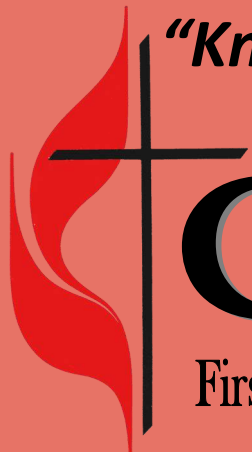


“Know Christ, Grow in Christ, Go—Share Christ.”



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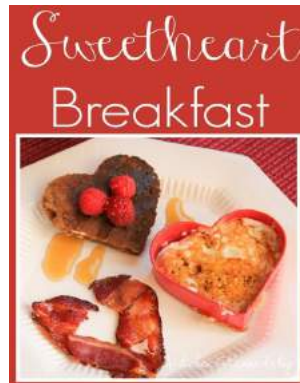
TREASURER'S REPORT

The finances of the Church are looking up for the first six months of this fiscal year. The Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings were the largest in the ten years that I have been Treasurer. Amen! Stewardship is at 105% of plan. Again I say, Amen! Our expenses are finally in line with our expected income. Some of this is due to a reduction in our paid staff; however a big THANK YOU goes to Paul Holden and the Trustees. The Solar Power Project is expected to save us almost \$10,000 this year. The weekly work parties save us considerable landscaping and repair expenses. The income generated from the vacant lot helps cover some of our monthly expenses. All of these have helped us achieve a balanced budget.

We are finally turning the corner financially. Rather than looking for places to cut expenses we can start thinking about new ministries. Please continue your generous contributions so we can grow our Church.

2016 calendar year Statements of Giving are available at the end of January upon request. Those that itemize deductions for taxes will want a copy for their records. If you would like a Statement of Giving please contact our Financial Secretary, Virginia Mothes. You may leave a request in her mailbox in the church office or a phone message for the financial office by calling 481-2692 or send her an email (address in church directory).

*Joel Anderson
Acting Treasurer*



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FEBRUARY IS LOVE MONTH FOR UMM

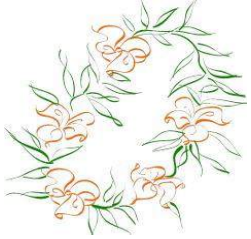
Annual UMM Sweetheart Breakfast

**Saturday, February 11th
9:00 AM to 10:45 AM
Criswell Hall**

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Can winter be on the way out? The first sign of Spring is the annual love-in UMM Sweetheart Breakfast. This fun-filled event that is all for the ladies includes a great breakfast, music, entertainment, prizes and flowers for the ladies. The mystery couple of the year will be announced at the meeting. Cost is \$10 per person and tickets will go on sale after the service on January 29th. For further information see Wayne Huggins or Dave Bauer. It's usually a sell-out, so get your tickets early.

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From the Pastor

In the last 17 months, we have welcomed 18 people into the congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande. I hope you are getting acquainted with them and inviting them into the many wonderful groups and gatherings of the church. They are: Gene and Judy Heiney, Armando and Gertrude Lucero, Nancy Pabst, Judy Woodbridge, Glen and Shirley Werling, Tom Taylor and Jutta Singleton, Roger and Nancy Sperling, Sandy Underwood, Marilyn Draper, Marjorie Ott and most recently the Beard Family, David, Valerie and their son Ian. From time to time, we will include bio information in the newsletter to help you know them. Marilyn Draper and her sister Marjorie Ott joined recently and came at the invitation of good friend, Lucy Jacob.

Marilyn Draper was born and raised in Minneapolis, the 6th of 7 children. She relocated to California in 1980 and met her husband, Larry, in 1981. They were married in 1985. They spent four years living on the Island of Kauai, managing a Bed and Breakfast/retreat center. She studied lomi lomi massage, which she continues to practice and teach. They moved back to the mainland in 1997, and in 2001 teamed up with her sister Marjorie in the purchase the Olallieberry Inn Bed & Breakfast in Cambria. Marilyn, her husband and Marjorie planned to move to Ashland, Oregon when they sold the Inn. While the inn was in escrow, her husband was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma Cancer in December of 2015. With the home sold, her sister Marjorie generously offered to have them live with her until Larry was stable. That never happened. There were numerous complications, hospitalizations, and consequent surgery, and Larry passed away on July 9, 2016. Now Marilyn and Marjorie are situated in a house in Arroyo Grande where each has their own living space, and they love it.

Marjorie Ott was born on a dairy farm in Western Wisconsin, prior to her family relocating to Minneapolis when she was 6 years old. She was raised in the Lutheran Church, and it played an influential role in her growing years. Marjorie graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science degree. As a teacher, she was part of a group of women teachers who lobbied the Minneapolis Public Schools to create a Women's Studies Department and was selected as one of the teachers for the program. They developed programs to make teachers aware of sexual stereotyping and curriculum to use in the elementary grades to make children aware of stereotyping.

In 1977, when she left teaching, Marjorie relocated to California and worked for 26 years with a union that represents classified school employees. During this time she was very involved in various education groups working on improving public education in California, serving on a state board that promoted interest-based negotiations between school management and school unions.

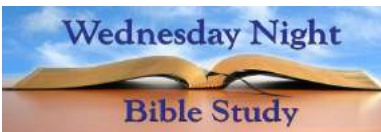
During the years from 2001 to January 2016 as owner of the Olallieberry Inn Bed & Breakfast in Cambria along with her sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie became very involved in the tourism community in San Luis Obispo County, and served on the County Tourism Board. She was among the lodging owners who lobbied for the county to create a Tourism Business Improvement District.

Throughout her adult life she has always been active in community groups and feels it is important to be an active member of the community. She bought a home in Arroyo Grande in September and is looking forward to becoming involved in the community and in the church.

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
Wednesday, February 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study <i>Anchoring Your Well-Being</i> by Howard Clinebell, Ph.D.
Sunday, February 5 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
Wednesday, February 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study <i>Anchoring Your Well-Being</i> by Howard Clinebell, Ph.D.
Sunday, February 12 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
Wednesday, February 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study <i>Anchoring Your Well-Being</i> by Howard Clinebell, Ph.D.
Sunday, February 19 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
Wednesday, February 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study <i>Anchoring Your Well-Being</i> by Howard Clinebell, Ph.D.
Sunday, February 26 Eight Sunday after the Epiphany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by District Superintendent, Rev. James Powell

FEBRUARY LITURGISTS	
February 5	8:30 a.m.— <i>Sharon Roemer</i> 10:30 a.m.— <i>Virginia Mothes</i>
February 12	8:30 a.m.— <i>Joseph Brown</i> 10:30 a.m.— <i>David Beaman</i>
February 19	8:30 a.m.— <i>Judy Atwood</i> 10:30 a.m.— <i>Judy Leonard</i>
February 26	8:30 a.m.— <i>Joseph Brown</i> 10:30 a.m.— <i>Nancy St. Laurent</i>

HIGHLIGHTS IN FEBRUARY	
<p>In February the pastor will do a two-week series of sermons on</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE GIFTS OF PRAYER.</p> <p>Such gifts include: comfort, courage and charity, direction and disconnect, communion and community.</p> <p>Join the journey as we consider prayer in worship.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">FEBRUARY 26TH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUPERLATIVE PREACHING</p> <p>Be in worship as we welcome our District Superintendent, Rev. James Powell, as he offers the sermon at both services.</p>



**REPORT OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 2017
Paul Holden, President**

Final editorial touches to our updated Church Facilities Use Package for non-church groups were offered. The updated Facilities Use Package will now go to Church Council for final adoption.

The Board was informed that we now have two VISA cards for Trustees' use for miscellaneous maintenance expenses.

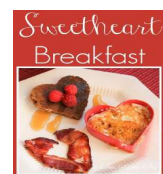
Trustees executed a right to enter document with Charter for new Internet and phone service. We are waiting to hear when installation will begin.

The Lifeline Screening requested for usage of the social hall and narthex next year was denied.

A sub-committee of Trustees will research the current key situation and come back to the Trustees next month with a recommendation of keying the plant.

PG&E informed Trustees that the power transformer for the Church will be replaced and scheduled it for the morning of Jan. 23rd. This time and date will not work for the Pre-School or the Church. Trustees have requested that they perform the work on a Saturday or a weekday late afternoon, and the PG&E scheduler will get back to Trustees.

It was brought to the attention of Trustees that the Church could do a better job of recycling by buying all recyclable kitchen products and being better recyclers.



**FEBRUARY 11
SWEETHEART BREAKFAST**
See Cover Story for Exciting Details!

**MARCH 19
ARTISTS WANTED**

Have you ever done any painting in any media? If so, you are invited to sign up with Val McClure for the "Coffee N' Art" Show to be held on Sunday, March 19th during coffee hour after the first and second service.

Each Artist will have their own table for display, and the room will be decorated for the event.

Artists who wish to sell items will agree to donate 50% to the Church General Fund. See Val McClure after second 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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY

JANUARY 29th

It is a delight to see so many of our women participating in the two services celebrating our UMW Sunday.

INSTALLATION OF 2017 UMW OFFICERS

Mary Hawkins, Chairperson
Gerry McGuire, Vice Chair
Carla Gootee, Secretary
Betty Ashton, Treasurer



**MELE MAKA
DISTRICT LAY LEADER
GUEST SPEAKER**



United
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Women

The UMW Steering Committee is
CALLING ANYONE WHO WOULD
LIKE TO COME AND CRAFT

in preparation for the
November Holiday Boutique.

Bring your own crafts to work on
or come make items we have
available.

The first meeting is Thursday,
February 9th in the McMillen
Room from 10 AM to 1 PM.
Bring a sack lunch.



FEBRUARY UMW BOOK CLUB ADVENTURE

The UMW Book Club members will discuss a true story, Wherever the River Runs: How a Forgotten People Renewed My Hope in the Gospel, at the next meeting on Friday, February 24th at 11 AM in the McMillen Room.

This touching memoir relates the experiences of Kelly Minton as she encounters the people and wild creatures on her trip down the Amazon River. She encourages the reader to really look at the poor and forgotten people wherever we live—and to search the Gospels for deeper meaning in our lives. Join this adventure as we share our reactions to this month's book selection.

See Patti Melsheimer to purchase a copy of the book.

submitted by Judy Leonard

Lucy Jacob, a Compassionate Caregiver and Member of Our Congregation

Lucy was born in Palo Alto, CA and is a third generation Californian. At a very young age, she was very fortunate to travel with her family to many foreign countries including Thailand, Japan, India, Greece, Germany, and Egypt and visited in the homes of the native families. In Germany, she enjoyed a shopping trip with the owner of the inn where the family stayed. In Japan, she recalled family dinners (12 courses) and learned how to correctly use chop sticks, and they were intrigued by the Geisha Girls. All of the families slept on the floor on mats and futon blankets. The Monsoon season forced everyone to close all of the doors to protect the home. In India she traveled in bicycle-powered rickshaws and visited the Taj Mahal.

*A very interesting detail regarding those visits is that her father is a Physicist and Inventor, with a PhD. in Physics from Stanford University, who worked as Director of Research for **Varian Associates**, and these trips were to introduce his new inventions (for which he holds patents) for "Real Time Ultrasound" and "MRI-magnetic resonance imaging", around the world during the early development stages of these new medical devices and sciences.*

Lucy graduated from Gunn High School in Palo Alto and enrolled in University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA. After working as a Teacher's Aide, she chose to pursue a degree, and a career, in Occupational Therapy. After graduation, Lucy was shopping at the Co-Op in June, and a tall, helpful and bright salesman shared their common attraction to each other. His name was Michael Jacob, and they both were active backpack hikers. By the end of July they became engaged during a hiking trip on Mount Rainier. Lucy's schooling included internships to both Arizona and San Francisco. Then she was hired as an Occupational Therapist at Fresno Community Hospital.

In her youth she had strong compassion for her pets: chickens, ducks, cockatiels, dogs, cats, Guinea pigs and horses, and nursed them when they suffered physical misfortunes. She loves being the mother of, and caring for, her children. These bonds were significant in her choosing her career in Occupational Therapy. She bolstered her training by doing training for Certified

Hand Therapist and was among the first to obtain that certification. In time, she helped open three offices as "Hand Clinics" in Fresno. The motivation was her realization that "Hands Are What Make Us Human," and "Hand Therapy" is a very important specialty component of Occupational Therapy. There is a demand by patients who need this specific treatment.



Michael obtained employment as Energy Auditor with PG&E, then Fresno City Planner and later with Cal-Trans. Their children, Paul and Claire, were born in Fresno. The family moved to Grover Beach in August, 2008 where Claire entered 6th grade at Grover Heights Elementary and Paul entered Arroyo Grande High School. Claire is now a Junior, attending University of San Diego, pursuing a Theology and International Relations degree. Paul finished three years at Hancock College and will graduate in May, 2017 from St. Mary's of California with a Business degree. He has traveled in China and Korea. Michael transferred to Cal-Trans, San Luis Obispo as a Transportation Planner and Lucy added Massage Therapy Practitioner to her portfolio. Paul also attended the same Massage classes with Lucy and qualified at age 18.

Lucy and her family have endured many long time challenges regarding Michael's health issues. He required kidney transplant surgery at age 30 and was diagnosed on a Thursday with pancreatic cancer and died the following Sunday, on January 24, 2016.

Lucy is a devoted member and regular attender of our church. She participates with Joy Circle, Caring Congregation Committee and the new Tables For Eight Dinner activity. She is very grateful for the companionship of her many caring friends in the congregation at our church.

I have truly enjoyed learning to know Lucy while preparing this article. Her home is uniquely located to enjoy the most beautiful views and sunsets you can ever imagine.

David Beaman 01/17



Caring Congregation Committee

January is traditionally the time we make resolutions to DO all kinds of good things like lose weight, workout more, clean out the garage, but it is hard to stick to them. Then when we've given up, we are disgusted with ourselves.

We have now reached the month of February—the month of LOVE. You know the song—“*What the world needs now is love, sweet love. That's the only thing there is just too little of.*”

May we encourage you to love your church family. When you wake up in the morning you can choose what you want to BE for the day. It may be kind, or thoughtful, or helpful, or creative, or cheerful, or supportive or any number of positive behaviors. Imagine how this would touch the members of your “church family”. After all, we are a Caring Congregation, and each of us can show it.

In January the Caring Congregation steering committee came up with a plan that would allow more caring members to participate in support of their church family.

Please stop by the Caring Congregation table in Criswell Hall to see where your special talent fits. We're looking forward to seeing you there. God bless you.

~ Patti Melsheimer

TABLE OF 8 PROGRAM

Do you want an opportunity to engage with fellow church members in a social setting? Then you will want to sign up to be part of the Table of 8 program.

Social dinner groups will be formed consisting of 6 to 8 people. The purpose is for church members to have an opportunity to gather monthly in a social setting with other members. This will provide an environment to get to know and care for one another on a more personal level (and have some fun, too). The group can decide the specifics—dining out or rotating dinner at their homes. The group will gather monthly for 6 to 8 months. Then the groups will be reconfigured to provide opportunities to get to know other church members.

For more information please contact Marjorie Ott or Lucy Jacob

THE PEOPLE'S FOOD PANTRY

A viable program in our church's ministry is the People's Food Pantry. Every Monday afternoon from 1 PM to 3 PM a week's supply of food is provided to those in need in our community. It is estimated that over 50% of families fall into this category.

The numbers in need keep growing. An average of 200 individuals benefit from this program. There are no limitations on who receives food. All that is asked is a head count of the family members benefiting by the program. The numbers include several church members.

Families are provided fresh produce, bakery goods, meat and staples. The food also includes casseroles assembled by church members.

The program is a non-budget church program. Costs are born through the generosity in giving by individuals within the church membership. Those wishing to contribute, please contact the Ashtons, co-chairs of the program.

submitted by Chuck Ashton



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. **NEW YEAR BLESSINGS TO ALL.** As we begin a new year, 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 can write them in the prayer book.

New Joys:

- * The church looked beautifully decorated for Advent and Christmas
- * Praise for Christmas Eve Service and Christmas Sunday
- * Bodie Bennett was able to go back to school
- * Bill and Sally Weitkamp were able to be back in church
- * Thanks to Rev. Sing Yue for preaching
- * Cristy Van Hook was authorized to have an MRI
- * Lexi Raetz celebrated her 16th birthday
- * Thanks to Rev. Rich Bolin for preaching
- * Larry Wiemers has returned to health and worship
- * We welcome Rev. Mary B. back following her time away for vacation.
- * Thanks to Mele Maka for speaking for the UMW Sunday

Since February is a month in which we often remember others and the joy they bring to our lives, let's see if we remember to share those joys.

Share your joys and celebrating,

Judy Atwood

News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, chair

MISSION TEAM: February 2017

Judy Atwood

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Congregation's Journey into God's Mission
2. Special Giving 2016 Totals
3. Special Giving Beginning 2017

Many hands continue to do many things.



GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

1. CONGREGATION'S JOURNEY INTO GOD'S

MISSION. We are all called to be part of God's mission. It doesn't matter the size or location of our congregation. We can engage in mission with one another, people in our community and the wider world. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our personal gifts and passions, and the creativity of others who want to help, we can shape authentic mission opportunities together.

******We will be working on ways that help us become better informed, more knowledgeable and more motivated to support the mission outreach of the church

******We want to address the needs that you, the congregation, help us identify in our local community, in our country, and around the world.

******We want to support both financially and physically local mission outreach and the global mission work of The United Methodist Church.

******Take time to read through the list of ways we did special giving through our congregation. By the time this goes to print, the Mission Team will have met for the first time this year. We will have talked about our missionary support for this year. We will be introducing those folks to you in coming issues. Some ways were financial, some were through actual participation and some were both. We have had our first Special Offering of the church already and will be making plans for the remaining.

2. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2016

Covenant Relationship	1,600.00
ELT Scholarships	8,750.00
Haiti Scholarships	1,000.00
Heifer International (noisy offering)	1,000.00
Human Relations Sunday	288.00
Imagine No Malaria	700.00
Kits for Kids	270.00
Native American Sunday	267.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	511.00
South County Food Bank	399.07
VBS	240.00
Peace with Justice Sunday	238.00
People's Kitchen food	2,110.01
People's Kitchen Misc.	8,821.00
Pet Mobility Project	500.00
12 MONTHS TOTAL:	\$26,694.08

3. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2017

We will begin tracking our special giving totals for 2017 with the next issue. Together we are an amazing group in sharing with others both locally and around the world

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.**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
			<p>1 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)</p>	<p>2 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 Practice (Handbell Room) 6 PM Worship Team (MMR)</p>	<p>3 Spirit Day at AGUMCC 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 3:30 PM AGUMCC Closed 3:30 PM AGUMCC Staff Development-(MMR)</p>	<p>4 3 PM AGUMCC Parent Night Out Set Up 3 PM—Event 4-8 PM (PR,MMR, K, Courtyard)</p>
<p>5 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service UMW Super Chili Bowl Take Home 12:00 PM Bible Study Class (Pastor's Study)</p>	<p>6 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 5:45 PM G. McGuire Quilting Class (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p>7 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 9:30 AM UMW Steering Comm (L) 11 AM UMW Chair Yoga Class (CH) 5PM Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room)</p>	<p>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)</p>	<p>9 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM UMW Boutique Crafts—MMR 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room) 7 PM Finance Team (MMR)</p>	<p>10 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) Noon Deadline Newsletter Articles (Office)</p>	<p>11 9 AM United Methodist Men Sweetheart Breakfast 9:00-10:45 AM (CH) </p>
<p>12 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service 11:30 AM Sunday School Coffee Hour: Endowment/ELT Scholarship</p>	<p>13 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 5:45 PM G. McGuire Quilting Class (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p>14 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters (MMR) 9:30 AM UMW Steering Class" (CH) 11 A UMW Chair Yoga Class" (CH) 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room) 7 PM Trustees (CH)</p>	<p>15 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 8 AM Preschool Young Toddlers Party (MMR) Event 9-10 AM 9 AM Church Work Day 10 AM Communications Committee (L) 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study (CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>16 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 8 AM Preschool Older Toddlers Party (MMR) Event 9-10 AM 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11 AM Finance (PS) 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room)</p>	<p>17 8:30 AM Bible Study (L)</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: Staff Parish Relations Committee STAFF PARISH RECOGNITION SUNDAY</p>	<p>20  Church Office Closed 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 5:45 PM G. McGuire Quilting Class (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer</p>	<p>21 8:30 AM Senior Ex (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters (MMR) 11 AM UMW Chair Yoga Class (CH) Preschool Board-MMR 1:30 PM Open Session 2:00 PM Closed Session 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room) 7 PM JOY Circle (member's home)</p>	<p>22 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 10 AM Mary-Martha-Esther (MMR) 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study (CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>23 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM UMW Boutique Crafts—MMR 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room)</p>	<p>24 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 11 AM UMW Book Club (MMR) 6:30 PM AGUMCC Pizza Dinner and Regatta Race Event-Set Up 3 PM (CH,K)</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service District Superintendent, Rev. James Powell, Guest Preacher</p>	<p>27 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 5:45 PM G. McGuire Quilting Class (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p>28 8:30 AM Senior Ex (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters (MMR) 11 AM UMW Chair Yoga Class (CH) 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room)</p>	<p>March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.</p> 			



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Friday, February 10, at Noon

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 Layout Editor reserves the right to cut and edit articles to meet space limitations.

ELT Scholarship Applications Coming Soon

If you are a graduating high school senior going to college in Fall, 2017 or a continuing college student, you may want to apply for the ELT Scholarship offered by our church. The application will be available on the church website, www.worshipweekly.com, beginning in March.



Students may apply for the scholarship each year they are in college. The application deadline is May 15, 2017.

See Judy Leonard with questions.

NEW BIBLE STUDY CLASS AT NEW TIME

You are invited to a new Bible Study Class starting Sunday February 5, 2017. We will meet in the Pastor's study at 12 noon following the second service social hour. A light lunch will be provided.

We will study "The Evolution of the New Testament" to help us understand how and when the books of our Bible were written. No preparation is needed, just a desire to learn more about the history of our written faith.

Please contact Pastor Mary or Roger Sperling if you are interested or have questions.



Margaret Coombs	02/01
Devin Paredes	02/02
Barbara Reineke	02/03
Isabella Russell	02/03
Matthew Williams	02/03
Guy Oates	02/04
Betty Ashton	02/05
Mark Moore	02/06
Betty Johnson	02/07
Wayne Huggins	02/08
Victoria Gandy	02/09
Bennie Duffin	02/10
Michael Johnson	02/10
Paul Collagen	02/16
Irene Kliesch	02/19
Peter Quaglino	02/21
Michelle Paredes	02/25
Jackie Jackson	02/27

Have we missed **your** birthday? If so, it is not listed on our computer. Please contact the church office and we will be glad to add your birth date to our monthly birthday list!




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ARROYO GRANDE
UNITED METHODIST
CHILDREN'S CENTER
FRIDAY, FEB 24
PIZZA DINNER AND
RAIN GUTTER REGATTA
Dinner at 6:30 PM—
See the enclosed newsletter
from Ms. Maddy
for more details

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

UMW SUPER CHILI BOWL

United Methodist Women will be selling delicious Homemade Chili and Cornbread for you to take home to enjoy as you watch the Super Bowl football game.

\$10 donation—for a large carton of Super Chili, that feeds two adults, and two slices of Cornbread.



Available between services
and after the second service

*All profits given to
UMW charitable projects—
Local, national & international*