

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



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First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

OCTOBER 2017

HARVEST MEAL TOGETHER

The Mission Team invites you to join us in Criswell Hall following the second service on October 22 for a potluck meal to celebrate the ministries of harvest we share as a congregation. Put your thinking cap on and start making your list of all the things we do in our community, around the world and in our congregation. Let's celebrate our ministry!

Watch for more details in the coming bulletins and announcements. Hope to see all of you there.



UNITED METHODIST
COMMITTEE ON RESPONSE

Because we are a connectional church and a worldwide church, our response reaches even the most remote places. Recently in the news you have heard of earthquakes in Mexico and several other areas, hurricanes in the Caribbean, and United States, flood recovery in West Virginia, wild fires locally, and in other areas of the United States, mudslides in Sierra Leone, and monsoons in Bangladesh. The list goes on.

When we give through UMCOR, we are assured that 100% of the gift goes to disaster response. The overhead for this ministry is covered by the annual churchwide UMCOR offering, formerly One Great Hour of Sharing. You may show your support for Disaster Response by marking your envelope/check with Disaster Response and we will make sure it gets on its way to help those in need. Thank you for your generosity.



California-Pacific Conference
The United Methodist Church

RESPONDING TO
HURRICANE MARIA
AND MEXICO 2017

At this time, [9/26/2017], the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is unable to receive communications from its partners in Puerto Rico because of power outages. UMCOR will wait to respond as its partners conduct an assessment of what is most needed.

And, UMCOR is in communication with its partners in the impacted region in Mexico, including the local Methodist Church, and is ready to support with relief efforts. Please pray for those surviving the earthquakes and for the emergency responders.

The United Methodist Conference on Relief (UMCOR) has set up webpages for updates on the response to Hurricane Maria and Mexico.

Our California-Pacific Conference South District's Hispanic/Latino Committee is planning for a special donation for those affected by the earthquakes in Mexico. Additional information will be announced as it becomes available.

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From the Pastor

If you were to preach one sermon, what would it be? Are there particular passages of scripture that have been formative for you? What has helped you most as you make this journey through life? If you were to offer one message to our congregation, where would you focus attention? We have so many wonderful people in this place, thoughtful, committed Christians who serve. I often wonder what you would say from the pulpit.

The overarching theme I will pursue for the month of October is the “Mind of Christ”. These passages will set the theme for us as a variety of speakers lead in worship.

***“For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?”
But we have the mind of Christ.--- 1 Corinthians 2:16***

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. --- Philippians 2:5-11

On World Communion Sunday, October 1st, we consider Christ’s humility, obedience and courage as Philippians 2:1-13 sets the tone. On October 8th, Joe Brown will come to you with a message at both services titled “RELIEF” and will use John 19:28-30 as his text. October 15th is Laity Sunday with a service planned and put together by our Lay Leader, Judy Atwood with that great passage from Philippians 4:1-9 focusing the service. I will return on October 22nd and 29th continuing the MIND OF CHRIST theme with sermons on Faithfulness and Love.

Do you have favorite passages you would like to hear preached? Are there challenging scriptures that interest you? Let me know. People often ask me if I preach from the “barrel”. Frankly, no! I do it for awhile when I’m brand new, choosing those “take it on the road” sermons that fit any time and context, but after I get acquainted with a church, the local church context and the lectionary dictate the themes. I’m always up for a new challenge, a new thought or new suggestions, so feedback is a good thing. What would you like to hear as you gather to worship on Sunday?

Rev. Mary B.

Adult Christian Education



Women's Prayer

Mondays at 7 PM

Women come to pray together



Fridays at 8:30 AM

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



OCTOBER LITURGISTS

OCTOBER 1

8:30 a.m. Sharon Roemer
10:30 a.m. Rose Ann Steiner

OCTOBER 8

8:30 a.m. Mary Thronson
10:30 a.m. Nancy St. Laurent

OCTOBER 15

8:30 a.m. Jan Treat
10:30 a.m. Virginia Mothes

OCTOBER 22

8:30 a.m. Susan Thronson
10:30 a.m. Patti Melsheimer

OCTOBER 29

8:30 a.m. Joseph Brown
10:30 a.m. Judy Leonard



Dates	Topics and Schedule
Sunday, October 1 World Communion Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis MIND OF CHRIST: "Humility" Philippians 2:1-13
Wednesday, October 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult Study 5:45—6:45 PM "Praying Together"—facilitated by Dr. Alice A. Addison
Sunday, October 8 18 th Sunday after Pentecost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services "RELIEF" Joe Brown, speaking John 19:28-30
Wednesday, October 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult Study 5:45—6:45 PM "Praying Together"—facilitated by Dr. Alice A. Addison
Sunday, October 15 Laity Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Judy Atwood, Lay Leader and Additional Laity MIND OF CHRIST: "Focus" Philippians 4:1-9
Wednesday, October 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult Study 5:45—6:45 PM "Praying Together"—facilitated by Dr. Alice A. Addison
Sunday, October 22 20 th Sunday after Pentecost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis MIND OF CHRIST: "Faithfulness" 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Wednesday, October 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult Study 5:45—6:45 PM "Praying Together"—facilitated by Dr. Alice A. Addison
Sunday, October 29 21 st Sunday after Pentecost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis MIND OF CHRIST: "Love" Matthew 22:34-40 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED ON SEPTEMBER 17th



We welcome
Jeannette and Sing Yue
as new members of First
UMC Arroyo Grande.

Left to right: Rev. Mary Birgelaitis; Judy Heiney, sponsor;
Jeannette and Sing Yue, new members; Gene Heiney, sponsor

Photo by Cristy Van Hook



Val McClure, publicity



UMM VISITS THE ARMY

The Sept. 7th trip to Camp Roberts was a real eye opener for the five lucky UMM members and one guest who got to see how our modern day Army is trained, fed, and housed.

Paul Holden drove up to the church parking lot in a snazzy 15 passenger van on loan from Ride-On with comfortable "Captains Chairs" for its occupants. At 10 AM the group passed through the main gate of the training center and were directed to a parking lot where a big 50 passenger Army bus was waiting for them. There were about 25 other persons on the bus from other groups.

Lt. Col. Arenas boarded the bus and announced that he would be our host for the day. The first tour was of the beautiful hundreds of acres of back country of the base and a chance to see men on a firing range. Twice the bus crossed a flowing river and finally came to what looked like a small city.

The City was built with concrete and was the "attack"

and "defend" training center for the base. A central control office controlled smoke and firing pop-up figures for the attacking force to deal with. There were a number of buildings and even a church.



From the training village the group returned to the main camp for lunch. The vast mess-hall had two cooks making hamburger sandwiches to order and part of the chow line was set up like a McDonalds, with help-yourself sodas, and a small fruit bar.

Before returning to the Ride-On van, the group toured the Base Museum with mementos from many wars. Outside were parked tanks and field guns and even some helicopters.



A weary but happy group got back to the church parking lot at about 2 PM, with thanks to Paul Holden for arranging the trip and driving.

OCTOBER IS UMM PANCAKE TIME

Talk to your neighbors, family and friends and invite them as your guest to the **UMM All-Church Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 15th.** What a great time to introduce people to our church for a great breakfast and a super service.

Cost is \$9 for Adults, \$5 for Youth, and Kids 10 and under are FREE. This is an all you can eat event. Menu: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, coffee & hot chocolate. Don't miss this event, and bring a guest. **TICKETS** go on sale after both services and at the door the day of the event.



FOR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12

Calling all Veterans of our Church! Let's have a little fun with our Veterans Day Sunday by having any vet who still has some items, or a whole uniform, to wear them to church on November 12th (if you can fit into them). It will add a bit of veteran color to the recognition of our church members who have served in the military. Men and women are invited to participate.

See Cpl. Val McClure, United States Air Force for further information.



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

WOMEN'S DAY SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Saturday, October 7th, 2017

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Home of Bill and Sally Weitkamp

If you have not made your reservations or you need directions, please call our hostess Sally Weitkamp. It is seldom we are able to get an ordained minister, who specializes in Spiritual Retreats, to come to Arroyo Grande. So please call Sally soon for this special event. The cost for the retreat is \$20 to cover some of the expense. This includes morning refreshments, lunch, handouts and materials for our craft project. Our theme is "When Love is at Your Core".



Here is some information about our Retreat Leader:

Dorothy Worley, our speaker for the retreat, lives in Santa Monica, California. She completed her studies at Mount St. Mary's College and Claremont School of Theology, and was ordained as a United Methodist Minister in June, 1987. She has served at churches in Culver City, Santa Monica, Westchester, Huntington Beach, Santa Ana, Highland Park, and Pasadena. She also served as Chaplain of the Los Angeles County Police and the V.A. in West Los Angeles.

Currently retired, she enjoys spending more time with her husband, Robert, her children, grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. She is a certified spiritual leader and continues to lead the St. James Spirit Sisters, a group she started 17 years ago.

We look forward to having Pastor Dorothy lead our Spiritual Retreat.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE and CONTINENTAL CAFÉ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th, 2017 9 AM to 3 PM

THE
CHRISTMAS
BOUTIQUE



Christmas Crafts, Wreaths, Quilts, Table runners
White Elephant / Vintage
Baked Goods, Candy, Plants, Succulents
And much more

Come early and shop and visit our Continental Café
Coffee, tea, assorted pastries, fruit and other goodies \$7



BILL AND SALLY WEITKAMP—**VERY RELIABLE CONGREGATION MEMBERS**

Sally was born in San Jose, California, where her father owned the Golden West Soda Works. Many years earlier, her mother had been diagnosed with tuberculosis and told that this would prevent her from having children. Ten years later, “miracle baby Bill” was born, followed later by sister Pat, brother Bob, then Sally, 14 years after Bill’s birth. After high school and a job as a dental assistant, Sally attended Foothill College in Los Altos, then transferred to Cal Poly when she moved to Arroyo Grande with husband Bill. She graduated in home economics with a minor in biology in 1972. She then taught childhood development at Hancock College in Santa Maria.

Bill was born in Klamath Falls, Oregon when his parents lived on a farm near the town of Tulelake, California, just south of the Oregon border. His father grew potatoes, barley and hay, and Bill raised cattle and sheep in 4-H and FFA programs. He attended Winema Grade School, named after an Indian woman who served as an interpreter and “negotiator” during the Modoc War of 1872-73. The war between the Modocs and their opponents, the much-more-numerous U.S. Army troops, was fought in the Lava Beds, on the south shores of Tule Lake. The Indians out-fought the army for 8 months, but finally surrendered.

Bill graduated from Tulelake High School and attended Shasta College in Redding before transferring to the University of California at Davis to earn his bachelor’s degree in animal husbandry in 1961. He then joined a privately-financed community development program in Venezuela where he worked in rural communities on agricultural production projects and the construction of a grade school. After returning to UC Davis for a master’s degree in animal husbandry, he became a 4-H advisor for University of California Cooperative Extension in San Mateo County. In 1968, he transferred with the same organization to San Luis Obispo County as a livestock and range farm advisor. Bill and Sally made their home in Arroyo Grande, where they still reside. Bill’s work for the next 31 years included education and research programs with ranch, farm and environmental individuals and organizations, as well as the general public, in livestock production, range management, oak woodland conservation, water quality and controlled burning of brush.

Sally and Bill met at the Methodist Church in Palo Alto and were married there 50 years ago. They have two children – Linda and James. Linda and husband, Tyler Keith, live in Arroyo Grande with grandson Jace, age 16, and granddaughter Reagan, age 14. Linda is a Cal Poly agricultural business graduate and works in an accounting office. Tyler owns a construction steel (rebar) business headquartered in Phoenix. James and wife, Crystal, also live in Arroyo Grande with their 3-year-old daughter, Julia. James graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and the Southern California College of Optometry. He owns the Arroyo Grande Optometry business on Halcyon Road. Crystal is an elementary school teacher in Santa Maria.

Although Sally and Bill have traveled in all of the 50 states of the U.S. and to many countries, they especially enjoyed travels related to Sally’s family history. With her late brother Bob Ebeling, they have done a lot of research and traveling to collect information for presentations about ancestors whose lives were interwoven with early U.S., California and Canadian history. Sally’s grandfather on her father’s side, for example, was a Pony Express rider between Los Angeles and San Jose. Her great, great uncle on her father’s side, Pierre Sainsevain, came from France to California in 1836 to work for his uncle, Jean-Louis Vignes, another French immigrant, who had established a vineyard in Los Angeles close to the present site of Union Station. Vignes was the first commercial producer of wine in California, but the Los Angeles market was too small, so Sainsevain helped ship the surplus north to Santa Barbara, Monterey and San Francisco. He was given a Mexican land grant near Santa Cruz and hence became known as Don Pedro. He was a member of California’s First Constitutional Convention in 1849 and built a hotel in San Jose, which instead became the first state capital in 1850-51. He was a “48er” during the gold rush, meaning he made money as a merchant off of the 49ers and started an overnight boom town dubbed Don Pedro Bar on the Tuolumne River. Don Pedro dam flooded the town site in 1923 and has since been replaced, making Don Pedro Reservoir one of the largest reservoirs in the state. As for national and international history, Sally’s mother’s maiden name is Cole, which can be traced to the Coles of Cole Hill, just above Plymouth Rock, and to the Coles and other family relatives in Sackville, formerly a shipbuilding town, in New Brunswick, Canada.

Sally was the first woman lay leader of our church in 1994. She has been president of the Santa Barbara District United Methodist Women. She has served our church faithfully and well all the years she has been a church member. She deserves much credit for the marvelous accomplishments of the United Methodist Women committees, programs and events.

Bill has served our church as a member of the Pastor-Parish Committee and the Endowment Board. He has also been church treasurer and co-chairman of the United Methodist Men.

“Thank you to Bill Weitkamp for input and clarification for this article.”

David E. Beaman, August 2017



FIVE CITIES CHRISTIAN WOMEN

submitted by Bennie Duffin

[Note from Editor: This is a continuation of the series from Bennie on the history of the organization.]

Our last association with the World Day of Prayer was March 3, 1998 or 1999. There is no further information on it, but it was held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Vernon Ave. in Arroyo Grande.

From an organization that started in 1973 and averaged about 5 families a month, we were now serving about 1,587 per year consisting of 13,285 adults and 12,980 children totaling 26,265.

The Joy Singers continued to sing at the Convalescent Center and the assisted care living facilities, but stopped about 2010. The layettes stopped about then, too.

Our membership averaged about 35, with 13 to 15 churches involved. Now we are mainly a food organization.

Recently, we needed more room, so we applied to the Grover Beach Planning Commission. They wanted us to install a new fence, underground the utilities, and curb and gutter the corner. This would have cost \$25,000. Thank goodness the City Council approved our permit without all of the additions that the planning commission requested.

Once again the Kiwanis Club of Greater Pismo Beach came to our rescue and built it for us. Many businesses donated materials or offered them at reduced prices. The building was completed and we moved into it in March 2015.

By then other organizations were helping us. Boy Scout Troop 413 started assisting at the Christmas food basket handout. The California Poppies Decorative Artist Association started donating gifts for children 12 or younger.
More on this later!

THANK YOU LETTERS

Dear Church Family,

I just want to say thank you very much for the scholarship that I received this year. The money I got is already helping me out quite a lot with books and school expenses. I'm living on campus this year in an apartment and already enjoying it quite a lot. I took some summer classes this year at Hancock. I'm taking the maximum amount of units this fall so school will be pretty difficult but I still plan on graduating on time. Thank you everyone so much for helping with my schooling. I greatly appreciate your help.

Thanks from San Diego,
Patrick Harvey

Recipient of ELT Scholarship, June 2017

Dear First United Methodist Church UMW,

We received the six boxes of baby items for our layette ministry. Your continued generous support is much appreciated!

I've enclosed a map showing the 16 villages including Nome that we/you serve.

Thank you again for sharing your gifts.

Mary Ready

UMW Treasurer
United Methodist Church
Nome, Alaska

Layette items sent August 2017



Hello,

Its Fall! We have a long month ahead, but that gives us plenty of time to learn about David.

The Bible Verse is "The Lord sees into the heart." - 1 Samuel 16:7 and the Anchor Point is "We can love and serve God."



We have learned that David was chosen by God and anointed by Samuel.

The next few Sundays, we will look at David the Musician, and how he used his talents to serve God.

Next is the colorful story of David and Goliath. The message here is God gives us strength. What is your Goliath?



Following that story, we look at David and Jonathan, and how Jonathan showed his loyalty to David.



We ask, what makes a good friend? The next Sunday will be about Abigail and how she bravely made peace. We will ask children how we can be peace-makers?

Finally, we have the story of David dancing. His dancing was in praise of God. How can we show respect for things we consider holy?



We hope everyone stays safe for October fun.

Blessings,

Carolyn Russell



**October 27th UMW Book Selection:
Unspoken Farewell**

After a long summer break the readers in the United Methodist Women (UMW) Book Club met on September 22nd to discuss the best seller, All the Light We Can Not See. This complex fictional account of the French Resistance during WWII provided us with an opportunity to explore the effects of the conflict on adults and children.

Now we are turning to the new 2017-18 UMW Reading List for our next book selection. The novel we have chosen for the October 27th meeting is Unspoken Farewell by Jonna-Lynn K. Mandelbaum which represents the category of Education for Mission.

In this historical fiction story, the author creates a believable heroine based on her own experiences as a missionary nurse in Mozambique in the 1960's as well as actual diaries and letters of a pioneer missionary. It has all the elements of a good read: secret police activities in Mozambique, political pressure by the Portuguese government, her missionary nurse activities, and even a love story!

If you would like to join us, see Patti Melsheimer about purchasing a copy of Unspoken Farewell. We will meet on Friday, October 27th at 11 A.M. in the McMillen Room.

~ submitted by Judy Leonard



News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, *chair*

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Mission Projects
2. Faith and Facts Human Trafficking
3. Special Giving totals for 2017

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

1. MISSION PROJECTS

We are blessed to have funds for mission projects through designated giving to the Endowment Fund. With these funds we were able to send the six boxes of layette supplies to Nome last month. You saw the photo in the last issue. We received a thank you for our generosity, with a map of the region showing the area that this ministry serves. Check out the Mission Board to see the note and a copy of the map.

If you have ideas for mission support that you would like for the Mission Team to consider, please let us know.

2. FAITH AND FACTS HUMAN TRAFFICKING

What does the Bible say?

Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy. (Proverbs 31:8-9)

What does The United Methodist Church say?

*We deplore all forms of commercialization and exploitation of sex, with their consequent cheapening and degradation of human personality. To lose freedom and be sold by someone else for sexual purposes is a form of slavery, and we denounce such business and support the abused and their right to freedom. (Social Principles ¶161.1)

What do the facts say?

*Nearly 21 million people are victims of labor trafficking - trapped in jobs through coercion or deceit. 44% of those trafficked have moved from their place

of residence either within their country or across national borders.

*17,500 foreign nationals are trafficked into the US each year. Many trafficking advocacy organizations estimate that number to be much higher.

*Globally, forced labor and sex trafficking generates \$150 billion in profits annually with two-thirds of that total coming from commercial sexual exploitation.

*136 goods from 74 countries are produced by forced and child labor.

What do you say?

*Work to end factors that create vulnerability: poverty, racism, sexism, sexual and gender-based violence, war and conflict, climate change and media and cultural images that promote internalized oppression.



Many hands continue to do many things.


3. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2017

We are tracking our special giving totals for 2017. Let's watch this grow throughout the year.

ELT Scholarship	\$3,681.64
Human Relations Offering (UMCOR)	310.00
Missions (Ehrhardt Lang)	8,500.00
People's Kitchen Food	465.75
People's Kitchen Misc.	14,110.00
South County Food Bank	407.87
UMCOR-UMCOR Sunday	582.00
UMCOR-Imagine No Malaria	2.00
UMCOR-Native American	131.00
Noisy Offering	12.40
UMCOR-Peace with Justice	135.00
8 Months Total through August	\$28,337.66

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
1 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour— Endowment / ELT Committees	2 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry—CH 5:45 PM Quilting Class-G McGuire—CH 7 PM Women of Prayer—S	3 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR 11 AM UMW Chair Yoga Class—CH 5 PM Handbells-HR	4 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Church Work Day 5 PM Free Dinner—CH 5:45 PM Adult Study Class—CH 7 PM Chancel Choir —S	5 8 AM Peoples Kitchen Prep—K—11:15 AM leave to serve 8:30 AM Senior Exer—CH 10 AM Intercessory Pr—L 5 PM Handbells-HR 6 PM Worship Team-Pastor's Study	6 Spirit Day at AGUMCC 8:30 AM Bible Study-L 3:30 PM AGUMCC Closed 4:00 PM AGUMCC Staff Development—MMR	7 9:00 AM to 3 PM UMW Ladies Spiritual Retreat—Weitkamp Home
8 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour— Finance Committee	9 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry—CH 5:45 PM Quilting Class-G McGuire—CH 7 PM Women of Prayer—S	10 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR 11 AM UMW Chair Yoga Class—CH 5 PM Handbells-HR 7 PM Trustees—CH???	11 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Church Work Day 9:30 AM UMW Steering Committee—L 5 PM Free Dinner—CH 5:45 PM Adult Study Class—CH 7 PM Chancel Choir —S	12 8:30 AM Senior Exer—CH 9:30 AM UMW Boutique Crafts—MMR 10 AM Intercessory Pr—L 1:30 PM Life Stories—MMR 5 PM Handbells-HR 6 PM Family Fun Day Planning Meeting—MMR ???	13 8:30 AM Bible Study-L	14 8 AM -Preschool Family Fun Day—CH, K, Parking lot Event 11 AM to 1:30 PM
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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES September 2017



President, Paul Holden

- The committee to get new seating for the Narthex met with an interior decorator and came up with ideas for seating and beautification of the Narthex. Patti Melsheimer will provide a summary of their ideas and rough costs at our next meeting in October.
- It is time we move forward on the removal of the added on stage for safety and appearances reasons. If the okay to proceed is given by Church Council, Paul H. will line up a carpenter to perform the job.
- We have come to an agreement with Rev. Joseph Edward Anderson who is conducting weekly worship services in his apartment. He will now be allowed to conduct his Sunday services between 1pm and 3pm in the McMillen Room. He will pay a weekly room usage fee of \$75 to be paid in advance. This will be a month to month agreement and Paul will keep a close eye on how it goes with them.



THE FAITH WE SING

is a songbook that came out in 2000 to provide additional music for worshipping congregations in the United Methodist

Church. Our choir sings many introits, calls to prayer and responses from *The Faith We Sing*.

The congregation will enjoy this additional music as soon as we purchase them. We need another \$1,500 (at least) to purchase these books. We have some money available in 1-2 memorial accounts we can apply toward this.

If you would like to contribute to the fund to purchase these books, just write a check and indicate THE FAITH WE SING on the memo.



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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!



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Children's Center Chronicle



The Children's Center hosts the "10th Annual Family Fun Day" Saturday, October 14, 2017 11:00 am-1:30 pm

You and your family will not want to miss the fun-filled event. There will be a Trike-A-Thon, Tri-Tip BBQ lunch, games, face painting, bounce house, a vegetable stand, and a pumpkin patch. See Maddy after church to get your Tri Tip BBQ tickets or to help at the event. The proceeds from this event will be used to purchase materials and supplies for the classrooms like paint, paper, glue, and other items.

