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Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops offer message of hope

The Western Jurisdiction's College of Bishops offers a video reflection on Epiphany and the baptism of Christ which speaks to the Church's calling to illuminate God's revelation in Jesus and to live into family as God defines it.

As The United Methodist Church approaches a special called session of its General Conference in February, the bishops also remind us of God's faithfulness and of the Church's enduring work. They reflect on the family that God has created and the sacred worth of each person. Looking ahead to the February General Conference, Bishop Minerva Carcaño shares that she has, "no doubt that we will have a God sent epiphany at the General Conference – that God will be with us, because God is ever faithful."

Western Jurisdiction Update for GC2019

Western Jurisdiction Communicators will be working as a team this year to inform and update church members across the west during the upcoming General Session of The United Methodist Church.

Building on their past coalition and strong shared values for transparency in messaging and inclusion for all in the church the team will work to tell the Western story of General Conference with video, interviews, and stories of the western perspective. Watch for the "Western Jurisdiction Update" each day, and follow the jurisdictional [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) channels for breaking information and conversation.

St. Louis to be location of Special Session of General Conference

The Council of Bishops has called a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the **Commission on a Way Forward** based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. The 32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church. ~ article placed by newsletter editor



January 2019

- Wednesday, January 9** New Adult Study on Simon Peter —5:30 PM— Criswell Hall
- Sunday January 13** Family Game Day—3-5 PM—Criswell Hall
- Thursday, January 17** Barn Dance Lessons— 7 - 9 PM— Criswell Hall
- Sunday, January 20** Human Relations Sunday
- Friday, January 25** UMW Book Club —11 AM, McMillen Room
- Sun. Jan. 27** UMW Sunday

February 2019

- Saturday, February 16** UMM Breakfast Meeting—9 AM— Coco's
- Saturday—Wednesday, February 23—26** Commission on a Way Forward, Saint Louis, Missouri



Musings...

I remember when I had to go searching through the books on my shelf to find a quote that I wanted to use. Not now! In this day and age, I don't even have to remember the quote fully. Recall a word or two, put it in a search engine and voila! There it is. Amazing!

I love these words of Albert Schweitzer:

“The one essential thing is that we strive to have light in ourselves”.

Schweitzer also said: ***“Do something wonderful, people may imitate it!” “There are two means of refuge from the misery of life---music and cats.” “Until he extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace.”***

During Epiphany, this season of light I commend to you another one of his comments on light:

***“Sometimes our light goes out, but is blown again into flame
by an encounter with another human being.”***

Sometimes the spark goes out for all of us. When it does, we are filled with gratitude for those people who come along and kindle the light within us. That's our mission as Christian people. Let this be a season of Light! Carry the Light within and pass the light along to others.

Happy 2019!

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis



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!



JANUARY LITURGISTS

JANUARY 6

8:30 a.m. ——— Sharon Roemer
10:30 a.m. ——— Carolyn Eaton

JANUARY 13

8:30 a.m. ——— Ian Beard
10:30 a.m. ——— David Beaman

JANUARY 20

8:30 a.m. ——— Joel Anderson
10:30 a.m. ——— Judy Leonard

JANUARY 27

8:30 a.m. ——— Mary Thronson
10:30 a.m. ——— Virginia Mothes



Dates	Topics and Schedule
Wednesday, January 2	• Adult Bible Study on Break
Sunday, January 6 Epiphany	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "LIGHTSHINE" Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12
Wednesday, January 9	• 5:30 PM Adult Bible Study <u>SIMON PETER</u> by Adam Hamilton Session 1 of 6 Facilitated by Judy Atwood
Sunday, January 13 Baptism of the Lord	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "THE LIGHT OF GRACE" Isaiah 43:1-7 Luke 3:15-17 21-22
Wednesday, January 16	• 5:30 PM Adult Bible Study <u>SIMON PETER</u> by Adam Hamilton Session 2 of 6 Facilitated by Judy Atwood
Sunday, January 20 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany Human Relations Sunday	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Joe Brown, speaking "THE LIGHT OF KINDNESS" Micah 6:6-8 Proverbs 31:20-26 Galatians 5:19-23
Wednesday, January 23	• 5:30 PM Adult Bible Study <u>SIMON PETER</u> by Adam Hamilton Session 3 of 6 Facilitated by Judy Atwood
Sunday, January 27 United Methodist Women's Sunday	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service Services will be led by members of the United Methodist Women of Arroyo Grande

New Adult Study Begins

We will begin a new Study on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 beginning at 5:30 PM called Simon Peter by Adam Hamilton. We have decided to discontinue the meal at 5:00, moving the study time up 15 minutes to give us more time for the study.

Simon Peter is a 6 week study about an ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call. He was not rich or educated, but was familiar with hard work. He was quick-tempered and impetuous, but possessed a passion that would change the world. He left everything to follow his teacher, yet struggled with doubt and fear.

Study books are available in the office during office hours or see Judy Atwood. We hope you will come join us for this new study which is a new book just in print. The class includes a six-session DVD featuring Hamilton on location in Israel and Italy. Closed captioned.

~Judy Atwood



UMM Schedule of Events—January through June 2019

January 14—Monday—Cabinet Meeting, 11 am, Library

February 16—Saturday—Breakfast Meeting with Speaker, 9 AM, Coco's Restaurant

March 11—Monday—Cabinet Meeting, 11 am, Library

March 23—Saturday—Adventure Trip, details to come

April 7—Sunday—All Church Pancake Breakfast, 9:30 -AM to 12:45 PM, Criswell Hall

April 21—Sunday—Annual Coffee N/ Art Show, 11:30 AM to 1 PM, Criswell Hall

May 13—Monday—Cabinet Meeting, 11 AM, Library

June 9—Sunday—All Church BBQ, details to come

June 24—Monday—Cabinet Wrap-up, 11 AM, Library





United
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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.”

EVENTS ACHIEVED BY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN IN 2018

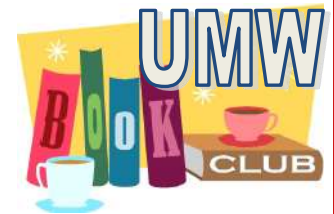
1. Sunday, February 4th, **Super Chili Bowl Sunday**—a container of 4 cups chili (either turkey or beef) with two corn muffins and cookies for \$12
2. **UMW Sunday**, February 11th—leading worship services, guest speaker and installation of officers. Subject of the day: “Telling Our Story—A Legacy of Missions”.
3. **Crafts for Christmas**—starting the first and third Thursdays in March from 9 AM to 1 PM until the Boutique in November.
4. **Mothers Day Luncheon and Fashion Show** May 12th, \$12; also Castanet article regarding the 150th UMW anniversary in 2019.
5. **July Silent Auction** begins ...and ends August 5th.
6. The United Methodist Women spent August planning the **All-Church Family Picnic** which was scheduled for September 23rd 1 PM to 4 PM at Elm Street Park.
7. The picnic fare provided hamburgers and hot dogs with condiments supplied by UMW at \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5-10 years old and free for children under 5. We asked for salads, chips, olives, pickles to be donated. It was a success and fun for all as we had games to participate in, an apple pie bake-off, and a cake walk
8. Rounding out the year was our **Annual Holiday Boutique** on November 3rd. We had a brunch available or coffee and sweet rolls if preferred.

Our activities and fundraisers allowed us to end with \$3,500 available to be donated as follows: \$500 to Grover Beach Elementary to help parents who wish to send their children to various camps, such as sports, science, math, etc.; \$1,000 to UMCOR for California Fire Relief and Disaster; \$2,000 to our own preschool program.

Thanks to all who made this possible for 2018 events for United Methodist Women. We are looking forward to 2019 and presenting another slate for our church to participate in with us.

~ Virginia Mothes, publicity

January 25th UMW Book Club Meeting



It's the New Year and time for the UMW Book Club to meet.

On January 25th we will discuss Escape from the Green Mansion: Ordinary Church Women and Their Extraordinary Rescue of San Francisco's Brothel Slaves by Dr. Chris Taylor.

This true story relates the efforts of Christian missionaries in the 1880's to free Chinese women enslaved in San Francisco. During a time of strong prejudice against anyone Chinese, these missionaries risked their lives helping out these women.

The book discussion will take place at 11 A.M. in the McMillen Room on Friday, January 25th. Please contact Patti Melsheimer if you would like to purchase a copy of the book.

*FROM YOUR LAY LEADER**Patti Melsheimer*

This article is a summation of several articles that have appeared recently in the United Methodist news.

**“Seeing a Way Forward”
2019 Special Session of the General Conference**

The Council of Bishops has called a special session of the General Conference — set for Feb. 23-26 in St. Louis — to attempt to find common ground on the issue of same-sex marriage and ordination of homosexuals.

Currently the Book of Discipline states that the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching and that “self-avowed practicing homosexuals” cannot be clergy. The Discipline also bans ceremonies that celebrate same-sex unions in United Methodist church. Despite these rules, same-gender weddings have been performed in United Methodist churches and by United Methodist clergy. Clergy have publicly declared they are gay, sometimes losing their credentials.

The purpose of the special session will be to receive and act on a report from the *Commission on a Way Forward* based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. The 32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church.

The Bishops nominated and selected 32 members to serve on the Commission, focusing on a diverse body that represents our global church. In the Commission there are persons from nine countries with a variety of theological perspectives. The Commission is one third laity, one third clergy, and one third bishops and includes younger persons, gay persons, professors, administrators, pastors, youth ministers, campus ministers, lay leaders, large church pastors, and persons identified with renewal and advocacy groups. There is Korean, Hispanic, African-American, Filipino, European, and African representation. Our Cal-Pac bishop, Grant Hagiya, is a member of the Commission.

Three plans have been proposed by the Commission:

- The One Church Plan would shift to churches and conferences decisions regarding ministry with or by LGBTQ persons rather than maintaining a single standard that operates throughout the worldwide church. It would also remove some of the language in the Book of Discipline that limit LGBTQ people's involvement as United Methodists.
- The Connectional Conference Plan would create three connectional conferences based on perspective on LGBTQ issues. The three connectional conferences would

function throughout the worldwide church and the five existing U.S. jurisdictions would be abolished.

- The Traditional Plan would affirm the current language about homosexuality in the Book of Discipline and seek to strengthen enforcement for violations.

Since this report was made in May, 2018 two other plans - "The Simple Plan" and the "Modified Traditional Plan" have been submitted.

- The Simple Plan would remove all language from the Book of Discipline that excludes LGBTQ people from full participation in the church.
- The Modified Traditional Plan would add to the Traditional Plan a committee with authority to hold bishops accountable to the sexuality standards in the Book of Discipline. It would offer a \$200,000 grant to annual conferences that want to leave the denomination because of disagreement over LGBTQ issues.

The Council of Bishops (COB) has voted by an overwhelming majority to share the work done by the Commission on a Way Forward on the five plans and to recommend the One Church Plan. The One Church Plan will be placed before the General Conference for legislative action. The Council of Bishops said in recommending the One Church Plan that it provides conferences, churches and pastors the flexibility to pursue their mission while retaining the connectional nature of the church. The plan leaves decisions of whether to allow same-gender weddings up to local churches and gay ordination up to annual conferences.

"The question is, 'Can we continue to be a one church denomination which allows us to have ministry in Liberia and the Philippines and in Europe and in the United States?'" said Bishop Kenneth H. Carter Jr., president of the Council of Bishops. "We are not a small denomination with one ethnicity, with one political perspective, with one theological perspective. We're a global church on four continents. And what is compelling to me about the One Church Plan is that it does create a home for the people who are now in The United Methodist Church."

Although the issue of homosexuality in the church is important, other challenges are arguably more pressing, said Urs Schweizer, assistant to Bishop Patrick Streiff in central and southern Europe. Among those issues are sharing faith in post-modern and highly secularized societies, migration, breakdown of families, consumer society and poverty.

"The most important aim (at the special session) is to find a way that does not create winners and losers, does not allow some to stay in the United Methodist Church while encouraging others to leave," Schweizer said. "Many United Methodists in central and southern Europe would rather focus on staying together as one church, as diverse as we may be on some ethical issues."

(If you would like to read more on this issue go to umnews.org and search for "A Way Forward" & "General Conference 2019")

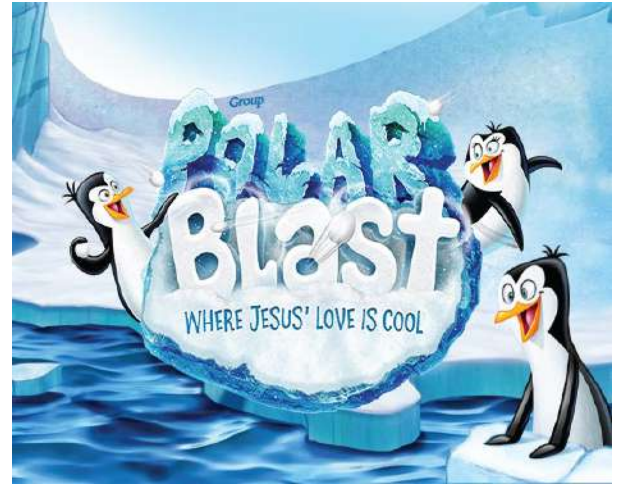
VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BY CAROLYN RUSSELL

Help our kids sled into an ice way of having a fun summer weekend! Join our crew for a 2 day VBS - Polar Blast - where kids chill with friends and warm up to Jesus, the coolest friend of all! VBS will be a 2.5 hour 2 day event followed by dinner on a Friday afternoon and a Saturday afternoon!

We will also have a small program on Sunday during Sunday school. We are looking for volunteers to help lead small groups of kids, oversee crafts, play fun games, sing songs and help with dinners.

Come one and come all for a snowball o' fun!

Help make this a reality for our community!



Contact Carolyn Russell
through the church office

PROGRAM MINISTRY

DATES and ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

FAMILY GAME DAY

3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

CRISWELL HALL

No Cost

Host: Sandy Underwood

It's in the early afternoon, so you'll be home for supper. If you like board games, like Monopoly, Risk, cribbage, checkers, chess, come join us to have a few hours of fun. Bring a snack; we will have popcorn and drinks.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

BARN DANCE—of sorts!

CRISWELL HALL, 7 PM—9:30 PM

HOSTS: MARY HAWKINS & SANDY UNDERWOOD

Mary Hawkins and Mike Clark will be teaching dance steps (2 step, square dancing, line dancing). I have two left feet and am excited for this opportunity.

Down the road we can have a real Barn Dance with a photo booth, punch to cool off and snacks to refresh.



~Sandy Underwood

News from the Mission Team

by Judy Atwood, chair

MISSION TEAM: January 2018

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. History of Methodist Mission
2. Human Relations Day, January 20
3. Special Giving Totals for 2018

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

1. HISTORY OF METHODIST MISSION

This month we continue the series on the history of Methodist mission. The three earliest efforts for Methodist education were Kingswood School in Great Britain, Cokesbury School in the United States, and the Sunday school movements in both countries. They focused on domestic groups, especially the children of the poor, and all three reflect the missional nature of early Methodism. Methodism began as a reform movement intended to revive the Church of England.

John Wesley gave close attention to evangelizing the poor and working classes who were generally ignored by the Anglican church establishment. Innovations such as field-preaching and small groups effectively engaged these neglected groups.

While early American Methodism developed outside the Anglican establishment, the movement there also stayed close to the poor and working classes in focus, message, and organization.

In both countries, the Methodist gospel of free grace and the Methodist pattern of disciplined, holy living were particularly appealing to those on the margins looking to move up in society. In this context, Methodists understood mission in a holistic way. They focused on personal religious conversion, but that conversion accompanied the adoption of disciplined personal habits that led to greater individual prosperity. Wesley and his followers believed that changes in individual religion, morals, and economic behavior would ultimately lead to improvements in society as a whole.

(To be continued).

2. HUMAN RELATIONS DAY OFFERING

Turn on the news or drive around the outskirts of your town and you will find what Jesus called "the least of these," those living in the margins of society, struggling to survive. Over and over Jesus served people like this, embracing them. And that's what we want to model as the people of The United Methodist Church. To continue the ministry of Jesus we established Human Relations Day as a Special Sunday that calls all of our churches to participate in helping all God's children to realize their potential.



Many hands continue to do many things.

3. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2018

Watch as the totals grow during the year!

ELT Scholarships	\$ 1,445.00
People's Kitchen Misc.	22,549.38
People's Kitchen Food	622.93
South County Food Bank	622.91
UMCOR—Fire Relief	2,174.00
UMCOR—Human Relations Sunday	53.00
UMCOR Sunday	967.00
UMCOR—Native American Ministries	250.00
UMCOR—Peace with Justice	206.00
UMCOR—World Communion	202.00
Haiti Mission	2,000.00
Cal Pac Disaster Response	711.00
Covenant Relationships	4,500.00
Mobility Worldwide	1,000.00
Haiti—Erickson Villere	1,000.00
Blankets for 5 Cities basket	153.54
Shower the People	341.00

11 MONTHS TOTAL: \$ 38,797.76

A THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION.

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



January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 NEW YEARS DAY Church Office Closed	2 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Church Work Day 11 AM Program Ministry—L 7 PM —Chancel Choir - Rehearsal—S	3 8 AM People's Kitchen Prep—Leave to Serve 11:15 AM—K 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 10 AM Intercessory Prayer—L 5 PM Handbells—HR	4 AGUMCC Spirit Day 8 AM Giveaway Set Up to 3 PM 8:30 AM Bible Study—L 3:30 PM AGUMCCC closed 3:30 PM AGUMCC Staff Development—MMR	5
6 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: Worship Team	7 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry—CH 5:45 PM G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH 7 PM Women of Prayer-S	8 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	9 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Church Work Day 9:30 AM UMW Steering--L 11:30 AM —Program Ministry—L 5:30 PM Adult Study Group—CH 7 PM —Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S	10 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 10 AM Intercessory Prayer—L 1:30 PM Writing Class—MMR 5 PM Handbells—HR	11 8:30 AM Bible Study—L 9 AM — Christmas Extravaganza Set Up /Practice—CH, K 7 PM Program Ministry Christmas Extravaganza—CH,K	12
13 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: Mary Martha Esther Circle	14 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry—CH 5:45 PM G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH 7 PM Women of Prayer-S	15 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 Handbells—HR 7 PM JOY Circle—home of member	16 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Church Work Day 10 AM Communications—PS 11:30 AM —Program Ministry—L 5:30 PM Adult Study Group—CH 7 PM —Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S	17 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 10 AM Intercessory Prayer—L 11 AM Finance—PS 7 PM Program Ministry Kick-Off for Barn Dance Class—CH, K 5 PM Handbells—HR	18 8:30 AM Bible Study—L	19
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Deadline for February issue
Monday, January 21
in the morning

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



TABLE OF 8 PROGRAM

We are currently forming the groups! **Those who want to continue to participate need to sign up again.** New members to the program are highly welcomed as well.

Social dinner groups will be formed consisting of 6 to 8 people. The purpose is for church members to have an opportunity to gather monthly in a social setting with other members. This will provide an environment to get to know and care for one another on a more personal level (and have some fun, too).

The group can decide the specifics — dining out or rotating dinner at their homes. The group will gather monthly for 6 to 8 months. Then the groups will be reconfigured to provide opportunities to get to know other church members.

This program fits anyone's needs. If your home is too small for 6 to 8 people, no worry, you can go out to dinner at a restaurant, host at someone else's house, have a picnic, or make a reservation to use the church. Consider having a little more fun and get to know your church family members better.

For more information please contact:
 Marjorie Ott or Lucy Jacob

"Come join the fun with Table of 8. We would love you to join us!" ~ Lucy

Birthdays In



Alex Paredes	01/04
Ella Craig	01/06
Norm Henderson	01/07
Marjoria Ott	01/08
Carolyn Russell	01/15
Nancy Baughman	01/17
Elwood Hyden	01/17
Caitlin Herber	01/17
Jim Alquist	01/20
Judy Leonard	01/22
Violet Bauske	01/25
Mary Birgelaitis	01/25
Lynn Stewart	01/27
Jordan Henderson	01/29
Eileen Odom	01/29
Mary Thronson	01/29



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 birthday to our monthly birthday list!



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Children's Center Chronicle



The Communications Team thanks everyone for submitting information for the updated directory. We are now in the process of “revisions and corrections” to our first product. Let us know changes by the end of January and we will produce the revision pages to be replaced in your blue directory. If you have not yet picked up your directory, remember to do so. They are in the Narthex.

Thank you!
Joe Brown
Chair, Communications Team

