

“Know Christ, Grow in Christ, Go—Share Christ.”



Cast~A~Net

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande **OCTOBER 2015**

A CHANGE IN TIMING !



Tuesday, November 24, 2015
7:00 PM
St. John's Lutheran Church
959 Valley Road
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Traveling for the holiday? Busy cooking for company? You may STILL be able to come to the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service this year in Arroyo Grande. The clergy group has moved the service to Tuesday night, instead of the Eve of Thanksgiving.

As usual there will be a combined choir piece, special music to inspire gratitude, a special offering for a community project, a short sermon and refreshment time. We are asked to bring canned food for those in need and goodies to share at the event. So, save the date and come enjoy singing the old favorite Thanksgiving hymns with friends from neighboring churches.

The clergy group will meet again October 7th and continue planning. If you have a special musical, instrumental contribution you might like to make to the service, let Rev. Mary B. know as she will be submitting possibilities to the group on that date as they put together the worship service.

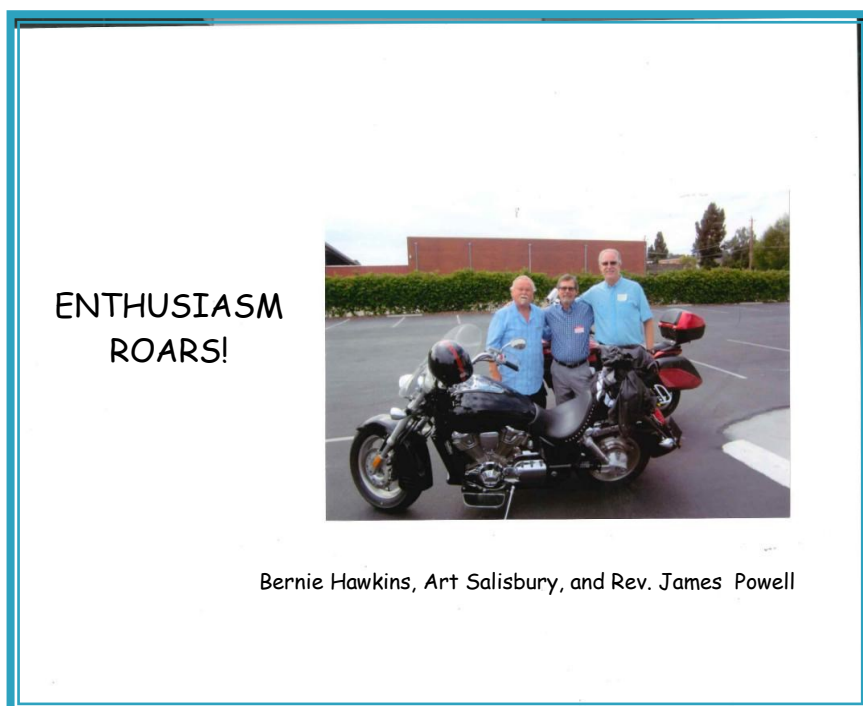


MOTORCYCLING METHODISTS SHARE ENTHUSIASM:

Rev. James R. Powell, new North District Superintendent, and his friend Art Salisbury from the congregation of his Palmdale church share motorcycle interests with our own motorcycling FUMCAG man Bernie Hawkins.

On Saturday, September 12 our congregation along with others from the North District had just heard the rousing "Going Forward" address from Rev. Powell on the occasion of his new appointment. We learned that he and his fellow congregant had just motorcycled all the way from Palmdale in our 100 degree heat!

Bernie and our congregation welcome our outstanding motorcycling District Superintendent.



Bernie Hawkins, Art Salisbury, and Rev. James Powell



From the Pastor

CHARGE CONFERENCE
October 19th at 7:00 p.m. in Santa Maria

Monday night, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. in Santa Maria, six area United Methodist churches will meet for a Group Charge Conference. We will meet together with Bethel Korean Mission Church, Christ UMC, First UMC of Lompoc, Saint Andrew UMC and Santa Maria First.

As we gather with new District Superintendent, Rev. James Powell, there will be prayer, singing, and an opportunity for each congregation to lift up one important ministry we celebrate from this year. We are to focus on:

How we have done ministry together with other mission area congregations.
How we are making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
What new plans we have to engage and transform the community around us,
including progress and pledges made toward Imagine No Malaria.

Each congregation will bring completed paperwork from Nominations/Lay Leadership, updates on Lay Servant Ministry and Staff-Parish Action items, i.e. pastoral compensation package, paperwork for ministry candidates both lay and clergy. There will also be a word from our District Leaders.

Many of you remember the old days when the Charge Conference was a very big deal. It was in essence the Annual Meeting in which we not only did the business, but celebrated the accomplishments of our own individual congregation for that year.

The format has changed in recent years for a variety of reasons, practical and purposeful. In our District there are 84 churches. For a single Superintendent to invest in the time, expense and energy to meet individually with 84 congregations over the wide expanse of our region in a short time simply doesn't make sense in 2015. Therefore, D.S.'s now create opportunities throughout the year to meet individually with congregations/SPRC committees and expedite the business in these "group" charge conferences.

We are increasingly encouraged by denominational leaders to go back to our Wesleyan roots and engage the communities in which we live in mission and service in life changing ways as we *"make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."* The development of Mission Areas/Clusters and congregating in this way helps us to do that together. At first it felt like one more item on the local church "TO DO" list, but over time it is helping us to truly connect with other UM congregations and have a greater impact.

So, let's show up and mingle with other United Methodists in this new format that can be a celebration of successes in our region as we extend ourselves in ministry together.

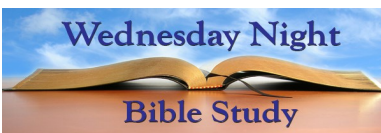
Monday night, October 19th at 7:00 p.m.
Santa Maria First UMC

311 S Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93454
(carpool from the church at 6:30 p.m.)

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis



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



Adult Bible Study at 5:45 PM
FREE Fellowship Meal at 5 PM



Fridays at 8:30 AM
 Join us in the Library for Bible Study, discussion, coffee, & friends!



Dates	Topics and Schedule
Sunday, October 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis— "GOD SO LOVED..." John 3:16-21
Wednesday, October 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study A Study of 1-3 John "Abiding in Love" Session 3: "Love and Hate" (1 John 3:11-24)
Sunday, October 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis— "ADJUSTING OUR SAILS" Jeremiah 32:6-15
Wednesday, October 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study A Study of 1-3 John "Abiding in Love" Session 4: "Fear and Love" (1 John 4:7-21)
Sunday, October 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Laity Sunday, Lay Leader, Judy Atwood—"DISCIPLES CALLED TO ACTION: UNITY IN MINISTRY" Mark 10: 35-45
Wednesday, October 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study A Study of 1-3 John "Abiding In Love" Session 5: "Faith and Life" (1 John 15:1-15)
Sunday, October 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis—"MORE THAN WE CAN HANDLE?" James 1:2-18, 1 Corinthians 10:13
Wednesday, October 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study A Study of 1-3 John "Abiding In Love" Session 6: "Knowing and Abiding" (2-3 John)

Bible Study on Wednesday Evenings
5:45 PM — Criswell Hall

The Wednesday evening study group is led by Susan Coho, Adult Christian Education Director. From the Bible Readers Series, these study sessions are exploring 1-3 John, entitled "Abiding in Love"

The subjects for each Wednesday's sessions in October are listed on the schedule above.
Please join us!

FREE WEDNESDAY SUPPERS

We continue to offer Wednesday 5 PM free meals for the church and the community.

LET'S PLAN AHEAD!

Get your name on the calendar for helping with a meal. The ministry of a free meal to anyone can continue on with your help.

There are funds to reimburse for expenses if you desire.

Please contact Judy Atwood, Lay Leader



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

David Bauer, *publicity*

News & Announcements

UMM PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 11th from 8:30–10:30 AM
Criswell Hall

- A kitchen crew will be needed for the event—please volunteer!
- This is a great opportunity for the first and second service folks to get together in fellowship and a good meal.
- Cost — Adults \$8, Youth \$5, and Kids under 10 years of age FREE!



The Pancake Breakfast is an excellent time to invite new prospective members to eat with you and attend the services.



CHRISTMAS JUBILEE ALREADY IN THE MAKING

Bernie Hawkins is at work signing up folks for the "Christmas Jubilee" talent show.

He already has some exciting acts lined up and promises this will be the "Greatest Talent Show Ever".

Get ready for the big event scheduled for **Friday evening, December 11th**
Criswell Hall — 7:00–9:00 PM.
It's "Free"!

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER
4TH**

special SUNDAY
PLEASE give generously

UNITED METHODIST

WORLD COMMUNION Sunday

your GIFT

MAKES WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY SCHOLARSHIPS POSSIBLE FOR GRADUATE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS. YOUR GENEROUS GIFT TODAY HELPS PROMISING SCHOLARS TO BECOME LEADERS.

PRAY

"If it hadn't been for my scholarship, I would not have been able to go to school. It was a gift from God."
— ELSA NOEMI MEZA
World Communion Scholar, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary



LEARN MORE AND GIVE ONLINE:
WWW.UMCGIVING.ORG/WCS

UMW CHAIR YOGA CLASS

- TUESDAYS
- 11 AM
- CRISWELL HALL
- Charge is \$5 per person, per session
- Safe and gentle environment
- At the UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat this was requested and we were able to follow through with this class.
- RAVE REVIEWS !



PLEASE JOIN 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 in the global ministries of the church.”

Sally Weitkamp, Publicity

Holiday Boutique
 Saturday, November 7, 2015
 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



HANDCRAFTED

- Jewelry * Aprons * Quilts
- Afghans * Tote Bags
- Fall and Christmas Décor
- Jams * Jellies
- Candy * Baked Goods
- Art Work



ENJOY A DELICIOUS BRUNCH

9:00 A.M.—1:00 pm
 \$10

Proceeds support Methodist Missions at home and around the world

If you are bringing items for sale, please have them at the church on Friday, November 6, starting at noon and during that afternoon.

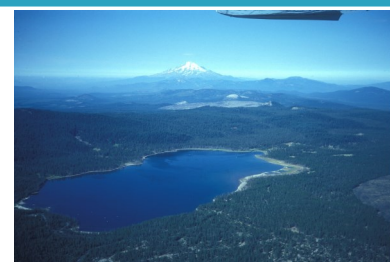


Price items before you bring them !



If you'd like to work at the event, sign ups will be taken at church, or contact Jan Herber.

H: — Bill and I are up at our rustic cabin (no running water and no electricity) at Medicine Lake, which is north east of Mount Shasta. It is a beautiful spot, which is almost pristine. The lake is an old volcanic caldron near the Lava Beds National Monument where the last Indian War in America was fought. It's like camping, with a warm, dry cozy cabin to sleep in at night or retreat to if it gets cold. We are sitting among the trees drinking our coffee and watching the chipmunks and squirrels scurry about. There is a woodpecker hammering in the background and lots of birds chirping. We have three Bald Eagles and two Ospreys we like to watch diving for fish down at the lake when we take the boat in the mornings and evenings. The sunsets over the lake are gorgeous, just as our sunsets over the ocean are back home.



We are so lucky to live here in California, where we have so many beautiful places to visit. We thank God for all the beauty we are blessed to experience. As Christians, God has commanded us to be stewards of all of this and throughout the world. Let us as members of United Methodist Women and members of this Church take this responsibility seriously. There is much we can do to care for this earth and to care for our brothers and sisters who inhabit it. Let us work as a community and individually to make our world a better place.

Sally Weitkamp



WILL YOU be a FRIENDLY VISITOR?

Did you know that every year almost three million members of denominational and other churches fall into "inactive status"? This means that these people are leaving their church. Research has found that when people leave, the church typically has only a month or two to bring them back before the hurt becomes too great, or they settle into a new routine going to another church or not going at all. Congregational care is crucial for churches to thrive. It is not only a biblical mandate; it is also an expression of love and humanity!

Congregational Care can take many forms . **The Congregational Care Committee at Arroyo Grande UMC is committed to avoiding the loss of members by maintaining contact with all.** We send cards to those who are experiencing health problems as well as those celebrating significant events in their lives. We deliver flowers to those who are not able to attend special church holidays such as Christmas and Easter. We maintain the prayer list, and organize food delivery for those who are ill. We are also trying to make contact with members and friends that have not been to church recently. And our committee needs help!

Our committee's **Friendly Visitor** program is designed to encourage members

to commit to visiting one or more persons each month who are either unable to attend church or have not been attending regularly. We are seeking volunteers for this endeavor.

If you would like to be a part of this program, please stop by the Congregational Care Committee table during coffee hour after either service and sign up! We will provide training for all those who sign up.

Our next training session will be Saturday, October 24 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

We hope many of you will join us for this very important program of our church. For more information contact any member of our committee.

Patti Melsheimer, chair

We Have A Disaster Preparedness Team!

The Trustees were given the task by the District to fill out their standard disaster preparedness plan. We recently were able to complete it and get it into District. The process called for us to form a disaster preparedness team. Twelve members from our congregation agreed to be on the team and accepted their designated position(s).

Our first meeting was held on August 30th and 8 of the 12 members were present. We all agreed that inviting the Red Cross in for a disaster preparedness lesson would be a great idea. On Sept. 9th ten of us attended their presentation. It was determined that we should purchase a hand cranked radio, good flashlight and some cases of water.



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A list of the contacts of those involved with the disaster preparedness team is now on the wall of the office and the wall by the phone in the kitchen. A first aid kit, radio and flashlight will be stored in the kitchen in the drawer marked with the Red Cross symbol. Water will be stored in the closet next to the stage.

The plan also called for us to contact the Red Cross for disaster personnel who could assist us in the case of disaster. We invited them in to look at our Church facility. They felt it would make a wonderful shelter in the event of disaster nearby. We contacted District on the matter and they strongly encouraged us to partner with them. So, we are now an official partner with the Red Cross as a shelter.



Anyone reading this is encouraged to consider becoming a Red Cross volunteer.

FOOD & CLOTHING OUTREACH MINISTRY
by Chuck and Betty Ashton

We are in our 6th year of representing the **First United Methodist Church** in ministering to those in need within our community. It has come with many challenges. We have found a permanent location for our **"People's Kitchen"** meals at the Assembly of God Church in Grover Beach. We are now serving hot meals again which include salad, rolls, fruit and dessert.



The first Thursday of each month is busy with cooking, preparing, and transporting the meal to the site. The food is well-received by those in attendance. We have been feeding nearly 100 individuals at each meal. Year to date, we have fed 2,021 meals to 1,516 individuals.

As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.



Our **"Emergency Food Pantry"** is also growing in community response. Each Monday we provide a week's food supply to families who are food challenged. In our second quarter this year we gave food to 683 families consisting of 2,246 individuals. New faces are being seen each week.

Our **"Parking Lot Giveaway"** is a huge success to our community. We are currently planning for our Christmas Giveaway on



Saturday, December 5th. Hundreds of boxes of clothing, bedding, toiletries, and socks are given to nearly 600 family members. To date, we have given out 13,200 pairs of new socks.

All of this comes at a price. We are not on any church budget and are solely dependent upon the generosity of individuals. For example, our food pantry was recipient of \$700.00 from Bishop Carcaño. All monies go to those individuals in need as we operate with a team of volunteers.

If you want to support any of our ministries, financially or materially, see us at our table in Criswell Hall.

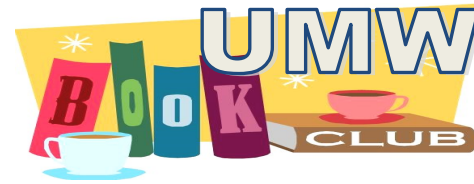
Thank You and God Bless You for Your Support.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 2015 Chair, Paul Holden



- The Trustees received a Memorial Donation from Craig Ford in memory of his wife, Gerrie.
- Paul mentioned he had sent in both the District's requested disaster preparedness plan and the new 'shelter' contract with the Red Cross.
- The Church Disaster Preparedness team gathered together on Sept. 9th for a disaster preparedness presentation put on by the Red Cross. We will be purchasing a crank radio, flashlight and cases of water to have on hand. A contact list of all those involved on the Disaster Preparedness team is on the wall of the office and the kitchen by the phone.
- Mike Johnson will begin contacting potential vendors for contracting preventative maintenance for our heaters and appliances.
- Mike J. will also be looking closely at our current contract with Executive Janitorial and seeing if we could perhaps get more for less from another vendor in the future. Paul provided him with a potential cleaner.
- The board is still awaiting a response from the missions committee to assist the Church with paying for the People's Kitchen/Food Pantry utility month expense through utilizing part of the earnings from the Don McGuire Missions fund.
- Paul received some interest in the rental of the Church's vacant lot. So far no one has surfaced who would pay more than \$250 monthly. We may entertain having more than one renter on the property for storage of their goods to get significant income. Mike J. noted that the entrance to the property would have to be onto Bennett not through the parking lot plus the need for lighting would be extra costs.
- Paul agreed to post the extra heating table in the pantry on Craigslist.
- Buffy Prestemon brought up the thought that given our high electrical cost we should perhaps we investigate Solar solutions. She agreed to pursue.
- Mike J. made us aware of Cokesbury's booklet on being a Trustee. Some copies will be purchased and Mike when finished will share his with Paul.
- We received a request from Ride-On Transportation to house a 'key lock box' for them in exchange for an occasional use of their van. We approved the request and Paul will pursue negotiating a contract with them.
- Paul received a comment that storing our long ladders on the roof is not a good idea since it is a flat roof and the ladders may harm the roofing. Paul will explore a remedy.



Submitted by Patti Melsheimer

United Methodist Women Book Club

The UMW Book Club returned to our regular schedule with our Friday, September 25th meeting. Over the summer we have been reading **Kind of Kin**. The reviewers said: *"Using new laws in Oklahoma and Alabama as inspiration, Kind of Kin is a story of self-serving lawmakers and complicated law-breakers, Christian principle and political scapegoating. Rilla Askew's funny and poignant novel explores what happens when upstanding people are pushed too far—and how an ad-hoc family, and ultimately, an entire town, will unite to protect its own."*

For October we have chosen to read **The Bite of the Mango**, by Mariatu Kamara. It is the story of a young woman from West Africa who was maimed and raped by rebels but she is a survivor and an inspiration!

And in November we will read **God Give Us Wings**, a best seller by local author, Katherine Prekeris Brown.

The purpose of the United Methodist Women's reading group is to expand our understanding of and participation in God's mission, increase our sensitivity to all human beings, their needs, interests, and concerns, and to encourage critical thinking about issues facing humanity today.



Please join us the last Friday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the McMillan room for fellowship and lively discussions.



What a fun October time ahead for all the Sunday school kids! We started a new curriculum, **Deep Blue**, last month. This month, we will continue to follow the **Deep Blue Crew of Asia, Edgar and Kat**, as they explore the Bible and seek adventure! Our **Powerzone** meets right after Children's Moment in church. Children go to the McMillen room to sing songs, pray and watch a fun animated video based on the lesson. Then everyone splits up into their classrooms for more learning and crafts.

Children will be exploring more about **Genesis** this month. First will be the story of **Abraham and Sarah** and how they trusted God as they set out on a journey into the unknown. They will learn that when we are obedient to God, He blesses us and gives us amazing things. Also, we can turn around and bless others, too. The next lesson will follow **Abraham and Lot**, and will further touch on God's promises. The **Birth of Isaac** shows children that patience is a good practice, and finally, with the story of **Isaac and Rebekah**, the power of prayer will be discussed. The message here is that we can go ahead and ask for God's guidance in our lives. Pray for our program and God's guidance, too!

Children will also be collecting money to **help buy an animal** as a gift to help empower small-scale farmers to achieve socially, economically and environmentally secure livelihoods. You won't be able to miss this collection - we plan on it being quite noisy ... you'll see, uh, hear ...

Coming up is the Children's Center's 8th Annual **Family Fun Day** on Oct 3 from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Come and find our **Sunday school booth!** We are having a bake sale and are also hosting a Bean Bag Toss. (We are looking for volunteers to help us out with baked goods and to man the booth as well.) It is a fun family event, with bounce houses, face painting (yes, I will be face painting!), games, a pumpkin patch and music. A tri tip lunch will be cooked by the Arroyo Grande Valley Kiwanis. Come out for that day!

We hope you will encourage your children to attend our **Powerzone** and to invite others to feel the power of Christ in their lives!

Get in the zone ... Powerzone!

God's love,
Carolyn Russell



FIRST UMC OF ARROYO GRANDE JOY JAR

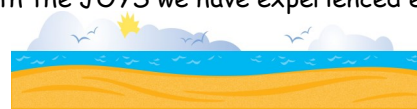
... Judy Atwood, Lay Leader

Special Joys shared since the last writing. I found more slips in the jar this month. Always fun to go through the collection each month to remember our celebrations. So hopefully we are more aware of the joys we have and celebrating them. The basket with slips of paper and pens are still by the jar for your use, if you didn't bring some with you. Hope you find it and use it.

New Joys

- * My joy is having Rev. Mary B. as our pastor and listening to her wonderful sermons
- * Lynn and George Stewart celebrated their 50th anniversary
- * Mary and Bob Thronson celebrated their 47th anniversary
- * Helen Gugeler glad to be back in worship
- * The Reynolds from Costa Mesa brought greetings from their UMC
- * Betty Lorenz's brother is doing better
- * Group of visitors from Ventura to surprise Rev. Mary B.
- * Jordan's leadership this summer
- * Bob Thronson's brother's eye surgery successful
- * Pam Bauske and children are in their own house
- * Barbara and Mike Reineke celebrated their 47th anniversary
- * Kay Walker celebrated 95 years young
- * Ellie Asprion celebrated 93 years young
- * Thank you Bernie and Mike T. for installing new fans in nursery
- * Reineke's grandson, Ethan, returned safely from his mission trip to Belize
- * Celebrating a good time with new DS installation
- * Gloria and Mike Johnson celebrated 47th anniversary
- * Choir is back!
- * Joe Brown's daughter home and recovering from surgery
- * Gugeler's have new great granddaughter...Audrey
- * Stewarts have new great grandson...Mason
- * Thank you to Leonard Lutz for playing organ, directing bells, sharing with the children
- * Bells are back!
- * Betty and Bud Johnson celebrated their 60th anniversary and shared a cake with us
- * People's Kitchen new serving site is working well
- * All the wonderful people of our church

How exciting to *witness to the JOYS among us in the congregation and beyond*. I am excited to see how we fill the JOY JAR with the JOYS we have experienced each month.





News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, *chair*

MISSION TEAM: October 2015

Judy Atwood

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

[Four Mission Goals Related in Importance](#) excerpts from Thomas Kemper, *Gen. Sec. of The General Board of Global Ministries*. Sept.-Oct. New issue of *New World Outlook*.

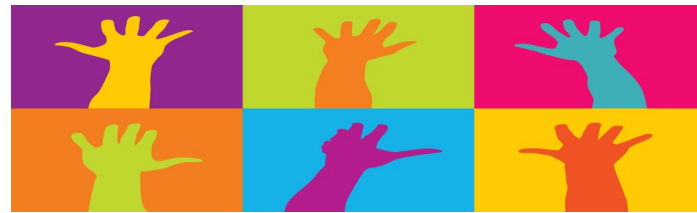
GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

People often ask me, "Isn't the first goal of mission—making disciples—the most important?" I respond that the four goals of Global Ministries are related in importance as expressions of the mission God has given to the church. The four form a holistic tapestry of mission intention. Disciple-making takes various forms. It may happen through witness by word—telling the good news of God's love in Jesus through sermon or song. Witness can also happen through deeds, acts of compassion, or even a caring presence in circumstances that do not permit overt Christian witness. [There is truth in the admonition attributed to St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach the gospel always and, when necessary, use words."](#)

Working to create and support vital congregations and caring communities, goal two, helps to forge and maintain discipleship. Alleviating human suffering—goal three, and seeking justice, freedom, and peace—goal four, are means of making disciples. At the same time, being a disciple necessarily means alleviating needs; promoting justice, freedom, and peace; and strengthening the church. [The four collectively express the Wesleyan emphasis on personal and social holiness—mutual aspects of mission and discipleship that cannot be divided.](#)

Some of the United Methodist global mission initiatives that have emerged over the last quarter century began through sharing the Word; others through service ministries. Mission to alleviate suffering and to bring about peace and justice must be offered regardless of church participation. Disaster relief, community development, health ministries, and the promotion of human rights make no distinctions as to religious affiliation, nationality, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation. The objectives are to give evidence to God's love for all, to indicate that the church, as the instrument of divine grace, cares about the entire human family.

Alleviation of human suffering is more than humanitarian service. There is a spiritual motivation based in our faith that God offers healing whenever humanity is broken, stricken, and in pain. The four goals hold together in theology and practice. They adhere in importance, going together as surely as do the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5. [You can no more separate sorrow, humility, righteousness, mercy, purity of heart, peacemaking, and self-sacrifice than you can the desire in mission to share the Gospel, renew congregations and communities, alleviate suffering, and seek justice, freedom, and peace.](#)



Many hands continue to do many things.

3. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2015

Kits 4 Kids	520.00
ELT Scholarships	2,300.00
Human Relations Sunday	335.00
Native American Sunday	261.00
No More Malaria	12.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	406.00
Peace with Justice	201.00
People's Kitchen food	392.86
People's Kitchen Misc.	7,063.40
Rev. Lang Mission Fund	5,000.00
South County Food Bank	<u>392.88</u>
8 MONTHS TOTAL	\$16,884.14

A THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION.

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 8 AM People's Kitchen Prep - Lv to Serve 11:15 AM 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Rm)</p>	<p>2 Spirit Day at AG UM CC - wear your shirts! 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 3:30 PM AG UM CC Closed</p>	<p>3 8:00 AM Set Up Family Fun Day Event 11 AM-1:30 PM (Parking Lot, Courtyard, K, CH, MMR) 5:30 PM Praise Team Set-Up (S) 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice (S)</p>
<p>4 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 10:30 AM Youth Bible Study (CH) Coffee Hour: Congregational Care</p>	<p>5 Pastor's Day off 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p>6 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 11 AM UMW Chair Yoga Class (CH) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)</p>	<p>7 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 9:15 AM Storytime with Pastor & Goodie Bear (N) 12 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Study-3 (CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir-S</p>	<p>8 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9:15 AM Storytime with Pastor & Goodie Bear (N) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 12 PM Esther Circle (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Rm)</p>	<p>9 8:30 AM Bible Study (L)</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 8 AM UMM Pancake Breakfast (CH,K) 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Bible Study (CH) 11:45 AM Congregational Care (L) Coffee Hour: Mission Team</p>	<p>12 Pastor's Day off 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p>13 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 10 AM UMW Steering (L) 11 AM UMW Chair Yoga Class (CH) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room) 7 PM Trustees</p>	<p>14 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 12 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Study 4 (CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>15 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room) 7 PM Finance Team (MMR)</p>	<p>16 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 12 PM Newsletter Deadline (Noon-Church Office)</p>	<p>17 5:30 PM Praise Team Set-Up (S) 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice (S)</p>
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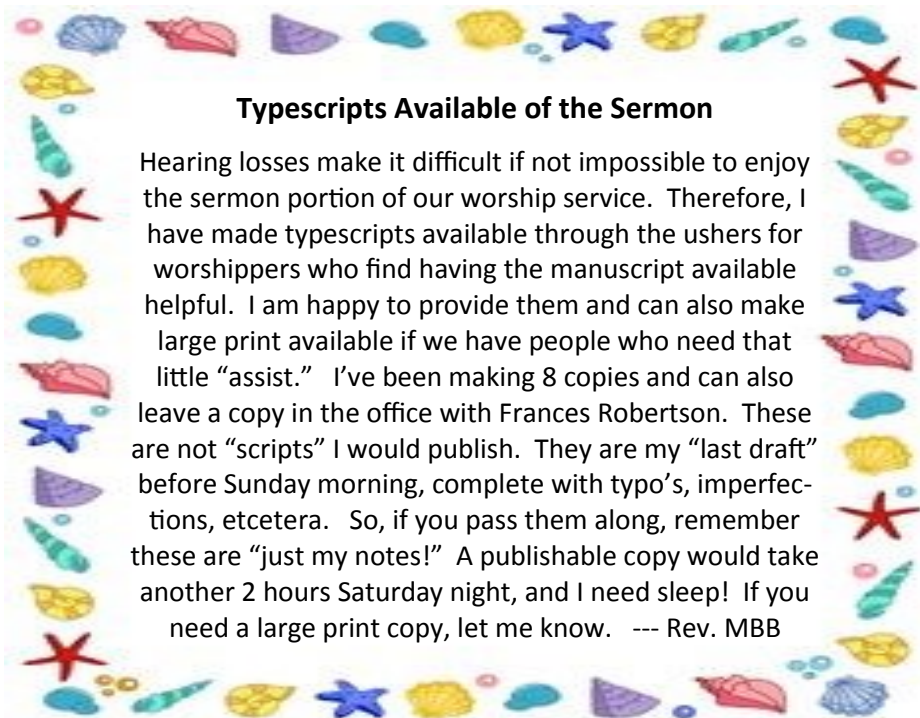
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Typescripts Available of the Sermon

Hearing losses make it difficult if not impossible to enjoy the sermon portion of our worship service. Therefore, I have made typescripts available through the ushers for worshippers who find having the manuscript available helpful. I am happy to provide them and can also make large print available if we have people who need that little "assist." I've been making 8 copies and can also leave a copy in the office with Frances Robertson. These are not "scripts" I would publish. They are my "last draft" before Sunday morning, complete with typo's, imperfections, etcetera. So, if you pass them along, remember these are "just my notes!" A publishable copy would take another 2 hours Saturday night, and I need sleep! If you need a large print copy, let me know. --- Rev. MBB

Positions to Be Filled!

A beginning Nominating Committee is in place.

This Lay Leadership Team will invite and bring to the charge conference the list of designated leaders to be elected by the charge conference. By the Discipline (par 249) we elect, *at minimum*, a chairperson of Church Council, the committee on Nominations and Leadership Development itself, the Staff Parish Relations Committee and its chairperson, chairperson and members of the Committee on Finance, the Financial Secretary and Treasurer (if not paid employees of the local church), Trustees, Lay Member of Annual Conference, Lay Leader, and Recording Secretary. The committee is prayerfully at work and will make invitations into leadership to fill vacancies and then will assume its ongoing work of *thanking you* who already serve, asking for your recommitment for the January-December 2016 year and adding new people as needed. The pastor chairs the Nominating Committee and Lay Leadership Team. The committee acts together. Your new team includes: Wayne Huggins, Patti Melsheimer, Marj Cawelti, Betty Ashton and Judy Atwood, and will include several more of you as we go forward.



Jenna Moore	Oct 1
Bob Pierson	Oct 1
Val McClure	Oct 4
Daisy Paredes	Oct 5
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Ed Avila	Oct 29
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Mary Hawkins	Oct 31

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Contact our church office...we need you to fill out an information form for you and your family.



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8th Annual Family Fun Day

**Carnival Games, Trike-a-Thon,
Pumpkin Patch,
Face Painting, Bounce House,
Tri-Tip BBQ and more!**

**October 3, 2015
11 AM - 1:30 PM**



We would like to make this the best year yet—you can help!

If you would like to participate and hold a booth on that day,
please contact Maddy at the AG UM CC at 481-2223.

Volunteers are key to the event's success! Let us know if you'd like to help!