deposit cans and non-perishable items (especially needed is tuna, peanut butter, and cereal). Our touchdown for victory date is **February 3** when we will have our final collection. On that day if you forget to bring something to put in our bucket to score a goal to help hunger in our community, we will gladly sell you a canned item to donate. *All food collected will be given to the Five Cities Christian Women's Food Bank. All money collected will go to support Blandy, the Compassion International child the youth supports.*

Thanks for your support, *Mike and Linda*

## youth group

### SCHEDULE

**Sundays - 10:30 AM**  
**Wednesdays - 7 PM**

Join these 6th-12th grade teens living for Christ (room 215).



Victoria Gandy,  
Children's Ministry Director

- ☆ **Kid's Night Out** continues EVERY Wednesday at 6 PM.
- ☆ **Christmas Nativity Program** turned out so wonderful. MANY thanks to all those who participated in making this special for our church and for others.
- ☆ **New January and February Kids Calendar** is out. Find me for details any Sunday.
- ☆ We are reviewing our material for Vacation Bible School. This year we are off to Athens...Mark your calendar for June 17 - 21.
- ☆ **We are always in need of teachers/volunteers, come share in the joy as these kids learn the love of Christ.**

## Eleven Tips for Responding to Children's Fears and Concerns Following a Disaster from GBOD.org

*Parents, grandparents, teachers and caregivers are the key to helping children work through their feelings following a disaster.*

1. Pray with children for the victims of the disaster—hear how they pray and what they are praying for. Simple prayers, like: Dear God, help and bless the people who lived through the storm. Guard them all with your care. Amen.
2. Discuss openly with children what your family and church are doing to help those who have been hurt by the disaster.
3. Limit trauma by protecting children from ongoing media images of the disaster that may only contribute to fear and helplessness. Limit exposure to continuing news stories and hold adult conversations only when children are not present.
4. Reassure children as you listen to their fears. Children experience the same feelings as adults, so it is important and reasonable to validate their feelings while keeping a positive future orientation.
5. Contact organizations in your area that address the needs of children.
6. Provide structure through routine and activity. Routines and activities help regain a sense of control when all else feels out of control.
7. Make objects that encourage play reenactment of the images children observe during and after a disaster.
8. Let children draw pictures or journal about the disaster. Ask children to draw or write whatever comes to their minds, or give them a question or topic to draw about. Create a group mural or collage that illustrates the images children have seen. Follow up with a discussion with a parent or small group.
9. Group discussions are helpful for validating children's feelings about the images they see or the conversations they hear about the disaster. Most importantly, end the discussion on a positive note by assuring children of God's love. Scripture, like "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" from Psalm 46 is one example of scripture that can bring children comfort.
10. Develop a family disaster plan for the types of natural disasters that may happen in your area. Role-play some possible situations. Knowing that you are prepared will help children cope with fears that they may find themselves separated from family in the event of a disaster.
11. Do good. Doing good for others help children overcome the sense of powerlessness. For example, let children help purchase and assemble health kits, layettes or flood buckets. (See <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/flood-bucket> for information on how to assemble kits.)



**8:30 & 10:30**

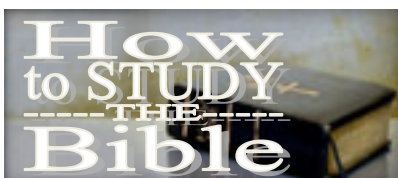
ALL elementary kids meet in the Sanctuary at the beginning of worship, usually in the front pew, and are dismissed (with teachers) after our **Children's Moment**.

The first Sunday of the month, our group will go off to the McMillen Room for "What We Know Sunday" on our past lessons and then meet with the adults in the sanctuary for communion.



**Sundays - 9:50 AM**

Come, take the message a little further in the Christian Education office (CH).



**Sundays - 6 PM**

Take part in this ongoing look of the scriptures with Mike Herber in the McMillen Room.



**Mondays - 7 PM**

We welcome all men for prayer & study (room 215).



**Adults - 6 PM**

**Kids Night Out - 6 PM**

**Youth Group - 7 PM**

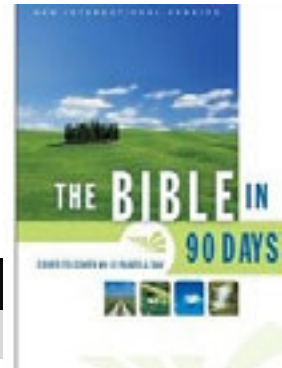
(See schedule at right)

**FREE Fellowship Meal at 5:15 PM**



**Fridays - 8:30 AM**

Join us in the Library for Bible study, discussion, coffee, & friends!



DATES	TOPICS AND SCHEDULE
Wednesday, 1/2	• 6 PM Pastor's Study — B90 Week One
Sunday, January 6	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service BN90 Week 1 Sermon: • 9:50 AM BN90 Discussions and Study Session • 6 PM <i>How to Study the Bible</i> —Teaching & Discussion Group
Wednesday, 1/9	• 6 PM Pastor's Study — B90 Week Two
Sunday, 1/13	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service BN90 Week 2 Sermon: • 9:50 AM BN90 Discussions and Study Session • 6 PM <i>How to Study the Bible</i> —Teaching & Discussion Group
Wednesday, 1/16	• 6 PM Pastor's Study — B90 Week Three
Sunday, 1/20	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service BN90 Week 3 Sermon: • 9:50 AM BN90 Discussions and Study Session • 6 PM <i>How to Study the Bible</i> —Teaching & Discussion Group
Wednesday, 1/23	• 6 PM Pastor's Study — B90 Week Four
Sunday, 1/27	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service BN90 Week 4 Sermon: • 9:50 AM BN90 Discussions and Study Session • 6 PM <i>How to Study the Bible</i> —Teaching & Discussion Group
Wednesday, 1/30	• 6 PM Pastor's Study — B90 Week Five
Sunday, February 3	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service BN90 Week 5 Sermon: • 9:50 AM BN90 Discussions and Study Session • 6 PM <i>How to Study the Bible</i> —Teaching & Discussion Group
Wednesday, 2/6	• 6 PM Pastor's Study — B90 Week Six
Sunday, 2/10	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service BN90 Week 6 Sermon: • 9:50 AM BN90 Discussions and Study Session • 6 PM <i>How to Study the Bible</i> —Teaching & Discussion Group
Wednesday, 2/13	• 6 PM Pastor's Study — B90 Week Seven
Sunday, 2/17	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service BN90 Week 7 Sermon: • 9:50 AM BN90 Discussions and Study Session • 6 PM <i>How to Study the Bible</i> —Teaching & Discussion Group
Wednesday, 2/20	• 6 PM Pastor's Study — B90 Week Eight
Sunday, 2/24	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service BN90 Week 8 Sermon: • 9:50 AM BN90 Discussions and Study Session • 6 PM <i>How to Study the Bible</i> —Teaching & Discussion Group
Wednesday, 2/27	• 6 PM Pastor's Study — B90 Week Nine

# News from the Mission Team

**MISSION HIGHLIGHTS: JUDY ATWOOD**

Many new things to report this edition... so read carefully so as not to miss out: 1) Human Relations Sunday, January 20, 2) Meet our new Covenant Missionary, 3) Lent begins February 20, 4) Mission Team News, 5) Clean Water for All, 6) Also check the eleven months tracking of special giving in 2012 to see where we are being in mission with those in need, 7) Alternative Christmas Sunday

1) **GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE..IN ACTION**

**HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY, JANUARY 20:** Your offering strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth. Recipients include Church-based Community Developers work in racial- and ethnic-minority communities in the United States and Puerto Rico (57% of the offering). A multiracial network of grassroots social-justice organizations related to United Methodist Voluntary Services provides vital outreach (33%). Christ-centered Youth Offender Rehabilitation projects give teenagers a chance to succeed (10%).

2) **COVENANT MISSIONARY: FRIDO KINKOLENGE:**

He is serving as Director of Children's Ministries in the Liberian Annual Conference and Emk Weltmission Children's Project Manager in Liberia. A copy of his bio is in a folder on our bulletin board.



3) **LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 13 WITH ASH WEDNESDAY:**

Did you create a "Sparkly Box" during Advent. If so, we want you to share your list of ways that you showed the love of Jesus as a witness to others. Please give them to me on Sunday or leave in the church office. I would like to compile a list that shows the ways we show God's love and put it alongside the special giving we do. Some might be part of both lists, that is all right. I would like to challenge us during Lent to take on some ministry of Love that might be included on our list. We often "give up" something for Lent, why not accept a challenge to "add a Justice Ministry of some kind".

4) **MISSION TEAM NEWS:** We have been encouraged to participate in mission outreach in some way. Many of you have been as you can see by looking at the Special Giving Chart. The Mission Team wants to look for new ways be in mission outreach. Please share your ideas with us! GOD HAS NO HANDS BUT OURS.

5) **CLEAN WATER FOR ALL:** On February 24<sup>th</sup> the Mission Team will host a potluck followed by pictures from Af-

rica shared by Patti and Dick Melsheimer. We will take a freewill offering to be added to our Water Bore Hole Well campaign. We already have a start. I know I appreciate my clean water and I expect you do also. Let's help others have the same for their families.

6) **Here are the first eleven month's totals for 2012.** Thank you for your faithfulness You have blessed many others locally and around the world.

Special Giving for 2012	
Alternative Christmas	317.00
Buckets	1060.00
ELT Scholarships	660.00
Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry	50.00
Human Relations Day	211.00
John Elmore	371.68
Mission Team	100.00
Native American Sunday	91.00
Nothing But Nets -Imagine No Malaria	1039.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	616.00
People's Kitchen	3790.00
Peace With Justice Sunday	148.00
So. County Food Bank	1088.54
UMCOR: Hurricane Isaac	55.00
UMCOR: Hurricanes Sandy	1520.00
UMCOR: Tornados	50.00
United Methodist Student Sunday	135.00
Wells for Africa	5128.07
<b>11 Months of Giving Total</b>	<b>16,430.29</b>

7) **ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS:** If you missed the big event on that Sunday, don't worry—you still can give. Your gift can also be a way of honoring someone or in remembrance of someone. We have cards for you to pick up when you make a donation if this is your desire. Cards at the table by the Mission Team Bulletin Board in Criswell Hall. Your options this year continue to be our three local ministries: 5 Cities Christian Women, People's Kitchen, and South County Food Bank. The national ministries are thru UMCOR's Disaster Response. The International project is our current Bore Well Project for Africa. We ask that you pray about what you can do to be in ministry with others.

**Many hands can do many things!**



LOOK AT THE MANY WAYS WHERE YOU ARE PLUGGED INTO MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. WE CELEBRATE YOU!





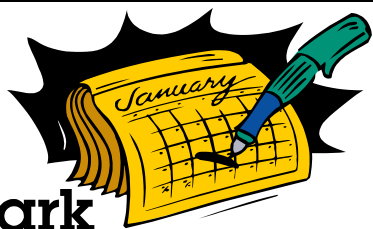
### UMC of AG's People's Kitchen Team

serves *hot meals* to our community at the *Shouts of Grace Church* in Grover Beach on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. At 11:30 AM, the team leaves from UMC of AG ready to shine for Christ. To help, see the Ashtons.

**Always In Need Of:** CLEAN seasonal clothes, travel-sized toiletries, bedding, towels, oral hygiene supplies (tooth brushes & toothpaste, etc.), new socks, and people to make casseroles—we *supply the ingredients*.

Contact the Ashtons for details.

**Thank you all for your support in Sock Sunday. On behalf of the needy that we serve, you are a blessing!**



## Mark Your Calendar!

**Tim & Juji Boyle Will Visit UMC of Arroyo Grande—February 9**

**Potluck at 5 PM** (BRING A DISH TO SHARE)

The Boyles are missionaries with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church assigned to teach at Kwansai Gakuin University in Nishinomiya, Japan.

Today affiliated with the United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan), the university was founded in 1889 under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The main campus is in Nishinomiya, with satellite schools in Sanda, Osaka City, and Toyko. Kwansai Gakuin has 24,000 students and recently merged with Seiwa College, which also had Methodist origins.

Tim has been a missionary professor at Kwansai Gakuin University in the Economics Department since September 2009. He teaches courses in Introduction to Christianity (focusing on the biblical

- Mike Coho was our guest and again we talked about minor changes to the Finance/Praise Team Room. Concerns were expressed about the timetable but the changes were okayed.

### Trustees Report

Tom Egan, *Chair*



- We are 1 or 2 percent over budget. The repair of the sewer system set us back but doable. As of the end of October the Parsonage Fund stood at \$127,708. This represented a \$600 increase. The 2013 budget request is asking for a \$4,000 increase. All utilities are going up.
- We are still discussing the vacant lot and a little park area looks good. I listed 7 projects that are still outstanding. I have received 2 quotes for the parking lot coating and have been helped by the Endowment Board. It doesn't cover all of the costs but we might have another gift forthcoming. The sinks in the Children's Center(3) are all backing up. As it turned out, the drain line was busted and it cost \$1,000 to fix that damage. Good-bye budget!
- Maybe after Christmas, I'd like to strip and wax the Pantry.

**I don't like the phrase "Happy Holidays" so the entire Board of Trustees wishes all a beautiful CHRISTMAS and a joyous New Year. God Bless.**

### Wednesdays - 9AM

Join us as we clean-up our house of worship—Come, and spruce up this House of the Lord; *there is always something to do and places that need work.*

**Come, contribute as you are able—all are welcome!**



worldview, how that has shaped world history, and how it addresses the issues of today), ethics, and English language. He still helps out at the Buraku Liberation Center, where he served for two years prior to beginning at Kwansai Gakuin.

Tim's wife, Yuko (Juji), is a medical counselor at a special home for the elderly in Kobe that is part of a larger ministry founded by Toyohiko Kagawa, a noted Japanese Christian leader and peace advocate.

The Buraku Liberation Center promotes the human and civil rights of a Japanese population subject to acute discrimination on the basis of blood lines. It is a Kyodan ministry founded in 1981.

Rev. Boyle first served in Japan as a lay missionary from 1971 to 1974 in Sapporo on the northern island of Hokkaido. After seminary and a four-year pastorate in California, the Boyles returned to Hokkaido for a term and then moved to Tsukuba Science City near Tokyo, where they served for 21 years at the Tsukuba Christian Center.

Tim and Juji are the parents of two adult daughters, Lisa Megumi and Jennifer Mari.

### What is The Walk To Emmaus?

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all."

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 "Emmaus 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 Emmaus 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.

The Upper Room, a ministry unit of the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church, sponsors the Walk to Emmaus and offers it through local Emmaus groups around the world. Although connected through *The Upper Room* to The United Methodist Church, The Walk to Emmaus is ecumenical in nature. The intent is not to teach church doctrine, but rather to work within the common theology of the Christian faith and promote unity within the different Christian churches.

### Emmaus Walk #48

For those planning to serve on a walk, join us on January 19, February 2, and February 16 for the team building meetings. Be sure to turn in your application online.

**February 28 - March 3, 2013**

First time attendees (Pilgrims) applications are accepted all year long. Your church would

like to sponsor you and give you this special gift of the journey down the road to Emmaus, Contact the pastor if you are interested.  
**Emmaus Men's Walk #47**  
**March 7-10, 2013**  
**Emmaus Women's Walk #48**

## JANUARY

- Phil McKibben 1/2
- Doris Rice 1/3
- Alex Paredes 1/4
- CJ Cochran 1/4
- John Neel 1/4
- Polly Monson 1/6
- Alonzo Ferrari 1/6
- Norm Henderson 1/7
- Bob Ownsby 1/9
- Jim Duffin 1/10
- Lily Stewart 1/13
- Lexi Raetz 1/15
- Caitlin Herber 1/17
- Nancy Baughman 1/17
- Jim Alquist 1/20
- Russell Ewick 1/20
- Art Moore 1/20
- Judy Leonard 1/22
- Madge Young 1/24
- Pat Conover 1/26
- Lynn Stewart 1/27
- Barbara Shilkoff 1/28
- Jordan Henderson 1/29
- Mary Thronson 1/29
- Eileen Odom 1/29
- Ron Montgomery 1/31
- Dr. Pat Spaulding 1/31



## FEBRUARY

- Devin Paredes 2/2
- Barbara Reineke 2/3
- Ian Spaulding 2/4
- Betty Ashton 2/5
- Betty Johnson 2/7
- Wayne Huggins 2/8
- Guy Oates 2/9
- Victoria Gandy 2/9
- Bennie Duffin 2/10
- Mike Johnson 2/10
- MaryBeth Lorenzen 2/14
- Ryan Roemer 2/19
- Irene Kliesch 2/19
- Jamie Carr 2/22
- Jackie Jackson 2/27
- Peter Quagliano 2/21
- Anna Prestemon 2/22
- Maddy Quagliano 2/22
- Michelle Paredes 2/25
- Paul Collagan 2/26
- Sean Treat 2/27
- Bobbie Davis 2/28



**Did we miss a birthday?**  
 Contact our church office...we need you to fill out an information form for you and your family.

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



2013

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|------|----------------|------|----------------------|
| 1/6  | Finance        | 2/3  | Endowment & ELT      |
| 1/13 | JOY Circle     | 2/3  | Staff-Parish Potluck |
| 1/20 | UMM Pancakes   | 2/17 | Esther Circle        |
| 1/27 | Church Council | 2/24 | Communications Team  |



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Date	Meeting/Event	Time	Date	Meeting/Event	Time
1/1	Bible In 90 Days Begins	—	2/2	Groundhog Day	—
1/3	People's Kitchen	11:30 AM	2/5	Communications	10:30 PM
1/3	Staff Meeting	6:15 PM	2/5	Board of Trustees	7 PM
1/4 & 5	Children's Sunday School "UP All Night" Night	6 PM— 10 AM	2/7	People's Kitchen	11:30 AM
1/8	UMW Steering	10:30 AM	2/9	Potluck for the Boyles	5 PM
1/8	Board of Trustees	7 PM	2/9	Praise Team	6:30 PM
1/10	Esther Circle	Noon	2/12	UMW Steering	10 AM
1/12	Praise Team	6:30 AM	2/14	Valentine's Day	—
1/15	JOY Circle	7 PM	2/14	Esther Circle	noon
1/15	Preschool Board ▪ Closed session ▪ Open session	— 1 PM 2:30 PM	2/16	Emmaus Team Building #1	
1/17	People's Kitchen	11:30 AM	2/16	UMM Sweetheart Breakfast	8:30 AM
1/17	Women of Worth	7 PM	2/19	Preschool Board ▪ Closed session ▪ Open session	— 1 PM 2:30 PM
1/19	UMM Breakfast Meeting	8:30 AM	2/19	JOY Circle	7 PM
1/19	Emmaus Team Building #1		2/21	Women of Worth—WOW	7 PM
1/20	UMM Pancake Breakfast	9:30 AM	2/23	Praise Team	6:30 PM
1/20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	—	2/28	UMW Book Club	4 PM
1/23	Mary-Martha Circle	9:30 AM	2/28	Men's Walk to Emmaus at the UMC of Ventura	Don't Miss this!
1/24	Mission Team	2 PM	—3/3	<b>Meetings To Be Determined</b>	TBD
1/24	UMW Book Club	4 PM		Christian Education Team	
1/26	Praise Team	6:30 PM		Church Council	
1/27	UMW Sunday and Potluck	—		Endowment Board	
1/31	Worship Team	7 PM			

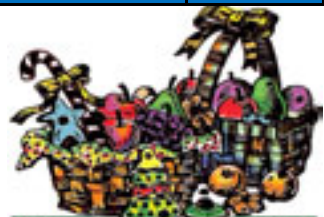


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**Five Cities Christian Women Food Pantry**

We filled baskets and wrapped presents until over 50 families were cared for. This was a week of Christmas Joy spread through the loving hearts of these loyal women and their congregations.



**CHRISTMAS BASKETS**

Non-perishable food items can be brought to the church any day of the week and are picked up regularly on Sundays. This ministry is always in need of help! Checks may be made out to **Five Cities Christian Women** and mailed to P.O. Box 756, GB, 93483. **Thank you for your support!**



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**ARISE,  
SHINE;**

for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD  
has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60:1, NRSV