

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

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First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

MAY 2018



Hope is rising at the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande! Our attendance is growing! Our finances are stronger. Church Council approved two new ministries for the coming year: a visitation ministry and a program ministry.

The visitation ministry will focus on providing regular visits to our shut-ins and visits to visitors and potential new members. This will provide for a greater connection and support for members who are unable to attend services regularly.

The program ministry involves creating social activities and events, such as theater trips, movie nights, game nights, cooking or gardening demonstrations, field trips, or mission trips. These will create new opportunities to minister to each other and will provide opportunities to invite others to participate and socialize with members of our community and we hope this will also grow the membership of the Church.

In order to provide funding for these new ministries, cover our ongoing expenses, as well as provide raises for our dedicated staff who have had no pay increase in years, we need approximately a 10% increase in giving over last year's budget. This is a praiseworthy goal. Based on experience, I am confident in the dedication of

the members and friends of this Church and I am inspired by the desire of our people to move ahead in positive directions. I believe that we can achieve this. I am asking everyone to take a "Step Up" in contributing so that we reach the "pot of gold" at the end of the rainbow.

Please join me after either service on May 13 for a short presentation on the budget and finances of the Church so that I can field any questions you may have. Please return your completed Estimate of Giving card to Church on or before **Stewardship Sunday, May 20**, so that we can finalize the budget for the next fiscal year which starts July 1.

Your estimate is important. Our budget is built based on everyone's response. We can achieve our goals as hope rises among us.



Joel Anderson, Acting Treasurer

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From the Pastor



Pentecost is one of the principal days of the Christian year, celebrated on the fiftieth day after Easter. The Greek word *pentecoste* means "fiftieth day."

Pentecost is the day on which the Christian church commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and others assembled in Jerusalem. It

marks the beginning of the Christian church and the proclamation of its message throughout the world and is often referred to as the birthday of the church.



The liturgical color for Pentecost is red. Traditionally, Pentecost has been a day for baptisms. Because it was the custom in the early church for persons being baptized to wear white robes or clothing, the day also became known as Whitsunday, a contraction of white Sunday.



On May 6th, the sixth Sunday after Easter, we welcome to the pulpit former pastor Ehrhardt Lang along with his wife Cheryl. Ehrhardt will be the preacher of the morning at both the 8:30 and 10:30 services and will serve Communion at both services as well.

Ehrhardt loved and served this community for many years. You will find in our library at least two copies of his memoir titled "A CHILD IN JAPAN DURING WW II." It's an interesting read. Check it out.

And be sure to spread the word and to be present to welcome Cheryl and Ehrhardt among us.



Rev. Mary Birgelaitis



Mondays at 7 PM
Women come to pray together in the Sanctuary.



Adult Bible Study at 5:45 PM
FREE Fellowship Meal at 5 PM



Fridays at 8:30 AM
Join us in the Library for Bible Study, discussion, coffee, & friends!



Dates	Topics and Schedule
Wednesday, May 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study <i>MOSES: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet</i> by Adam Hamilton Session 5 of 6: Facilitated by Judy Atwood
Sunday, May 6 Sixth Sunday of Easter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Ehrhardt Lang HOPE RISING BEGINS Psalm 98, John 15:9-17
Wednesday, May 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study <i>MOSES: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet</i> by Adam Hamilton Session 6 of 6: Facilitated by Judy Atwood
Sunday, May 13 Mother's Day Ascension Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis HOPE RISING: Love Abides <i>Psalm 93, Luke 24:44-53</i>
Wednesday, May 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study <i>REVIVAL: Faith as Wesley Lived It</i> by Adam Hamilton Session 1 of 6
Sunday, May 20 Pentecost/Ascension Eighth Sunday of Easter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis HOPE RISING: Spirit Descending Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b, John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15
Wednesday, May 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>REVIVAL: Faith as Wesley Lived It</i> by Adam Hamilton Session 2 of 6
Sunday, May 27 First Sunday after Pentecost Trinity—Peace with Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis GOD ONLY KNOWS!
Wednesday, May 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study <i>REVIVAL: Faith as Wesley Lived It</i> by Adam Hamilton Session 3 of 6

MAY LITURGISTS

MAY 6

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

MAY 13

8:30 a.m.—*Ian Beard*
10:30 a.m.—*B.G. Perriguy*

MAY 20

8:30 a.m.—*Larry Baughman*
10:30 a.m.—*Virginia Mothes*

MAY 27

8:30 a.m.—*Joseph Brown*
10:30 a.m.—*Cristy Van Hook*

MAY 2 AND 9 ARE FINAL TWO WEDNESDAY CLASSES

MOSES: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE RELUCTANT PROPHET

Classes in Criswell Hall 5:45 PM

Retracing the life of Moses from birth and rescue as a baby to the courts of Pharaoh, from herding flocks in Midian to leading his people out of Egypt.

NEW WEDNESDAY CLASSES

MAY 16 TO JUNE 20

REVIVAL: FAITH AS WESLEY LIVED IT

Classes in Criswell Hall 5:45 PM

Wesley's message and faith continues to speak to 21st-century Christians—calling for a revival of hearts and souls that our world might be changed.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Latest from the Trustees—April 10, 2018
Paul Holden, President

Trustees spoke with Food Pantry Manager about a freezer installed in the shed by the parking lot without consulting the Trustees. There was discussion about how we can better accommodate them and their storage needs in the future with a long term goal of designating space for them to use. We will continue this discussion at the next Church Council meeting.

Trustees discussed highlights from a visit to the newly renovated Presbyterian Church in Nipomo. Insights from the visit will be taken to Church Council to inspire planning at AGUMC.

Two new 220 volt electrical circuits and new heaters were installed in the front office and the pastor's office.

New LED lighting fixtures were installed in the pastor's office.

Trustees will be installing a night time motion detector flood light in the Childrens Center's courtyard. This will make it easier to see in the courtyard for night time meetings in both McMillen and Bell Choir rooms.

A word to all: If you come across an item that is not right with the Church property, such as a lock that does not work or door that does not close or light that is out—please fill out a repair form. They are located in Criswell Hall on the south wall under the Trustees sign.

Thank you.



Val McClure, publicity

TACO BUFFET CANCELLED

Due to heavy use of the church facilities in May and June, the UMM had to cancel the All Church Taco Buffet. UMM apologizes to all those who had asked us to have the event, and we will do our best to reschedule in 2019.

UMM ADVENTURE TRIP SET FOR MAY



An exciting trip has been planned for Thursday, May 17th from 10 am to 3 pm. The group will visit Dick

Melsheimer's manufacturing plant, Melfred Borzall Inc. in Santa Maria. His extensive plant manufactures horizontal directional drilling tools from raw steel, which are used around the world. The finished bits range in size from 2 inches to 5 feet. Dick will take the group from the raw steel stage to the finished product. If you haven't been in a modern manufacturing plant lately, you won't want to miss this one!

A LUNCH STOP will be at the Radisson Hotel near the Santa Maria Airport. Ride-On transportation will again provide its 15 passenger bus, and the trip can also be driven by private car. All transportation leaves the Church parking lot at 10 am sharp. This is a SUPER TRIP. Don't miss it! Sign-up is necessary; see Paul Holden or Chuck Ashton.

The trip is FREE; the only cost is lunch.

UMM ANNUAL ALL CHURCH BBQ

Wow, could June be right around the corner? Have you got your mouth set for barbecued chicken or beef, beans,



salad, bread and dessert? It all will be served on **Sunday, June 10** from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. TAKE OUT will be available. Those eating in the church will have a choice of coffee, tea or lemonade. **COST:** Adults \$12, Youth \$5, Kids under 10, FREE. **TICKETS:** Go on sale in Criswell Hall May 20. **It is important you get your tickets ahead of time so the UMM can figure the amount of beef and chicken to purchase.** Tickets will also be on sale the day of the event but you can help us by planning ahead. See you there!



United
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Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION in the global ministries of the church."

"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

Virginia Mothes, publicity

WHAT IS A DEACONESS?

A deaconess is a lay person "called by God to a life-time relationship in the United Methodist Church for engagement with a full-time vocation in ministries of love, justice and service." They are social workers, counselors, teachers, firefighters, nurses, artists, administrators and many other diverse forms of service. Their work is directed toward the world to make Jesus Christ known in the fullness of his ministry and mission.

According to the Book of Discipline, their aim is to "alleviate suffering; eradicate causes of injustice and all that robs life of dignity and worth; facilitate the development of full human potential; and share in building global community through the church universal." The term deaconess comes from Paul's letter to the Romans when he introduced Phoebe, a deaconess of the Church at Cenchreae. He described her role as someone holding a leadership role, serving her church and community unselfishly.

At one point, female (deaconess) and male (home missionary) were under the same category of the General Board of Global Ministries. In 2012 the Office of Deaconess and Home Missioners became an independent agency and remains part of United Methodist Women today. Today there are 650 active deaconess/home missionaries worldwide and 450 of them serve as deaconess in the Philippines.



The United Methodist Women's annual Ladies Luncheon honors the women of our church and their mothers, grandmothers, mothers-in law, daughters, grand daughters, great grand daughters, sisters, and friends and mentors. This year it will be held on **Saturday, May 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Criswell Hall.** You are encouraged to bring a loved one or a guest you would like to honor.

A delicious salad luncheon will be catered by Tina Moore.

The program this year is a Retro Fashion Show—followed by a surprise skit.

The cost for the luncheon ticket is \$12 per person, and they are available on Sundays in Criswell Hall after the worship services.



UMW CRAFT WORKSHOP

The craft group continues to meet in the McMillen Room on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please join us!

FROM YOUR LAY LEADER

~ Patti Melsheimer

As I begin to prepare to attend the California Pacific Annual Conference in June, I have been reviewing some of last year's information. I was very impressed when I heard the new Bishop, Grant Hagiya, speak and thought maybe everyone might be interested in knowing more about him.

Grant Hagiya is the Resident bishop of the California-Pacific Annual Conference, which geographically extends to all of Southern California, Hawaii, and Guam.

He graduated with an Educational Doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Pepperdine University in 2012. Abingdon published his book, *Leadership Kaizen*, based on his dissertation on the Traits, Qualities and Characteristics of Highly Effective UMC Clergy in 2013. He is a graduate of the Claremont School of Theology, where he received M.A., M.Div., and D.Min. Degrees.

Prior to his election to the episcopacy, he served as the Sr. Pastor at churches in Berkeley, Gardena, and Los Angeles, California as well as the Los Angeles District Superintendent and Dean of the Appointed Cabinet of the California Pacific Annual Conference. Elected to the Episcopacy in 2008, he served for 8 years in the Greater Northwest Annual Conference, which includes 3 annual conferences: Alaska, Oregon-Idaho, and the Pacific Northwest. He is a member of the newly formed Commission on the Way Forward, tasked with forging a strategy on human sexuality for the United Methodist Church. He chairs the Leadership Focus Area of the 4 Areas of Focus for the United Methodist Church, and is a member of the Council of Bishop's Executive Committee. He is the current chair of the Council of Bishop's Task Force that plans the new Learning Retreats for all active Bishops. He is currently serving as President of the College of Bishops for the Western Jurisdiction. Grant is married to Janet, a high school librarian, and has three children, Lexie, Jamie, and Trent.

At last year's conference he shared some of his thinking. He stated that we (the church) must change. "The Society has changed so much around us, but the church has remained the same." A Pew Research statistic states that 1 in 4 Americans has no religious affiliation whatsoever (56 million Americans)... We are declining so fast that there is a deep sense of urgency that we must move on it now. We must instill a sense of vital growth and transformation in all of our local churches, and hold our clergy and laity accountable. The Annual Conference will resource the local churches, laity and clergy to fulfill these main priorities. The Annual Conference exists for the sake of local churches. Local churches do not exist for the sake of the Annual Conference. Local churches exist to make disciples – to transform the world. Local Churches need to emphasize the spiritual quest that people are going through and provide a safe space for people to ask their deepest questions of meaning, purpose and God; and they need to provide relevant platforms for spiritual quests. In order to create vital congregations we must have a Mission field engagement system. Every one of our local churches must have a Mission Field Engagement system and understand why it is important. He concludes.. "It is easier to act your way into a new way of thinking than to think your way into a new way of acting... A focus on practice rather than knowledge has proven to be the key element in bringing about lasting behavior change..."

I would appreciate your ideas regarding how we in Arroyo Grande should change our focus so that we too can grow as individuals and as a church.

FIVE CITIES CHRISTIAN WOMEN

have a basket under a table in the Narthex. Over the years, we have greatly appreciated the non-perishable goods. As these continue to be received, especially needed at present are peanut butter and cereal.

Thank you for helping support the FCCW Food Pantry—open Monday—Friday from 2 PM to 4 PM, which is located at Central Coast Baptist Church, 9th and Rockaway, Grover Beach.

~ Virginia Mothes, Treasurer





PLEDGE DRIVE COMING

May 6th, 13th & 20th

May 6th
Sixth Sunday of Easter—Communion
HOPE RISING: Love Gives
Psalm 98
John 15:9-17

May 13th
Mother's Day
Seventh Sunday of Easter
HOPE RISING: Love Abides
Psalm 93
Luke 24:44-53

May 20th
Ascension/Pentecost
HOPE RISING: Spirit Descending
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

"You created part of me, knitting me in my Mother's womb. For such handiwork, I praise you. Awesome this great wonder!"
Psalm 139:13-14

History of the Prayer Shawl Ministry

In 1998 two women, Janet Bistow and Victoria Galo, who graduated from the Women's Leadership Institute at the Hartford Seminary in Hartford, CT began this ministry after completing a program in the Women's Leadership Institute. Since then it has spread to many places around the globe, bringing solace to many.



A prayer for the recipient is said as the knitter begins a shawl. The knitting process is meditative and the pattern is in multiples of three stitches that represent the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. After the shawl is completed, a blessing prayer is said before being given away. A card that has a prayer printed on it is attached to each shawl.

The possibilities for the gifting of a shawl are endless; bereavement, illness, celebration of a marriage, achievement, arrival of a baby, etc. A group of teenagers in one church knits small white baptismal shawls.

Suggestions:

"Knitting into the Mystery" by Susan J. Jorgensen and Susan S. Izard is an excellent and inspirational guide to the shawl-knitting ministry.

This website has a wealth of information:
www.shawlministry.com

~ submitted by Janice Moore

EVENT NOTIFICATION/REQUEST FORM

WE REALIZE THAT SOME MEMBERS AND CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES WHO PLAN EVENTS AT THE CHURCH ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE EVENT NOTIFICATION/REQUEST FORM. THIS FORM IS USED TO NOTIFY THE CHURCH AT LARGE (THROUGH THE OFFICE) THAT YOUR COMMITTEE, BOARD, OR GROUP IS PLANNING A SPECIAL EVENT OR ACTIVITY OF SOME KIND AT THE CHURCH. PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN YOUR PLANNING. WHEN APPROVED, THAT THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION ARE AVAILABLE, THIS INFORMATION WILL GO ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR. THE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE.



LAST CALL FOR ELT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Don't miss the May 15th deadline for submitting the ELT Scholarship application! It is available online at www.worshipweekly.com Both first-time and returning college students are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be active participants of our church.

submitted by Judy Leonard



Caring Congregation Committee



Welcome Summer Days and New Members

Sunday June 24th

The Caring Congregation Committee invites you to get to know the newest members of our church. We are so pleased that we will be welcoming new members who have joined our church during the last year

Immediately following second service on Sunday, June 24th, **everyone** is invited to Criswell Hall for lunch and a program. This will be your chance to greet and enjoy getting acquainted with our newest members and for them to get to know YOU! This is also a time to get better acquainted with all the other members of our church. We have an amazing church family. We're sure you'll agree when you learn more about our members.

We will have a time of fellowship, a delicious luncheon provided by a generous donation from the Endowment Committee and a short program. Starting May 27th please look for the sign-up sheets at the Congregational Care table in Criswell Hall to make your reservations. We want to make sure there is enough food for everyone! There will also be opportunities to sign up to help. This is a big project and many hands make light work. The added bonus is that it's another chance to get to know one another better.

~ Pat Wiemers

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UMW Book Club To Discuss Exoneree Diaries

Join the UMW Book Club as we discuss the non-fiction book, Exoneree Diaries: The Fight for Innocence, Independence, and Identity by Alison Flowers. This story of four innocent people released from prison reveals the difficulties they encounter after they attempt to adjust to their freedom.

This book will be discussed on Friday, May 25th, at 11 A.M. in the McMillen Room. Patti Melsheimer will have copies of the book available at church.

~ Judy Leonard

News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, chair

MISSION TEAM: MAY 2018

Judy Atwood

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Mission Around the World
2. Faith and Facts: Peace Building
3. Peace with Justice Sunday
4. Special Giving Totals for 2018

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

1. MISSION AROUND THE WORLD

The layette ministry in Nome provides a layette for each newborn in the Nome hospital. This includes those who come in from the small villages in the Nome area. It is an opportunity for us to support them in their ministry. This happens to be the ministry we support; however layettes are provided in many places of need around the globe. Layette Kit Items include items that would be helpful for newborns, such as onesies, gowns or sleepers, flannel and heavy blankets, caps, etc.

2. FAITH AND FACTS: PEACE BUILDING

What does the Bible say?

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

*"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven." (Matthew 6:12, 14-15)

What does The United Methodist Church say?

*Peacemaking is an essential task for achieving success in other initiatives. Working with the poor to eliminate poverty, caring for children, conducting global health initiatives can be most successful in stable and just societies free from armed conflict. To have sufficient resources for these tasks requires global peace and disarmament in order to redirect vast amounts of public funds now spent on armed forces and weaponry...United Methodist children, youth and adults become peacemakers wherever they are. (2016 Book of Resolutions, #6126, "A Call for Peacemaking")

What do the facts say?

*PEACEKEEPING means keeping people from attacking each other by placing neutral soldiers - peacekeepers - from the UN or a group of neutral nations. The soldiers do nothing to settle the conflict.

*PEACEMAKING is the process of forging a settlement between the disputing parties.

*PEACEBUILDING is a process that facilitates the establishment of durable peace to prevent the recurrence of violence by addressing root causes and effects of conflict reconciliation, institution building, and political as well as economic transformation.

What do you say? *Support and promote Peace with Justice Sunday, one of the six special Sundays that provides funding for peace with justice programs in our Annual Conference.

3. PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Together we spread the gospel of peace and encourage cooperation locally, in the United States and globally.

Thank you for your support of this important offering to help show compassion and relief around the world.

Many hands continue to do many things.



4. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2018

Watch as the totals grow during the year!

People's Kitchen Misc.	\$ 4,750.00
People's Kitchen Food	108.76
South County Food Bank	108.75
UMCOR—Fire Relief	1,150.00
UMCOR—Human Relations Sunday	53.00
<u>UMCOR Sunday</u>	<u>967.00</u>

3 MONTHS TOTAL: \$ 7,137.51

**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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
		<p>1 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus knitters—MMR 11 AM Chair Yoga on break 5PM Handbell Rehearsal—HR</p>	<p>2 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Church Work Day 5:30 PM Free Dinner—CH 5:45 PM Adult Study Group—CH 7 PM Chancel Choir —S</p>	<p>3 8 AM People's Kitchen Prep - Leave to Serve at 11:15 AM 8:30 AM Senior Exercise —CH 10 AM Intercessory Prayer—L 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal —HR</p>	<p>4 AGUMCC Spirit Day 8:30 AM Bible Study—L 3:30 PM AGUMCCC closed 3:30 PM Staff Development—MMR</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Cluster Choir Festival—4:00 PM—S</p>	<p>7 11 AM UMM Cabinet Meeting—L 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry—CH 5:45 PM G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH 7 PM Women of Prayer-S</p>	<p>8 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus knitters—MMR 11 AM Chair Yoga on break 5PM Handbell Rehearsal—HR 7 PM Trustees—PS</p>	<p>9 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Church Work Day 9:30 AM UMW Steering—L 5 PM Free Dinner—CH 5:45 PM Adult Study Group—CH 7 PM Chancel Choir—S</p>	<p>10 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 10 AM UMW Boutique Craft Workshop—MMR 10 AM Intercessory Prayer—L 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal—HR</p>	<p>11 8:30 AM Bible St—L 12 PM—AGUMCC Staff Appreciation Luncheon 10 AM Intercessory Prayer—L 12 PM—UMW Luncheon Setup—CH,K</p>	<p>12 11 AM—3 PM UMW Luncheon & Fashion Show—CH, K</p> 
<p>13 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: Finance Committee</p> 	<p>14 9 AM Deadline Newsletter articles 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry—CH 5:45 PM G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH 7 PM Women of Prayer-S</p>	<p>15 8:30 AM Senior Ex—CH 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR 11 AM Chair Yoga on break Preschool Board—MMR 1:30 PM Open Session 2:00 PM Closed Session 5 PM Handbells—HR 7 PM JOY Circle—member's home Deadline for ELT Scholarship Applications—Office</p>	<p>16 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Church Work Day 10 AM Communications—L 5 PM Free Dinner—CH 5:45 PM Adult Study Group—CH 7 PM Chancel Choir—S</p>	<p>17 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 10 AM UMM Adventure Trip—leave church at 10 AM sharp 10 AM Intercessory Prayer—L 1:30 PM Writing Life Stories Class—MMR 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal—HR 7 PM—Church Council—MMR</p>	<p>18 8:30 AM Bible Study —L</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 Pentecost Stewardship Sunday Peace with Justice Sunday 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: JOY Circle</p>	<p>21 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry—CH 5:45 PM G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH 7 PM Women of Prayer-S</p>	<p>22 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters (MMR) 11 AM Chair Yoga on break 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal—HR</p>	<p>23 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Church Work Day 10 AM Mary-Martha-Esther—MMR 10 AM ELT Scholarship Meeting—L 5 PM Free Dinner—CH 5:45 PM Adult Study Group—CH 7 PM Chancel Choir—S</p>	<p>24 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 10 AM UMW Boutique Craft Workshop—MMR 10 AM Intercessory Prayer—L 1 PM Mission Team—MMR 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal —HR</p>	<p>25 8:30 AM Bible Study—L 11 AM UMW Book Club—MMR</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: Caring Congregation Committee</p>	 <p>Church Office Closed 1 PM No Emergency Food Pantry today due to national holiday</p>	<p>29 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters (MMR) 11 AM Chair Yoga on break 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal—HR</p>	<p>30 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Church Work Day 5 PM Free Dinner—CH 5:45 PM Adult Study Group—CH 7 PM Chancel Choir—S</p>	<p>31 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 10 AM Intercessory Prayer—L 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal —HR</p>		



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Deadline for June Issue
Monday, May 14 in the morning

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



Sunday, May 6th
Cluster Choir Festival!

You will not want to miss this!

We are hosting 5+ church choirs from our United Methodist Cluster from Lompoc to Paso Robles. The whole church will be a buzz during the afternoon as the individual choirs rehearse and fellowship together.

All voices come together for a concert starting at 4:00 PM.

We will sing two mass anthems.

Our wonderful Leonard Lutz and his bell ringers will accompany one of these pieces.

We will be blessed with cello and violin as well as our own Dennis Eiler on piano and Brad Bettencourt on organ.

So much fabulous music in one day and **it's free!**

See you there,
 Julie Burns, Chancel Choir Director

Third Annual AGUMCC Golf Tournament
at the Monarch Dunes Challenge Course
Saturday, June 9, 2018.

Help the Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center raise \$10,000 to improve outdoor play and early childhood education, while playing golf.



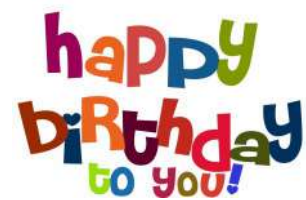
Individual Registration for golfers is \$75. Team Registration is \$300. Save \$10 per golfer by registering before May 1. The cost includes a golf cart and Tri Tip lunch at the Butterfly Grill. There will also be prizes and a silent auction at the event. Deadline to register is May 18, 2018.



There are many ways to share your business and be a sponsor:

- \$600 Gold: Closest to the Hole Game, team sponsorship, and advertisement on the tee.
- \$375 Silver: Team sponsorship, and advertisement on the tee.
- \$100 Bronze: Advertisement on the tee.

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



Hilary Henderson.....	05/02
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Vinnie Paredes.....	05/18
Paul Jacob.....	05/22

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



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PARKING LOT GIVEAWAY

SOCKS • BACKPACKS • TOILETRIES
 CLOTHING • SLEEPING BAGS • BLANKETS

SATURDAY June 9th, 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

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