

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



# **Cast~a~Net**

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande JULY 2017



**Joy is Rising at First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande! We not only met, but slightly exceeded, the goal of our stewardship campaign of \$250,000. A vast majority of those responding took a step up and raised their estimate of giving for the coming fiscal year, which begins on July 1. We have a balanced budget, and for the first time in many years we can start the year looking forward to expanding our ministries and catching up in areas that have been neglected, rather than looking for places to cut expenses.**

**Thank you and AMEN!**

*Joel Anderson  
Acting Treasurer*



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## *From the Pastor*

*This information was shared with us from Cal-Pac Communications following the Annual Conference.*

### OFFICIAL SUMMARY OF THE 33RD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Songs of praise ushered in the Spirit of God as 1,200 United Methodists gathered at the University of Redlands for the 33rd Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference.

The theme was “From Here to There,” based on Matthew 10:5-11. The Conference was invited to reflect upon who we are and to respond to the challenge to move ahead.

This was Resident Bishop Grant J. Hagiya’s first Conference Session since returning to the California-Pacific Conference as an Episcopal Leader. Those gathered joyously welcomed him with a lei from the Hawaii District and a standing ovation. Bishop Hagiya did not wait long to guide the “body” into a new format of conferencing which emphasized learning and reflection on ministry leadership through “Messaging Moments”.

Each moment hosted speakers and shared media oriented around “four priorities of transformation” : Transforming Vital Congregations, Transforming Christian Leaders, Transforming Lives, and Transforming the World. The presumption of the “four priorities” is that the Conference exists to resource the local churches and that the local churches will be expected to grow in number.

- Special Offerings – Those gathered gave to: Claremont School of Theology – \$6,361.62—Strength for the Journey (Retreat for those living w/ HIV/AIDS) – \$3,453.87—Congo Women Arise – \$4,217.24
- Discussion on the Commission on the Way Forward – Bishop Hagiya shared a “sugar packet” presentation which was a resource used by the Commission on the Way Forward that explored categories of perspectives on the current impasse on the characterization of homosexuality in the Book of Discipline. It led into a spirited and emotional discussion with those gathered on the polity involved, the impact on those inside and outside the LGBT community, as well as implications for the church’s future.
- Finances – The Council on Finance and Administration reported that for the fifth consecutive year Conference net spending did not exceed net revenue and that the number of churches with apportionment giving at 100% increased to 213. An Apportionment Budget for Conference Ministries of \$12,450,000 was approved which is a 3.84% decrease from 2017.
- Legislation – Legislation was passed through the Legislative Sections and by Consent Calendar, including 7 Recommendations for Action – 17 Resolutions and 3 Recommendations for Rules Changes.
- Declaratory Decision – A motion for a declaratory decision from the Judicial Council was passed which requests a determination on the legality of the sentence in the 2016 Book of Discipline ¶161.G, “and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching,” because it violates the First and Second Restrictive Rules ¶17-18
- Board of Ordained Ministry – A statement on the highest standards of faithful and holy living as a possibility for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities was developed and presented by the Board of Ordained Ministry.

*See chart next page.*



**Mondays at 7 PM**

Women come to pray together in the Sanctuary.



**Fridays at 8:30 AM**

Join us in the Library for Bible Study, discussion, coffee, & friends!



**JULY LITURGISTS**

**JULY 2**

8:30 a.m. Joseph Brown  
10:30 a.m. Barbara Reineke

**JULY 9**

8:30 a.m. David Beard  
10:30 a.m. B.G. Perriguy

**JULY 16**

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

**JULY 23**

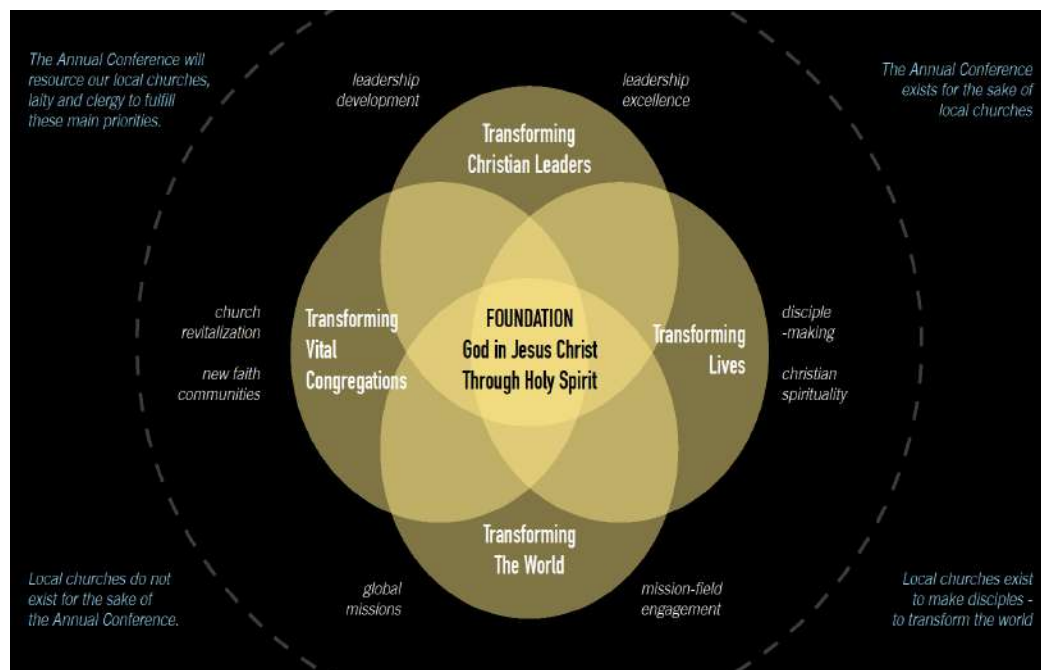
8:30 a.m. Sharon Roemer  
10:30 a.m. Patti Melsheimer

**JULY 30**

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

Dates	Topics and Schedule
Sunday, July 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</li> <li>Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis</li> <li>"GOD'S SPIRIT: Frees"</li> <li>Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42</li> </ul>
Wednesday, July 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult Bible Study and Free Dinner on Summer Break</li> </ul>
Sunday, July 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</li> <li>Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis</li> <li>"GOD'S SPIRIT: Heals"</li> <li>Romans 7:15-25 Matthew 11:28-30</li> </ul>
Wednesday, July 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult Bible Study and Free Dinner on Summer Break</li> </ul>
Sunday, July 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</li> <li>Roger Sperling, Guest Speaker</li> </ul>
Wednesday, July 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult Bible Study and Free Dinner on Summer Break</li> </ul>
Sunday, July 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</li> <li>Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis</li> <li>"GOD'S SPIRIT: Brings Hope"</li> <li>Psalms 139: 1-12, 23-24 Romans 8:12-25</li> </ul>
Wednesday, July 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult Bible Study and Free Dinner on Summer Break</li> </ul>
Sunday, July 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</li> <li>Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis</li> <li>"GOD'S SPIRIT: INTERCEDES"</li> <li>Psalms 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-28</li> </ul>

**CAL PAC'S FOUR PRIORITIES OF TRANSFORMATION**





Val McClure, *publicity*

### UMM HAS BBQ SUCCESS

The UMM Annual All Church BBQ on June 4 was well-attended by the congregation who enjoyed tri-tip or chicken cooked by Bud Johnson and Dick Melsheimer. Other workers included Bill and Sally Weitkamp, Neil Prestemon, Kent Unsworth, Paul Holden, Betty Ashton, Wayne Huggins, and Val McClure. UMM thanks the office staff for great bulletin coverage.



Wayne Huggins, UMM Treasurer, reports the BBQ netted \$624 for the UMM to disburse.

### UMM DISBURSES FUNDS

At the UMM Cabinet Meeting held on Monday, June 12, a vote was taken to disburse treasury funds to church projects. The following items were donated funds for the 2017 year:

- FUMC Peoples' Kitchen \$600
- Five Cities Christian Women Food Pantry \$600
- FUMC General Fund Donation (to be held in abeyance to year's end)
- Card Table Project 8 Card Tables to be purchased.  
Two have already been purchased. This comes from a donation of \$350 secured by Chuck and Betty Ashton.
- A new commercial can opener has been purchased and will be installed in late June.

### NEW UMM ADVENTURE TRIP PLANNED

Paul Holden, UMM Vice Chairman in charge of program planning, announced a new UMM trip for Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> to tour Camp Roberts. Details will be in the August Castanet newsletter and Sunday bulletins.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ABOUT THE  
UNITED METHODIST MEN,  
SEE THE BROCHURE ON  
THE UMM BULLETIN BOARD  
IN CRISWELL HALL.**





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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

### CALLING ALL CRAFTERS! We need your help!

If you can sew, crochet, knit, paint, cut, paste, do needlepoint, or iron, come join our Holiday Boutique crafting group.



We meet on the second and fourth Thursday, of each month, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

The schedule for July is 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>,  
August is 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>,  
September is 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Bring a snack or sack lunch and join us for fellowship and fun.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>** is  
**INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY.** On this day the United Methodist Women will have Opportunity Drawings for **SIX FRIENDSHIP BASKETS.**



These are prepared with goodies and items representing the following countries: England, Italy, France, Mexico, Japan, Switzerland/Belgium.

The baskets will be on display. Tickets available July 6<sup>th</sup> through August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets sell for one dollar each/or six for five dollars.

SAVE THE DATE  
HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE  
and  
COFFEE/TEA SHOP



SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>

### UMW CIRCLE SCHEDULES

JOY CIRCLE will be taking its summer break in July and August and begin meetings again in September.

MARY MARTHA ESTHER CIRCLE will continue to meet during the summer and take its break during the months of November and December.



The UMW annual **Spiritual Retreat** will be held **Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** at the home of Bill and Sally Weitkamp.

Our leader will be the Rev. Dorothy (Dottie) Worley, a retired Methodist minister from the Los Angeles area.

There will be more details in the August Castanet.

**MICHAEL AND GLORIA JOHNSON****AND THEIR FOREVER BUSY LIFE**

*Our visit in their home passed very quickly, although we talked for two and a half hours. Their many accomplishments in life are both meaningful and profound. They, and their children, excel at living a full and productive life. Let's proceed with their early beginnings.*

Mike was born in Alhambra, CA. His family moved to Iowa and Illinois early on, then back to Newport Beach, where he attended elementary and high school. He attended terms at Cal Berkeley, Orange Coast College, San Jose State, and obtained his business administration degree at Cal State, Fullerton. He worked jobs in sales, finally getting into a purchasing position in Costa Mesa where he worked for four years. From there he took a job in sales at an aerospace-related firm in Los Angeles. When the recession of 1974 hit the aerospace industry in Southern California, Mike got laid off. After talking with his brother, who lived and worked in Arroyo Grande (Ken's Boot & Shoe Repair), he moved his family here. After about a year he stumbled into a job at Cal Poly in accounting, finally settling into a position as Senior Buyer in the Purchasing Department. Here he stayed full time for the next 27 years, then for another four years part-time.

Mike and Gloria transferred their membership from a small Methodist Church in Santa Ana to First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande in 1975 when Al Gorsline was minister. Mike has been a member of both the Finance Committee and a Trustee for several years, was Vice-President of the UMM, and has been a member of "The Wednesday Crew" for several years. He says he thanks God every day for his family, his church and the wonderful area he lives in.

Gloria was born in Dallas, Texas. As a child she was fascinated by pianos and was tutored by the church pastor's wife. Her 6th birthday present was a piano which she still has today. During teenage years she accompanied her church choir. She was a swimmer during high school, attended Community College in Santa Ana, went into nurses training, and acquired her license as Psychiatric Technician and worked at Fairview State Hospital in Costa Mesa. She and Mike married in 1968. She enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom to their four sons through their 1974 move to Arroyo Grande when she became a

licensed child care provider until their youngest child entered school. She then became a Resource Aide at Judkins Middle School for 11 years. Then

she made a change to a new business involving her sewing skills, traveling to fairs selling food, beverages and a clothing line she had developed.

Gloria became president of, and a pitcher for, South County Fast Pitch Women's Softball Association and was a coach for the little girls softball team. She took night classes for advancement in the medical field and became a Certified Health Counselor of Family Planning, HIV/AIDS test and prevention, Prepared Birthing / Lamaze and Bradley method for 24 years. She has served many years as a participant and Board Member on the Latino Outreach Council. She also enjoys cooking, having served large groups of up to 500.

Their six grandchildren live in the area and visit regularly. Mike and Gloria's home is not your typical house. It is decorated in totally Mexican decor, which Gloria calls "early swap meet, early yard sale". She "loves the challenge of the hunt". Over the years, Gloria has hosted many Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebrations, called "sip, sup and share". She and her special comadres work for months in preparation. These events have been Women Only. The stories that women have shared have brought a few tears but more that that, a lot of camaraderie with smiles, giggles, and laughter. Empowerment and safety is found in the sharing. Gloria and her friends make decorations to sell at these events and donate the monies to Hospice in SLO.

Mike and Gloria have traveled to the United Kingdom, Mexico, Guatemala, Texas, Washington, D.C., the Lincoln Memorial, Hawaii, Kennedy Eternal Flame, Williamsburg and Jamestown, VA.

*I find myself very impressed with the busy life story Gloria and Mike are living. Their hospitality made my visit most enjoyable.*

*~ David Beaman, July 2017*



### ELT Scholarship Recipients Honored on June 11<sup>th</sup>

On behalf of the Everett Lee Taylor Scholarship Committee, Judy Heiney presented the 2017-18 scholarship recipients to the congregation on June 11<sup>th</sup>. She shared the history of the ELT Scholarship named for one of our past pastors and introduced each of the recipients. They are part of a group of over fifty (50) recipients since the scholarship program began over 25 years ago.



This year two of the recipients are returning college students. These students, Patrick Harvey and Collin Odom, each received a \$750 scholarship to help defray the cost of their education.

Patrick will be returning to Pt. Loma University in San Diego with a major in Business Management. Collin Odom, who will return as a music major at Cuesta College, was represented by his mother, Eileen Odom. Collin was unable to attend the presentation due to his participation in a special music camp in Wisconsin.

Carolyn Russell has just started working on her multiple subject teaching credential at Brandman University. She received a \$1,000 scholarship as a first-time participant in the scholarship program. She plans to become a special education teacher.

We congratulate our ELT Scholarship recipients and wish them a successful, productive educational experience.

*~ submitted by Judy Leonard*



Left to right: Patrick Harvey, Carolyn Russell, Eileen Odom (Collin's mother) and Judy Heiney (ELT scholarship presenter)



Collin Odom with his bassoon



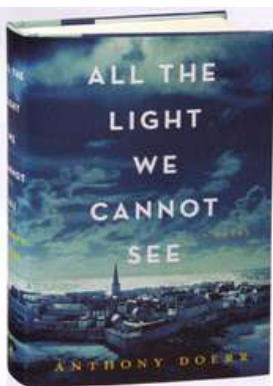
### UMW BOOK CLUB TAKES A SUMMER BREAK

In June the UMW Book Club discussed the book, Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline, set in a period in American history that many of us were unaware of.

Between 1854 and 1929 the trains carrying thousands of orphan immigrant children ran from the East Coast to the Midwest; these children were randomly selected by both loving and harsh families.

This book was especially interesting since it was told through conversations between a modern day teenager in foster care and a 91-year-old woman who recalled her ordeal as an orphan train child. Although it was a fictional account, it helped us understand the struggles and resilience of the past orphans and current foster care children.

We will not meet during the summer. Our next book, All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr, will be discussed at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting at 11 A.M. in the McMillen room.



The local library system has multiple copies of this selection. Enjoy reading it during the summer and join us for our September discussion of it!

~submitted by Judy Leonard

**JULY 27, 28, & 29**



**Vacation Bible School at  
First United Methodist Church  
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**TIMES:** Thursday & Friday, 6 PM—9 PM  
Saturday, 9 AM—12 Noon

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# News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, *chair*

## MISSION TEAM: July 2017

Judy Atwood

### MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Mission Certificate
2. Faith and Facts Hunger and Poverty
3. Project Transformation
4. Special Giving totals for 2017

### GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

#### 1. MISSION CERTIFICATE

At the recent Annual Conference, we were among those recognized with a certificate for being a 100% Missionary supporting Church 2016. This indicates that we supported 6 missionaries to the amount of \$2,680.00 as second mile giving after paying 100% of our apportionments of \$39,761.00. This also means we gave \$154.33 per member for others. See the certificate on the mission board.

#### 2. FAITH AND FACTS HUNGER AND POVERTY

What does the Bible say? Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me (Matthew 2:37-40).

What does The United Methodist Church say? In order to provide basic needs such as food, shelter, education, health care and other necessities, ways must be found to share more equitably the resources of the world. (Social Principles ¶163.E)

What do the facts say? \*Every 33 seconds a baby is born into poverty in the United States. \*14% of households - over 48 million men, women and children --- experience food insecurity in the US. \*In 2016, over 43 million U.S. residents received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.

What do you say? \*Learn about hunger and poverty in your area. \*Discuss ways our church and conference can expand justice ministries to tackle the root causes of

hunger and poverty. \*Speak truth to power! Tell Congress to put those living on the economic margins at the center of our vision of a new just economy.

#### 3. PROJECT TRANSFORMATION

Project Transformation is a United Methodist-affiliated nonprofit organization that is committed to intergenerational education in low income communities providing special programming for children provided by young adults seeking ministry opportunities.

OUR FINAL TOTAL \$300.

#### 4. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2017

We began tracking our special giving totals for 2017 in January. Let's watch this grow through the year.

*Many hands continue to do many things.*



#### FIVE MONTHS TOTALS THROUGH MAY

ELT Scholarship	\$1,131.64
Human Relations Offering	310.00
Missions (Ehrhardt Lang)	3,500.00
People's Kitchen Food	308.89
People's Kitchen Misc.	8,893.00
South County Food Bank	251.03
UMCOR-UMCOR Sunday	582.00
UMCOR-Imagine No Malaria	2.00
UMCOR-Native American	131.00
Noisy Offering	2.40
5 Months Total	\$15,111.96

*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.

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<b>16</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  Coffee Hour—Finance Committee	<b>17</b> <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry—CH <b>5:45 PM</b> Quilting Class-G McGuire—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>2:00PM</b> Closed Session <b>2:00 PM</b> Endowment Board—PS	<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 and Adult Bible Study on Summer Break <b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir on recess until Aug. 30	<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>7 PM</b> Church Council—MMR	<b>21</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study-L	<b>22</b>	
<b>23</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  Coffee Hour—Board of Trustees	<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>26</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day Bible Study—CH <b>10 AM</b> Mary-Martha-Esther Circle—MMR <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner and Adult Bible Study on Summer Break	<b>27</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Ex —CH <b>10 AM</b> UMW Crafts—MMR <b>10 AM</b> Inter. Prayer—L <b>1 PM</b> Mission Team—MMR <b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6 PM-9 PM</b> 	<b>28</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study-L   <b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6 PM-9 PM</b>	<b>29</b> <b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 AM-12 PM</b> 	
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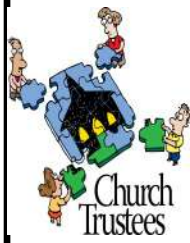
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**Deadline for August Issue**

**Friday, July 14 at Noon**

### PLEASE NOTE:

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



## REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Paul Holden, President**

*June 2017 — The Latest from the Trustees*

- For his Eagle project, Trevor Melsheimer plans to begin work on a shade structure for the Children's Center before the end of July.
- Trevor assisted Paul with needed landscaping work. He has agreed to assist with landscaping in the future as needed.
- The Church is in need of a good vacuum cleaner. Buffy and Mary H. will research and make recommendations next month.
- Buffy will supply a list of 5 different chairs for the Narthex to the sub-committee for input and final selection.
- The new heating/air conditioning system for the Children's Center has not been operating correctly. Paul will follow up with the vendor to make sure the problem is solved before the warranty expires.
- Paul distributed a list of vendors the Church uses for the Trustees to review and provide feedback at our next meeting. The final list will be posted in the office, pre-school, and Criswell Hall.
- The Trustees discussed the possibility of removing the platform at the front of the altar. We will continue the discussion at our next meeting.
- Mike brought up an email sent concerning the need to replace the flooring in room 116 of the Children's Center. Paul will review and secure bids.
- Our next meeting will be July the 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Pastor Mary's Office.

### Relax Into Summer!



**Dress Casually For  
Church!**



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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!



# First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

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**Address SERVICE REQUESTED**

*Caring Congregation Committee*

The Caring Congregation Committee is in the process of updating our Church Pictorial Directory! Can you believe it has been three years since it was first issued?

Is your address currently in the directory? Have there been any changes in your name, address, or phone number? Would you like to add an email address or cell phone number? Are there corrections that need to be made?

If for any reason your name and information is not currently in the directory or you would like to make changes, please stop by the *Caring Congregation table* in Criswell Hall and fill out the form you will find there. If you are not able to do that, please call (481-2692) or email ([fumcag@sbcglobal.com](mailto:fumcag@sbcglobal.com)) the church to give your information.

We hope to issue a page with the corrections and additions by the end of the summer. Thank you for your help!

*~submitted by Patti Melsheimer*

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## Vacation Bible School at First United Methodist Church

**JULY 27, 28, & 29**

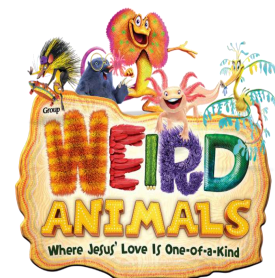
**TIMES:** Thursday & Friday, 6 PM—9 PM  
 Saturday, 9 AM—12 Noon

**FOR:** Ages 5—12 **COST:** FREE!!

**TO REGISTER:** Contact Sandy Underwood or church office

**THEME:** WEIRD ANIMALS—

—Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-Kind—



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