

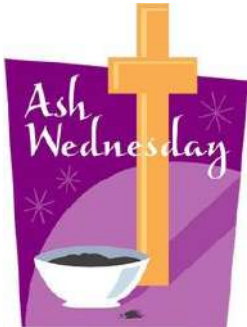
**“Know Christ, Grow in Christ, Go—Share Christ.”**



# Cast~A~Net

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

MARCH 2019



## ASH WEDNESDAY

The Beginning of Lent  
Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

### TWO SERVICE TIMES

Two brief worship opportunities begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

Noon  
6:00 PM

(to accommodate folks who do not drive at night)

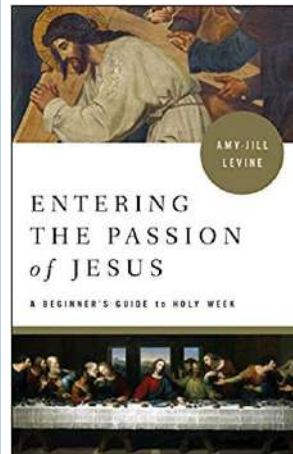
We continue the Christian disciplines we practice all year long—prayer, reading scripture, study, attendance in worship, serving those in need and living out love with friends, family and those we meet. In so doing, we honor Jesus who in his own life did all these things to the glory of God his whole life long.

## All are invited to the LENTEN STUDY CLASSES

Wednesdays at 5:30 PM in Criswell Hall  
*Beginning Wednesday, March 13 with six sessions going forward to April 17 in Holy Week.*

Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward.

Jesus risked his life when he dared to teach in the Temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes to follow him. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges.



In *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions, and looks at how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

*The book description for the study class continues on page 3.*



Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY Sunday, April 14

MAUNDY THURSDAY Thursday, April 18

GOOD FRIDAY Friday, April 19

EASTER Sunday, April 21

## EVENTS COMING IN APRIL

*A Message from our Bishop*

*~Rev. Mary Birgelaitis*

## **GC2019 BISHOP'S REFLECTION: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019**

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ!

By now you have probably all heard that the General Conference Special Called Session is now over, and **the Traditional Plan prevailed** (53% – 438 votes to 47% – 384 votes). Although it does have repressive ramifications to our LGBTQI community, the Judicial Council has ruled much of it unconstitutional. At the same time, this decision is also symbolic in its implications because it signals a turn of the United Methodist Church to a more judgmental and political entity that is against inclusion and for exclusion.

With this conservative turn, I have been deeply conflicted. The question is, “can I stay in a repressive and oppressive church with integrity?” After a sleepless night, I came to a new resolve. I believe I must stay in the UMC and lead our people within the geographical context we find ourselves in the West. We have been living the One Church Plan for decades, and I don't see why we should change that about us. We live and let live and it is totally consistent with the theology of John Wesley.

We cannot turn back at this point. We have come too far to make this conservative stance. In fact, I don't think that it is possible for us. I believe that even our more traditional churches have a deep tolerance based on our geography. I believe they know that we accept their theology and hopefully, we treat them the same as everyone else: with respect and dignity.

Now that the General Conference Special Called Session is over, it is time that we focus on what God is calling us to: Our mission and ministry in the very name of Jesus Christ! Nothing is more important than this. Nothing must distract us from this central purpose. Nothing must stand in the way of our ministries of compassion and care!

What I am calling us to do is to learn what God is trying to teach us through this Special Called Session and get to the business of being the church. We need to focus on making disciples of Jesus Christ. We need to engage our local neighborhoods and surrounding communities. We need to feed the hungry, house the immigrant, heal the sick, and preach the Good News.

It is important for us to confess our sins and shortcomings: Too many have been hurt and harmed in our theological wars. Too many have been hurt and harmed by being objectified by the church. Too many have left the church because they have not been welcomed or cared for. If there has been anything I have done personally that has offended or harmed, intentionally or unintentionally, I ask for your forgiveness. I pray that we will all seek such confession and forgiveness.

Most of all, we must turn to each other for healing and care. It is time to put our arms around each other and heal from harming each other. It is time for us to have hearts of peace and not hearts of war. It is time for us to support each other and care for each other.

Being away so long in St. Louis has drained and exhausted me. I long to come home and be back in ministry with all of you. I long for home where I belong.

Be the Hope,

**Bishop Grant J. Hagiya**

Los Angeles Area Resident Bishop



**Women's Prayer**  
**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!

**MARCH LITURGISTS**

**MARCH 3**

8:30 a.m. ———*Mary Thronson*  
 10:30 a.m. ———*David Beaman*

**MARCH 10**

8:30 a.m. ———*Joseph Brown*  
 10:30 a.m. ———*Carolyn Eaton*

**MARCH 17**

8:30 a.m. ———*Sharon Roemer*  
 10:30 a.m. ———*Judy Leonard*

**MARCH 24**

8:30 a.m. ———*Susan Thronson*  
 10:30 a.m. ———*Virginia Mothes*

**MARCH 31**

8:30 a.m. ———*Judy Atwood*  
 10:30 a.m. ———*Roger Sperling*



Dates	Topics and Schedule
Sunday, March 3 Transfiguration Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship</b>                      Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis                      "HIS FACE" Matthew 17:1-9</li> </ul>
Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES</b>                       Noon and 6 PM</li> </ul>
Sunday, March 10 First Sunday in Lent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service</b>                      Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis                      NOURISHED BY WORDS OF GRACE: "Father, Forgive Them."                      Luke 23:26, 33-34a</li> </ul>
Wednesday, March 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>5:30 PM Adult Bible Study</b>                      ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS by Amy-Jill Levine                      Session 1 of 6</li> </ul>
Sunday, March 17 Second Sunday in Lent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</b>                      Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis                      NOURISHED BY WORDS OF GRACE: "Today, you will be with                      me in Paradise." Luke 23:32, 39-43</li> </ul>
Wednesday, March 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>5:30 PM Adult Bible Study</b>                      ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS by Amy-Jill Levine                      Session 2 of 6</li> </ul>
Sunday, March 24 Third Sunday in Lent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service</b>                      Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis                      NOURISHED BY WORDS OF GRACE: "Behold your son, Behold                      your mother." John 19:17-27</li> </ul>
Wednesday, March 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>5:30 PM Adult Bible Study</b>                      ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS by Amy-Jill Levine                      Session 3 of 6</li> </ul>
Sunday, March 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service</b>                      Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis                      NOURISHED BY WORDS OF GRACE: "My God, My God, Why have                      you forsaken me?" Mark 15:29-36</li> </ul>

**Study Group meets Wednesdays at 5:30 PM in Criswell Hall**

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*Entering the Passion of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine provides a rich and challenging learning experience for small groups and individual readers. The book is part of a six-week study that is perfect for Lent and includes a DVD and a Leader Guide.

The book's chapters include:

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| 1. Jerusalem: Risking Reputation       | 4. The First Dinner: Risking Rejection          |
| 2. The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger | 5. The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends |
| 3. Teachings: Risking Challenge        | 6. Gethsemane: Risking Temptation               |

*Please join us! Books are available.*

**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Meet at 9:45 am**



**It's the UMM  
ADVENTURE TRIP  
to see the world-famous Elephant Seals**

A pleasant bus trip to north of Cambria will take 17 members of our congregation to see the world-famous Elephant Seals on a beach just south of Hearst Castle. The bus sponsored by Ride-On is no cost to the church. The group will depart from our Church parking lot at 9:45 am on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> and return around 3 pm.

Participants will stop for lunch at the famous Linn's Restaurant in Cambria. (Pay for your own meal). The restaurant is well known for its 21 different kinds of pies. There is no charge for the trip except for the meal at Linn's. Sign-ups are being taken at the Program Ministry sign-up table in the Narthex. Trip is limited to 17 persons because of bus seating. Ladies invited. If you haven't seen an Elephant Seal during the mating season, you haven't seen nothin' yet!

— Val McClure

**Coffee N' Art Show  
Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 am— 1:00 pm**

**COFFEE N' ART SHOW TO BE A HUMDINGER!**

The Annual Coffee N' Art Show is scheduled for Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm in Criswell Hall. Eleven artists, many from our congregation, will show their artistic work in oil, water color, and other media, while our own Leona Beerup will give a live demonstration on how to do art on many common everyday objects.

The artists will be available to answer questions about their work. Some selected art will be up for sale. 50% of the sale will go to the Church Scholarship Fund, the other half going to the artist. Over 100 paintings will be on display. The regular coffee hour goodies, along with cocoa and tea, will be available at no charge. Have your coffee and treats and enjoy the many interesting presentations.



— Val McClure



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.”

## FEBRUARY REPORT OF UMW

submitted by Virginia Mothes, Publicity

Our year started with UMW Sunday and our new officers were introduced. We met soon after to plan activities for 2019.

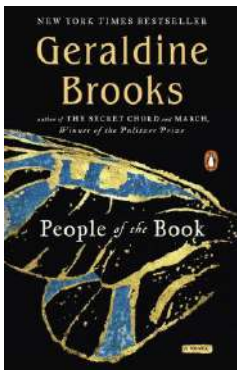
The first event is a **mission** study to celebrate the 150 years since the United Methodist Women began their outreach. We will be sharing a luncheon after the program. This event will be on **Saturday, March 30** from 9 AM to 1 PM. A letter of invitation will be sent to the UMW at our local churches from Lompoc to Paso Robles. As a group we will be making care packages containing wash cloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc., as an UMCOR

outreach to those in need. Our letter of invitation will ask attendees to choose an item for the care package so we can monitor items for distribution.

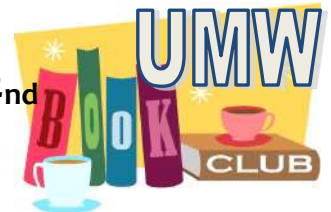
Our next event celebrate **Mother's Day on Saturday, May 11th** at 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. We will have a “South of the Border” cuisine by having a taco bar while enjoying a make-believe cruise ship adventure. Entertainment will be provided.

For our summer program, we are going to have a wild time playing **Bingo**. This will be on **Wednesday, August 14th** with a spaghetti luncheon. Details will be given as we get closer to the date.

Our **Annual Boutique** will be on **November 2nd**. Please join us in making 2019 a memorable year for United Methodist Women in fulfilling our mission.



## UMW Book Club To Meet on March 22<sup>nd</sup>



Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> the UMW Book Club will meet at 11 A.M. in the McMillen Room to discuss The People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks. In this piece of historical fiction, the author traces the story of a fifteenth century illuminated Hebrew manuscript, the Sarajevo Haggadah, which has just been re covered. When a rare books expert attempts to preserve it, she discovers clues to its past and the people involved with it.

If you enjoy stories of mystery and intrigue, you will like this book. See Patti Melsheimer if you would like to borrow a copy of this book. We welcome you to join us on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>!

— Judy Leonard

## PROGRAM MINISTRY DATES and ACTIVITIES

~ Sandy Underwood

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 6:45 AM — 10 PM

## AMTRAK TO SANTA BARBARA ZOO



SUNDAY, MARCH 10 2 PM CRISWELL HALL

## FAMILY GAME DAY



SATURDAY, MARCH 23

UMM ELEPHANT SEALS  
TRIP AND LUNCH AT  
LINN'S IN CAMBRIA



SATURDAY, JUNE 1 11—1 PM

BIRTHDAY GALA AND LUNCHEON

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 28, 29, 30

Sign Up to Volunteer  
to Help!



**SIGNUPS FOR ALL PROGRAM MINISTRY ACTIVITIES  
ARE TAKEN ON THE CLIPBOARDS IN THE NARTHEX**

**COME CHECK OUT THE DETAILS AND DATES  
FOR FUTURE EVENTS**

## VOTE FOR OUR NEW MISSION STATEMENT

The Church Council decided to update our Church's Mission Statement and came up with three excellent choices. Now we ask you, the congregation, to vote for our new Mission Statement. The choices are:

**We Choose Welcome---Jesus Leads the Way**

**God's Love Alive Here**

**Hope, Joy and Love Rising**

The Mission Statement should be a short, succinct, memorable statement that tells the world who we are and what we are about. It should act as an invitation for visitors to join us

Voting will be done following the March 10 and March 17 services. The three choices will be posted in Criswell Hall. Please place a "dot" by the Mission statement which you feel best fits our Church. Please vote for one and vote only once.

Joel Anderson

## NEW MEMBERS AMONG US!

Seventeen New Members Are Joining  
on Transfiguration Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>

We are growing! I don't know how you did it, nevertheless "BRAVO CONGREGATION"!!!

While I was off recuperating last fall you were faithfully welcoming people and making them feel at home. Thank you so very much. I returned to find warm, winsome newcomers ready to join the church.

On Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we are taking in 17 new members, half at the 8:30 a.m. service and half at the 10:30 service. Due to deadlines for this newsletter, I can't introduce them all in this issue, but stay tuned. We will help you get acquainted with them and them with you. What a blessed Communion we share!

—REV. MBB

## WESTERN JURISDICTION LEADERSHIP TEAM

*Donna Pritchard is the head of the Western Jurisdiction delegation to the General Conference. She to the General Conference. She is a clergy person from Oregon-Idaho, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Portland and has served as a member of the Commission on a WAY FORWARD. She is also chair of the Western Jurisdiction Academy Team which includes our College of Bishops and the Director of Connectional Ministries from each annual conference in the west.*

*a home for all  
God's people*

*At the end of the 2019 Special Called Session of the General Conference, Rev. Pritchard made this statement on behalf of Western Jurisdiction Leadership:*

We have long appreciated the richness of the global diversity of our United Methodist Church and have embraced opportunities to join with you all in the work of making disciples for the transformation of the world.

We also understand the purpose of the Church to be in mission and ministry. Consequently, we in the West have been functioning for years as One Church committed to full inclusion, seeking to be a home for all God's people.

Today we acknowledge the fracture of this body, yet we worship a God who tells us that the body of Christ has many parts, all equally valued. Rooted in Wesleyan tradition, grounded in Scripture and committed to mission and ministry, the Western Jurisdiction intends to continue to be one church, fully inclusive and open to all God's children, across the theological and social spectrum.

We know from experience we are stronger when we live together as progressives, traditionalists, and centrists in our Church. Many times during this Conference we have sung or prayed or blessed each other with the reminder that **we need each other**.

We also know there are others who feel the same way today, so we invite you to be in dialogue with us as we move forward together into a future with hope.

May God continue to bless us for the sake of the world. Thank you.



### UMCOR SUNDAY IS MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>

This is the disaster relief arm of Global Ministries

- When hurricanes slammed Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Puerto Rico, the East Coast

- When wildfires and floods ravaged thousands of homes in the West and Southeast
- When refugees and migrants around the world needed help

**UMCOR WAS THERE**

## FROM YOUR LAY LEADER

Patti Melsheimer

While struggling to find something to write about for this month's Castanet article I stumbled across a little book by John Gooch entitled "Being A Christian in the Wesleyan Tradition". His chapter on "Spiritual Disciplines" caught my attention.

Gooch asks, **"What are we willing to do in order to grow in faith and in love for God and neighbor?"** What a great question at the time of the 2019 General Conference recently held in St. Louis to discuss the future of our denomination!

Gooch goes on to say, **"If we want to be the best we can be in anything, we have to work at it!"** Great musicians practice the piano or whatever instrument they play for hours at a time. Their practice needs to be as perfect as possible, so that their performance will also be as perfect as possible. Athletes also practice for hours on end. The spiritual life is no different. It requires diligent practice.

If we follow the example of John Wesley there are certain routines we practice as part of our spiritual growth. Wesley called these **"acts of piety"** and **"acts of mercy"**. Acts of piety are those disciplines that help us grow in faith and love of God. Acts of mercy are those that help us grow in love of neighbor, lived out in our daily lives.

Wesley suggests that Acts of Piety include: public worship, the Lord's Supper, family and private prayer, studying the Scriptures. Examples of Acts of Mercy include feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and prisoners, caring for the sick and educating the illiterate.

As we move through the weeks leading up to Easter, let's try to increase our practices of acts of piety and acts of mercy.

Patti Melsheimer, Lay Leader

**Did you know?** Twenty shawls, hand-made with love by our Shawl Ministry disappeared from their special storage spot at our church. We are sad. These were specially made with prayer to present to those going through hard times as sign and symbol of our caring. Keep your eyes open and let us know if you see *anything* that is not as secure as it should be on our campus or *anyone* on the premises who might be looking for something to lift. We don't want to lose our precious gifts of comfort like this. Unfortunately someone helped themselves to our treasure. These shawls are named and numbered and are specially delivered through this small group's ministry. Be sure to lock up when you leave and don't leave things laying around.



Thanks.

REV. MBB



# News from the Mission Team

by Judy Atwood, chair

## MISSION TEAM: March 2019

Judy Atwood

### MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. History of Methodist Mission
2. Haitian Crisis
3. Special Giving Totals for 2019

to decolonize missions, even up to the point of declaring, "Missionary, go home!"  
(to be continued next month).

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

### 1. HISTORY OF METHODIST MISSION

This article is continued from the February newsletter where we reviewed earlier history. To continue where we left off last month:

Despite their strong emphasis on the export of Western culture, Methodist schools remained an attractive option for indigenous populations around the globe. Many recognized the value of the Western education within developing Western-dominated globalization and sought to reap its benefits while retaining their own cultures.

These new models for Methodist mission and education abroad suggested new models for Methodist education in the United States. Education, especially higher education, became a training ground and eventual requirement for American Methodists going out as missionaries.

Colleges like Albion and Ohio Wesleyan were prime recruiting hubs for missionaries, while women's schools, like Chicago Training School for City, Home, and Foreign Missions, were founded specifically to produce mission workers. Even though American Methodist education did not lose its earlier concern with the upwardly mobile domestic poor, it added another function as a means of training those Methodists dedicated to replicating this model, in its colonial form, around the world.

In the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, there was a strong movement toward independence in colonial nations and autonomy in their churches. These trends resulted in a critical rethinking of Methodist mission, first among indigenous leaders, and then in the British and American "home bases." Methodists, along with other Christians, sought

### 2. HAITIAN CRISIS

We hear little about the crisis of our sisters and brothers in Haiti. The "Operation Lock Down Haiti" protests have been going since July and escalated on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to shut down all aspects of Haitian life—political, social, economic, educational, and even medical. People are fearful to leave their homes. They need our prayers. Check our bulletin board to learn about a family we support.

### 3. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2019

*Many hands made much possible!*



What our totals are for 2019:

People's Kitchen Misc.	\$1,415.00
People's Kitchen Food	71.37
South County Food Coalition	71.37
UMCOR—Human Relations Day	145.00
<b>1 MONTH TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,702.74</b>

*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.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		<b>Abbreviation Legend</b> CH—Criswell Hall HR—Handbell Room #115 K—Kitchen L—Library Room #123 MMR—McMillen Room #113 PL—Parking Lot PS—Pastor’s Study S—Sanctuary				<b>1</b> <b>AGUMCC Spirit Day</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L <b>3:30 PM</b> AGUMCC closed <b>3:30 PM</b> AGUMCC Staff Development-MMR	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  Reception of New Members at both services  Coffee Hour: Board of Trustees	<b>4</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>5</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>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR	 <b>6</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Sr Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day <b>12:00 Noon</b> Ash Wednesday Service <b>5:30 PM</b> No Adult Study <b>6 PM</b> Ash Wednesday Service <b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S	<b>7</b> <b>8 AM</b> People’s Kitchen Prep—Leave to Serve 11:15 AM—K <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR <b>6 PM</b> Worship Team-PS	<b>8</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L <b>3:00 PM</b> —AGUMCC Regatta & Pizza <b>Event 6:30 PM-CH, K</b>	<b>9</b> <b>6:45 AM to 10 PM</b> Program Ministry <b>AMTRAK</b> to Santa Barbara Zoo  Set clocks ahead 1 hr tomorrow at 2 AM  	
<b>10</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Serv. <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service Coffee Hour: Staff-Parish Relations Committee Potluck <b>2 PM</b> Family Game Day	<b>11</b> <b>11 AM</b> -UMM Cabinet Meeting—L <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>7 PM</b> Board of Trustees-PS	<b>12</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>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR	<b>13</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day <b>9:30 AM</b> UMW Steering—L <b>11:30 AM</b> Program Com-L <b>5:30 PM</b> Adult Study Group—CH <b>7 PM</b> —Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S	<b>14</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L <b>1:30 PM</b> <b>Writing Class—MMR ???</b> <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR	<b>15</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L	<b>16</b>	
<b>17</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  Coffee Hour: Endowment/ELT  	<b>18</b> <b>9 AM</b> Deadline for newsletter articles-Office <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry is open—CH <b>5:45 PM</b> G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer-S	<b>19</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Sr 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 PM</b> —Closed session <b>5 PM</b> Handbells-HR <b>7 PM</b> JOY Circle-Home of Member	<b>20</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> --Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day <b>10 AM</b> Mary-Martha-Esther—MMR <b>10 AM</b> Communications Meeting—PS <b>5:30 PM</b> Adult Study Group—CH <b>7 PM</b> —Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S	<b>21</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> --Senior Exercise—CH <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR <b>6:30 PM</b> Church Council—MMR	<b>22</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L <b>11 AM</b> UMW Book Club—MMR	<b>23</b> <b>9:45 AM</b> UMM and others meet in parking lot for Adventure Trip to Seals	
<b>24</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  Coffee Hour: Communications Team	<b>25</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>26</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>5 PM</b> Handbells-HR	<b>27</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day <b>5:30 PM</b> Adult Study Group—CH <b>7 PM</b> —Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S	<b>28</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> --Senior Exercise—CH <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L <b>1 PM</b> Mission Team-MMR <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR	<b>29</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L	<b>30</b>	
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**Deadline for April issue**

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**ELT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ON-LINE**

Everett Lee Taylor Scholarship applications are now available on-line ([www.worshipweekly.com](http://www.worshipweekly.com)) and in the church office. The purpose of this scholarship is to help deserving United Methodist students enrolled in accredited universities, college, and technical schools defray the cost of their education.

Only students who are or have been active participants in the Arroyo Grande First United Methodist Church may apply. Graduating high school seniors must include letters of recommendation as well as a high school transcript with their completed applications. Returning college students will need a college transcript but are not required to submit letters of recommendation. Students may apply for this scholarship more than once provided they have maintained a minimum 2.5 GPA in their college work.

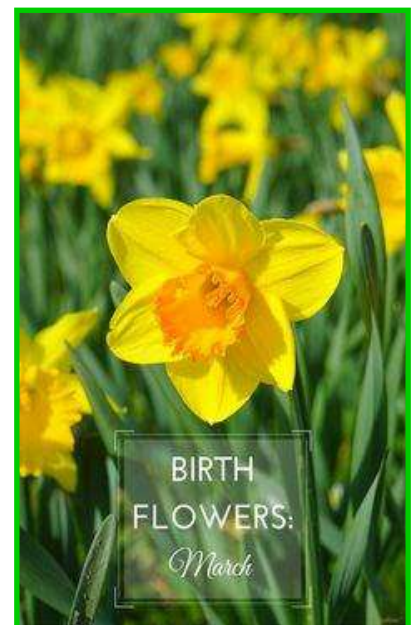
The completed application with required attachments must be turned in to the church office by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Scholarship recipients will be introduced to the congregation in early June. Scholarship checks will be given to recipients upon proof of registration in Fall, 2019 college classes.



**March Birthdays**

Carina Avila	03/02
Lucy Jacob	03/07
Christy Clarke	03/10
Carolyn Eaton	03/11
Toni Harvey	03/20
Ann Wilson	03/29
Chuck Ashton	03/30
Arianna Davis	03/31

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 birthdate to our monthly birthday list!





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## ON MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>

*Don't forget to set all of  
your  
clocks  
one hour  
ahead!*



Time to  
Spring Ahead

On Sunday, March 10, 2019, when  
local standard time is about to reach  
**2:00:00 am** ,  
clocks are turned **forward** 1 hour  
to Sunday, March 10, 2019, **3:00:00**  
**am** local daylight time instead.

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## Not Just Another Potluck!

### Staff Appreciation Potluck Luncheon

**What better way could there be to say thank you than to  
have a good ol' fashioned, United Methodist potluck?**

**Please join us!**

**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 AM**

Bring your favorite potluck dish to share!

Help us show our church staff how much we appreciate  
all that they do for this church and God's ministry.

*Sponsored by the Staff Parish Relations Committee*