



**PALM SUNDAY—April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**IN THE CROSSFIRE: You and Me**  
**Matthew 21:1-11**

The Celebration of the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem marks the beginning of Holy Week as we gather in worship. Some congregations celebrate this as Palm/Passion Sunday. Others celebrate this as Palm Sunday with additional worship opportunities during Holy Week.

There will be two worship services as usual at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and a special Egg Hunt for children and Scavenger Hunt for older children in the course of the morning's activities. So, come celebrate worship and celebrate with us.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY— April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**The Last Supper and Ritual of Tenebrae**  
**6:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary**

Remembering the last days in the earth journey of our Lord, we gather in worship on Maundy Thursday for a simple celebration of the Last Supper punctuated by a reading of the Passion Narrative from the gospel with the Ritual of Tenebrae. One by one candles will be extinguished as we listen to the story of Jesus entering the darkness of betrayal, violence and crucifixion as his life is taken away. We are combining these remembrances in lieu of offering two services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, leaving you free to participate in the Ecumenical Good Friday Service at 3:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church listed here separately.

**ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP**  
**3:00 p.m.—April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**  
**501 Fair Oaks Ave., Arroyo Grande**

Arroyo Grande local congregations and clergy join together at St. Patrick's Catholic Church as we remember the crucifixion of Jesus. A procession with the cross to the church will precede the service for those wishing to participate.



**EASTER SUNDAY—April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship**

**"THE THIRD DAY!"**  
**John 20:1-18**  
**Rev. Mary Birgelaitis**



## *From the Pastor*

As members of a caring congregation we walk the tightrope attempting to find balance in our giving that truly makes a difference. It takes experience, expertise and discernment to know who to help, when and where. We want to help everyone in an up close and personal way, and the truth remains we cannot. We simply do the best we can with the resources we acquire to make a difference.

In the 20 months I've been on board with this ministry we have had many, many people in the church in serious need of assistance and many more who come to receive food and have no shelter on these rainy nights or at any other time. The needs pull at our heartstrings because we long to help. We remain a worshipping congregation of some 225 members who support and undergird the entire ministry with our gifts. As you give to the church and seek to help others, what you give where is indeed your own personal business. At the same time there are cautions I would raise to one and all.

It is never appropriate for members or staff to solicit financial gifts from members of the church for business or personal use, so it is important that you know how to direct people to appropriate resources rather than offer your own resources directly. In fact it is detrimental to the health of the Body of Christ when the church roster is used by those in need in this way, whether in an attempt to meet their own cash or housing needs. When this is going on, it often gets back to the pastor when it's too late to take more helpful steps with people in need. So, it is important for all of us to know resources in our community and to help direct people to resources as we can.

Our Church Discretionary account is used on occasion to assist members in need during some personal difficulty. Most people pay it back or pay it forward by making a gift back into the fund. Concerned parishioners make occasional gifts into the account so that there is at least a little something available to help our own members along the way. This is a "discretionary" account so needs are balanced and we help "as we can".

Below are two other agencies and information we should all know about:

### **5 CITIES HOMELESS COALITION**

Located on Grand Avenue, next door to the Department of Social Services at 1086 Grand Avenue in Arroyo Grande

Phone Number: 805 574-1638

FAX #: 855-243-1126

Email: info@5chc.org

Address: Cities Homeless Coalition, P.O. Box 558, Grover Beach, CA 93483

### **COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF SLO COUNTY**

Located at 1600 Manhattan in Grover Beach

Phone Number: 805 473-8210

CAPSLO has another home service if a Veteran

If you know of other good avenues in our community that we would do well to publicize, please let me know.

*Rev. Mary B. Birgelaitis*

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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!



**APRIL LITURGISTS**

**APRIL 2**

8:30 a.m. Joseph Brown  
10:30 a.m. David Beaman

**APRIL 9**

8:30 a.m. Judy Atwood  
10:30 a.m. Nancy St. Laurent

**APRIL 16**

8:30 a.m. Cristy Van Hook  
10:30 a.m. Cristy Van Hook

**APRIL 23**

8:30 a.m. Joseph Brown  
10:30 a.m. B.G. Perriguy

**APRIL 30**

8:30 a.m. Sharon Roemer  
10:30 a.m. Judy Leonard



Dates	Topics and Schedule
Sunday, April 2 Fifth Sunday in Lent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "IN THE CROSSFIRE: Lazarus" <span style="float: right;">John 11:1-45</span></li> </ul>
Wednesday, April 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:45 PM Adult Lenten Study THE WAY by Adam Hamilton Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus</li> </ul>
Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "IN THE CROSSFIRE: You and Me" <span style="float: right;">Matthew 21:1-11</span></li> </ul>
Wednesday, April 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Lenten Study Class during Holy Week</li> </ul>
Sunday, April 16 Easter Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "THE THIRD DAY!" <span style="float: right;">John 20:1-18</span></li> </ul>
Wednesday, April 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:45 PM Adult Study THE WAY by Adam Hamilton Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus</li> </ul>
Sunday, April 23 Second Sunday of Easter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services Rex Miller, speaking "MY LIFE FLOWS ON" <span style="float: right;">Psalm 103, Romans 8:28-39</span></li> </ul>
Wednesday, April 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:45 PM Adult Lenten Study THE CALL by Adam Hamilton</li> </ul>
Sunday, April 30 Third Sunday of Easter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis</li> </ul>

*Order Your Easter Lilies Now!*

The lilies will decorate our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Following the Worship Service on Easter, you may take your lilies home to enjoy or donate them to one of our members who is shut-in or in a care facility. Order forms are found in the Sunday bulletins, or you may pick one up in the church office.

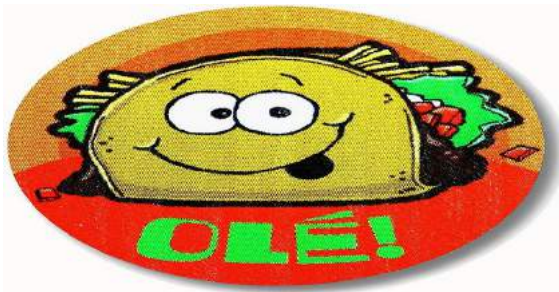
The cost for each lily is \$10.





**UMM PRESENTS  
TACO BUFFET**

**Sunday, May 7th  
11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.**



**Tickets on sale Sunday, April 16th**

**ADULTS \$10  
YOUTH \$5  
KIDS UNDER 10 free**

**DON'T MISS THIS FUN-FILLED  
FAMILY—AND YUMMY—  
EVENT**



*Caring  
Congregation  
Committee*

April is upon us. Spring has “sprung” and Easter is right around the corner. But before Easter (the week between Palm Sunday and Easter to be precise) we are asking people to deliver Easter lilies to our shut-ins. Lilies will be available at the Caring Congregation table in Criswell Hall on Palm Sunday. No worries—the card has the name and address of the recipient so you can take it to the right place. We would love to have some feed-back from your delivery, please.

April will be a busy month for our Caring Congregation. We will continue to have a sign-up sheet for people who would be willing to help out at memorial receptions for members of our congregation IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE at the time. This is not a commitment, but it sure would be nice to have a list to work from.

AND after Easter we will start taking reservations for the new member recognition luncheon on May 21<sup>st</sup>. This event is open to our entire congregation. You may recall that this steering committee may be referred to as the EEE—Encouragers, Enablers, and Expeditors. We are *encouraging* you to participate in this special occasion. It was a lot of fun last time. To *expedite* matters we will have sign-up sheets at the Caring Congregation table.

**God bless you all.**

*--submitted by Pat Wiemers*

**IN HONOR OF EARTH DAY—CHURCH WORK DAY PARTY—SATURDAY, APRIL 22—8:30 AM**



Sponsored by TRUSTEES and MISSIONS

OPPORTUNITIES for ALL AGES!

*Make it a family affair!*

**WORK OUTSIDE** \*WEED, TRIM, RAKE, MAKE OUR GROUNDS LOOK NICE

**WORK INSIDE** \*CLEAN KITCHEN, ORGANIZE CUPBOARDS  
\*CLEAN SANCTUARY, PEWS AND WOODWORK







"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

MOTHERS' DAY  
LUNCHEON  
SATURDAY, MAY 13  
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Aloha Ladies! Be sure and circle your calendars for our very popular Mothers' Day luncheon held every spring. This year's luncheon will be a Hawaiian Luau! What fun!

Check your closets for spring or summer colors, floral blouses or dresses. Maybe you have a Hawaiian shirt or dress or hat. You can buy leis from the dollar store, or if you're lucky someone may buy you are *real* lei from the florist. If you get really in the spirit, Oriental Trading has grass skirts!

The cost for the Luau is \$10 a ticket. Tickets will be sold in advance—no tickets sold at the door. Look to our May Cast-a-Net for details about the menu and entertainment.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE &  
COFFEE/TEA SHOP  
SAVE THE DATE —NOVEMBER 4

#### UMW BOUTIQUE CRAFT CLUB

Gerry McGuire is chairperson for the Holiday Boutique.

This year she is conducting craft days on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the McMillen Room.

Come and learn a new skill and make an item for the Boutique. This group welcomes all ladies who are interested. Join us for fun and fellowship as we create and get to know each other better. Bring a sack lunch for fellowship time.

For more information, call Gerry McGuire (contact info in church directory).



#### APRIL UMW BOOK CLUB MEETING

The April book selection for the UMW Book Club will be I Love Growing Older but I'll Never Grow Old by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

The group discussed a historical fiction book, Everyone Brave is Forgiven, in March.

Come to the April meeting on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM in the McMillen Room.

~submitted by Judy Leonard





### REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES March 2017



**President, Paul Holden**

The Board of Trustees met with scout, Trevor Melsheimer, to hear his proposal for an Eagle Scout project to benefit the AGUMC Children's Center. Approval was given to proceed with construction of a pergola shade structure outside the entrance to the Children's Center. Dick Melsheimer, Trustee, will act as the Church's representative for the project to make sure the proper building permit is acquired and to assure that the project is completed in a timely fashion. The Children's Center Director has been informed that the Children's Center will be responsible for future upkeep of the structure.

A sub-group of the Trustees discussed research and analysis of the current Church Key status and securing of the buildings. An immediate need is to obtain a key lock box for keys currently stored on the premises. As Trustees move forward, a key policy will be in place. Members/staff needing the use of keys will be required to register their compliance with the church policy before being issued keys.

The Church has acquired a new local phone and Internet service provider, Norcast. Norcast offers higher speed internet and phone service at a cost of \$120/month less than AT & T. Thus far, Norcast has been very responsive to our needs.

The Wednesday work crew is getting smaller and older. Trustees are in need of helpers, especially with landscaping (e.g. weeding and trimming). Please let Mike Johnson know if you are willing to help on Wednesday mornings, or simply show up on Wednesday at about 8:30 a.m. Without significant volunteer help, Trustees and/or SPRC will need to hire outside assistance.

Trustees have declared Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Earth Day) to be a CHURCH WORK DAY. The focus will be weeding. The fun will begin at 8:30 a.m. Please come help if able.

Finally, there is a new Church use policy and fee structure that has been adopted by the Trustees and Church Council. Events exempt from this fee structure need to be classified as all Church activities and be recognized as such by the Board of Trustees and Church Council.

### NEW POLICY APPROVED BY FINANCE & CHURCH COUNCIL

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ARROYO GRANDE SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDING

The annual budget covers ongoing expenses, but does not leave room for special projects, capital expenses such as a piano or other large, one-time expenses. These can be covered from funds by fundraising events, such as a dinner-theater, a fundraising appeal or a grant from the Endowment Board.

**Fundraising Event:** Prior to putting on a one-time Fundraising Event, such as a fundraising dinner or charity auction, the organizers should put together a proposal, a description of the event, purpose of the funds being raised, expected revenue, expenses and profit and expected cost to attend the event. The proposal should be presented to the Finance Chair and the Church Council for approval. The organizers are to check with the Church Office to make sure there are no date conflicts or other potentially competing fundraisers.

Regularly scheduled fundraising events, such as those sponsored by the United Methodist Women or United Methodist

Men, need not submit a proposal for approval, however, will need to clear the date with the Church Office and inform the Church Council of the event in advance.

**Fundraising Appeal:** Groups may request a special one-time fundraiser for a one-time purchase (such as a new piano) or purpose (such as a mission trip). Fundraising appeals may be publicized in the Cast-a-Net, weekly bulletin, and announced at Sunday Service. Prior to putting on a Fundraising Appeal, the organizers should put together a proposal outlining what the funds are to be used for, why they are needed and how much is needed. The proposal should be submitted to the Finance Committee and Church Council for approval. If the proposal is for the purchase of equipment or a project which affects the Church's buildings, grounds or equipment it should include an estimate of any on-going costs and should be approved by the Trustees before going to Church Council.

**Endowment:** The Church has been blessed with an Endowment fund, donated by various families over the years. Some of the funds are restricted to particular purposes, while others are unrestricted. Each year that money is available, the Endowment Board will distribute funds to projects or equipment that benefits the Church. Requests for Endowment funds can be submitted by letter or email, along with purpose and justification to the Chair of the Endowment Board.

--submitted by Joel Anderson





Hello,

Spring is upon us! God has given us lots of rain, the hills are green again, flowers are blooming, and the stores are filled with pastel colors and yet another reason for lots of chocolate! While we all love eggs and bunnies, we know Easter is so much more than jelly beans! It is a time of rejoicing. Our Sunday school is ready to teach important lessons.

Throughout the month, we will be focusing on the teachings of Jesus and the last happenings of his earthly story. Our Deep Blue curriculum titles the month "Hosanna!" We will be learning about the story of Easter. Our Bible verse is "Hosanna in the highest!" (Matthew 21:9), as we celebrate Jesus, shouting "Alleluia!"



Along with our lessons, the children will have a celebration of their own. Don't miss our extra April activities! **On Palm Sunday, April 9, we will be having an Egg Hunt for the younger children, as well as a scavenger hunt for the older children.** The activities begin directly after Sunday school and include food, crafts and fun! Bring a fresh pair of socks to give to those in need - we will be collecting them. Come one and all! Look for a flyer soon!

Going forward, we will have future activities for May and June as well, so stay tuned. Children will be having lots of fun as they praise Jesus and grasp skills from the Bible that they will use for their entire lives.

Welcome to Sunday School



Alleluia!  
Carolyn Russell



### THE FIVE CITIES CHRISTIAN WOMEN — THEIR HISTORY, PURPOSE, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*The Five Cities Christian Women was officially organized in October 1973 at the Shell Beach Methodist Church. The group is now in its **44th year.***

Prior to this, women of various churches were involved in Christian Women United, an international organization, and assisting pastors and priests of the 5 Cities community with preparation for an annual meeting "World Community Day".



In 1973 about ten ladies, inspired by Marie Robertson, discussed the possibility of forming a local ecumenical group independent of Christian Women United. A meeting was held in her home in Shell Beach where Christian Women of the Five Cities was formed.

The purpose of the organization was to unite women in all churches in a fellowship to help each other grow in personal devotion to our savior, Jesus Christ, through worshipping, working, and witnessing in all areas of life, the home, the community, the nation, and the world.

The group has tried to accomplish this by having potluck luncheon meetings for fellowship, followed by presentations of various speakers telling of needs of people in our local area, the nation, and the world. The main emphasis right now is the pantry located at 192 B South 9th Street, Grover Beach, across the street from the Central Coast Baptist Church.

When this group first began providing food for families (to prepare at home), one or two families a month were served. By 1982 they served 20 to 25 families a month. Last year they served 6,306 families consisting of 14,133 adults and 7,968 children— a total of 22,101 people. Families may come two times a month, and approximately 1/2 of them do.

Current needs are peanut butter, tuna, and cereal. Pet food is helpful, too.

There will be more history in future *Cast-a-Nets*.

*~submitted by Bennie Duffin*



# News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, *chair*

## MISSION TEAM: April 2017

### MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

[Mission Speaker Report](#)  
[Hurricane Matthew Disaster Response](#)  
[Support Children's Mission Project for 2017](#)  
[Special Giving totals for 2017](#)

## GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE IN ACTION

### MISSION SPEAKER REPORT

We will be welcoming Rex Miller to the pulpit on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will be the Sunday following Easter. Rex will be sharing his trip to Nigeria. We will hear first hand the mission experiences he and the group had while there. It will be good to catch up with him. He left last fall after serving at Camp Arroyo Grande. Rex sang in the choir while he was with us.

### HURRICANE MATTHEW DISASTER RESPONSE

(Information from Gary Locklear, response coordinator with Lumbee people in North Carolina). Yesterday marked five months since Hurricane Matthew dumped 18 inches of rain on Eastern North Carolina, a day we'll remember forever. Since then I have worked long hours coordinating the disaster response efforts for United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR). The outpouring of love has been tremendous for Eastern NC and especially Robeson County. Special thanks to all who have participated in this recovery. Matthew was a huge disaster and it will take a long time to recover. After cleaning out more than a thousand houses we are beginning to build and to give displaced families hope.

### SUPPORT CHILDREN'S MISSION PROJECT FOR 2017

Project Transformation is a United Methodist-affiliated non-profit organization that is committed to intergenerational education in low income communities. Project

Transformation aims to revitalize low-income communities by providing at-risk children with educational summer programming. For low-income communities summertime is especially challenging. By providing at-risk children and youth with educational support through the summer months, Project Transformation assists in closing the achievement gap for low-income students. When children are given the skills to succeed, they are more able to break out of the poverty cycle. In their commitment to educational enrichment Project Transformation empowers a generation of children to change their communities, their churches, and the world. We will do noisy offerings for their project EACH SUNDAY IN MAY.

### SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2017

We have begun tracking our special giving totals for 2017 with this issue. Together we are an amazing group, sharing with others both locally and around the world. Let's watch this grow through the year ahead.







*Many hands continue to do many things.*



### SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2017

ELT Scholarship	\$1,131.64
Human Relations Offering	310.00
Missions (Ehrhardt Lang)	3,500.00
People's Kitchen Food	150.01
People's Kitchen Misc.	3,720.00
South County Food Bank	112.18
<b>2 MONTHS TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$8,923.83</b>

*Thank you for your second mile gifts*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>  <i>April Fool's Day</i>
<b>2</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service <b>11:45</b> Caring Congregation Committee—L  Coffee Hour—Finance Committee	<b>3</b> <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry—CH <b>5:45 PM</b> G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer—S	<b>4</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews—MMR <b>11 AM</b> UMW Chair Yoga Class—CH <b>5PM</b> Handbell Practice—Handbell Room	<b>5</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner—CH <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Lenten Study—CH <b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir—S	<b>6</b> <b>8 AM</b> People's Kitchen Prep—Leave to Serve- <b>11:15 AM</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L <b>5 PM</b> Handbell Practice—H Room <b>6 PM</b> Worship Team—MMR	<b>7</b> Spirit Day at AGUMCC <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study-L <b>3:30 PM</b> AGUMCC Closed <b>4 PM</b> AGUMCC Staff Development—MMR	<b>8</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> AGUMCC Work-day Event 9 AM to 12 PM — Backyard, Courtyard
<b>9</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service <b>11:45 AM</b> Sunday School Egg & Scavenger Hunt Coffee Hour—Mary-Martha-Esther Circle  Palm Sunday	<b>10</b> <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry—CH <b>5:45 PM</b> G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer—S	<b>11</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters —MMR <b>11 AM</b> UMW Chair Yoga Class—CH <b>5 PM</b> Handbell Practice—Handbell Room <b>7 PM</b> Trustees—CH	<b>12</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner—CH <b>5:45 PM</b> No Adult Lenten Study-Resumes next week <b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir-S	<b>13</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>10 AM</b> UMW Boutique Crafts—MMR <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L <b>1:30 PM</b> Life Stories-MMR <b>5 PM</b> Handbell Practice —H Room) <b>6 PM</b> Maundy Thursday Service—S  Holy Thursday	<b>14</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study-L Noon Deadline News-letter Articles—Office <b>3 PM</b> Ecumenical Good Friday Service at St. Patrick's Catholic Church	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service Coffee Hour—Church Council  Easter Sunday	<b>17</b> <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry—CH <b>5:45 PM</b> G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer—S	<b>18</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR <b>11 AM</b> UMW Chair Yoga Class—CH Preschool Board-MMR <b>1:30 PM</b> Open Session <b>2 PM</b> Closed Session <b>5 PM</b> Handbell Practice—Handbell Room <b>7 PM</b> JOY Circle—home of member	<b>19</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day <b>10 AM</b> Communications Committee—L <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner—CH <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Lenten Study—CH <b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir—S	<b>20</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L <b>11 AM</b> Finance Team—PS <b>5 PM</b> Handbell Practice—Handbell Room)	<b>21</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study-L	<b>22</b> <b>8:30 AM In Honor of Earth Day —</b> CHURCH WORK PARTY Outside —weed, trim, rake Inside—Kitchen, Sanctuary
<b>23</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service Coffee Hour—Trustees <b>3:00 PM</b> SLO County Band Concert ~~Music for a Sunday Afternoon	<b>24</b> <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry—CH <b>5:45 PM</b> G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer—S	<b>25</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—(CH) <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters (MMR) <b>11 AM</b> UMW Chair Yoga Class (CH) <b>5 PM</b> Handbell Practice—Handbell Room	<b>26</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day <b>10 AM</b> Mary-Martha-Esther Circle—MMR <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner—CH <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Bible Study—CH <b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir—S	<b>27</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>10 AM</b> UMW Boutique Crafts—MMR <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L <b>5 PM</b> Handbell Practice—(Handbell Room)	<b>28</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study-L <b>9 AM</b> Set up for Children's Center Art Show & Ice Cream Social—CH <b>11 AM</b> UMW Book Club—MMR	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service Children's Center Art Show & Ice Cream Social						

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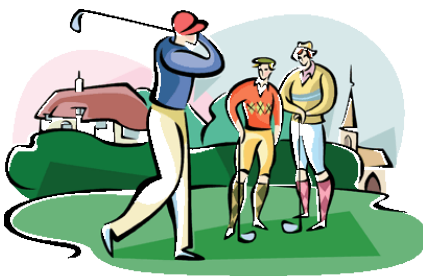
**Deadline for May Issue**

**Friday, April 14, at Noon**

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**Golf Tournament Fundraiser at the Trilogy Monarch Dunes Challenge Course Saturday, June 10, 2017**



Help the **Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center** raise \$3,000 to improve the learning environments both inside and outside the classroom, while playing golf.



Individual Registration is \$65  
Team Registration if \$260  
Both includes a golf cart and Tri Tip lunch at the Butterfly Grill.  
There will be prizes and a silent auction at the event.  
Deadline to register is May 20, 2017.

There are many ways to share your business and be a sponsor:  
\$600 Gold, \$350 Silver, \$100 Bronze.

For more information call Maddy Quaglino, Children's Center Director, at 481-2223.



**SHARING GOD'S GIFTS**

**STATEMENTS OF GIVING** are available upon request by contacting Financial Secretary, Virginia Mothes.

You can leave a request in her mailbox in the church office or call the office to leave a message—481-2692.



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### ELT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE



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The ELT Scholarship applications, which are available on the church website, [www.worshipweekly.com](http://www.worshipweekly.com), are due to the church office by May 15, 2017. Requirements for the scholarship are listed on the application.