



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

Cast~A~Net

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

JUNE 2016

A Message from the
Finance Chair
Regarding our
2016-17 Campaign
As of May 25, 2016



- To those who have responded—**Thank You !**
- 43 Estimate of Giving cards have been received.
- This represents \$132,412 in pledges.
- The Financial Secretary is encouraged that it appears many members are taking a “step up” and have increased their Estimates of Giving.
- To those who have not yet responded—We look forward to receiving your pledge cards.
- There are additional cards available in the pews and in the office. Remember, it takes “All of Us” to reach our campaign goal !



Joel Anderson, Acting Treasurer



SUNDAY, JUNE 5 UMM BBQ

All Church BBQ following
Sunday Service—11:45
AM to 2 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

**UMC “PARKING LOT
GIVEAWAY”**

11 AM to 2 PM
Details on back cover



SUNDAY, JUNE 12

MUSIC SUNDAY

Special Anthems from Choir—10:30 AM



ELT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Introducing this year’s winners—10:30 AM

FRIDAY, JULY 1

LIFE LINE SCREENING AT UMC

Criswell Hall—Details on page 11

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

JULY 29, 30, 31

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT UMC



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From the Pastor

Thank you to the 32 people who participated in our Visioning Day Planning Meeting, to the additional 8-10 who met with the Rev. Rick Blunt on the Friday prior to our session and to all who gathered on Pentecost as he preached “*The Church of Your Dreams.*” We followed his lead as facilitator and named issues that matter most to Arroyo Grande First UMC. We will have Rev. Blunt’s report in hand soon. With this information and our best thinking/praying/decision-making in action, the Church Council will set new goals in keeping with our mission statement and begin to work on these goals in the coming months. Stay tuned for details of that work.

As we await Rick’s summary report, we are also waiting for every last estimate of giving card to be turned into the office so that we can name our budget for 2016-2017. Income will determine which goals we can realistically pursue. Income is a critical factor in our goal-setting. Staffing and program are shaped based upon the money available and many of our top-priority goals/interests require that the staff we already have in place remain in place, and in fact that some of these positions must have “more hours” available, not less. We pray that no budget cuts will be required and that money to do what we already do well will be there with enough wiggle room to expand and grow our ministry. Give in response to God’s grace, and please turn in your estimate of giving if you have not already done so.

I close with the words of the song the choir sang last Sunday. May this song sink into our souls and become a prayer for ALL OF US! It’s called “Grace Alone.”

***Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
every difference we can make is only by His grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine
every blessing left behind is only by His grace.***

***Grace alone Which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.***

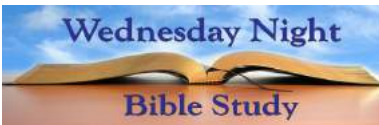
***Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,
everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,
every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace.***

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Rev. Mary Birgelaitis



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!



JUNE LITURGISTS

June 5

8:30 a.m.—*Sharon Roemer*
10:30 a.m.—*Barbara Reinecke*

June 12

8:30 a.m.—*Christy Van Hook*
10:30 a.m.—*B.G. Perrigey*

June 19

8:30 a.m.—*Judy Atwood*
10:30 a.m.—*Rose Ann Steiner*

June 26

8:30 a.m.—*Susan Thronson*
10:30 a.m.—*Judy Leonard*



Dates	Topics and Schedule
Wednesday, June 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study <i>Half Truths: God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It</i>
Sunday, June 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis, "GONE FISHIN'" <i>Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23</i>
Wednesday, June 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study <i>Half Truths: Love The Sinner, Hate The Sin</i>
Sunday, June 12 MUSIC SUNDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis, "THEN SINGS MY SOUL" <i>Scriptures: Psalm 150, Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17</i>
Wednesday, June 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study TBA
Sunday, June 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis, "IN RETURN" <i>Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16</i>
Wednesday, June 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study TBA
Sunday, June 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis, "ANGEL'S TOUCH" <i>Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-15</i>
Wednesday, June 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study TBA

READY TO JOIN THE CHURCH ?

Membership Class

There are at least two people who are enthusiastic and ready to join this congregation. **Maybe you are, too!**

If you are thinking about membership, please call the church office and let Frances or Rev. Mary B. know asap.

If folks have never been a part of any church, we will do a longer class and help them get on board.

If those coming in are transferring and know the ropes already, we will do a briefer class.

In either case, we'd like to bring folks in soon, so let us know of your interest.

—Rev. MBB



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



Val McClure, publicity



The All-Church BBQ sponsored by the UMM will be held on Sunday, June 5th from 11:45 to 1:00 pm. This annual event will feature BBQ chicken, tri-tip, ranch beans, cole slaw, garlic bread and cupcakes for dessert. Those eating in Criswell Hall will be offered coffee, tea, lemonade and hot chocolate. *Take-out will be available*. This could well be the 38th year of the Methodist Men's BBQ. Years ago the meat was cooked underground (Luau style). Part of the pit can still be seen out in the parking lot near the storage shed. The meat nowadays is cooked on a grill over oak wood, Santa Maria style.

ALL CHURCH BBQ IS ON UMM JUNE MENU !

TICKETS are on sale Sundays after the first and second service: **\$10 Adults**
\$5 Youth (under 10 years)

It will be a great help to the UMM for you to **purchase your tickets early** and tell Wayne Huggins if you want chicken or beef. This will guide the men of the UMM who purchase the meat for the BBQ. **A limited number of tickets** will be available at the door the day of the event.

*For further information, talk to
Chuck Ashton, UMM President.*

UMM INVITES MEN OF THE CHURCH

The United Methodist Men is a nationally chartered organization of the Methodist Church. Our group is the *only organized* UMM men's group within our six-church cluster on the Central Coast.

The active membership in our Arroyo Grande group is about 30. It gives the members a rich experience in fellowship and growing in Christ as they go about many activities to raise money for a variety of church activities that are not covered by the church budget.

The UMM meetings include great fellowship and interesting speakers and programs. Field trips are part of the scheduled yearly events. Planning for the group is done by a Cabinet of elected officials that include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Chairman and Chaplain. The

men meet monthly for breakfast at a local restaurant and order off the menu. In months that special events are scheduled (ie: Field Trips, Jubilee, etc.), there is no breakfast meeting.

If you are a man of the Arroyo Grande congregation and not active with the UMM, take some time to think about it this summer, and then join us for the first meeting in the fall:

Saturday, September 17th,
8:30 a.m. at Coco's Restaurant in Pismo Beach.

DON'T MISS ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!





United Methodist Women
 FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

in the global ministries of the church.

Sally Weitkamp, Publicity

“ 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

MOTHER’S DAY ELEGANT LUNCHEON

What a lovely event we had for our Mother’s Day Luncheon! Our caterer Tina Moore and her assistant Shirley prepared a delicious lunch consisting of green salad, Hawaiian chicken and rice pilaf. For dessert we had a chocolate fountain with goodies for dipping.

The music, provided by the Mellow Fellows, was delightful and reminiscent of happy times of our youth.

Thank you to all our wonderful waiters from the United Methodist Men who treated us with such flair.

Crystal Weitkamp was the winner of the quilt drawing.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 17th, for our annual Spiritual Retreat, which will be held at Dick and Patti Melsheimer’s home. Our theme will be *The Bible and Human Sexuality*. Our leader is yet to be announced.

The craft project will be creating a succulent wreath, which represents our spiritual growth.



Watch for details about the retreat in the summer Castanet issues



Caring Congregation Committee

Patti Melsheimer, Chair

One of the recommendations that came out of our church’s recent *Visioning Workshop* urged our church to be more attentive to our members and to contact those who have not been to church recently.

The *Caring Congregation Committee*, as part of the observance in May of *“Older Americans Month”* and in response to this suggestion is asking members to sign up to visit some of our older shut-ins. We have received a relatively good response to this initial outreach. Some volunteers have already begun visiting, and others have indicated they will soon visit someone.

If you would like to be a part of this effort to connect with our members, please stop by the

Caring Congregation table in Criswell Hall and sign up. You can choose whom you would like to visit or be assigned someone from our list.

We are also happy to have a new member of our committee – Shirley Werling. She has brought a new program to us called *“knit a prayer”*. She and several other members of the Sew N’ Sew’s group are knitting shawls that will be dedicated with a prayer and then given to anyone who is in need of prayers.

Anyone interested in knitting a shawl or knows someone who may need a shawl is urged to contact Shirley or any member of the committee.



Visiting with Joseph "Joe" Brown

by David E. Beaman, 04/2016

Our conversation began with the discovery that we were born in the same year and only a couple months apart. It also happens to be quite a long time ago. We found right away that we had a lot in common to talk about. DEB



Joe is a native Californian, born in Long Beach. His father worked in the oil industry, and when Joe was in 2nd grade the family moved to his father's new job at Coalinga with Shell Oil Co. He finished high school in 1955, then went two years at Coalinga College and transferred to UCLA to earn a Chemistry degree in 1960. His employment started at the Shell Oil refinery in Dominguez and then on to the "Booming" technology industries with such aerospace companies as Pacific Semiconductors Inc., a subsidiary of TRW, Northrop Nortronics in Hawthorne, then finally to TRW (Thompson, Ramo, Woolridge) in 1963. He worked as an Industry Process Engineer in electronic soldering and assembly processes for 15 years. Many of his duties included working with subcontractors around the country solving electronic assembly problems. His next 15 years with TRW involved working on classified projects as a Product Assurance Manager. This included the disciplines of Product Quality Assurance, Reliability, Safety and Configuration Management on Special Access Programs that are important to our national security. Joe remarked that "it was fulfilling and fascinating to work in the technology where things were really happening". He retired in 1992.

Joe met Collene, his future wife, in Coalinga the year he graduated from high school. She and her family had rented an apartment next door for the summer. One day her family suddenly returned to their home in Yuma, AZ, and she was gone. He got her address and they exchanged letters every day; the "teenagers" were married in Yuma in 1957. Their son Jeff, who is single, graduated from Cal State Northridge and sells software programs used in medical offices. His home is in Northridge. Their daughter Cindy graduated from National University and is a Senior Sales Analyst for a snack food company. Her family consists of husband Doug and son Jake, and they live in Tustin. Doug is a master woodworker who built Joe's wood shop and many cabinets, their fireplace mantle and other beautiful features in Joe's home on the Mesa in rural Arroyo Grande.

Joe reflected on two very profound events that had significant effects on the family. During the 1994 Northridge earthquake, their son, who lived there in

Northridge, could not be reached for a couple of days. Jeff had many details to attend to and they were eventually relieved to learn of his successful survival. Shortly afterward in 1994 Joe's wife Collene developed the devastating autoimmune condition called Scleroderma that robs the victim of mobility and comfort, and can move into all the vital organs. Collene was eventually confined to a wheelchair and died after surviving for 16 years. They had been married for 53 years. Joe is grateful for the fact that he was retired and able to provide loving care for Collene during the time she needed him the most.

On many walls in his home can be found examples of Joe's unique hobby for the last 30 years, making wooden maps of the 50 states of the USA and the world. The individual pieces are made of different color shades or wood species for contrast. The outline of each cutout must be extremely accurate so that the pieces will interlock perfectly. The perfection is accomplished by precise outline tracing and a very accurate and an extremely stable reciprocating scroll saw. Joe's attentive accuracy is essential for the successful outcome of these beautiful displays. He enjoys making picture frames and other projects with wood, including a wishing well displayed in his back yard.

Joe is pleased that he and his sister Betty reunited after 32 years of separation. He spent 26 years away from church attendance, although he never lost devotion to Christ. He feels the positive effect of forgiveness he has received. He chose to join our church very soon after Collene died in March of 2010. His relationship with our church is his life's foundation.

Joe serves as Chairman of our church Communications Committee and has the reputation of conducting efficient and effective monthly meetings that are well focused on the mission to keep the congregation informed of the activities and programs of our church. He brought along his professional experience during his work years and shares his abilities very effectively.

It was a very rewarding experience for me to spend meaningful conversation time with Joe and to learn of his life and his many accomplishments.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President, Paul Holden

May 2016—The Latest from the Trustees

Trustees approved a request from the Children's Center to construct an Art Patio for the children.

The Children's Center will raise the funds for the project and get the work done.

Trustees approved the purchase of a pole chain saw for miscellaneous tree trimming. It was acquired and tested on May 17th and it works great!

At our meeting we reviewed the current Church use policies and fee schedule. We will look to include a fee for a facilitator for events. This person will be a member of the



Church and will assist outside groups with access, acclimatization, clean up and lock up. Pastor Mary and Paul Holden will update the policies and fee schedule in time for the next board meeting.

We again agreed it is important that when requesting a new upcoming event that, after it is cleared on the Church calendar, the requestor complete the facility use request documents as well. All facility requests other than Church and Church committee events must receive Trustees' approval. Facilities can potentially be used free of charge to members for their functions but must first have Trustees' approval.



THE MORNING EXERCISE GROUP

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.

The Morning Exercise Group has been going on since 2000. It was started by Donna Schoeffler. Loretta Johnson and Mary Sorensen are our organizers with Wayne Huggins and Mary Thronson helping out as well. We welcome anyone who wants to do low maintenance exercising three times or less a week. We use DVDs. At 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday we start with a *Leslie Samson* 1 mile movement tape. At 9:00 a.m. we use an old *Richard Simmons* DVD to continue our exercising. It lasts 45 minutes. We are done by

9:45 a.m. All exercising is done standing except the last 15 minutes of the *Simmons* DVD. Wednesday we do a fast 30 minute walk and standing exercise to another *Leslie Samson* DVD. Then at 9:10 a.m. we use an *Improving your Balance* DVD. It is done mostly sitting in a chair. Each day costs \$1, which is paid when you come. The group is mostly Senior Citizens ranging from 60's to 90's. You come to move and visit. We celebrate birthdays and hold an annual Christmas Party. Anyone is welcome to just come and join us at 8:30 a.m. in Criswell Hall.

Submitted by Mary Thronson

SPECIAL THANK YOUS

Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for the many lovely cards and notes I have received from you. I have needed your prayers at this time as I adjust to the loss of Bob after 66 years of marriage.

I miss my many friends at UMC Arroyo Grande, and hope that sometime in the future I can plan a trip to visit.

My best regards,

Vel Lowry



A Note from Cristy:

I want to thank everyone for all the prayer support and best wishes during the four month ordeal with my husband, Lamar's, illness and subsequent emergency open heart surgery.

We were very overwhelmed and blessed with the outpouring of love. He is now back in Ohio—I drove him from here to Ohio to keep him away from "bugs" on an airplane. He is working and, although tired, states he is getting stronger.

So...Thank you,

Cristy Van Hook





Welcome to Sunday School



THE RAINBOW PROMISE

Summer is almost here! Our kids will be “graduating” from their younger classes, facing another steppingstone in their spiritual growth. They will be stepping up in their classes, swimming ahead in their schools. And nothing is fishy there!

We are looking forward to summer fun! Mark your calendars for a weekend “Whale of a Time” Vacation Bible School, based on the story of “Jonah and the Whale”. It’s happening July 29, 30 and 31!



We will start June off with some basic lessons from the early Bible again, and another sea worthy story of Noah. We will be using that story all month, learning important lessons in life, based on hope and promises. God never lets us down. He’s got us, hook, line and sinker.

Happy summer! Now let’s get into the “swim of things, and have a whale of a good time!”.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Russell
Children’s Ministry Director



FIRST UMC OF ARROYO GRANDE JOY JAR ALL TOGETHER WE CAN SHARE OUR JOYS!

I hope you are feeling the joy of sharing joys with one another. The JOY JAR remains in the Narthex for you to place your listing of Joys. In our busy lives it is good to slow down a little and recognize what Joys we really have. Paper and Pens are there for your use. I will look for them in the jar.

New Joys:

- * We are grateful for Rev. Mary bringing Rick Blunt to lead us in a Strategic Planning Visioning Day
- * Congratulations to Jeremy Burns who was just promoted to Senior Officer Burns. His mom, Julie Burns, is very proud of all he is accomplishing both in his career and his family life at age 28
- * Cristy and Lamar Van Hook drove safely back to Ohio, so Lamar could return to work and continue healing
- * Ron and Tina Miller, friends of Dennis Eiler, were visitors in our worship
- * Our Pre School is at full capacity
- * Marj Cawelti’s grandson Zachary graduated from medical school and will begin his residency
- * Gloria Johnson reminded us how important our mothers are and how important her mother is to her
- * Thanks to Mike Coho for filling in while Connie and Mike were gone this week and for his friend Rudy for playing with the praise team as well
- * Betty and Chuck Ashton are anticipating the arrival of a great granddaughter
- * Betty and Bud Johnson are anticipating the arrival of three more great grandchildren

I hope you will continue to recognize your JOYS and share them with us.
Judy Atwood



ELT SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED

On Sunday, June 12th, the Everett Lee Taylor Scholarship Committee will introduce the 2016-17 ELT Scholarship recipients during the 10:30 a.m. service. These scholarships are awarded to deserving graduating high school seniors and returning college students who have been involved in our church. This is the 26th year ELT Scholarships will be awarded. Over fifty students have benefitted from our church’s generosity and support during these years.

News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, chair

MISSION TEAM: June 2016

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. General Conference 2016
2. Peace with Justice Sunday observed later
3. John Elmore's School Project
4. Noisy Offering Update
5. Special Giving Totals

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE 2016: General Conference UMC 2016 was May 10-20 in Portland, Oregon. This is the only body of the church that can speak officially for the UMC. The delegates spent many hours with many issues with legislation for all over the world with a variety of issues. Each day began with worship with one of the bishops of the church bringing a message. You can watch much of the services and news on line umc.org/news-and-media/gc2016. Petitions which were acted on include: the creation of a new digital hymnal, Central conference issues, notable milestones, consecration of new Deaconess and Home Missioners, the commissioning of new missionaries from 11 countries which are being deployed to 16 countries around the world, adoption of the budget for the coming four years, celebrations for a variety of happenings. Look on Mission Table for copies with more information if you are interested.

2. PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY: Delayed offering so as not to interfere with Stewardship Sunday. We will take our offering at a later date.

3. JOHN ELMORE'S SCHOOL PROJECT: John shared with 30 individuals about his ministry in Chile. He has returned to Chile and has already had at least three mission teams come to work. If you are interested in

supporting this ministry you may mark your gift Advance # 131097 so that we can be sure it is sent to the correct project.

4. NOISY OFFERING UPDATE:

Thank you for your great response to the noisy offering. Our total now is \$1,031.25, which is enough to help 51 families gain in supporting their family and having a healthier life. *We will conclude this project on the Second Sunday of June.* So be ready to greet the children with your coins, or quiet money as well! **Final total next month.**

Many hands continue to do many things.





5. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2016

Human Relations Sunday	288.00
Native American Sunday	267.00
Noisy Offering	554.55
One Great Hour of Sharing	511.00
People's Kitchen food	882.40
People's Kitchen Misc.	2,821.00
South County Food Bank	<u>221.49</u>
4 MONTHS TOTAL:	<u>\$5,545.44</u>

Thank you for your second mile gifts

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
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5 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: UMM BBQ	6 Pastor's Day Off 11 AM UMM Cabinet (L) 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 5:45 PM Quilting Class--G McGuire (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)	7 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters (MMR) 11 AM UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (H Room)	8 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study (CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)	9 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)	10 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) Noon Deadline newsletter articles (Office) 12 PM Set Up for Parking Lot Giveaway (CH, N)	11 11 AM—2 PM UMC Parking Lot Giveaway— Set Up 8 AM (CH,N) AGUMCC Golf Tournament 5:30 PM Praise Team Set Up (S) 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (S)
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UMW BOOK CLUB NEWS

For May book club members read and discussed best-selling book Just Mercy by lawyer, Bryan Stephenson. In it he shared true stories of prisoners unjustly sentenced to death in the electric chair. Mr. Stephenson, who helped form the EJI, Equal Justice Institute, in Alabama worked tirelessly to save the lives of many poor, black, and juvenile prisoners. Through the concerted efforts of dedicated lawyers like Stephenson, many innocent prisoners have finally found justice that had been



denied them through the criminal justice system.

The next book club meeting will be held on *Friday, September 23rd* at 11 A.M. in the McMillen Room.

The September reading selection will be announced in an upcoming Cast-a-Net newsletter.

See Patti Melsheimer with questions about the UMW Book Club.

Submitted by Judy Leonard

LIFE LINE SCREENING, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at **First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande on Friday, July 1, 2016.**



Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

DETAILED INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN CHURCH OFFICE



- Neil Prestemon.....June 1
- Mike Reineke.....June 4
- James Steiner.....June 5
- Ray Douglas.....June 7
- Sadie Krovious.....June 8
- Doug Craig.....June 11
- Bill Weitkamp.....June 11
- Lili Bauske.....June 14
- Chet Keilan.....June 15
- Janice Moore.....June 15
- Dennis Eiler.....June 16
- Steve Shrefler.....June 17
- George Stewart.....June 17
- Pauline Castillo.....June 18
- Connie Clark.....June 19
- Gloria Johnson.....June 19
- BG Perriguy.....June 20
- Sandy Underwood...June 23
- Victoria Paredes.....June 24
- Dee Anna Shrefler...June 27
- Bobbi Merris.....June 28



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June 12th at 10:30 is Music Sunday. The Chancel Choir will be presenting many anthems for their final Sunday before the summer break. Some of their favorites include: *In This Very Room* and *Peace Like a River* and many more. Please join us for a service of God's word through music.

We are looking for small music groups, soloists, instrumentalists to participate this summer for our 10:30 service. If God leads you to share your talent, please see Julie for a calendar date.

It's been a wonderful year and we look forward to the 2016/17 year after our break.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ARROYO GRANDE

PARKING LOT GIVEAWAY

SATURDAY June 11th, 11 AM TO 2 PM

- SOCKS
- BACKPACKS
- TOILETRIES
- CLOTHING
- SLEEPING BAGS
- BLANKETS



Everything is FREE including coffee, cake & cookies for our guests!

Volunteers are always needed to help—check with the Ashtons

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