

Cast~A~Net

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

March 2015



OPPORTUNITY FOR A PERSONAL LENTEN RETREAT: From the UMC website, a video "mini retreat" offers viewers a personal chance to reflect on the 40 days of Lent through photos and singing of "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown." "A Lenten Journey" features the a cappella singing of United Methodist hymn #386, "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown," along with photographs of God's creation and quotes from Scripture. Charles Wesley wrote the lyrics in 1741 and this "poem" was first published in the Wesley brothers' *Hymns and Sacred Poems* in 1742. The original poem featured 14 verses. Today, four verses are published in the United Methodist hymnal as hymn #386. In this video version, the lyrics are sung to a traditional Scottish tune called "Chandler."

To access this video "mini retreat" for yourself, you can go to www.umc.org/news-and-media/desktop-meditation-a-lenten-journey.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Applications for the Everett Lee Taylor college scholarship are available online and from the church office, beginning March 15th. The purpose of this fund is to help deserving United Methodist students, enrolled in fully accredited colleges, universities, and technical schools, defray the cost of the education. Only students who are active members (or have been active members) of the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande are eligible to apply. Students may apply more than once for this scholarship, provided they maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.

The completed application, together with required attachments, must be returned to the church office by **MAY 15TH**.



Taking time for introspection and reflection is an important element in making Lent more meaningful.

During Ash Wednesday services on the first day of Lent, many United Methodist pastors will invite their congregations “to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word” (*UM Book of Worship*). While you may be aware of this season leading up to Easter, you may wonder how you might “observe” a holy Lent.

Well, there is no one prescribed way. Instead, we are each encouraged to find our own method of confronting our sinfulness, remembering our mortality, and giving thanks for the gift of salvation we receive through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Fasting

One of the more common practices is to give something up for Lent. Some abstain from chocolate, social media, shopping, or something else through the season. This is a religious practice known as fasting. We fast to reorient ourselves away from the distraction of those things, and back toward God.

Another way to reorient your life toward God is to focus on devotional practices like Bible study and prayer during the season.

Bible Reading

Many do not know where to begin when reading the Bible. The [Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide](#) and [Alive Now](#) will help guide you in this pursuit. Each day they provide a scripture passage and wonderfully thought-provoking and spirit-enriching material to read and think about.

Prayer

In the busyness of our everyday lives, prayer can sometimes get squeezed out. Lent is a wonderful

time to intentionally work toward finding *more time in your life for prayer*. You can experiment with different ways to pray during the season, or really delve into a new-to-you way of praying, like centering prayer. Enriching prayer life is a way to spend Lent.

Service

Another way to observe a holy Lent is to take on a new way of serving. Throughout the forty days of the season you can adopt a new habit of volunteering in the community, making special financial gifts to service organizations, singing in the choir, or participating in a small group.

Rest

An important practice with which many of us struggle is the spiritual discipline of rest or Sabbath. We don't have to rest on Saturday, the traditional Sabbath day, or even Sunday. You can instead find moments during an ordinary day to be still in God's presence. You might choose to spend a few minutes during lunch with a desktop meditation, listen to sermons on your commute, or read a poem that feeds your spirit. Each can be a great way of enriching your Lent.

Daily Lent Quiz (umc.org/lentquiz)

Testing your knowledge with the daily Lent Quiz at umc.org/lentquiz is a wonderful way to be reminded that we are in the season of Lent. Every day you have an opportunity to answer a challenging question then check out some other resources about the topic of the day. Use social media to share the questions and invite others to join you on your Lenten journey.

Child Resources

You will also want to find ways to

share the meaning of the season with the children in your life. While their focus may be on Easter baskets and new clothes, you can enter into special times to help them find deeper meaning to the season.

Some families set aside money each day during Lent through creative ways to collect coins each day or by making small "sacrifices" as a family, like skipping a weekly movie or meal out, and collecting the money saved each week. On Easter Sunday, or soon after, donate the money to help people in your local community or the world.

Learning

You may also use Lent as a time to learn about the seasons of Lent and Easter, and some of the practices of the Christian church.

Common symbols like the cross carry a great deal of meaning. A less traditional symbol like an Easter Totem Pole from Alaska may also be fun to know more about.

Learning about rituals specific to the season can enhance your worship. You may want to know more about the ashes used on Ash Wednesday, a Maundy Thursday foot-washing service you're considering attending, or the Tenebrae service your congregation is planning for Good Friday.

You may also choose to learn more about baptism and communion, the sacraments of the church. Each has a connection to Lent and Easter.

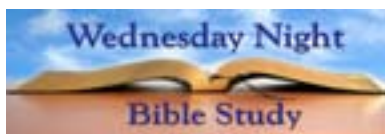
Observe a holy Lent

This 40-day journey called Lent is a wonderful opportunity to grow in your faith. Find your path of self-reflection and spiritual discovery, and invite others to join you as you seek to observe a holy Lent.

Adult Christian Education



Women's Prayer
Mondays at 7 PM
 Women come to pray together in the Sanctuary.



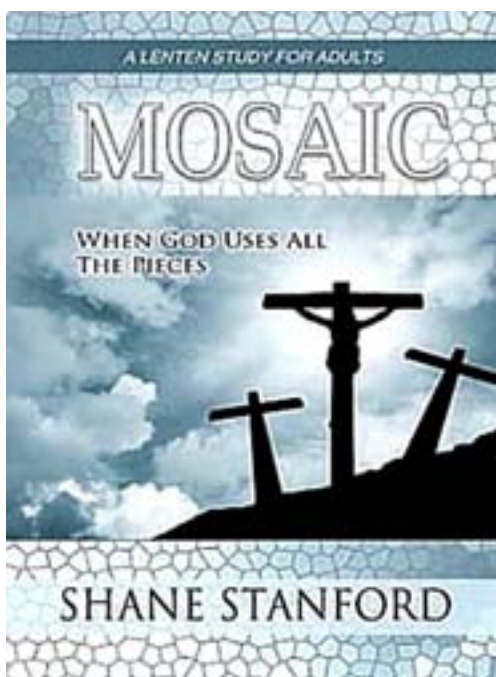
Wednesday Night Bible Study
Adults at 5:45 PM
 (See schedule at right)
FREE Fellowship Meal at 5 PM



Fridays at 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, March 1	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service Sermon Based on Mark 8:31-38
Wednesday, March 4	• 5:45 PM Lenten Adult Study Session Three: <i>When God Uses Our Regret</i>
Sunday, March 8	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service Sermon Based on John 2:13-22
Wednesday, March 11	• 5:45 PM Lenten Adult Study Session Four: <i>When God Uses Our Rejection</i>
Sunday, March 15	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service Sermon Based on John 3:14-21
Wednesday, March 18	• 5:45 PM Lenten Adult Study Session Five: <i>When God Uses Our Resources</i>
Sunday, March 22	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service Sermon Based on John 12:20-33
Wednesday, March 25	• 5:45 PM Lenten Adult Study Session Six: <i>When God Uses Our Relationships</i>
Sunday, March 29	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service Sermon Based on Mark 14:1-15



Our 2015 Lenten Study
MOSAIC When God Uses All The Pieces
Wednesdays, 5:45 PM in Criswell Hall

MOSAIC by Rev. Shane Stanford examines how the God of the universe uses the broken pieces of our lives to reframe our purpose, turning our discarded hopes and dreams into something beautiful and useful—a mosaic in which God uses all of the pieces. The author says, "This journey will take us along the same path Jesus walked in the days surrounding his journey to Jerusalem. We will see the similarities to our own stories as well as the lessons we should pick, like pebbles along the path." This seven-session study, appropriate for both group and individual use, provides one lesson for each week in Lent. Each lesson includes a key Scripture reference, a brief reading, questions for reflection or discussion, a brief prayer, and guided helps for daily Scripture reading and additional reflection in the coming week.



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

David Bauer, *publicity*

MARCH 21 UMM MEETING

Our guest speaker will be JUDY ATWOOD, who will provide us with updates on what our mission work is doing around the world.



- Date:** Saturday, March 21
- Time:** 8:30 AM
- Location:** Coco's Restaurant, Pismo Beach
- Cost:** "Pay as you go."

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

FEBRUARY 10, 2015



- The Parsonage Fund stands at \$150,918. A positive stock market keeps this in good shape.
- Preparation for the flag pole to be placed outside the education wing is under way.
- Via Pasadena, we now have a pamphlet that tells us to look at unsafe areas around the Church. We need to make sure our insurance packages are in good shape and we are covered in all areas.
- Access to the Children's Center courtyard is way over used. There are times when people can be in the area, and Maddy will post such times.
- Food is again missing. If you need food, Chuck and Betty hand it out on Mondays from 1 PM to 3 PM. Please don't help yourself.
- The men are creating a Work Order request form. All of the paperwork will start in Criswell Hall on the wall next to the double doors. Write your request and leave it in Criswell Hall. This is the first step.
- Maddy has asked that the wall heater be removed from one of her classrooms. This will be done.

Thank you, Paul Holden, Vice Chair



How YOU can Help:

Our Congregational Care committee has received several requests from family members of our shut-in members and from the shut-in members themselves to have regular visits from a member of our church. Would YOU be willing to commit to visiting a member on a regular basis?

The Congregational Care Committee will provide training to make you feel more at ease. If you are willing to provide care and support to one of our members, please stop by the Congregational Care Table in Criswell Hall during coffee hour or contact any member of the Congregational Care Committee or call the church office.

There is also a need to provide meals to members who are ill or have had surgery, etc. If you enjoy making casseroles or soups and would be willing to be "on call" to make such a meal, please sign up at the Congregational Care Table. Be a part of the "Meals on Methodist Wheels"!

Patti Melsheimer, *Chair*

SPECIAL NOTICE

**Rev. Ehrhardt Lang
will be guest preacher at the
Combined Worship Service
at 10:30 AM on March 8th.**

**His wife, Cheryl, will also be
joining with us.**



**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”

Sally Weitkamp, Publicity

PAKISTAN’S WOMEN’S DEVELOPMENT & SERVICE SOCIETY
Equipping Women to Build a Just Society

Pakistan is a developing country facing scores of problems. Often when Pakistan makes world headlines, it’s because of political instability or something associated with the war on terrorism. But much less widely reported are the daily lives of millions of Pakistanis consumed by another problem: Poverty. Although the needs of Pakistan are massive and require joint efforts of national and international organizations, the Church of Pakistan is resolved to do all it can to improve life for impoverished communities. And so, in 1989 Dr. Khushnud Azariah organized Women’s Development and Service Society as a ministry of the Church of Pakistan’s Diocese of Rainwind with a vision of building a just society free from discrimination and exploitation.

The Society reaches out to women in oppressed communities in Pakistan with programs that promote health, education, economic opportunities and help to live with honor and dignity. The WDSS interacts particularly with women and children, through a variety of programs affecting child protection, economic development, HIV and AIDS — awareness and outreach to female sex workers and medical care, including care for people living with disabilities. In September of 2014, 462 women graduated from six month literacy programs.

For more information, please refer to the February issue of Response Magazine (Our Mission Magazine).

We are proud, as United Methodist Women, to be a supporting partner of The Pakistan’s Women’s Development & Service Society.



Photo from
Response Magazine

**OUR FIRST FUND RAISER
WAS A SUCCESS!**



Our first fund raising event for 2015 was our Chili Bowl Sunday held February 1st. Thanks to the congregation’s support and our UMW women’s chili making skills, we made a profit of \$487.48. We have already had requests that we do it again next year. Thanks again to everyone for your support.

**PLANS FOR THE
MOTHER / DAUGHTER
LUNCHEON ARE WELL
UNDERWAY**

Circle your calendars for Saturday, May 9th. This luncheon is to honor our mothers, daughters, granddaughters, sisters, and other special women in our lives. Our theme this year will be “Springtime Flowers”. Our special program will be on Flower Arranging. The arrangements will be given away as door prizes. We will again be offering tickets for sale to win one of our spectacular baskets. Flowers, music, and delicious food. Be sure and save the date.



**NO, IT’S NOT TOO
SOON!!!!**

It’s not too soon, crafters, to get your sewing machines out, along with your knitting needles, crochet hooks, hot glue guns, painting supplies and craft ideas. Start slipping your plants because the Holiday Boutique will be here sooner than you think. You know how time flies, and we don’t want to get rushed at the last minute. Some of our projects take lots of time.



75 Years – A Mustard Seed Multiplied

TIMELINE FOR 75 YEARS OF UMCOR

— 1940

1940

General Conference establishes MCOR.

Bishop Herbert Welch serves as MCOR's executive director.



Dr. Floyd C. Shacklock
PHOTO: GCAH

1941-1944

Dr. Floyd C. Shacklock joins MCOR.

1946

Gaither Warfield begins work with MCOR.

Church World Service (CWS) is created.

1948-1952

Bishop Titus Lowe is elected as executive director for MCOR.

1948

US passes Displaced Persons Act of 1948. Refugee resettlement begins.

"Rehabilitation" is added to MCOR's relief mandate.

Church World Service introduces "One Great Hour of Sharing," coinciding with the "Methodist Week of Dedication."

— 1950



Rev. Gaither P. Warfield
PHOTO: GCAH

1952

Gaither Warfield becomes the full-time director of MCOR. General Conference votes to reorganize MCOR with a new committee.

1953

Worldwide Communion Sunday, 1/2 of receipts go to MCOR.

1953

Refugee Act of 1953 passed—214,000 people enter United States.

1954

Bishops' Appeal for Korea provides 70% funding for mission and 30% for MCOR.

1954

The US government makes available to worldwide relief agencies \$7,500,000 in surplus foodstuffs.

1957

MCOR launches land reclamation project with Arab farmers in Hebron.



— 1960

1960

MCOR settles and aids Cuban refugees.

1962

The United Nation's declares the 1960s the "Development Decade."

MCOR assists in war relief for Algeria.

1965

Gaither Warfield visits sub-Saharan Africa, the first MCOR executive to do so.



PHOTO: WCC, WORLD OUTLOOK 1964

1966

J. Harry Haines is elected general secretary of MCOR.

1968

Merger with EUB creates UMCOR United Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief.

1969

UMCOR begins work among refugees of Biafra/Nigeria.

— 1970

1971

UM receipts for OGHs go entirely to support of UMCOR for first time.

Bishops' appeal in November asks for \$1 million for Bangladesh famine relief. By March 1972, the goal is met.

1972

Development of UMCOR's Domestic Disaster Response System.

UMCOR is institutionalized as part of the General Board of Global Ministries, and renamed the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

1975

UMCOR opens a lay-training center in Haiti in conjunction with the Methodist Church in Haiti.

1976

Earthquake relief begins in Guatemala.



— 1980

1980

UMCOR begins relief operations for Afghan and Cambodian refugees.

1983

More than 1,200 United Methodists serve as UMCOR volunteers in Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, and other Caribbean countries.

1984

An Ethiopian famine reaches acute proportions. UMCOR requests a Bishops' Appeal for Africa to bring relief to Ethiopia and 25 other African nations affected by drought.

Norma Kehrberg becomes UMCOR's Associate General Secretary (executive director) and serves until 1991.

1985

An earthquake strikes Mexico City. Through gifts contributed by United Methodists to the Methodist Church of Mexico, lives are restored through reconstruction of homes.



— 1990

1991

Bruce Weaver becomes the interim associate general secretary.



PHOTO: ARTHUR KEYS

1992

The Rev. Kenneth R. Lutgen, Jr., becomes the associate general secretary of UMCOR—his position changes to deputy general secretary in 1996.

Hurricane Andrew devastates the southeastern United States.

UMCOR opens offices in Bosnia and takes part in a food mission to Russia.



1993

UMCOR opens an office in Georgia



PHOTO: COURTESY SAGER-BROWN UMCOR DEPOT

1996

UMCOR Sager-Brown Depot is opened.

1997-98

Lee Adkins and Bonnie Totten-Adkins become interim directors.

1998

Paul Dirdak becomes deputy general secretary of UMCOR.

— 2000

2001

The 9/11 terrorist attack in the US.

2002

UMCOR rolls out "Love in the Midst of Tragedy" 9/11 relief.

UMCOR opens offices in the DRC and Afghanistan.

2004

Multiple hurricanes devastate regions of the US, Haiti, and Grenada.

UMCOR offices in Indonesia and Sri Lanka open in response to the Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami.



PHOTO: MIKE DUBOSE

2005

Hurricane Katrina: UMCOR organizes Katrina Aid Today.

The Sudan office opens.

2006

UMCOR directors approve \$7.6 million for development programs in Pakistan, Sudan, Sri Lanka, and Indonesia.

2007

The Rev. Sam Dixon becomes UMCOR's deputy general secretary.

UMCOR and Muslim Aid, one of Britain's most influential Muslim charities, announce a landmark partnership to work together to relieve the suffering of millions of people across the globe.

2008

A Nothing But Nets distribution takes place in Côte d'Ivoire, Africa.

2009

UMCOR Philippines office opens.

UMCOR's Western Jurisdiction Office and Depot in Salt Lake City opens.

Thank you for
your support!



March Preparations

Hello,

As we begin our planning for Easter, our Sunday School children will also be in preparation. The children have been learning about the miracles and teachings of Jesus. The March lessons, which are so important for our children's spiritual health, will lead up to Jesus' ultimate sacrifice. The first lesson begins a week before that fateful day, when Mary anoints Jesus' feet, showing Him the respect of a king. The children will also hear about the giving of a widow and Passover and the Last Supper. Learning about communion and why we still perform this age old ceremony will be discussed. Children will also follow Jesus as he sought solitude and prayer with God. The lesson here will give children scope to deal with their problems in a mindful and spiritual way. Finally, their March lessons will bring them to Palm Sunday, as Jesus entered the city, honored as the humble king He is.



We hope your children will join us in a procession of Palms, as they celebrate the beginning of Holy week, and then our April Easter.

Please encourage your children to bring a friend this month!

Thank you,

Carolyn Russell



When we began the New Year, we began a new way of celebrating here at Arroyo Grande UMC. We created a JOY JAR. I continue to challenge us to find the joys in our everyday lives. You can find the jar in the narthex and drop your JOY in the jar. I leave a basket with slips of paper and a pen if you need one or you can come with it prepared and just drop it in. You can identify yourself or not, your choice.

Here are the joys from our JOY JAR at the time of the printing of this issue of the Cast~A~Net.

- * It is a joy to sing with our choir.
- * Our granddaughter, Melinda, had a very successful dance program at Pepperdine University.—Bud and Betty Johnson.
- * My joy this past Wednesday is for our choir who pull together and make a lovely noise to the Lord.—Julie
- * Our grandson Casey's tests turned out fine. Thank you for your prayers.—Barbara Reineke
- * My joy is getting to know our new office administrator, Frances Robertson.
- * My mother will be 86 this week—Jan Treat
- * Bell Choir
- * Sweet Heart Breakfast
- * Praise Team
- * Paul Holden's brother is recovering from a stroke with little or no side effect.
- * Damien is the new chair of the Church Council.
- * Maddy's sister is here visiting.

I am excited to see how we fill the JOY JAR with the JOYS we have experienced each month.

Judy Atwood, Lay Leader



News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, *chair*

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

New things to report this edition....so read carefully so as not to miss out. 1.) *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering*, 2.) *UMCOR 75 Years Old*, 3.) *2015 Mission Projects*, 4.) *Layette Items for NOME*, 5.) *Special Giving Totals for 2015*.

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE..IN ACTION

1. ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING ...MARCH 15.

For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in a special One Great Hour of Sharing offering, laying the foundation for UMCOR's ministry of relief and hope. Donations UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover our costs of doing business. Gifts like yours make it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects our donors specify, instead of on administrative or fundraising costs. UMCOR does not receive United Methodist World Service or apportionment funds, so without your offerings, UMCOR would not exist.

2. UMCOR 75 YEARS OLD

For 75 years, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) has been in ministry with the most vulnerable---being present with and offering relief to those who have been displaced by war, other conflicts, or natural disasters. That's who we are as UMCOR---the globally connected United Methodist Family. For 75 years, United Methodists have been journeying with communities on the long road to recovery and development, responding to the spiritual and emotional needs of those who find their lives turned upside down by

disasters, and healing to a hurting world.

That's the community of faith that sends UMCOR out into the world.

3. 2015 MISSION PROJECTS

The mission team discussed mission projects for 2015 when we met in January. Helen Sheperd, serving in Mongolia, was selected as our Covenant Missionary for this year. Other missionaries we will learn about and support are John Elmore in Chile, Gary Locklear in North Carolina, Cindy and Gary Moon in Thailand, and Charley Bower in Nome. We will be learning about projects dealing with Hunger and Poverty and Health Care.

4. LAYETTE ITEMS FOR NOME

The collection basket for layette items continues to be under the table at the mission board.

Many hands can do many things!





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

5. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2015

Human Relations Sunday	\$335.00
People's Kitchen food	51.18
People's Kitchen Misc.	415.00
South County Food Bank	51.18
1 MONTH TOTAL:	\$852.36

DON'T ASK GOD TO GUIDE YOUR FOOTSTEPS, IF YOU'RE NOT WILLING TO MOVE YOUR FEET.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
<p>1</p> <p>8:30 AM Contemporary Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Traditional Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Youth Group (215)</p> <p>Coffee Hour Hosted by Endowment Board /ELT Scholarship Committee</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pastor's Day off</p> <p>1:00 PM Adventures of Dr. Chess for Beginners and Intermediates - Episode ONE (211)</p> <p>1:00 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH)</p> <p>6:00 PM Debtors Anon (MMR)</p> <p>7:00 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p> <p>7:30 PM AlAnon (MMR)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)</p> <p>9:00 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)</p> <p>9:15 AM Storytime with Pastor David & Goodie Bear (N)</p> <p>5:00 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)</p> <p>5:00 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)</p> <p>9 AM Church Work Day</p> <p>9 AM People's Kitchen Prep Day ((CH)</p> <p>9:15 AM Storytime with Pastor David & Goodie Bear (N)</p> <p>5:00 PM Free Dinner (CH)</p> <p>5:45 PM Adult Lent Study (CH)</p> <p>7PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)</p> <p>10AM Intercessory Prayer (L)</p> <p>11:30 AM People's Kitchen - leave to serve</p> <p>5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)</p> <p>7 PM Christian Ed Team (MR)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Spirit Day at AG UM CC - wear your shirts!</p> <p>8:30 AM Bible Study (L)</p> <p>3:30 PM AG UM CC Closed</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)</p> <p>5:30 PM Praise Team Set-Up (S)</p> <p>6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (S)</p>		
<p>8</p>  <p>10:30 AM ONE Combined Worship Service Ehrhardt Lang, Guest Preacher</p> <p>All Church Coffee Hour</p> <p>11:45 AM Congregational Care Team (L)</p> <p>12 PM Staff-Parish Relations Committee (MMR)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pastor's Day off</p> <p>12 PM Central Coast Hospice Bereavement Support Group (MMR)</p> <p>1 PM Adventures of Dr. Chess for Beginners and Intermediates - Episode ONE (211)</p> <p>1 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH)</p> <p>6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR)</p> <p>7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p> <p>7:30 PM AlAnon (MMR)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)</p> <p>9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)</p> <p>5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)</p> <p>5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L)</p> <p>6 PM Arroyo Grande MS Support Group (MMR)</p> <p>7 PM Trustees (MMR)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)</p> <p>9 AM Church Work Day</p> <p>10 AM UMW Steering (L)</p> <p>12:30 PM Alzheimer's Association Care Giver Support Group (MMR)</p> <p>5 PM Free Dinner (CH)</p> <p>5:45 PM Adult Lent Study (CH)</p> <p>7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)</p> <p>10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L)</p> <p>12 PM Esther Circle (MMR)</p> <p>5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)</p> <p>7 PM Finance Team (L)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:30 AM Bible Study (L)</p> <p>12 PM Deadline Newsletter Articles</p>	<p>14</p> <p>North District Local Church Lay Leaders' Retreat (Chatsworth West UMC)</p> <p>12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)</p>		
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 AM Contemporary Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Traditional Service</p> <p>Coffee Hour Hosted by Mary-Martha Circle</p> <p>12 PM Church Council</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pastor's Day off</p> <p>1 PM Adventures of Dr. Chess for Beginners and Intermediates - Episode ONE (211)</p> <p>1 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH)</p> <p>6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR)</p> <p>7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p> <p>7:30 PM AlAnon (MMR)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)</p> <p>9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)</p> <p>1PM Preschool Board - open session (MMR)</p> <p>2:30 PM Preschool Board - closed session (MMR)</p> <p>5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)</p> <p>5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L)</p> <p>7 PM JOY Circle (at the home of a member)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)</p> <p>9AM Church Work Day</p> <p>9 AM People's Kitchen Prep Day (CH)</p> <p>10 AM Communications Committee (L)</p> <p>5 PM Free Dinner (CH)</p> <p>5:45 PM Adult Lent Study (CH)</p> <p>7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH)</p> <p>10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L)</p> <p>11:30 AM People's Kitchen - leave to serve</p> <p>5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30 AM Bible Study (L)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:30 AM UMM Breakfast Meeting</p> <p>9 AM AGUMCC Work Day--Beautification</p> <p>12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)</p> <p>1 PM SLO Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal (S)</p> <p>5:30 PM Praise Team Set-Up (S)</p> <p>6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (S)</p>		
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