



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

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

FEBRUARY



## "Let Me Call You Sweetheart"

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweetheart Breakfast, sponsored by the UMM is coming our way on **Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** in Criswell Hall from 9 AM—11 AM. This sweetheart soirée is not just for couples. This event has been a favorite over the years for singles and friends, as well. It includes a great breakfast as well as a keynote speaker, Carol Gandy. Carol is a licensed marriage and family therapist (for more info see UMM page). There will be special entertainment as well. It is the UMM's way of saying "Ladies We Love You."

### TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

**Adults - \$10 per person.**

Child care will be available with advanced reservations by calling the church office or notifying the ticket table prior to the event.



## NORTH DISTRICT Lay Servant

### 2014 Winter Courses

February 22<sup>nd</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup> (9 AM - 3 PM)

Criswell Hall and McMillan Room

#### Registration Fee: \$30 per person

(includes book, sessions & lunch both days)

Pastor Paula Hulet, *Coordinator*

E-mail: [pvhulet@aol.com](mailto:pvhulet@aol.com)

Susan Coho, *Registrar*

E-mail: [scohoumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scohoumc@sbcglobal.net)

#### Three Courses Offered:

1. Lay Servant Basic Course
2. Lay Servants Lead Small Groups
3. The Art of Storytelling



## Cal-Pac Visioning Continues

On Epiphany Sunday, churches across our California-Pacific Annual Conference, including ours, shared in a time of visioning as one of the steps in discerning God's will for our conference at this time in our life together.

The next step in our process is District Visioning Events that will include a brief Bible study by Bishop Carcaño, face-to-face conversations and dialogue, and time to join together in prayer.

Each District will gather and provide an opportunity for Cal-Pac clergy and laity to engage together as we move toward articulating a vision for the conference. The goal of the Mission / Vision Discernment Team is to provide a draft statement of the vision at the District Conferences in early May for further reflection and revision before presenting it to the Annual Conference in June.

We encourage **you** to join with Pastor David and Judy Atwood (Lay Leader) to attend.

Carpool groups can be arranged, please contact the church office.

#### March 9 from 3 PM—6 PM

Santa Barbara UMC - Fellowship Hall  
305 E. Anapamu in Santa Barbara

**“Know Christ, Grow in Christ, Go—Share Christ.”  
UMC of AG Ministry 2014 Teams**

**Church Council/Chairs**

Marian Balster, *Chair*  
Lynn Stewart, *Secretary*  
Judy Atwood,  
*Lay Leader/Mission Chair*  
Patti Melsheimer, *Chair*  
*Congregational Care*  
Tina Moore, *Christian Ed.*  
Wayne Huggins,  
*Endowment*  
Sharon Roemer, *Worship*  
Mary Thronkson,  
*Pre-school Board*  
Bernie Hawkins, *UMM*  
Mary Hawkins, *UMW*  
Susan Thronkson, *SPRC*  
Joel Anderson, *Finance*  
Tom Egan, *Trustees*  
Mike Herber, *Youth*  
Linda Herber, *Youth*

**Christian Education Team**

Tina Moore, *Chair*  
Sarah Burgeson  
Susan Coho, *Adult Ed.*  
Victoria Gandy, *Children*  
Mike Herber, *Youth*  
Linda Herber, *Secretary*  
Jan Herber, *Librarian*  
Helen Moore,  
Kassie Quaglino, *Nursery*  
Maddy Quaglino, *AGUMCC*  
Carolyn Russell  
Sally Weitkamp

**Congregational Care**

Patti Melsheimer, *Chair*  
Doug & Kathleen Ballagh  
Hillary Henderson  
Melissa Johnson  
Eva McClure  
Pat Wiemers  
Marj Wolters

**Communications Team**

David Burgeson, *Pastor*  
Judy Atwood  
David Beaman  
Sarah Burgeson  
Susan Coho  
Virginia Mothes  
Jerry Smith, *in absentia*

**Endowment Board**

Wayne Huggins, *Chair*  
Judy Atwood  
Marj Cawelti  
Tom Egan  
John MacKeen  
Jim Steiner

**ELT Scholarship Committee**

Nancy Gerrish, *Chair*  
Judy Leonard  
Marj Cawelti  
Jan Treat  
B.G. Perriguey

**Finance Team**

Joel Anderson, *Chair*  
Virginia Mothes, *Finance*  
Judy Atwood  
Marj Cawelti  
Tom Egan  
Victoria Gandy  
Wayne Huggins  
Mike Johnson  
Bob Thronkson

**Missions Team**

Judy Atwood, *Chair*  
Chuck & Betty Ashton  
Nancy Baughman  
Adeline Bottorff  
Nancy Burns  
Bennie Duffin  
Mary Hawkins  
Patti Melsheimer  
Marian Balster  
Jo Takanaka

**Pre-School**

Mary Thronkson, *Chair*  
Maddy Quaglino, *Director*  
David Burgeson, *Pastor*  
Adeline Bottorff  
Larry Baughman  
Mary Hawkins  
Virginia Mothes  
Barbara Reineke  
Nancy St. Laurent

**Staff Parish Relations**

2014 Jan Treat  
Lucy Jacob  
Susan Thronkson,  
*Chair*  
2015 Chuck Ashton  
Judy Atwood  
Don Gugeler

**Trustees Board**

2014 Mike Herber  
Norm Henderson  
Betty Lorenz  
2015 Lorie Ford  
Don McGuire  
Tom Egan, *chair*  
2016 Paul Holden  
Mary Hawkins  
Phil McKibben

**Worship Team**

Sharon Roemer, *Chair*  
Kent Unsworth, *Secretary*  
Julie Burns, *Choir Director*  
Mike Coho, *Multi-media*  
Susan Coho, *Praise Team/  
Adult Ed.*  
Lorie Ford, *Altar Guild*  
Jordan Henderson  
Mike Herber, *Youth*  
Irene Kliesch, *Paraments*  
Don McGuire  
Ann Smith

**United Methodist Women**

Mary Hawkins, *President*  
Betty Ashton, *Treasurer*  
Eva McClure, *Secretary*  
Patti Melsheimer, *Publicity*

**United Methodist Men**

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

**Thank you all for your  
willingness to serve in the  
ministry of Christ’s church.**

**scripture index**

Please refer to page 3 for the scripture references for use with your personal Bible and corresponding sermon/ study chapter of *The Story*.

- 2/2 Fall of Israel (Ch. 16)
- 2/9 Fall of Judah (Ch. 17)
- 2/16 Daniel (Ch. 18)
- 2/23 Ezra (Ch. 19)

**ATTENDANCE**

**January 2014**

1/5	163
1/12	126
1/19	136
1/26	159

**AVERAGE: 146**

*as of 1/31/2014*



**Monthly Goal**

\$ 22,480.

**Received to Date**

\$ 19,547

**Difference**

\$ - 2,933

**We fell short!**

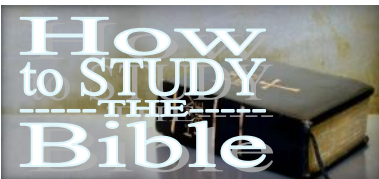
**Is your pledge up to date?**





**Sundays - 10 AM**

Come, take the message on the Criswell Hall stage as we review the weekly DVD



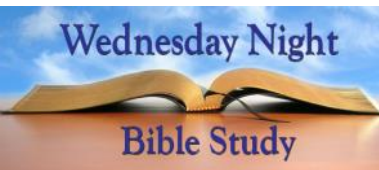
**Sundays - 5 PM**

Take part in this ongoing look at 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 The Story Bible, discussion, coffee, & friends!

Dates	Topics and Schedule
Sunday, February 2	<p><b>"The Story" Sermon Series</b>  <b>Chapter 16: "The Beginning of the End" (Fall of Israel)</b>                      2 Kings 17-19; Isaiah 3, 6, 13-14, 49, 53</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service</li> <li>• 10-10:15 AM "The Story" Bible Study Cinema (CH Stage)</li> <li>• 5 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching &amp; Discussion</li> </ul>
Wednesday, February 5	<p>5:45 PM - <b>"The Story" Dig Deeper Study</b>  <b>Chapter 17: "The Kingdoms' Fall" (Fall of Judah)</b>                      2 Kings 21, 23-25; 2 Chronicles 33,36; Jeremiah 1-2, 4-5, 13,21; Lamentations 1-3,5; Ezekiel 1-2, 6-7, 36-37</p>
Sunday, February 9	<p><b>"The Story" Sermon Series</b>  <b>Chapter 17: "The Kingdoms' Fall" (Fall of Judah)</b>                      2 Kings 21, 23-25; 2 Chronicles 33,36; Jeremiah 1-2, 4-5, 13,21; Lamentations 1-3,5; Ezekiel 1-2, 6-7, 36-37</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service</li> <li>• 10-10:15 AM "The Story" Bible Study Cinema (CH Stage)</li> <li>• 5 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching &amp; Discussion</li> </ul>
Wednesday, February 12	<p>5:45 PM - <b>"The Story" Dig Deeper Study</b>  <b>Chapter 18: "Daniel in Exile" (Daniel)</b>                      OR read in your Bible: Daniel 1-3,6 Jeremiah 29-31</p>
Sunday, February 16	<p><b>"The Story" Sermon Series</b>  <b>Chapter 18: "Daniel in Exile" (Daniel)</b>                      Daniel 1-3,6 Jeremiah 29-31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service</li> <li>• 10-10:15 AM "The Story" Bible Study Cinema (CH Stage)</li> <li>• 5 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching &amp; Discussion</li> </ul>
Wednesday, February 19	<p>5:45 PM - <b>"The Story" Dig Deeper Study</b>  <b>Chapter 19: "The Return Home" (Ezra)</b>                      OR read in your Bible: Ezra 1-6; Haggai 1-2; Zechariah 1, 8.</p>
Sunday, February 23	<p><b>"The Story" Sermon Series</b>  <b>Chapter 19: "The Return Home" (Ezra)</b>                      Ezra 1-6; Haggai 1-2; Zechariah 1, 8.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service</li> <li>• 10-10:15 AM "The Story" Bible Study Cinema (CH Stage)</li> <li>• 5 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching &amp; Discussion</li> </ul>
Wednesday, February 26	<p>5:45 PM - <b>"The Story" Study Dig Deeper</b>  <b>Chapter 20: "The Queen of Beauty and Courage" (Esther)</b>                      OR read in your Bible: Esther 1-9</p>



**Free Dinner for EVERYONE!**

Bring something to share or just bring yourself—we just want to see you!  
 We encourage you to prayerfully consider donating to this ministry that is not just feeding our church, but our community.



## 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*

### Sweetheart Breakfast Speaker

See cover for event details.



Carol Gandy is a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist in private practice in San Luis Obispo. Her passion is treating clients who desire to integrate their Christian faith with the therapy process. Carol received her Bachelor's and Master's degree in Psychology from Chapman University and trained at the Care and Counseling Center at New Life Community Church, as well as at First United Methodist Church in Arroyo Grande. She also serves as a Bible Study teacher and facilitator for the Women's Ministry at New Life. Carol and her husband Rob Gandy are happily married and living in San Luis Obispo.



### Next Meeting of the UMM Program Will Take Them To Rwanda

On March 15th Dr. Steven Sainsbury will speak on his adventures as a teaching physician in Rwanda, Africa. His topic will be *"How They Overcome the Genocide."* This should be an outstanding program. As always, we will have a delicious breakfast and great fellowship. Program begins at 8:30 AM. Tickets will be sold at the door for **\$9 per person**. Ladies are most welcome to attend as well as guest of UMM members.

### Pancake Breakfast to Celebrate ST. PATRICK'S DAY



There is something special in the air for the UMM Pancake Breakfast to be held on St. Patrick's Day, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

At least two people will receive a "green" pancake and win a prize. The regular breakfast is scheduled from 9 AM to 10:30 AM and is a great time for the first and second service to join in a delicious meal and fellowship. **COST:** Adults \$5, Youth \$1, Kids (under 10 free), Family (2 adults and children \$10). Tickets will be sold at the door.



### Have you taken a look at what your gifts are?

No, not the gifts you received for Christmas or your birthday. Your spiritual gifts! In 1 Corinthians 12:6-10 we read:

*"God's various gifts are handed out everywhere... Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people!"*

The Congregational Care committee would like to provide you with the opportunity to use some of the gifts God has given you.

Do you enjoy visiting with others, do you like to carry on a good conversation? Do you enjoy writing or baking or cooking? If any of these are gifts that you possess we can provide suggestions on how to use your gifts. You can volunteer to visit one of our members who is sick or someone who is living alone or in a group home and is not able to get out much. They would enjoy a visit from you. Or do you enjoy writing? How about writing to persons who are sick and could use some encouragement or cheerful thoughts. Or do you enjoy driving? You could pick up one of our members who does not have a car or can no longer drive and give them a ride to church on Sunday mornings. Or, would you enjoy making a meal for someone who has just returned from the hospital and needs meals supplied for a few days while they recover? This too is a way to use your gifts!

If you feel you would like to use some of your God given gifts in one of these ways, contact a member of the Congregational Care Committee (Pat Wiemers, Marj Wolters, Hilary Henderson, Melissa Johnson, Eva McClure, Kathleen and Doug Ballagh and Patti Melsheimer) or contact the church office.





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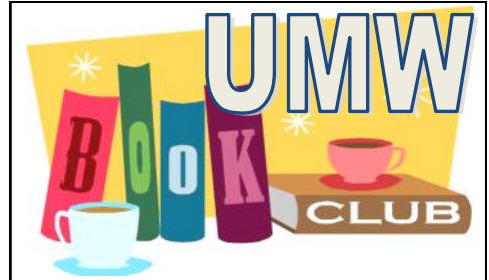
*"The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose Purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the*

*Mary Hawkins, President; Betty Ashton, Treasurer; Patti Melsheimer, Publicity; Eva McClure, Secretary*

## United Methodist Women of Arroyo Grande UMC

Thank you to all who participated in our annual United Methodist Women's Sunday on January 19<sup>th</sup>. It was an exceptional program. Jeri Roseboro's message on "Purposefulness" was very enlightening. As a part of the program, the UMW officers for 2014 were installed. They include: President – Mary Hawkins, Secretary – Eva McClure, Treasurer – Betty Ashton, and Communications Chair – Patti Melsheimer. The Circle chairs 2014 include – Mary Martha Circle – Sally Weitkamp; Esther Circle – Carla Gootee and JOY Circle – to be determined. In addition to planning and participating in the Women's Sunday program our newly elected officers plus several others attended the Santa Barbara District UMW Leadership Training at the San Luis Obispo UMC on January 24<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to an exciting year under the leadership of these fine women. Special Mission Recognition pin was presented to Betty Ashton and Virginia Mothes.

Our thanks go to Sally Weitkamp for chairing the Arroyo Grande UMW for the past two years. A lot was accomplished under Sally's guidance. Some have asked, "What do United Methodist Women do?" We hope that the Women's Sunday program gave some answers to that question.



The members of the **Arroyo Grande UMW Book Club** welcome you to join us for lively and thoughtful discussions. We meet on the fourth Friday of each month at 11 AM in the McMillen Room.

In January, we read "The Invisible Thread," which articulated the story of a young woman executive of the New York Times who encountered a boy begging for money "because he was very hungry". This is an account of her reaction and her continued encounters with him.

For February, we will be reading "Please Look After Mom," a Novel by Kyung-Sook Shin. This is the story of So-Nyo's family as revealed as they search for her after she disappeared in the crowd of a Seoul subway station.

Currently there are 11 copies of the book available from the Arroyo Grande Library. If you would like to receive a copy, contact Patti Melsheimer.

### **Beware**

This Book Club Reading Program may lead to thinking, praying and even action!

**Everyone is welcome to join.**

### **Theresa Hoover: 'larger than life... gentle as a dove'**



By Linda Bloom\*

(SOURCE: UMWconnectoins.org)

Theresa Hoover was the first and she made sure she was not the last.

The first African-American woman to become a top staff executive for The United Methodist Church was a mentor to many young women, promoted the leadership of laywomen and engineered a secure future for the women's organization of the denomination during a period of tumultuous change.

Hoover led the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, the corporate body of United Methodist Women, for 22 years, from 1968 to 1990.

"She had a presence that could be larger than life, but she also had a presence that could be as soft and gentle as a dove," said Andris Salter, a UMW executive who witnessed how Hoover minis-

tered to women struggling with issues such as physical and sexual abuse.

Hoover, 88, died Dec. 21 in Fayetteville, Ark., the hometown that had proclaimed May 30, 2008, as Theresa Hoover Day. Her funeral took place

Dec. 30 at Sequoyah United Methodist Church, where she was a member.

One of five children born to James C. Hoover and Rissie Vaughn, Hoover's options might have seemed limited in the segregated South, especially after her mother died when she was a small child. But her father, a city hospital orderly, taught her to be fearless and gave her the confidence to do what she needed to do.

A 1946 graduate of Philander Smith College, she helped the Little Rock Methodist Council, a coalition of 19 black and white Methodist congregations, convert a former turkey farm into Camp Aldersgate, dedicated in 1947 as a camp for African-American youth and a racially integrated training center.



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

serves meals to  
our community

on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each  
month. The team can always  
use your help including the  
"prep-day" in the kitchen on the  
**Wednesdays prior** to that.

**Always In Need of:**

Clothes (CLEAN/SEASON APPROPRI-  
ATE), travel-sized toiletries, bed-  
ding/blankets/sleeping bags,  
towels, oral hygiene supplies,  
new socks, and people to help  
assemble lunch bags on the  
Wednesday before.

**Clothing Distribution Day  
Saturday, February 22**

UMC of AG parking lot

If you have not cleaned out your  
closet in a while, we invite you to  
take this opportunity as motivation  
to do just that. Please bring your  
clean /gently used clothes to the  
church for this event.

Contact the Ashtons for details.

**Year-To-Date 2014**

meals served: **249**

socks distributed: **229**



**Healing Ministry and Worship**

To view this entire article and the  
resources therein, GBOD.org.

The aim of this article is to guide you:

- to the best resources available for in-  
troducing or improving healing ser-  
vices in your congregation's ministry;
- to provide suggested steps for intro-  
ducing healing services and ministries  
as part of your congregation's life;
- to link you to other healing resources.

Ours is a hurting and broken world. It is  
no wonder that there has been a very  
positive response to opportunities for  
healing prayer and anointing.

Many United Methodist congregations  
now include healing prayer in worship  
services. Some offer healing prayer as  
part of services of Holy Communion.  
Some schedule weekly, monthly, or  
quarterly services of healing, depending  
on the needs of their particular church  
and community.

**Understandings of Healing & Worship**

The Bible affirms spiritual healing.

*"Are any among you sick? They should call  
the elders of the church and have them  
pray for them, anointing them with oil in  
the name of the Lord."* (James 5:14).

When pastors and laity pray for people  
with the laying on of hands or anointing  
with oil, they are not claiming that they  
are doing something for the sick. They  
are not claiming that God will make eve-  
rything better. They are seeking to be

faithful to continue Christ's threefold  
ministry of teaching, preaching, and  
healing.

The Bible clearly calls disciples to pray  
with and for one another, and this faith-  
ful ministry of touch with prayer pleads  
and performs (enacts) the grace of God.  
This touch bridges alienation, swallows  
isolation, breaks suffering, and opens  
discouraged human spirits.

Services of healing are not services of  
curing. Rather they "provide an atmos-  
phere in which healing can hap-  
pen." (See *The United Methodist Book of  
Worship*, 613-614.) All healing is God's  
work, and worship settings where God  
encounters people are intrinsically heal-  
ing.

When people are hurting, and when  
there is an invitation to share the pain,  
people respond. It is very natural and an  
act of hope in God. The ritual practices  
of healing prayer in the context of wor-  
ship do not embarrass or expose peo-  
ple. United Methodist healing services  
use a simple sacramental approach to  
healing that expresses compassion,  
hope, grace, and a quiet confidence in  
God. There we can bring our insufficien-  
cies to the all-sufficient Christ, who un-  
derstands our need for wholeness.)

**\*\*By Daniel T Benedict, Jr.** (former worship  
resources director for the General Board of  
Discipleship of the United Methodist Church.

**PRAYER**

is when you

talk to GOD,

**MEDITATION**

is when GOD

talks to you.

*A woman seriously ill in Norway heard my voice over Radio Luxembourg, the most powerful station in Europe. She couldn't understand a word of English. Two words stuck in her mind: my name, Oral Roberts. However, she later testified, that there was a power in my voice. Suddenly she sensed I was praying. She felt impelled to rush over to her radio and place her hands upon it. As my voice continued to utter prayer, she felt the surging of God's power enter her body, and in the flash of a second—she was healed!...I prayed in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This prayer was put on Radio Luxembourg in Europe. A woman in Norway, who couldn't understand a word I was saying, felt God's power in my voice and was instantly and completely healed. There is no distance in prayer. God was with me in Tulsa when I prayed, was in Luxembourg in Europe when the program was released, was in Norway with the woman who couldn't understand English. God is everywhere; therefore, there is no distance in prayer.*

(America's Healing Magazine, Jan. 1955, Page 2)

## Stewardship Nuggets for Families and Children: *Celebrating God's Love*

*"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

— John 15:12-13, NRSV

Many younger children will soon be exchanging Valentine's Day cards with school classmates. As adults, we may celebrate Valentine's Day by exchanging cards and/or gifts with people we love. Some of you may recall that the card and gift exchange created a sense of awkwardness or embarrassment during your childhood and youth. Openly expressing feelings of affection and love can be a real challenge for some individuals. We are vulnerable when we share our emotions.

When we think of Valentine's Day, we usually think of romantic love. However, it is an appropriate time to think also about God's love through Jesus Christ. The love that Jesus commanded us to show one another extends beyond "warm fuzzies" and affection. God's love is unconditional. As a sign of God's love, Jesus literally gave his life to free us from sin and to provide us with eternal life. If we embrace the principles of Christian love, then we are committed to one another in myriad ways.

Ask the children to think of as many characteristics as possible to describe what it means to be a good friend. Write these qualities on newsprint or a chalkboard. Make sure the children have included spiritual activities such as praying for their friends and demonstrating forgiveness toward their friends. Ask them to review the list and to reflect on how good a friend they usually are to others. Discuss the ways in which Jesus offered friendship to his disciples. Remind the children that one of the best ways to be a good steward of God's love is to tell their friends about Jesus and his love for us.

Close by encouraging the children to focus on expressing God's love to their friends and family on this Valentine's Day. Children could even make cards that express Christian love and give them to others.



### Prayer

*Dear God, help me to show your love to others. Help me to follow your example of friendship. Thank you for your great love of me. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*

### Discussion Questions

- How was Jesus a good friend to others? What did Jesus do for them?
- In what ways would you like to improve your relationships with others?
- Why is it so important to love others as Jesus loves them?
- Name someone who has shown you God's love. What difference has that person made in your life?

Be sure to let that person know that he or she has made a difference in your life.

\*\* Janet Zimmerman is an ordained United Methodist deacon, who serves as Christian Education Director at Church of the Lakes in OH.

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### Lion's Club is Collecting Can Tab Tops!

The first Ronald McDonald house opened in 1974 and the pull tab program was begun in 1987 to help defray the cost. It is such a simple way to support such a wonderful program. This simple program will give parents the ability to stay with their hospitalized child whether they can afford to pay or not. Twenty pounds of pull tabs provides 1 night stay at a Ronald McDonald house. The houses are located throughout the country,

with 9 locations in California and are located near a hospital that treats children suffering from major illness.

There are approximately 1267 aluminum pull tabs per pound. The Lions clubs of District 4A3(San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties) began our participation in the program in 2012-2013 and were able to collect 243 pounds of tabs which is about 307,880 pull tabs.

So far since July 1, 2013 the Lions in the tri-counties have collected 113 pounds or about 143,000 pull tabs.

*You can help too by saving your aluminum pull tabs and give them to George Stewart by February 16, 2014.*





The Annual **Souper Bowl of Caring 2014** food drive. We have a HUGE barrel in the Narthex to collect cans for this annual event. Items especially needed are peanut butter, tuna fish, and cereal but all food donated is welcomed. Our collection runs through February 2 (Super Bowl Sunday).

As always, if you forget your donation that last day, we will gladly sell you a can or two to put in the bucket to score a touchdown. All food will be given to the **Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry**. Monetary donations will be used to support **Blandy**, the Youth Group's **Compassion Int'l** child in Guatemala. Won't you please be part of the team and help to fill the barrel if you 'can'?

**Camp is coming!** With summer rapidly approaching, we are looking at camp registration. This year's camp theme is **"Get Jesus?"** Junior High Camp: July 13-19, 2014 and Senior High Camp: July 6-12, 2014. It may sound early to mention this, but we would like to encourage all youth who are attending to register before March 1. Those who do will receive a \$50 discount. This takes the registration fee from \$395. for the week to \$345. Scholarships will be available so we would like to get your application in as soon as possible. Please bring a copy of your application to the church office or with you to youth group.



Speaking of camp... **"Spud"-tacular** is around the corner! This annual potato feed is a fundraiser to help our teens with the cost of summer camp. Be sure to put **March 30** on your calendar and come to church ready to load up your spud after worship. **Tickets will be \$6 for kids and \$8 for adults.** If you would like to help with supplying toppings, please contact us.

Keep coming to youth group. We are here every Sunday during the 10:30 AM service AND every Wednesday at 7 PM in the youth lounge. All teens and 'tweens welcome—youth grades 6—12 are encouraged to come and bring a friend.

In His Service— Mike & Lou, youth directors



**Sundays - 10:30 AM**  
**Wednesdays - 7 PM**  
 Join these 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade teens living for Christ.

## Summer Camp 2014

**Younger Elementary** (grades K-3)

August 3-6

**Elementary Camp** (grades 3-6)

August 3-8

**Junior High Camp** (grades 6—8)

July 13—19

**Senior High** (grades 9—12)

July 6—12

**Registration is going on NOW!**

Online registration is encouraged at

[calpaccamps.org](http://calpaccamps.org)

Early-Bird Discount Ends: 3/1

Online Registration Closes: 6/15



Victoria Gandy,  
 Children's Ministry Director

**Grades K—6 welcome!**  
**Children's Sunday School**  
 Sundays—10:30 AM  
**Kid's Night Out**  
 Wednesdays —6 PM

**VBS is on the horizon!**  
**Summer is going to be WEIRD!**  
**Contact us to get involved!**



# News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, chair

## **Mission Highlights:**

Many things to report this edition...so read carefully so as not to miss out. 1.) Special Offering for 2014, 2.) One Great Hour of Sharing, 3.) New Covenant Missionaries, 4.) New Mission Projects to be planned, and 5.) Special Giving Total for 2013.

## **GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE..IN ACTION**

1.) **SPECIAL OFFERINGS** It was suggested at the planning retreat that we ought to provide a listing of the dates for the special offerings for this year.

- Jan. 19: Human Relations Day
- Mar. 30: One Great Hour of Sharing
- Apr. 4: Native American Ministries
- Jun. 15: Peace with Justice
- Oct. 4: World Communion
- Nov. 30: United Methodist Student Day

Be in prayer about how you can support these special offerings of the UMC.

## 2.) **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

One Great Hour of Sharing calls United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. The offering provides administrative support for the United Methodist Committee on Relief as it responds to disaster survivors and people in need around the world. United Methodists relate to One Great Hour of Sharing by supporting UMCOR's ongoing work, responding in times of disaster and telling the story of UMCOR's ministry.

## 3.) **NEW COVENANT MISSIONARIES**

The Reverend D. Timothy Boyle is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church assigned to teach at Kwansai Gakuin University in Nishinomiya, Japan. Yuko (Juji) Boyle is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church currently serving as a counselor at the Shin'ai (True Love) Home in Kobe, Japan.

## 4.) **NEW MISSION PROJECTS TO BE PLANNED.**

Having completed the well project, the Mission Team is exploring ideas for a new mission project to challenge us.

*Many hands can do many things!*





*THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS.*

*YOU HAVE BLESSED MANY OTHERS LOCALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD.*

## 5.) **GIVING TOTALS FOR 2013**

<b>Special Giving Chart 2013</b>	
Boyle's Itineration	181.16
Disaster Response	30.00
Elmore Itineration	83.00
ELT Scholarship Fund	170.00
UMC of AG Emergency Food	328.83
5 Cities Christian Women Food Pantry	190.00
Hammond Gift to Africa Ministry	10,000.00
Human Relations Day	54.00
Jr./Sr. High Camp Scholarship	800.00
Kits for Kiddos (School Kits for Foster Kids)	1,558.47
Native American Ministry	275.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	343.65
Peace With Justice Sunday	20.00
People's Kitchen	5,909.11
So. County Food Bank	656.92
Student Offering Day	160.00
UMCOR Philippines	555.00
UMCOR Tornadoes—US Relief	1,000.00
VBS School Kits	499.00
VBS Supplies	501.00
Wells for Africa	4,549.00
World Communion	264.00
Youth Mission Fund	202.00
<b>TOTAL Givings for 2013</b>	<b>28,330.14</b>

Celebrate how 23 different opportunities for Second Mile giving provided ministry some place around the world through our connection of the United Methodist Church.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
<p><b>2</b> <b>Coffee Hour:</b> Endowment/ ELT</p>  <p>8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service 10 AM <i>The Story</i> Study &amp; Cinema (CH) 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group(215)</p> <p>12 PM Christian Ed. Team Mtg (MMR)</p> <p>5 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>Pastor's Day off</b></p> <p>9:45 AM Dr. Chess Home-school Enrichment (211) 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 AIAnon (MMR) 7:30 PM AlaTeen (211)</p>	<p><b>4</b> 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room) 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 7 PM Trustees (MMR)</p>	<p><b>5</b> 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 9 AM EOC Senior Health Screening (N/L) 9 AM People's Kitchen Team Prep-Day (CH/K) 1 PM Alzheimer's Association - Savvy Care Givers Workshop (CH) 5 PM Free Fellowship Dinner (CH)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>"The Story" Chapter 17 "Kingdom's Fall"</b></p> <p>5:45 PM Adult Study (MMR) 5:45 PM Kids Night Out (CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p><b>6</b> 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (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 (Handbell Room)</p>	<p><b>7</b> Spirit Day at AG UM CC - wear your shirts! 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) <b>"The Story" Ch. 17 "Kingdom's Fall"</b> 3:30 PM AG UM CC Closed</p>	<p><b>8</b> 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211) 5:30 PM Praise Team S/U (S) 6:30 PM Praise Team (S)</p>
<p><b>9</b> <b>Coffee Hour:</b> Esther Circle</p> <p>8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service 10 AM <i>The Story</i> Study &amp; Cinema (CH) 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group(215) 12 PM New Member Info. Class (MMR)</p> <p>5 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>Pastor's Day off</b></p> <p>9:45 AM Dr. Chess Home-school Enrichment (211) 11 AM Angularis Academy of Fine Arts (CH) 12 PM Central Coast 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 AIAnon (MMR) 7:30 PM AlaTeen (211)</p>	<p><b>11</b> 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 10 AM UMW Steering (L) 10:30 AM Communications Committee 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room) 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 6 PM Arroyo Grande MS Support Group (MMR)</p>	<p><b>12</b> 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 9 AM AG UM CC Friendship Day S/U (MMR) 9 AM AG UM Children's Center Young Toddler Friendship Party (MMR) 9 AM Church Work Day 12:30 PM Alzheimer's Association Care Giver Support Group (MMR) 5 PM Free Fellowship Dinner (CH)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>"The Story" Chapter 18 "Daniel in Exile God Watches Him"</b></p> <p>5:45 PM Adult Study (MMR) 5:45 PM Kids Night Out (CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p><b>13</b> 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 9 AM AG UM Children's Center Older Toddler Friendship Celebration (MMR) 9 AM AG UM CC Friendship Celebration s/u (MMR) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11 AM Angularis Academy of Fine Arts (CH) 12 PM Esther Circle (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room) 7 PM Worship Team (MMR)</p>	<p><b>14</b> <b>Valentine's Day</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) <b>"The Story" Ch. 18 "Daniel in Exile God Watches Him"</b> 11:30 AM AG UM CC Friendship Celebration s/u (backyard) 12 PM AG UM Children's Center Pre-K Friendship Celebration</p>	<p><b>15</b> 9 AM UMM Annual Sweetheart Breakfast (CH) 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)</p>
<p><b>16</b> <b>Coffee Hour:</b> Communications Committee</p> <p>8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service 10 AM <i>The Story</i> Study &amp; Cinema (CH) 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group(215)</p> <p>5 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p><b>17</b> <b>Presidents' Day Offices Closed</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 AIAnon (MMR) 7:30 PM AlaTeen (211)</p>	<p><b>18</b> 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 9:30 AM Clergy Cluster Meeting (215) 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 (Handbell Room) 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 7 PM JOY Circle (at the home of a member)</p>	<p><b>19</b> 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 9 AM People's Kitchen Team Prep-Day (CH/K) 5 PM Free Fellowship Dinner (CH)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>"The Story" Chapter 19 "The Return Home"</b></p> <p>6 PM Adult Study 6 PM Kids Night Out 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p><b>20</b> 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (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 (Handbell Room) 6:30 PM Church Council (MMR)</p>	<p><b>21</b> 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) <b>"The Story" Ch. 19 "The Return Home"</b> 12 PM Alzheimer's Support Group for Adult Children of Parents (MMR)</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9 AM Lay Servant Classes - Basic and Advanced (CH) 11 AM UMC of AG Clothing Give Away (parking lot) 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211) 5:30 PM Praise Team S/U (S) 6:30 PM Praise Team (S)</p> 
<p><b>23</b> <b>Coffee Hour:</b> SPRC</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Staff Appreciation Potluck</b> <i>All are encouraged to bring a dish to share to show our staff how much we value them!</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service 10 AM <i>The Story</i> Study &amp; Cinema (CH) 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group(215)</p> <p>5 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p><b>24</b> <b>Pastor's Day off</b></p> <p>9:45 AM Dr. Chess Home-school Enrichment (211) 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 AIAnon (MMR) 7:30 PM AlaTeen (211)</p>	<p><b>25</b> 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room) 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 6:30 PM Loss Prevention Workshop (CH/S)</p>	<p><b>26</b> 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 9:30 AM Mary-Martha (MMR) 5 PM Free Fellowship Dinner (CH)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>"The Story" Chapter 20 "Queen of Beauty and Courage"</b></p> <p>5:45 PM Adult Study (MMR) 5:45 PM Kids Night Out (CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p><b>27</b> 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11 AM Angularis Academy of Fine Arts (CH) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)</p>	<p><b>28</b> 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) <b>"The Story" Ch. 20 "Queen of Beauty and Courage"</b> 11 AM UMW Book Club (MMR) 3 PM AG UM CC Regatta set-up (CH/K) 6:30 PM Rain Gutter Regatta &amp; Spaghetti Dinner (CH/K)</p>	<p><b>MARCH 1</b> <b>2014 Summer Camp Early Bird Discount Ends</b> 9 AM AG UM Children's Center Beautification Day 9 AM Lay Servant Classes - Basic and Advanced (CH) 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)</p>



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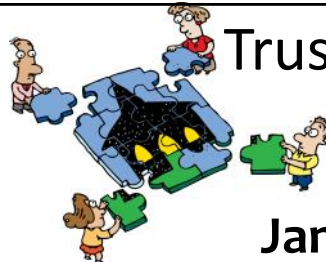
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# FEBRUARY



## Trustee Tidbits

Tom Egan, chair

### January's Report

- First line of business was to elect a chair, vice-chair, and secretary. Tom Egan was elected chair; Paul Holden as vice-chair: and since Virginia was absent, she was elected secretary.
- No change to the Parsonage Fund. It still stands at \$ 142,525.
- Good news on the bus. Mike Herber said he heard that if the bus is driven less than 5,000 miles a year, the required modification to the diesel engine can be waived. He is following up.
- You know that I love you people dearly but you are driving me up a wall. Lights are left on; doors unlocked; food missing. This is serious. If you see a door unlocked, lock it . If someone needs to get in, they should have a key. Please, I need your help.
- Maddy says that homeless are still using her sand area to sleep in. I checked with the A.G. P.D. for another drive by and use their spot lights around the gym set.
- Wednesday the 15th we will install a motion detector light. Maybe put up one or two no trespassing signs.
- During those few days of back to back freezing nights, our plants took a heavy hit. We are looking to see if there is any hope.
- Since we last expanded the stage in front of the choir, we have no place to kneel during Communion Sunday. I am looking to see about building or buying kneeling rails.
- A question was brought up about the frequency of mopping the kitchen floor. I said that it is supposed to be done every Friday night. I'll look into this and make sure I'm right.



Margaret Coombs	2/1
Devin Paredes	2/2
Ibby Russell	2/3
Barbara Reineke	2/3
Mark Moore	2/6
Ian Spalding	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 Quaglino	2/21
Anna Prestemon	2/22
Maddy Quaglino	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. Please contact us if your birthdate has been printed incorrectly!



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## Prayer for the Days Between Transfiguration and Ash Wednesday



Alleluia!

You are the God of glory and might.  
Alleluia! In the face of death and evil you  
reveal your true glory.

In liturgy and sacrament we have been on  
the mountain and we have seen the light  
streaming from Jesus, your Son. Yet he  
tells us to tell no one.

Help us now to prepare to give up the "Alleluia"; not to lose it, but to refrain from attention  
to our version of glory so that we may retrace the way of the cross and come again to  
holy discipline and the renewal of our baptismal covenant. Restrain us in our addiction to  
triumph and flawless perfection as rewards for following you.

Content us with grace sufficient for messy and discouraging circumstances.

Guide us in days of Lenten solemnity and the reordering of our affections.

Smile upon us as we hold gently the "Alleluia" concealed in our pockets.

Anchor us in Jesus who knew no safety apart from obedience and prayer.

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