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First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande MAY 2017



Joy is Rising at First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande! Good things are happening. New classes and activities are starting. New members are joining. I am asking everyone to join in for our Stewardship campaign so we can continue to grow and add new programs. Our goal is \$250,000 in pledges, about a 4% increase over last year. This will allow us to catch-up in areas that have been neglected over the past few years, i.e. purchasing of new music for our wonderful worship services and giving deserving staff members a modest raise. Hard-working staff members, who also donate considerable time to the Church, have not had a raise in years, and some actually took pay cuts a few years ago when money was tight. Many of them pledge along with us as well.

In order to accomplish our goal, we are asking everyone to “Step Up” contributions. The Christian ideal is a tithe of 10%. If you do tithe, I thank and praise you. However, I realize that such a commitment may not be immediately possible for everyone. Instead, I ask that you “Step Up” one step. If you give 3% of your income, step up to 4%, if you give 7% please step up to 8%. For most of us this is a matter of only a few dollars a week.

You should have received an Estimate of Giving card and information on how to "Step-Up" in the mail. If not, please contact the office, and we will get it out to you right away. Please return your completed Estimate of Giving card to Church on or before Sunday, May 21, so that we can finalize the budget for the next fiscal year which starts July 1. You may put it in the offering plate, mail it, or bring it into the Church Office. Your estimate is important. Next year's budget will be built on our collective response. We need to know how much support we can expect.

If we all come together, we will see Joy Rising as new programs and ministries sprout at the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande.

Joel Anderson
Acting Treasurer

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From the Pastor

Sometimes I go surfing---on line that is. Recently I saw photos of mother's day cards created by young artists for their "moms". Though pictures are worth a thousand words, delightful notes tell it all. One had a valentine-like heart, "Mum" in the middle, with words and phrases all around. It said **"loving", "really nice", very sporting"** (instead of supporting), **"love your pancakes"** and **"mostly organized"**. Another was filled with appreciation, **"You give me hugs and kisses, watch NETFLIX with me and tuck me in at night."** A sentimental child said, **"You are a special mom because you say 'I love you and I say 'I love you more' and you say 'IMPOSSIBLE!'"**

There were blunt messages, **"Thank you for being wonderful, caring and not making your meatloaf anymore."** And **"You're my #1, you're married, and you're OVER THE HILL!"** Some compliments came with questions and requests. **"Thank you for doing everything for me, but why don't you let me have dessert?"** **"Thank you for doing stuff for me, you are a good mom, please let me have a LEGO playset, you stay calm all the time, you are always perfect to me, I want a brother and sister please can I have one pleeeeeease."**

I'm not sure how the mother felt whose Mother's Day card from her little one said, **"I like you more than snakes."** I am certain another mother wasn't pleased as punch when her little one announced in her greeting, **"My mom loves drinking wine"** at the very top of her list, nor the mother whose son said, **"I know you love money, but I have none this time. Sorry!"**

Now that you're grown up or even over the hill, as you look back, what would you say to your mother today? Whether "Mom" was pretty near perfect or left something to be desired, we celebrate the women who brought us to birth and the families from which we've come on May 14th, Mother's Day, the Festival of the Christian Home. Come worship with us.

Rev. Mary B. 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!



MAY LITURGISTS

MAY 7

8:30 a.m. Larry Baughman
10:30 a.m. Barbara Reineke

MAY 14

8:30 a.m. David Beard
10:30 a.m. Judy Leonard

MAY 21

8:30 a.m. Lucy Jacob
10:30 a.m. Rose Ann Steiner

MAY 28

8:30 a.m. Joseph Brown
10:30 a.m. Virginia Mothes .



Dates	Topics and Schedule
Wednesday, May 3	• 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study <u>THE CALL</u> by Adam Hamilton
Sunday, May 7 Fourth Sunday of Easter	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Rev. Rich Bolin, preaching "The Voice of the Shepherd" Acts 2:42-47 John 10:1-10
Wednesday, May 10	• 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study <u>THE CALL</u> by Adam Hamilton
Sunday, May 14 Fifth Sunday of Easter Festival of the Christian Home/Mother's Day	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "JOY RISING: Trust God" Acts 7:55-60 John 14:1-14
Wednesday, May 17	• 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study <u>THE CALL</u> by Adam Hamilton
Sunday, May 21 Sixth Sunday of Easter	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "JOY RISING: Love Jesus" Acts 17:22-31 John 14:15-21
Wednesday, May 24	• 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study <u>THE CALL</u> by Adam Hamilton
Sunday, May 28 Seventh Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "JOY RISING: Again and Again" Acts 1:1-11 Luke 24:44-53
Wednesday, May 31	• 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study <u>THE CALL</u> by Adam Hamilton
Sunday, June 4 Eighth Sunday of Easter Pentecost Sunday	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "JOY RISING: Follow Spirit" Acts 2:1-21





UMM PREPARES FOR JUNE 4th BBQ

The United Methodist Men are preparing for a delicious All-Church Barbecue on Sunday, June 4th from 11:45 to 12:45 in Criswell Hall.

Tickets prices are: Adults \$10, Youth \$5, and Kids under 10 years are FREE.

Tickets are available starting May 21st and also on the day of the event.

Menu: chicken, tri-tip, cole slaw, BBQ beans, French bread, cupcakes, lemonade, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. TAKE OUT MEALS are available as well as sit-down meals.

THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO RECRUIT YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS to a great Church Service and BBQ. Make them your guest.



UMM TO VISIT DIABLO

On May 23rd a lucky 15 members of the UMM will be given a tour of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. A Ride-On Van will transport the group to the site.

The van will leave the Church Parking lot at 8:30 AM. for the trip. All persons must be cleared to enter the plant area. This personal information must be given to Paul Holden 10 days before the trip. Needed are your date of birth, social security number, address, phone and e-mail address, if you have one. Sign up with Paul at church or give him a phone call by May 4th. Tour will be over by 1 PM.

REGULAR UMM MEETING

A regular UMM Breakfast Meeting will **NOT** be held in May or June because of the Diablo Canyon trip in May and the BBQ in June. UMM will conclude its program year with the BBQ and get ready for some great events in the fall.



UMW Book Club May Adventure

Ever wonder what it would be like as a young illegal immigrant to travel by train through Mexico from Central America to find your mother in the United States? After the perilous journey you are now an undocumented person in the USA.

If so, you will want to read our May book selection, Enrique's Journey: The Story of a Boy's Dangerous Odyssey to Reunite with His Mother by Sonia Nazario. Ms. Nazario based her book on her Los Angeles Times newspaper series that won two Pulitzer prizes, one for feature writing and another for feature photography.

We will meet on Friday, May 26th at 11 A.M. in the McMillen Room for a discussion that should be relevant to the topic of immigration reform. This book gives immigration and the power of family a more personal perspective.

See Patti Melsheimer for a copy of this book. Everyone is invited to attend our UMW Book Club meetings.

~submitted by Judy Leonard



United
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Women

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"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

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



Tickets are now available for our Annual Ladies Day Luncheon to be held on the Saturday before Mother's Day. The date this year falls on May 13. The cost for this event is \$10, and tickets will be available in Criswell Hall following our Sunday services. This year's theme will be a Hawaiian Luau. Get your summer clothes out and put on your sandals. We're going to a Hookielau! Our menu will feature pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, grilled pineapple and a surprise dessert. Our own **Dennis Eiler** will provide music. **Ukulele Ladies** will also entertain us. Come to this fun celebration, and bring those women who are special in your life.

UMW BOUTIQUE CRAFT CLUB

The Craft Club will continue meeting in the McMillen Room on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Circle your calendars for Thursday, May 11, and Thursday, May 25. Bring a sack lunch for our fellowship time.

Call Gerry McGuire for details.



FRIENDSHIP BASKETS FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, is FRIENDSHIP DAY.

We have five baskets full of goodies available for an opportunity drawing.

There will be a basket representing France, one for Mexico, another for England, a fourth for Italy, and a fifth representing countries famous for chocolate—Belgium, Switzerland and Peru.



Displays of these baskets and opportunity ticket sales will begin on July 23.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

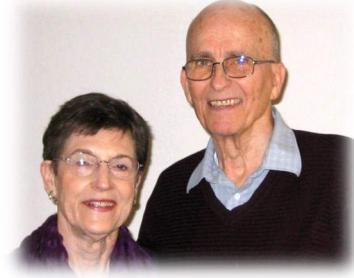
The UMW fall Spiritual Retreat is being planned for Saturday, September 9, at Sally Weitkamp's home.

Circle your calendars.



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

A VISIT WITH NANCY AND ROGER SPERLING



It is just one year since Nancy and Roger became members of our Arroyo Grande church family in April of 2016. They have blended so very well with our congregation because church membership and participation has been practiced their entire lives.

Nancy is a native Californian, born in Los Angeles, attending 54th Street Elementary School and Dorsey High School. She studied Home Economics and Psychology, earned a teaching credential and graduated from UCLA in 1957. She taught Home Economics at Ramona High School in Riverside.

Roger was born in Saginaw, MI. His father developed and built commercial baking machinery. The family moved to Washington, DC during WWII where his father installed bakery machines at military bases. In 1947 his family moved to Culver City when his father worked for Helms Bakeries. He attended Emerson Junior High School, then Alexander Hamilton High School, University High School, and graduated in 1952. Roger studied Engineering and graduated from UCLA in 1956.

Roger and Nancy met while attending UCLA at the Wesley Foundation Methodist Student Fellowship during Wednesday evening dinner, program, and youth group gatherings. Roger chose to pursue entering the ministry.

Having first mastered engineering, he needed to take additional courses of Philosophy, Humanities, Mediterranean History and Greek at USC before being accepted at seminary. He was hired to work on the project of relocating the seminary library from Los Angeles to Claremont.

They married in 1958, and Roger made the decision to return to his engineering roots by working in the early Space Industry with Bourns Instruments. Later he moved to UC Riverside in a job that addressed the issue of massive problems controlling the ever present smog clouds hanging over the Los Angeles basin.

Roger was active in creating the proposal to send a bill to the California Legislature to address the health issues also caused by atmospheric smog problems.

The family had grown in the 1960s with the arrival of their three sons: John in 1961, Tom in 1964, and David in 1968. In 1970 the decision was made to escape the smog and move to Walnut Creek in Northern California. There the family enjoyed the healthful activities of outdoor camping, hiking, sleeping in tents and cooking over an outdoor fire. Roger connected with Lawrence-Livermore Labs with employment involving Mechanical Engineering and Value Engineering, and later worked as a Consultant. In 1980 Nancy accepted the enriching position of Director of Children's Ministries at the Walnut Creek United Methodist Church that continued for 15 years. She also served as President of AAUW in Walnut Creek, connected with Home Ec sisters, and was a Book Club member at their church. In retirement they both enjoyed travel cruises, classical concerts, plays, and musicals.

One son lives in Pismo Beach and the other two live in Orange County. Two of their grandsons attend college at Cuesta College and Cal Poly, SLO. There are six grandsons and one granddaughter in the families. Their first great grandchild is expected to arrive very soon.

It would be interesting to know how many friends Nancy and Roger have made in our church family since their arrival in January, 2016, and their Membership Acceptance one year ago in April, 2016. If one just observes, they both are always busy volunteering or interacting with someone in our church.

I enjoyed good conversation, great hospitality, and refreshments at our recent morning meeting. It is always nice to have two new friends.

David E. Beaman, April 2017

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



President, Paul Holden

April 2017 - Latest from Trustees

- Mike Johnson is helping us develop a new key policy for members who need to use the Church for special events.
- Paul Holden installed a key safe in the office, so that important keys are no longer just hanging in an open storage cabinet. Also, Paul installed a wall safe for Sunday's collections until they can be deposited on Monday.
- Paul mentioned that next year's budget will have an additional \$2,400 to cover the need for additional maintenance and landscaping help as
- the Wednesday crew can no longer do it all.
- On the bright side, the new phone and Internet service should save us at least \$1,200 next year.
- Buffy mentioned that Internet service was no longer available in the library. Paul was able to look into it and solve the issue.
- We are hoping for a good turnout for our work day scheduled Sat. April 22nd so that needed weeding and trimming can happen. Mary Hawkins mentioned there would be a need for cleaning supplies for those attending to kitchen clean up that day.
- It was noted that our committee needed a new secretary and Paul agreed to ask his wife Anne. She said yes!
- Trustees will next meet on June 13th at 7pm in Rev. Mary's office.



Caring Congregation Committee

"Celebrate good times...Come on!! Celebrate" as the song goes, and there are plenty of opportunities to celebrate in May. We have May Day, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, National Older Americans' Month **AND OUR NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON.**

The **entire congregation** is invited to attend the luncheon after second service on May 21st in Criswell Hall. It's FREE! It's FUN! It's FAMILY time (with your church family)! It's your chance to not only get acquainted with our new members but also other folks from both services.

Please sign up in Criswell Hall at the Caring Congregation table by May 14th. We want to order enough food and have table space for everyone. We sure could use your help in setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Sign-up sheets will be available for these service opportunities, too.

While we celebrate our new members, we also want to remember our older members. Please sign up to take a spring "gift" to a shut-in sometime during May. As always, the sign-up sheets will be at the CCC table.

Be sure to put May 21st on your calendar. You won't want to miss this event.

--submitted by Pat Wiemers



Welcome to Sunday School



Hello,

April was a gorgeous month; God gave us an abundance of rain and beautiful flowers. He has given us so much! We are growing beautiful minds in our Sunday School as well. The children were given important messages in April that are vital to their faith. Our stories were about Jesus, his works, his lessons, and his crucifixion. Along with their lessons, they also enjoyed the Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt and Craft Time. *Thank you all who helped to make this success for our children.* On the last Sunday of April, Sunday School welcomes the Children's Center kids who also sing for service, and the Sunday School kids join them! Now kids (and teachers) are on home stretch for summer.

In *May*, we continue our story of what happened next.

They will be learning about Peter this month. Kids will first hear how the **torch had been passed to Peter and John**, as both men



found themselves able to offer the gift of healing through the power of the Holy Spirit. The anchor point will be that, like Peter, we can also tell the good news about Jesus. Following this lesson, **the story of Tabitha**, a widow who turned her faith into good works that

helped the poor. After Tabitha passed away suddenly, Peter performed a miracle that brought her back to life. He did this by praying. The importance and power of prayer will be stressed with this lesson. Peter means rock. The Bible tells us that God will "build my church on this rock." **The story of Peter and Cornelius** sets the example that Christianity was a game changing idea. The Jews were bound by Jewish law, with the idea of "clean" and "unclean" things. Jesus' love calls all people into the fold, not just Jews. Christianity brings down the barriers that set people apart. Love conquers all as Cornelius, a Roman centurion is invited into the fold. Jesus' love is for all of us. The last lesson deals with **Peter's escape from prison**, as he followed the angel of God. The prayers of his friends were heard! The strength of prayer



in numbers is stressed here. When we gather as Christians, we are strong. When we pray together for the same things, then our prayers are stronger!

Sunday School continued...→

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. JOY Is Rising here and the following are some of the recent 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:

- * We had two joyous services on Easter.
- * It was a joy for Marjorie Cawelti to have her four children, Carol, Mark, Jean, and Beth in service with her for Easter as well as four of her grandchildren and a baby great-granddaughter.
- * The choir is sporting new stoles.
- * Prayers of gratitude for those who came to the Earth Day Work Day. Work was done in the yard, kitchen and sanctuary.
- * The church was beautifully decorated for Easter.

Share your joys and celebrating
Judy Atwood



Families, we will be announcing soon the dates of our **Vacation Bible School!** The theme is **Weird Animals** - where children will be learning about differences and acceptance. Jesus loves us all.

One more important point, the **Sunday School** is looking for a few more volunteers who can help out either teaching or assisting, at least once a month. It isn't hard, we have great curriculum! Our school is growing, and we want to offer the best Christian education we can! If you can help out one day a month, or every other month, it would be a great help!

Thank you!
Carolyn Russell



News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, *chair*

MISSION TEAM: May 2017

Judy Atwood

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

[Mission Nigeria with Rex Miller](#)
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GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

MISSION NIGERIA WITH REX MILLER

We welcomed Rex Miller to the pulpit on April 23rd. Rex shared his trip to Nigeria as we heard firsthand about his experience. It was a learning experience for us to hear about the ministry of the church in Nigeria. It helped us to again realize how very blessed we are. I hope that it will also encourage us to be more intentional about our ministry here.

HURRICANE MATTHEW DISASTER RESPONSE

Information from Gary Locklear, response coordinator with Lumbee people in North Carolina: "It has been a long six months since I stepped into the Coordinators role for Disaster Response to Hurricane Matthew. Without the wonderful volunteers from all over we would have accomplished nothing. Presently we have 25 houses under construction. Having more than 2000 volunteers in Lumberton alone is a testimonial to the goodness of people. The Richard Petty Motorsports team has made 9 trips to Lumberton to help out. Matthew was a huge disaster and it will take a long time to recover from it. After cleaning out more than a thousand houses we are beginning to build and give displaced families hope."

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION

Project Transformation is a United Methodist-affiliated nonprofit organization that is committed to intergenerational education in low income communities. Sarah Hundley is a Global Mission Fellow of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, engaged in a two-year term of service in the United States. Sarah's work site is the Gallery After School Program of The Salt United Methodist Church (formerly St. John's) in Oklahoma City. This program supports students who

are struggling with academics by tutoring and mentoring them after school. The Gallery works with two elementary schools. After school the students get a light meal before beginning their homework and working on projects. Sarah keeps track of students' progress, recruits program volunteers, and promotes financial support of the project among churches in the conference.

We will do NOISY OFFERINGS each SUNDAY IN MAY.

SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2017

We have begun tracking our special giving totals for 2017. 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	200.81
People's Kitchen Misc.	5,435.00
South County Food Bank	162.97
UMCOR-UMCOR Sunday	582.00
UMCOR-Imagine No Malaria	2.005
3 MONTHS TOTAL:	\$11,324.42

A THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION.
 DON'T ASK GOD TO GUIDE YOUR FOOTSTEPS,
 IF YOU'RE NOT WILLING TO MOVE YOUR FEET.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
							
	<p>1 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry—CH 5:45 PM G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH 7 PM Women of Prayer—S</p>	<p>2 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews + Knitters—MMR 11 AM UMW Chair Yoga Class—CH 5PM Handbell Practice—Handbell Room</p>	<p>3 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>4 8 AM People's Kitchen Prep—Leave to Serve- 11:15 AM 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9:30 AM Preschool Staff Luncheon-MMR-Event1-2 10 AM Intercessory Prayer—L 5 PM Handbell Practice—Handbell Room</p>	<p>5 Spirit Day at AGUMCC 8:30 AM Bible Study-L 3:30 PM AGUMCC Closed 4 PM AGUMCC Staff Development—MMR</p>	<p>6 10 AM North District Conference Meeting—SLO UMC</p>	
<p>7 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service 11:45 AM Caring CC—L Coffee Hour—UMM Children's Mother's Day Event</p>	<p>8 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry—CH 5:45 PM G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH 7 PM Women of Prayer—S</p>	<p>9 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR 11 AM UMW Chair Yoga Class—CH 5 PM Handbell Practice—Handbell Room</p>	<p>10 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Church Work Day 9:30 AM UMM Steering—L 5 PM Free Dinner—CH 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study—CH 7 PM Chancel Choir-S</p>	<p>11 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 10 AM UMW Boutique Crafts—MMR 10 AM Intercessory Prayer—L 1:30 PM Life Stories-MMR 5 PM Handbell Practice—Handbell Room 6 PM Worship Team—MMR</p>	<p>12 8:30 AM Bible Study-L 12 Noon Deadline Newsletter Articles—Office</p>	<p>13 11:30 AM— 1:30 PM Annual UMW Luncheon and Luau-CH</p> 	
<p>14 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour—Worship Team Festival of the Christian Home—MOTHERS' DAY </p>	<p>15 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry—CH 5:45 PM G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH 7 PM Women of Prayer—S</p>	<p>16 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—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 PM Closed Session 5 PM Handbell Practice—Handbell Room 7 PM JOY Circle—home of member</p>	<p>17 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Church Work Day 10 AM Communications Committee—L 2 PM ELT Scholarship Committee—MMR 5 PM Free Dinner—CH 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study—CH 7 PM Chancel Choir—S</p>	<p>18 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 10 AM Intercessory Prayer—L 11 AM Finance Team—PS 5 PM Handbell Practice—Handbell Room) 7 PM Church Council-MMR</p>	<p>19 8:30 AM Bible Study-L</p>	<p>20</p>	
<p>21 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service 11:45 AM New Member Recognition Luncheon—CH </p>	<p>22 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry—CH 5:45 PM G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH 7 PM Women of Prayer—S</p>	<p>23 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—(CH) 8:30 AM—UMM Tour to Diablo—Leave from Church Parking Lot 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters (MMR) 11 AM UMW Chair Yoga Class (CH) 5 PM Handbell Practice</p>	<p>24 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Church Work Day 10 AM Mary-Martha-Esther Circle—MMR 5 PM Free Dinner—CH 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study—CH 7 PM Chancel Choir—S</p>	<p>25 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 10 AM UMW Boutique Crafts—MMR 10 AM Intercessory Prayer—L 1 PM Mission Team—MMR 5 PM Handbell Practice—(Handbell Room)</p>	<p>26 8:30 AM Bible Study-L 11 AM UMW Book Club—MMR</p>	<p>27</p>	
<p>28 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour—Trustees</p>	<p>29 Memorial Day  Church Office Closed NO Emergency Food Pantry Today</p>	<p>30 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—(CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters (MMR) 11 AM UMW Chair Yoga Class (CH) 5 PM Handbell Practice—Handbell Room</p>	<p>31 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>				



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Deadline for June Issue

Friday, May 12, at Noon

PLEASE NOTE:

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ELT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE



Church members who will be attending Fall 2017 classes at a university, community college, or technical school may apply for an Everett Lee Taylor (ELT) Scholarship.

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

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.

Deadline to sponsor or play is May 20th.

For information, contact Maddy Quaglino, Children's Center Director at 481-2223



- Hilary Henderson..... May 2
- Susan Coho..... May 3
- Karen Wise..... May 8
- Doris Douglas..... May 16
- Vinnie Paredes..... May 18
- Paul Jacob..... May 22

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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FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF ARROYO GRANDE

PARKING LOT GIVEAWAY

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

SATURDAY June 10th, 11 AM TO 2 PM

Everything is FREE including coffee and donuts for our guests!

Volunteers are always needed to help—check with the Ashtons

*HELPING THOSE IN NEED
IN OUR COMMUNITY*