

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



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First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande DECEMBER 2016

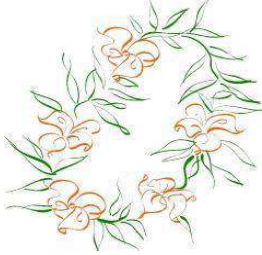
Christmas Eve Service

Saturday
December
24th
7:00 P.M.
Sanctuary



A Service
of
Scripture
Carols
Candlelight

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From the Pastor

Advent Blessings!

We hope you find this season meaningful as together we move toward Christmas in worship. We will have two services, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. all season up until Christmas.

Christmas is on a Sunday this year! It doesn't happen this way that often. It's unusual! Most of you probably can't remember "exactly" when FUMC Arroyo Grande last celebrated Christmas on Sunday. It was 2011. You had one 10:30 a.m. service. This year it's the 8:30 a.m. worship crew that is most available. So, we have chosen one service at 8:30 a.m.

I found an old blog (2005) by Andrew Ferguson, then in his twenties. He is an electrical engineer in Seattle, Washington and he explained (as only an engineer could and would) exactly how, when and why Christmas falls on Sunday in such seemingly haphazard increments! I'll spare you the details. Let it suffice to say that it happened in 1994, 2005, and in 2011. It will happen this year 2016 and again in 2022 and 2033!

Every United Methodist Church celebrates Christmas on Christmas Eve. When Christmas Day itself falls on a Sunday it isn't that easy for us! It's a "catch-22". After all, it IS Christmas and it IS the celebration of our Lord's Birth. However, unless you have a huge staff and different people can do each service, it's a challenge on a day like Christmas when people are hosting or traveling to be with family and friends.

This year we will worship together Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. On Christmas Day, we will gather at 8:30 a.m. with the Praise Team playing Christmas carols in a simple less formal time together. For you who don't like loud music, we promise it won't be. It will be simple Christmas carols with a little more "cowboy" flavor. It will be fun. We are going to "go with it" this way for 2016.

It is our hope that you can go with the flow this year, come early, and know that we won't be making this decision again until 2022!!! We really DO want to create meaningful Advent and Christmas worship for all.

Advent Blessings!

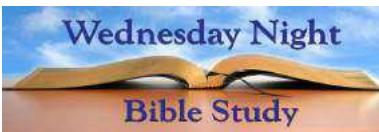
Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

Adult Christian Education



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, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "GIFTS FROM GOD: Abiding Peace" Matthew 3:1-12
Wednesday, December 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study <u>The Uncluttered Heart</u> by Beth Richardson
Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "GIFTS FROM GOD: Contagious Joy:" Luke 1:46b-55
Wednesday, December 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study <u>The Uncluttered Heart</u> by Beth Richardson
Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "GIFTS FROM GOD: Everlasting Love" Matthew 1:18-25 CHRISTMAS CANTATA "Hope Was Born" By Ed Kee
Wed., December 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study <u>The Uncluttered Heart</u>
Saturday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Meditation by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "FRESH FROM GOD" Luke 2:1-20
Sunday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM (one only) Worship Service Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "OPENING PRESENCE" Isaiah 9:6, Luke 2:1-7
Wed., December 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study <u>The Uncluttered Heart</u>
Sunday, January 1 Epiphany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "BATTERIES NOT INCLUDED" Matthew 2:1-12

WE WELCOMED NEW MEMBERS ON NOVEMBER 13TH



New Members, Margie Ott and Marilyn Draper with sponsor, Lucy Jacob (center)



New Member, Sandy Underwood, with sponsor, Julie Burns (center), and Pastor Mary

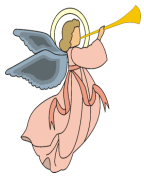


Helping men grow in Christ;
so others may know Christ!

News &
Announcements

Announcing UMM 4th Annual

Jubilee



SATURDAY, DEC. 17th 7:00 - 9:30 PM
CRISWELL HALL



Fun for the whole Family
Refreshments—and it's all FREE



DON'T MISS THE "ALL CHURCH" TALENT
SHOW AT THE JUBILEE

submitted by Val McClure

ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS

Artists in our church are invited to participate in a **"Coffee and Art Show"** to be held in Criswell Hall this coming **Spring of 2017**. The showing of the good works of our talented congregation will be held during coffee hour right after the first and second services on **March 19th**.



Works can be in any media, oil, water color, etc. Artists must furnish their own table or floor easels and must set up on Saturday the 18th. All set up must be taken down after Coffee Hour the day of the event. A table will be furnished for each artist and some live greenery will be available.

Why the early announcement? Simply to give artists the time to finish any paintings they are currently working on.

Want to sell any of your art? You may make arrangements with the Chairman of the event — 50% would go to the Church general funds, 50% to the artist.

For further information, contact Val McClure, Chairman of the 17 "Coffee and Art Show". He will be available with a sign-up sheet before and after the 2nd service or give him a call.





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

Review of 2016 for our UMW

As 2016 draws to a close, here is an overview of what our United Methodist Women have accomplished this year:

January 31: Our women planned, organized and participated in both services for Women’s Sunday. Maggie Fertschneider, our guest speaker, spoke on “A Wounded World that Cries for Healing”. Our officers were installed and Eva McClure and Barbara Reineke received special recognition pins.

February 7th: We held Super Chili Bowl 50, our first fundraiser this year, featuring take-out chili and cornbread. It was very successful thanks to the support of our congregation.

March 12th: Our Disabilities Workshop was a huge success, thanks to the presenters, those who spent hours preparing for the event.

May 7th: Our Mothers Day Lunch is, as always, a fun and well-attended event. This one certainly was!

September 17th: Our Spiritual Retreat with Jeri Roseboro as our leader was the highlight for this fall. Eighteen ladies attended.

November 1st: Our final fund raiser was a Virtual Tea. We gratefully thank the congregation for all your support for our various activities

In January, we will report our income from the fundraisers, and who has received our donations this year.

submitted by Sally Weitkamp

Holiday UMW Book Club Meeting – December 9, 2016

Our December 9th book selection, House of Purple Cedar by Tim Tingle, celebrates American Indian heritage. The book represents the “Nurturing for Community” category of the United Methodist Women’s 2016 booklist.

Amazon.com describes the House of Purple Cedar as follows:

“‘The hour has come to speak of troubled times. It is time we spoke of Skullyville.’ Thus begins Rose Goode’s story of growing up in Indian Territory in pre-statehood Oklahoma. Skullyville, a once-thriving Choctaw community, was destroyed by land-grabbers, culminating in the arson of New Hope Academy for Girls on New Year’s Eve, 1896. Twenty Choctaw girls died, but Rose escaped. Soon after the fire, her grandfather Amafo is humiliated in front of the town’s people. But, instead of asking the Choctaw community to avenge him, her grandfather decides to follow the path of forgiveness. And so unwinds this tale of mystery, Indian-style magical realism, and deep wisdom.”

Friday, December 9th our meeting will be held at 10 A.M. in the McMillen Room; this is a special meeting date due to the holidays.

January’s book is Sally Ride: America’s First Woman in Space by Lynn Sherr. We will go back to our regular meeting schedule (the 4th Friday of the month at 11 A.M., January 27th) for this book. Patti Melsheimer will have copies of both books available for purchase on Sundays.

Questions? See Patti Melsheimer or Judy Leonard.



submitted by Judy Leonard



The Angel Tree

The Angel Tree returns again this year with gift tags on the tree to aid foster children and other children in need. The Angel Tree will be set up during the Hanging of the Greens on November 26, 2016.

Please take the original tag from the tree and then sign your name on the duplicate tag and leave it on the tree. I make the duplicate tags in case you lose your original tag. You must attach the original on your UNWRAPPED GIFT (or gifts) and bring them to church on Sundays in December or you can bring the UNWRAPPED GIFTS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. You can use the duplicate tag on your UNWRAPPED gift (or gifts) if you lose the original tag.

All gifts must be brought to church no later than December 19, 2016. If you have any questions, you may contact Jan Treat.

Thank you for your generous giving spirit to help these children in need.

Blessings, Jan Treat



Caring Congregation Committee

The Caring Congregation Committee has been hard at work planning for upcoming Advent undertakings. As we do every year, we are seeking volunteers to help **deliver poinsettias** to our members who are shut in. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring a bit of cheer to someone. You can sign up to help with delivery at the CCC Table in Criswell Hall. We will be distributing the poinsettias on Sunday, December 11 for delivery that day or during the following week. We encourage you to call ahead to let the person know you are coming and that you plan to stay for a while to visit. The flowers will have a card with the name and address of the recipient attached.



Have a wonderful Christmas season! —Patti Melsheimer

HomeShare SLO

HomeShare helps match home providers (people with an extra room) with home seekers (people who need a room). It is a way to meet the housing challenges faced by seniors and others. It helps provide affordable housing with existing resource, allow for aging in place, build community and empower community members. Over 60 HomeShare Programs have operated around the country since the 1970s and helped thousands of Americans find homes. HomeShare can help bridge the gap between needs and available resource. It can take many forms, including private spaces within homes. Sharing a kitchen may not be necessary. We are currently recruiting home providers. If you are a person seeking a home, please check with us.

For more information please contact program coordinator Ann Wyatt at anne@HomeShareSLO.org or (805) 296-0013 or www.NationalSharedHousing.org

This information has been provided to us at UMC AG by member Sandy Underwood. Dignity Health works with HomeShare in SLO County.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 2016
President, Paul Holden



The Latest from the Trustees

- Mary Hawkins updated us on the quality of work Executive Janitorial has been doing lately. They appear to be doing a much better job since we did a walk through with the owner. Everyone seems quite pleased with the job they recently did cleaning and buffing Criswell Hall.
- Trustees reviewed and commented on Rev. Mary's draft Build Use Application Package update. We will continue the discussion next Month.
- Mike Johnson and Paul Holden have almost completed the application for new credit cards for the Church.
- Paul Holden presented recent quotes from AT&T and Charter for Church and Children's Center phone and Internet services. Although to go with Charter there would be a \$1,000 charge to get their services to our building(s). They would save us \$1,400 the first year and \$840 or more yearly after year one over AT&T's quote. The Trustees voted to move forward with switching over to Charter.
- Trustees voted to sell the Church's bus and use some of the proceeds to purchase new furniture in the Narthex.



THE FIVE CITIES CHRISTIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

On December 17th the Five Cities Christian Women (FCCW) will be handing out Christmas food boxes to 60 families. The boxes will contain food for a typical Christmas dinner. We would appreciate donations of these canned items: pumpkin, evaporated milk, cranberry sauce, gravy, corn, green beans, and olives. We also need celery, boxes of stuffing dressing mix and 1 pound boxes of sugar. Monetary donations are needed to buy turkeys, potatoes, onions, dinner rolls and carrots. You may leave these items in our wicker basket in the narthex or bring them to our pantry at 192 South 9th Street, Bldg. B, Grover Beach during weekdays 8-9 a.m. or 2-4 p.m.

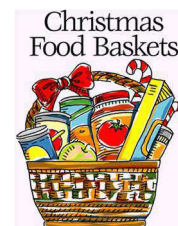
Monetary donations may be mailed to Five Cities Christian Women, P.O. Box 756, Grover Beach 93483. Mark donations for Christmas boxes. Checks may be made out to 5CCW. A receipt will be mailed upon request.

Sign-up for the boxes will be taken on Nov. 19th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Central Coast Baptist Church social hall. We serve Pismo Beach, Grover Beach, Arroyo Grande, Oceano, and Nipomo.

Any questions? Ask Patti Melsheimer or Bennie Duffin.

You may also donate blankets or money for them. They will be given out with our boxes and also given to the People's Kitchen for their parking lot giveaway. Please give these items to Judy Atwood who will divide them between the two organizations.

submitted by Bennie Duffin



FYI from the Pastor:

The subject of suicide has come across my path repeatedly lately. Again, after the election I was reading statistics on the volume of calls to suicide hotlines. Calls were up. Traffic on hotlines is always up during the holidays as well.

When people take their own lives the healing is often long and hard for survivors of the loved one. Because of the oft times ungracious history of Christendom, sometimes even Christians are quick to consign our dear friends who have taken their own lives to some place other than heaven. May it never be!

Having just preached from Romans 8:38-39, I thought you might be interested to read the United Methodist Statement on Suicide from Our Social Principles that pivots around this beautiful and gracious passage from Romans. There is also a more lengthy statement in our Book of Resolutions. Here is the excerpt from our Social Principles FYI:

“We believe that suicide is not the way a human life should end. Often suicide is the result of untreated depression, or untreated pain and suffering. The church has an obligation to see that all persons have access to needed pastoral and medical care and therapy in those circumstances that lead to loss of self-worth, suicidal despair, and/or the desire to seek physician-assisted suicide. We encourage the church to provide education to address the biblical, theological, social, and ethical issues related to death and dying, including suicide. United Methodist theological seminary courses should also focus on issues of death and dying, including suicide.

A Christian perspective on suicide begins with an affirmation of faith that nothing, including suicide, separates us from the love of God (Romans 8:38-39). Therefore, we deplore the condemnation of people who complete suicide, and we consider unjust the stigma that so often falls on surviving family and friends.

We encourage pastors and faith communities to address this issue through preaching and teaching. We urge pastors and faith communities to provide pastoral care to those at risk, survivors, and their families, and to those families who have lost loved ones to suicide, seeking always to remove the oppressive stigma around suicide. The Church opposes assisted suicide and euthanasia.”



FIRST UMC OF ARROYO GRANDE JOY JAR

ALL TOGETHER WE CAN SHARE OUR JOYS!

The JOY JAR remains in the Narthex for you to place your listing of Joys.

THANKSGIVING BLESSING TO ALL.

Now that we are back into fall schedules, don't forget to recognize your JOYS. Paper and pens are there for your use. I will look for them in the jar or you may write them in the prayer book.

New Joys:

- Bill Taylor was in church and recently celebrated his 95th birthday.
- Jan Treat's son Jeff is recently engaged to Alexandra.
- Connie and Mike Clark celebrated nine years as members of our congregation, and we appreciate their leadership with the Praise Team.
- We welcome Sandy Underwood, Marjorie Ott, and Marilyn Draper as members of the church.
- Short month for printing, so expect to see a lot more JOYS shared in the next edition.

Share your joys and celebrations.

... Judy Atwood, Lay Leader



News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, *chair*

MISSION TEAM: November 2016

Judy Atwood

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Reverse Advent Calendar
2. Giving Tree Nov. 29
3. Holiday Giving to Our Community
4. Special Giving Totals

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

1. REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

I hope you have been working on your REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR! We are getting closer to the Dec. 10 Give Away. Check for suggestions listed below. Instead of opening up something each day, why not put an item in a basket or container that we can donate to the Give Away on Dec. 10. We need to bring them by Dec. 4 to provide time to organize the items for the Give Away. Helpful items could be hygiene items, socks, stocking stuffers, etc. I would challenge you to do this as families, or groups in the church.

Samples/Ideas are on the Mission Table.

2. GIVE LIGHT, LOVE, LIFE NOV. 29

SAVE THE DATE: UMC #GIVINGTUESDAY, NOV. 29

On Nov. 29, United Methodists came together to support the



work of Advance missionaries and projects on UMC #GivingTuesday. I hope that some of you shared in this way. We will look for a report of amounts given after the event happens.

The theme for UMC Giving Tuesday 2016 is "Give Light, Give Love, Give Life." Every day, you give God's light, love, and life through your faithful work, prayers, and gifts.

This year, consider giving a gift to a project you care about. Gifts made through The Advance make a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve. You can still make a gift and make a difference.

www.umcgivingtuesday.org.

3. HOLIDAY GIVING TO OUR COMMUNITY

As we look towards the holidays, we want to plan ahead to support 5 Cities Christian Women and our own Give Away which will both happen on December 10th. As you see coats or blankets new or gently used that can have a new home for those in our community we need you to begin to collect them. We dedicated them on Sunday, Nov. 20th, and you can continue to bring more.

Many hands continue to do many things.











4. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2016

Covenant Relationship	1,600.00
ELT Scholarships	2,250.00
Haiti Scholarships	1,000.00
Heifer International (noisy offering)	1,000.00
Human Relations Sunday	288.00
Imagine No Malaria	1,420.00
Kits for Kids	270.00
Native American Sunday	267.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	511.00
Peace with Justice Sunday	238.00
People's Kitchen food	1,288.03
People's Kitchen Misc.	9,464.00
Pet Mobility Project	500.00
South County Food Bank	430.04
VBS	240.00
9 MONTHS TOTAL:	20,861.07

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
<h1>December</h1> 				1 8 AM People's Kitchen Prep-Leave to Serve 11:15 AM 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal 6 PM Worship (MMR)	2 Spirit Day at AGUMCC 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 3:30 PM AGUMCC Closed 4 PM AGUMCC Staff Development (MMR)	3
4 Second Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: Communication Team	5 9 AM AGUMCC Christmas Rehearsal (S) 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 5:45 PM Quilting Class-G McGuire (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)	6 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 9 AM AGUMCC Christmas Rehearsal (S) 11 AM Chair Yoga (CH) 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal (HR)	7 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM AGUMCC Christmas Rehearsal (S) 9 PM Church Work Day 9:30 AM UMW Steering (L) 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Advent Bible Study (CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)	8 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM AGUMCC Rehearsal (S) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 3 PM Set Up AGUMCC Christmas Program (CH,S,K) Program 6:30-7 PM 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal (HR)	9 8:30 AM Bible Study 8 AM Set Up for Christmas Giveaway (CH,L,N,K) 10 AM UMW Book Club (MMR) 12 Noon Newsletter Articles Deadline	10 PARKING LOT CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY Event 11 AM- 2 PM 
11 Third Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: Staff Parish Relations Committee	12 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)	13 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 11 AM Chair Yoga Class (CH) 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal (HR) 7 PM Board of Trustees (CH)	14 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 PM Church Work Day 10 AM Communications (L) 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Advent Bible Study (CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)	15 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11 AM Finance (PS) 12 PM FCCW-Food & Gift Outreach (CH) 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal (HR)	16 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 9 AM FCCW-Food & Gift Outreach—Set Up (CH) 	17 7 AM FCCW-Food & Gift Outreach (CH,N) until 2 PM) 2 PM UMM Jubilee (CH,K) Event 7 PM 
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25 Merry Christmas—One Service Today 8:30 AM Celebration Worship Service Coffee Hour: All Church 	26 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)	27 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 11 AM Chair Yoga (CH) 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal (HR)	28 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Bible Study On Break 7 PM Chancel Choir On Break	29 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L)	30 8:30 AM Bible Study (L)	31 



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Christmas Cantata

The choir is very busy preparing for all the joyous Christmas music. Join us for our Christmas Cantata **"Hope Was Born"** by Ed Kee, on December 18th at the 10:30 service.

This is a beautiful uplifting cantata performed by our Chancel Choir with fabulous pianist Dennis Eiler and accompanied by a wonderful narration.

Featured songs include:
Hope Was Born
Unto Us

Silent Night
The Hope of Love
Love's Name is Jesus
Great, Great Joy!
Everlasting Mercy and
Never-Ending Grace

Celebration of Hope
 (congregational sing-a-long)
 submitted by Julie Burns, Choir Director

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 of Arroyo Grande**



WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

THE UNCLUTTERED HEART

By Beth Richardson

THE UNCLUTTERED HEART study begins on Wednesday, November 30th.

Advent is the season when we prepare our lives— hearts, minds, and spirits— for the coming of the Christ child. We sweep out the corners of our hearts, cleaning up the clutter, to make space for God's hope, peace, joy, love and presence. Join us for this four week study and remember God as you enjoy this delightful book that focuses your heart on mind, on scripture, reflection and prayer as you prepare for the coming of Christmas.

December Birthdays

Judy Heiney	12/1
Nancy Kington	122/
David Beaman	12/3
Mike Takenaka	12/5
Stephen Wise	12/5
Michael Balster	12/7
Adeline Bottorff	12/8
Mike Coho	12/9
Gage Dowd	12/9
Mike Clark	12/9
Jamie Foster	12/9
Eva McClure	12/9
William Russell	12/9
Michael Clark	12/10
Nancy Sperling	12/10
Gene Heiney	12/10
Richard Duffin	12/13
Susan Thronson	12/13
Julie Burns	12/16
Kent Unsworth	12/20
David Bauer	12/22
Cyndee Rohla	12/24
Eric Duffin	12/26
Caress Dowd	12/26
Jed Moore	12/27
Nicole Baughman	12/27
Joe Leonard	12/27
Roy Ferrari	12/28
Jed Moore	12/28
Elizabeth Alquist	12/29
Harry Egan	12/30



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 Saturday, December 10
 11:00 AM — 2:00 PM
 FIRST UNITED METHODIST
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 ARROYO GRANDE

- NEW SOCKS & WARM CLOTHES
- CHRISTMAS GIFTS
- BLANKETS
- JACKETS
- MUCH MORE !!



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 and the homeless of our Community

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Children's Center Chronicle

Announcing UMM 4th Annual
Jubilee
 Saturday, Dec. 17th, 7-9:30 PM
 Criswell Hall



Fun for the whole Family
 Refreshments—and it's all **FREE**
 Don't Miss the "All Church"
TALENT SHOW at the **JUBILEE**

