

*"Know Christ, Grow in Christ, Go—Share Christ."*

# Cast~A~Net

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande



North District  
Central Coast  
Cluster Charge  
Conference

**November 17 at 3 PM**

UMC of AG's Criswell Hall

*All are encouraged to attend!*

The United Methodist Church structure is one of connectionalism. It is intentionally decentralized and democratic. Clergy and laity alike help determine the ministry and workings of Church. Our church leaders and ministry team chairs will report to the District Superintendent as to the ministries that make possible the connection of hearts, minds, hands and lives as the body of Christ around the world.



**Basic  
Lay  
Servant  
Ministry  
Training**

**ONE Saturday, November 2**

from 10 AM—2 PM

**and THREE Thursdays,**

**November 7, 14 & 21**

from 6:30 PM—8:30 PM

Registration is \$25 for the price of books and lunch on Saturday.

We hope you will prayerfully consider attending this interesting course. Contact Susan Coho for information.



## **Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service**

**November 27 at 7 PM**

This year's host church is  
**Nipomo Community  
Presbyterian** located at  
1235 N. Thompson Avenue.

ALL Wednesday night activities at  
UMC of AG are canceled so that  
you are able to attend.

## **Hanging of the Green**



**10 AM November 30th**

Join us as we decorate our church for the coming Advent Season. Bring an easy brunch type nibble to share.



## **Other Dates to Remember**

November is National  
American Heritage Month

- All Saints' Day  
*November 1, 2013*
- Daylight-Saving Time Ends,  
*November 3, 2013*
- Veterans Day  
*November 11, 2013*
- National Bible Week  
*November 17-23, 2013*
- Christ the King Sunday  
*November 24, 2013*
- Thanksgiving  
*November 28, 2013*

# Shepherd's Notes

David Burgeson, *Pastor*

Hello Again Church Family,

For this issue I would like to share more about what it is to make disciples. I came across an article on *A Theology of Discipleship* that I would like to share with you from the GBOD (General Book of Discipleship) website. Enjoy!

## A Theology of Discipleship

Theology is not just about God. It is also about us. We live out of our understanding of who we are in relationship to God, to one another, and to the world. The Christian faith is grounded in the love and grace of God, experienced through Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. The Christian life is our response to God's love and grace.

The church calls our response to God Christian discipleship. Discipleship focuses on actively following in the footsteps of Jesus. As Christian disciples, we are not passive spectators but energetic participants in God's activity in the world. Because of what God has done for us, we offer our lives back to God. We order our lives in ways that embody Christ's ministry in our families, workplaces, communities, and the world.

### Loving God

When Jesus was asked what the most important commandment was, his response was: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment" (Matt. 22:37-38. See Matt. 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34; and Luke 10:25-28.)

Discipleship is about loving God....It is more than an acknowledgement of God's existence or a statement of belief regarding God. It is total devotion, head-over-heals-in-love-with adoration. It is the deep desire to know God, to be one with God, and to worship God.

There are a variety of ways that we can develop our knowledge of and love of God. These include

- Prayer
- Bible study
- Worship
- Fasting
- Conversation with other Christians

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, called these practices means of grace. They are means for developing our relationship with God and for experiencing God's presence in our lives. These practices help us spend time with God, a significant factor in loving God.

### Loving Neighbor

Jesus responded to questions about the most important commandment by quoting the Hebrew Scripture's admonition to love God with our whole being. (See Deut. 6:4-9 as well as gospel passages listed in the above section.) Then immediately he broadened the meaning of this admonition: "The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (Mark 12:31).

These verses about loving God and loving neighbor as ourselves are known as the Great Commandment. Again and again, the Bible teaches us that loving God and loving neighbor are two sides of the same coin. We cannot do one without the other. Check out some of these passages for a glimpse at how prevalent this understanding of Christian discipleship is:

- Matthew 5:43-48
- Matthew 25:31-46
- Luke 10:25-37
- John 15:12-17
- Romans 12:9-18
- 1 Corinthians 13
- 1 John 4:19-21

From these passages and others we can draw several conclusions about what it means to love our neighbors. First of all, loving our neighbors means responding to specific needs—hunger, illness, imprisonment, loneliness, and so forth. Love is more than a feeling; it is behavior. It is practical and concrete.

Secondly, our neighbors include many people. Within the context of the Christian community, our neighbors are our brothers and sisters in Christ. Neighbors may also refer to the contemporary understanding of those who live near us. However, from a biblical perspective, neighbors often include people whom we might not normally consider:

- strangers;
- prisoners;
- people who mistreat us (who are our enemies);
- people from other cultural and ethnic backgrounds;
- people from different religious traditions;
- people who irritate us and push the boundaries of our patience.

Therefore, loving our neighbors requires attention and sacrifice. We have to pay attention to what is happening around us in order to see our neighbors and to recognize their needs. We must also consider their needs to be as important as our own in order to live faithfully. Loving neighbor is more than random acts of kindness. It takes time, energy, and commitment. It is a lifestyle carefully cultivated in response to God.

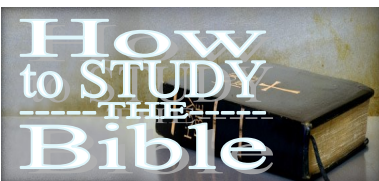
Finally, these passages emphasize that loving our neighbors is not optional; it is mandatory. It is what Christians do and what Christians are. Our lives are a testimony to our love—our love for God and our love for neighbor.



Adult Christian Education



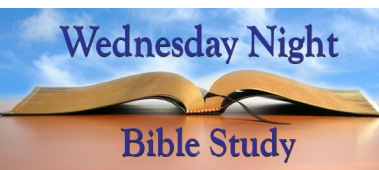
**Sundays - 9:50 AM**  
Come, take the message a little further in the McMillen Room (MMR).



**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).



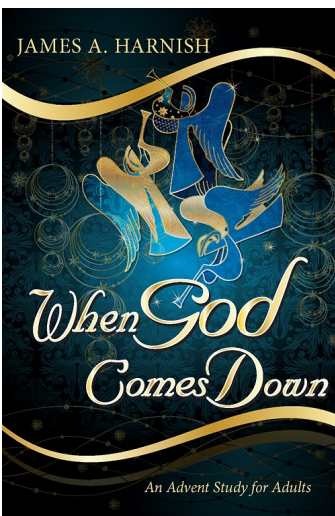
**Adults - 5:45 PM**  
**Kid's Night Out - 6 PM**  
**Youth Group - 7 PM**  
(See schedule at right)  
**FREE Fellowship Meal at 5 PM**



**Fridays - 8:30 AM**  
Join us in the Library for Bible study, discussion, coffee, & friends!

JOIN US FOR A  
**FELLOWSHIP DINNER**  
**FREE!**  
**5 PM Wednesdays in Criswell Hall**

Dates	Topics and Schedule
Sunday, November 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>The Story</u> - Chapter 12: The Trials of A King</li> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service</li> <li>9:50 AM "The Story" Discussion &amp; Study</li> <li>6 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching &amp; Discussion</li> </ul>
Wednesday, November 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:45 PM <u>The Story</u>—Ch.13: The King Who Had it All</li> </ul>
Sunday, November 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>The Story</u> - Chapter 13: The King Who Had it All</li> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service</li> <li>9:50 AM "The Story" Discussion &amp; Study</li> <li>6 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching &amp; Discussion</li> </ul>
Wednesday, November 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:45 PM <u>The Story</u>— Ch. 14: A Kingdom Torn in Two</li> </ul>
Sunday, November 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>The Story</u> - Chapter 14: A Kingdom Torn in Two</li> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service</li> <li>9:50 AM "The Story" Discussion &amp; Study</li> <li>6 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching &amp; Discussion</li> </ul>
Wednesday, November 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:45 PM <u>The Story</u>—Ch. 15: God's Messengers</li> </ul>
Sunday, November 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>The Story</u> - Chapter 15: God's Messengers</li> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service</li> <li>9:50 AM "The Story" Discussion &amp; Study</li> <li>6 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching &amp; Discussion</li> </ul>
Wednesday, November 27	<b>NO STUDY this week. Join us at Nipomo Presbyterian for the Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service at 7 PM.</b>



**New Study for the Season of Advent**

*When God Comes Down* explores the meaning of the incarnation...God with us in human flesh. It looks at the stories of the primary biblical characters in the birth stories through whose lives the miracle of incarnation happened.

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Often our Advent/Christmas journey is focused on us – our memories, feelings, relationships and experiences. This study puts the focus on God's action in Jesus Christ. It encourages participants to think more deeply in terms of the biblical, theological, and spiritual meaning of the Nativity and to apply it to their own lives.



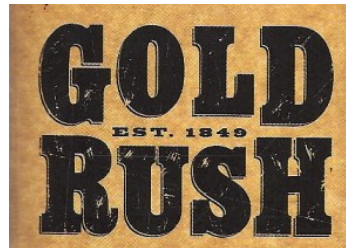
**Helping men grow in Christ;  
so others may know Christ!**

**UMM Board:**

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

**UMM To Visit Early California**

Grab your Gold Pans and get ready for some real gold when you attend the next meeting of the UMM on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am in Criswell Hall. Bill and Sally Weitkamp will be bringing you the story of Pierre Sainsevain, an early pioneer from France during the colorful gold rush days of California. The history and the connection to Sally's family has been documented by her brother, Bob Ebeling and the presentation was developed by Bill Weitkamp.



The Weitkamps have been a mainstay here at First United Methodist Church for many years with Sally having served as a Church Lay Leader, President of the UMW, President and Vice-President of the District UMW and now chair of our church UMW Steering Committee. Bill has served as Church Treasurer, Co-Chair of UMM and on both the Pastor-Parish and Endowment Board. He has been an active and loyal member of the UMM for many years. A delicious catered breakfast will be served. Tickets are \$9 and available at the door the day of the event. This presentation will be informative to both men and women, so be sure to tell your loved one to join the UMM for breakfast and a great presentation.



**NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Scheduled for Sunday, **November 17<sup>th</sup>** in Criswell Hall from **8:45 AM – 10:30 AM**. The UMM cooking team will offer pancakes (of course!), scrambled eggs, fresh fruit salad, sausage, coffee, tea or hot chocolate. Cost is \$5 Adults, \$1 for kids under 10 years of age. **New family plan for two adults and children \$10** is available. Tickets will be sold at the door the day of the event. *A great chance for the first and second service to fellowship – Don't miss it!*

**UMM CHRISTMAS MUSICAL JUBILEE**

The second Annual Christmas Jubilee and Gong Show has been scheduled for Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> in Criswell Hall from 6-9pm. The Christmas season social gathering is open to all church members and their friends. The program features music, group singing, dancing by the talented members and friends of UMC of AG. Pastor David will give a short Christmas message; and of course, lots of good Christmas goodies. Don't miss this **FREE** event it will help you get into the Christmas spirit and enjoy the fellowship with other church members and friends.



Annual Christmas Jubilee



**Deadline November 15.  
NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Article and Item ideas can be e-mailed to the church office before the Communications Committee's next meeting on November 12.



**Five Cities Christian Women** will again be handing out *Christmas Food Baskets* on **December 20<sup>th</sup>**.

We will be filling 65 baskets. Registration for these baskets will be **November 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 9 AM—3 PM at Central Coast Baptist Church in the fellowship hall.

We would appreciate any donations of food or monies: frozen turkeys, canned items such as fruit, yams, cranberries, green beans, corn, olives, evaporated milk, pumpkin, Jell-O, chicken broth, boxed instant mashed potatoes, cake mixes, frosting and a 1 pound box of sugar.

The food may be left in our basket in the Narthex. Checks may be mailed to: Five Cities Christian Women  
P.O. Box 756  
Grover Beach, CA 93483

A receipt will be mailed to you upon request. *Thank you for your donation.*





United  
Methodist  
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

*"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*

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

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## United Methodist Women Thank YOU!

Thank you to all who supported the UMW Holiday Boutique and Brunch and to the many who made items for the Boutique. "Gracias" to all who bought the items. "Mahalo" to all who helped the day of the Boutique. "Merci" to all who came for the Holiday Brunch! And a special thanks to those handsome brunch waiters from the United Methodist Men! Our preliminary financial report indicates that we made at least \$1,800! A full report on the amount made and how it will be disbursed to support UMW missions efforts for women and children at home and around the world will be in the next issue of the Castanet.

## Live with Gratitude

### What would happen if we let thankfulness change our lives??

*Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice... Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well." Luke 17:15, 19*

On Thanksgiving, we traditionally acknowledge the good things in life. We count our blessings and remember that God has taken care of us for another year. Families and friends and congregations gather together and celebrate with especially abundant meals as we kick-off the holiday season.

For many, this is a very happy and meaningful time during which we are reminded of so many reasons to be grateful. It is also an opportunity to ponder the powerful potential of living each and every day of the year as transformed people centered in a spirit of gratitude. We learn something about this from the Gospel story of the 10 lepers (Luke 17:11-19). As we read the passage it is clear that all 10 lepers are healed and rejoice because of the miracle. One of the 10 is so overwhelmed with gratitude for this incredible and inexplicable healing. ... He just couldn't continue on with his life as it had been before he contracted the disease. So, he paused. He separated himself from the small band of healed people, and he alone chose a different path. He ran back, fell at Jesus' feet and proclaimed praise to God saying, "Thank you! Thank you!". This action prompts Jesus to declare, "Your faith has made you well. "Most of us know the joy of physical, emotional or spiritual healing after a devastating chapter in our lives. We are certainly grateful. But what would it be like if we turned around and chose to live life differently? How might our faith be invigorated if we embraced a daily life of gratitude in which ever encounter and every interaction was blanketed in thanksgiving? We can choose to live a life in constant appreciation of the goodness that surrounds us. Perhaps a life centered in gratitude is a life that is lived in the fullness of Jesus' proclamation, "Your faith has made you well."

*Condensed from a Response article by Rev. Sharon L. Vandegrift (November 2013)*



United Methodist Women's Book Club meets on the at 11 AM on the fourth Friday in the McMillan room.

For November (11/22/13) we will be reading *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana*. This book is available from the AG Library or can be purchased from Patti Melsheimer.

We will not be meeting in December.

The purpose of the Reading Program is to encourage UM Women members to:

- expand understanding of and participation in God's mission;
- increase sensitivity to all human beings — their needs, interests and concerns;
- encourage critical thinking about issues facing humanity today;
- grow in understanding of Scripture as it relates to Christian faith in contemporary life;
- enhance self-knowledge and to act from that knowledge; and
- strengthen involvement in local and global Christian mission.

United Methodist Women recommend a diverse range of books with the intention of broadening exposure to a variety of concepts. The Reading Program does not intend that readers accept each word or idea.

*If you would like to join us in discussion we would love to have you. Although this group is sponsored by the United Methodist Women, everyone is welcomed!*



## A Director's Note

The choir is back in full swing and preparing for our Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service as well as starting to practice Christmas music. I know, it's impossible to believe that it's here again.

Everyone gets so busy during this time of year. Remember to take time to enjoy your family, friends and just bask in all the glorious wonderful things God provides for us. Stop and listen to an old hymn or Christmas carol.

Join us on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 PM. We really do have loads of fun and fellowship together. It may not look like we have room for more, but we always do.

Happy Thanksgiving and  
A Merry Christmas,

*Julie Burns*

Chancel Choir Director



Victoria Gandy,  
Children's Ministry Director

**Sunday School**

**10:30 AM**

**Kid's Night Out**

**Wednesdays at 6 PM**

## North District Upcoming Events—Save the Dates

### North District Vision Meeting with Bishop Carcaño

Clergy and Laity are invited to a conversation with Bishop Carcaño about where they see the conference headed in the next season. Saturday, December 14, 2013 (two times and two locations to suit you). Join us either from 9 AM—12 PM at Lancaster UMC or from 2:30—5:30 PM at Westlake Village UMC. You won't want to miss this opportunity!

### The Ultimate Training Day

Saturday, January 25, 2014 from 9 AM—3 PM

Northridge UMC— A light lunch is provided for \$5 per attendee.

Each participant will choose 2 workshops to attend.

Tentative workshops include:

- Staff, Pastor, Parish Relations
- Trustee/ Facilities
- Messy Church
- Community Engagement
- Young People Ministry
- Radical Hospitality
- Church Treasurer/Finance
- Stewardship
- Communication in the local context

*We hope to see enough people from our church to take advantage of all of these great workshops!*

*Full details and registration information in future publications.*



## Prayer While Using the Gift of Water

*Dear God of Creation,*

*I thank you for this gift of water that cleanses, refreshes, and sustains my life.*

*Keep me mindful of the needs of all your people, especially those who do not have clean and abundant water.*

*May I always revere and preserve your gift.*

*Amen.*

We invite you to join us as we work to become better stewards of the precious gift of water by using it conservatively and wisely.

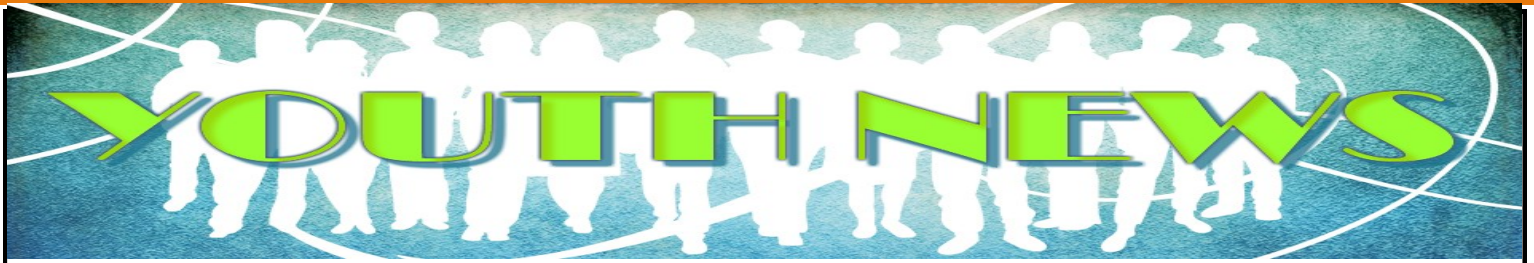
- Did you know that most sink faucets run at the rate of 3-5 gallons per minute? Try turning off the water while brushing your teeth, washing your face, or shaving.
- Did you know that a 5 minute shower uses 25-50 gallons of water? Consider limiting your showers to five minutes.
- Did you know extra flushes use 5-7 gallons of water? Please avoid using toilets as wastebaskets.



As you read this, please prayerfully consider contributing to the Bore Well Project for Africa. See our *Mission Team* page for more details.

# Rock The Block Weekend

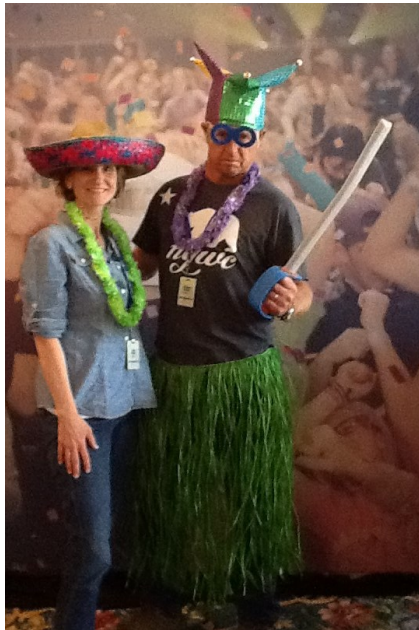




Greetings! As promised, some info about **Harvest Festival**. We passed out 3,175 bottles of water this year, a record. Thank you again so much to everyone who brought water, helped put on labels, helped haul water to the site (*PD you know who you are*), set up tents, passed out water, volunteered in the booth, stopped by to say hi, take down tents, and for those who prayed. It takes many hands to make things run smoothly and we are grateful and blessed by all who volunteered.

Mike and I had an awesome time at our **National Youth Workers Convention** in San Diego.

It was a time for meeting new fellow youth workers from around the country and Canada too. We participated in a small group, attended classes and listened to wonderful and inspiring speakers. We were blessed to be up front to hear Rend Collective, The Digital Age, Urban



Rescue, and Bellaravie. We brought back loads of free stuff (which we distributed to the youth, bummer if you didn't come that day!). Our favorite items were all the foam balls that we got from Azusa that the youth enjoyed playing strobe light dodge ball. We, as always, enjoyed "The Skit Guys". We hope to implement a lot of the ideas we learned and the new information we gathered. The theme this year was Onward and a reoccurring statement was: *Alone we go fast but together we go far!* **Words to live by.**

The **Rock the Block Concert** was such a blessing to our youth group that words can not even describe it. God truly had a plan when Mike and I originally met Lybecker back in August. Our time with Chris, Dan, and Dewey from Lybecker and Jordan and David, from Jordan Feliz (formerly The Current) was great and we are so excited to have had them here and to have them share their music and testimonies. They are excited to get to come back again some time soon. Thanks to everyone who helped to make the concert happen and all my red shirt people for volunteering your time to help. A big thank you to Pastor David for stepping out in faith and being willing to allow something awesome to happen, thank you to Susan for your planning and organizing, thank you to Kathleen and Doug for your hospitality, and thanks Jordan for your help and especially for being young and able to stay up late.



As always, we meet upstairs on **Wednesdays and Sundays**. We are continuing to follow along with *The Story*. Bring a friend, we have donuts!

**youth  
group**  
SCHEDULE

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

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



# News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, chair

## MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

**Many new things to report this edition...  
so read carefully so as not to miss out.**

1) Student Day Offering, 2) Alternative Christmas, 3) Here I Am, Lord: Ministry Opportunities, 4) Clean Water for All, 5) Special Giving for January—September 2013.

## GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE..IN ACTION

### 1) Student Day Offering—November 24

Your gifts to the United Methodist Student Day help students like Meredith Paul continue their education and their faith journey as they strive to make a difference in the world and discern what God has planned for them.

### 2) ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS

You were given an opportunity to share with Alternative Christmas gifts on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Again, we are supporting local, national, and an international project. Our local ministries are 5 Cities Christian Women, People's Kitchen, UMC of AG Emergency Food Ministry. National ministries respond to UMCOR with the recent floods and fires. International projects will be to add to our African Bore Well Fund. We received \$215 that Sunday and you may still participate if you missed that day. Visit *the mission table* in Criswell Hall or see our Mission Team for more information.

### 3) Here I am, Lord: MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

I hope you will continue to find ways that God is calling YOU to be in ministry. The possibilities are limited only by YOUR imagination as we listen to God's call upon our lives. We celebrated with a list of nearly 70 ways we are in ministry. I am sure that there are some that we missed and others yet to be discovered. Pray, listen to God's calling on YOUR life.

### 4) CLEAN WATER FOR ALL

We are moving closer to our goal of another well for Africa. I challenge us to see if we can't reach our goal in the next couple months and finish out the year with another well for those who so desperately need clean water for their community. Thanks for your support for this important ministry.

*Many hands can do many things!*



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
FAITHFULNESS.  
YOU HAVE BLESSED MANY  
OTHERS LOCALLY AND  
AROUND THE WORLD.**

### Special Giving Chart 2013

Boyle's Itineration	181.16
Elmore Itineration	83.00
ELT Scholarship Fund	70.00
Hammond Gift to Africa Ministry	10,000.00
Human Relations Day	54.00
Kits for Kiddos	1558.47
Native American Ministry	275.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	343.65
Peace With Justice Sunday	20.00
People's Kitchen	3538.60
So. County Food Bank	396.26
UMCOR Tornadoes—US Relief	1,000.00
VBS School Kits	499.00
VBS Supplies	151.00
Wells for Africa	3434.34
Youth Mission Fund	202.00

**Giving Total of 2013 (Jan.—Sept.) 21,806.48**



**UMC of AG's People's Kitchen Team** serves hot meals to our community at the new location in Grover Beach on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. The team

leaves from UMC of AG ready to shine for Christ. To help, see the Ashtons.

**Always In Need of:** Clothing (**CLEAN & SEASON APPROPRIATE**), travel-sized toiletries, bedding, towels, oral hygiene supplies (toothbrushes & toothpaste, etc.), new socks, and people to make casseroles—*ingredients provided.*

**Contact the Ashtons for details.**

- YTD meals served: **2,918**
- YTD new socks given out: **9,319**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<p>1 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 3:30 PM AG UM CC Closed 4 PM AG UM CC Staff Development (MMR)</p>	<p>2 9 AM—1 PM Basic Lay Speaking Class (MMR) 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211) 5 PM Praise Team S/U 6:30 PM Praise Team (S)</p>
<p>3 <b>Coffee Hour:</b> <i>Board of Trustees</i></p>  <p>8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service 9:50 AM Disciples Group 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group(215) 12 PM SPRC Meeting 6 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>4 <b>Pastor's Day off</b></p> <p>9:45 AM Doctor Chess - Chess Session (211) 10:55 AM Dr. Chess - Logic &amp; Debate (211) 11 AM Angularis Academy of Fine Arts (CH) 12:15 PM Dr. Chess - Archaeology (211) 1 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 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)</p>	<p>5 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (bell room) 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 7 PM Trustees (MMR)</p>	<p>6 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 9 AM Senior Health Screen (N/L) 5 PM Fellowship Dinner (CH)</p> <p><b>The Story Chapter 13: Solomon—The King Who Had It All</b> 6 PM Adults Study (MMR) 6 PM Kids Night Out (CH) 7 PM Youth (215) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>7 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11 AM Angularis Academy of Fine Arts (CH) 11:30 AM People's Kitchen - leave to serve 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (bell room) 6:30 PM Basic Lay Speaking Class (MMR)</p>	<p>8 8:30 AM Bible Study (L)</p>	<p>9 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)</p>
<p>10 <b>Coffee Hour:</b> <i>Mary-Martha Circle</i></p> <p><b>Veteran's Day Sunday</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service 9:50 AM Disciples Group 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group(215) 6 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>11 <b>Pastor's Day off</b> <b>We Honor Our Veterans</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> <p>11 AM Angularis Academy of Fine Arts (CH) 12 PM Hospice Bereavement Support Group (MMR) 1 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 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)</p>	<p>12 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 10 AM UMW Steering (L) 10:30 AM Communications Committee 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (bell room) 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 6 PM Arroyo Grande MS Support Group (MMR) 7 PM Worship Team (CH)</p>	<p>13 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 12:30 PM Alzheimer's Association Care Giver Support Group (MMR) 5 PM Fellowship Dinner (CH)</p> <p><b>The Story Chapter 14: Rehoboam/Jeroboam—A Kingdom Torn in Two</b> 6 PM Adults Study (MMR) 6 PM Kids Night Out (CH) 7 PM Youth (215) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>14 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11 AM Angularis Academy of Fine Arts (CH) 12 PM Esther Circle (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (bell room) 6:30 PM Basic Lay Speaking Class (MMR)</p>	<p>15 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 12 PM Alzheimer's Support for Adult Children of Parents (MMR)</p>	<p>16 8:30 AM UMM Breakfast Meeting (CH) 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211) 5 PM Praise Team Set Up (S) 6:30 PM Praise Team (S)</p>
<p>17 <b>Coffee Hour:</b> <i>UMM Pancake Breakfast</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service 9:50 AM Disciples Group 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group(215) 3 PM Cluster Charge Conference (CH) 6 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>18 <b>Pastor's Day off</b></p> <p>9:45 AM Doctor Chess - Chess (211) 10:55 AM Dr. Chess - Logic &amp; Debate (211) 11 AM Angularis Academy of Fine Arts (CH) 12:15 PM Dr. Chess - Archaeology (211) 1 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 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)</p>	<p>19 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 10 AM Congregational Care Team (L) 1:30 PM Preschool Board - closed session (MMR) 2:30 PM Preschool Board - open session (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (bell room) 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 7 PM JOY Circle (at the home of a member)</p>	<p>20 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 5 PM Fellowship Dinner (CH)</p> <p><b>The Story Chapter 15: Prophets—God's Messengers</b> 6 PM Adults Study (MMR) 6 PM Kids Night Out (CH) 7 PM Youth (215) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>21 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11 AM Angularis Academy of Fine Arts (CH) 11:30 AM People's Kitchen - leave to serve 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (bell room) 6:30 PM Basic Lay Speaking Class (MMR)</p>	<p>22 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 11 AM UMW Book Club 2 PM Mission Team</p>	<p>23 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)</p>
<p>24 <b>Coffee Hour:</b> <i>Congregational Care Team</i></p> <p><b>UM Student Offering</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service 9:50 AM Disciples Group 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group(215) 6 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>25 <b>Pastor's Day off</b></p> <p>11 AM Angularis Academy of Fine Arts (CH) 1 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 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)</p>	<p>26 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (bell room) 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L)</p> 	<p>27 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 9:30 AM Mary-Martha (MMR) 12 PM AG UM Children's Center Giving Celebration (CH)</p> <p><b>The Story is ON BREAK</b> <b>NO Bible Study</b> Please join us for the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at 7 PM hosted by Nipomo Community Presbyterian</p>	<p>28 <b>Office Closed</b></p> 	<p>29 <b>Office Closed</b></p> 	<p>30  10 AM Hanging of the Green 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211) 5 PM Praise Team Set Up (S) 6:30 PM Praise Team (S)</p>

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# November



## Trustee Tidbits

Tom Egan, chair

- Due to a tough financial September, the Parsonage Fund lost a little under \$2,000. We now stand at a little over \$138,000.
- Utilities still hurt our budget! The water bill is our biggest problem at the moment.
- Since our copy machine lease in the office will be up for renewal, we are getting two different quotes on different machines from two different vendors hoping to re-negotiate our cost. A representative from Select Business Solutions attended a recent Trustees Committee meeting. One machine we own outright and is over 10 years old—which we still pay maintenance on. The other is leased and that is up in April. After discussion, the office will only need one machine. Our current vender is also putting together a quote for the church office to review on October 25. Stay tuned!
- There are 5 new shelves in the storage room above the kitchen. This should help store financial data and keep them off the floor.
- Pastor David and Tom Egan have new credit cards through the church for large purchases.
- The legs of the pews have been repaired. There is a weak spot on the legs and so repairing them will be ongoing.
- The cost of making the bus legal is too much for our budget, Pastor David will be checking if the UMC in Arizona would like a bus.
- Recently the east side door was repaired. This has been three times recently. It does not open easily and a heavy shove or a hard boot will help but in doing so, all four screws holding the bottom assembly come out and thus making the door unlock-able. Please have more patience when opening the door. We will need time to reassemble the bottom of the door and holes filled. The door is part of the house of the Lord, please respect it.



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Larry Wiemers	11/28
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Contact our church office...we need you to fill out an information form for you and your family.

Please contact us if your birthdate has been printed incorrectly!



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### Prayer to Start The Day

Lord, as I think about my day, there are some things I'm excited about and some I am dreading. I have people who are looking to me for direction, answers, support and encouragement. In my own strength, I will fall desperately short of all that is expected of me, Strengthen and remind me that the only One I have to please is You.

May my thoughts, words and attitudes be pleasing to you today. Let every interaction be seasoned with grace and purpose. May no frivolous words or actions clutter my day, but only those things that will bring You glory and build Your Kingdom.

I surrender my day, my agenda, and my plans into Your hands. I ask you to order my day Your way. Even when the inevitable interruptions come, help me to sense your intention in each one and respond the way Jesus would. Amen. *-unknown*

