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First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande **SEPTEMBER 2019**



**150 Years of UMW Let Your Light Shine**

**Friday, September 13 5:30 pm  
to Saturday, September 14, 3:00 pm**

In celebration of 150 years of UMW we're having a fantastic retreat and all women are invited. What a great opportunity to visit and stay at Joel Anderson's beach house; you can spend the night with your church friends, or come and go. A great time is planned with lots of fun activities and crafts by the beach. What a wonderful place to meditate and ignite your spiritual self.

There will be special presentations by Pastor Mary, Judy Atwood, Sandy Underwood, and Rose Ann Steiner and a beach walk led by Lucy Jacob. And of course a lot of delicious food is planned.

We can be challenged to be God's Light in the World as Christ's Disciple.

You just cannot miss this! Sign up at the UMW table on Sunday (deadline is Sunday Sept. 8). Cost is \$20.

I can't wait!

Gerry McGuire  
United Methodist Women

First United Methodist Church  
of Arroyo Grande



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays in Criswell Hall at 5:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 4** we will begin Stories Jesus Told:

How to Read a Parable by Greg Carey.

The six sessions of the study correspond to the six chapters of the book:

### **SESSION 1 Sep 4—Divine Inefficiencies (Mark 4:1-20)**

The Parable of the Sower shows God's message being scattered on good soil and bad alike. Isn't that wasteful? Come to think of it, aren't parables themselves rather inefficient? This opening session introduces us to the concept of parables, including why Jesus used them and how we can approach them.

### **SESSION 2—Sep 11 Funny Business (Matthew 20:1-16)**

The Parable of the Workers In the Vineyard raises curious questions. While Jesus often drew his stories from the daily business of his hearers—fishing, farming, herding, and getting paid—it's seldom "business as usual." The Master Teacher routinely challenges our assumptions.

### **SESSION 3—Sep 18 Weddings Gone Awry (Matthew 22:1-14; 25:1-13)**

The Parables of the Wedding Party and the Bridesmaids are rooted in first-century culture, but each one has its surprises. And just when we think we get it, there's a new twist.

*(Bible Study Sessions continued on page 3)*

## From the Pastor

### On a Personal Note...

I feel newly excited about this church! I was glad to be here at the get-go, but am even happier to be here now. It was a journey to finally be appointed here, to acquire housing and arrive at your doorstep a little bit late (July 19<sup>th</sup>) four years ago. My mother had died not long before I came, I had packed an entire household by myself, putting every blessed box together first, and frankly I was exhausted and didn't know it. Sometimes we see things more clearly in retrospect. Moving is arduous. Don't ever underestimate what it takes to move!

After tearing a meniscus while doing a memorial service in our sanctuary two years ago October, having surgery six months to the day later and a life-threatening STROKE (of all things) six months to the day after THAT, I have a different perspective. It's obvious to me NOW that I wasn't feeling good even when I came and that I was unusually tired BEFORE I ever knew I had that very treatable cancer. I say all that just to say this!

I am feeling great now, and the better I feel the better it is for this church. Creativity returns when you're feeling good and new possibilities show their faces. In order to get going again, I've had to back off from you all a bit, tune in to what I needed and re-focus. It's paying dividends with energy, renewed happiness and a sense of well-being.

This is a beautiful church filled with talented people and I am glad to be a partner in the Gospel with you. Take a moment to applaud who you are together, what you have created here and the newness that is emerging. Give God the glory, but you take a bow too! You are a great congregation and you are much appreciated.

Thank you!

*Rev. Mary Bingle*

Rev. Mary B.



**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!

**SEPTEMBER LITURGISTS**

**SEPTEMBER 1**

8:30 a.m.-----Joseph Brown  
10:30 a.m.-----Judy Atwood

**SEPTEMBER 8**

8:30 a.m.-----Sharon Roemer  
10:30 a.m.-----RoseAnn Steiner

**SEPTEMBER 15**

8:30 a.m.-----David Beard  
10:30 a.m.-----Cristy Van Hook

**SEPTEMBER 22**

8:30 a.m.-----Susan Thronson  
10:30 a.m.-----Carolyn Eaton

**SEPTEMBER 29**

8:30 a.m.-----Larry Baughman  
10:30 a.m.-----Priscilla Alquist



Dates	Topics and Schedule
Sunday, Sep. 1, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Rev. David Burgeson, guest preacher "How Do You Spell Relief?" Matthew 11:25-30, I Cor. 11:23-28</li> </ul>
Wednesday, Sep. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Adult Bible Study Session 1 Stories Jesus Told by Greg Carey, facilitated by Judy Atwood</li> </ul>
Sunday, Sep. 8, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "Living Our Call" Luke 14:25-33</li> </ul>
Wednesday, Sep. 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Adult Bible Study Session 2 Stories Jesus Told by Greg Carey, facilitated by Judy Atwood</li> </ul>
Sunday, Sep 15, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "Living Prayer" Luke 8: 9-14</li> </ul>
Wednesday, Sep. 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Adult Bible Study Session 3 Stories Jesus Told by Greg Carey, facilitated by Judy Atwood</li> </ul>
Sunday, Sep. 22, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "Living Our Love" Hebrews 13:1-3</li> </ul>
Wednesday, Sep. 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Adult Bible Study Session 4 Stories Jesus Told by Greg Carey, facilitated by Judy Atwood</li> </ul>
Sunday, Sep. 29, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "Living Worship" Psalm 95:1-6, Colossians 3:16</li> </ul>

(Continued from front page: Bible Study Sessions)

**SESSION 4—Sep 25 Lawyers and Samaritans (Luke 10:25-37)**

The Parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the best-known stories in the Bible, but most people get it wrong. This session digs into who these characters are and how this parable answers the question "Who is my neighbor?"

**SESSION 5—Oct 2 Losing, Finding, Partying (Luke 15:11-32)**

The Parable of the Prodigal Son is probably the next-best-known parable, but this presents challenges too. This session looks at all three main characters in that drama, and at the other two "lost and found" stories contained in Luke 15.

**SESSION 6—Oct 9 A Reversal of Fortune (Luke 16:19-31)**

Several of Jesus' parables deal with surprising turnabouts. "The Last shall be first," Jesus liked to say. The Rich Man and Lazarus is a great example, extending beyond the death of both characters. This session works to strip away the theological presuppositions that might keep us from reading this story on its own terms.

Come join us in this 6-week study of Stories Jesus Told: How to Read a Parable.



## UMM SCHEDULES CABINET MEETING

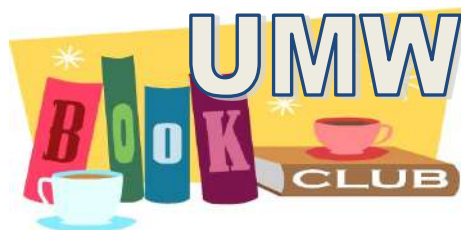
UMM Vice President Paul Holden announces that the first UMM Cabinet meeting is **Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the church library.**

The group will set plans for the coming year.

Some of the activities under consideration include pancake breakfast, meetings at Coco's Restaurant with speakers, adventure trips, taco buffet and BBQ.

The cabinet is currently looking for men who are ready to serve in the positions of Treasurer, President, and Public Relations. For those interested in applying for these positions please contact Paul Holden or leave a message in the Church office. **URGENT!** If you are interested in filling any of these positions, please attend the meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

*submitted by Val McClure*



## UMW BOOK CLUB MEETS ON SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup> THE HOTEL ON THE CORNER OF BITTER AND SWEET

Come join us on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 A.M. in the McMillen Room as we discuss The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford.

This novel takes us to Seattle's former Japantown where stunning discoveries are made in a formerly boarded up hotel. Relics from Japanese families sent to internment camps during the 1940's bring back memories of old relationships and commitments. This compassionate story reminds us of the power of forgiveness and hope.

Since Patti Melsheimer has ordered a set of this book from the library system, everyone will be able to get a copy at no cost. If you have any questions, see Patti.

*submitted by Judy Leonard*





“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.”

*submitted by Gerry McGuire*

## Let your light shine: Ignited for Justice.

Where have we seen God’s light shine in and around us? How can we shine a light on issues in our world that cause anxiety on a daily basis? How can we expose evil and bring abundant life to neighborhoods and those on the margins? Where are we seeing God’s presence in the midst of darkness? What spiritual disciplines nourish/bring light to our souls?... We are emboldened by the light of Life and the Word that gives us hope to practice in the world.

*Reprinted from The United Methodist Women Date book 2020, “Let Your Light Shine: Ignited for Justice.”*

## UMW Retreat and Study

### September 13-14 ‘Shine Your Light’

One Hundred and Fifty Years of UMW is our inspiration for this year’s Women’s Retreat and Mission Study at Joel Anderson’s Beach House.

You will want to join us. Come relax and enjoy the company of other women, eat, and meditate as we learn about our UMW history and missions. Lots of fun activities are planned. The retreat takes place from 5:30 pm Friday, September 13 to 3 pm Saturday, September 14. Cost \$20. We will have a driver for those who need transportation.



For additional information contact Gerry McGuire or Mary Hawkins-contact information in church directory.

## Craft Workshop

With the approach of our November 2<sup>nd</sup> Boutique, the Craft Workshop is gearing up again for a fantastic event. We need sewers, gluers, and those handy with a glue gun or scissors. Even if you can just sort things we have a place for you. We need your help, and remember November 2<sup>nd</sup> is going to come real soon. We’re meeting every Thursday until the boutique, from 9:30 to 12 noon in the McMillen Room. We’d love to have you come socialize with us as we work or just come and pick up a project to take home and work on. Come see. For information contact Gerry McGuire or Mary Thronson.

# PROGRAM MINISTRY

## PROGRAM MINISTRY DATES and ACTIVITIES

### FAMILY GAME DAY



**Sunday, September 8, 12 Noon to 2 PM CRISWELL HALL**

Cost of Activity per person: Free

Indicate if you will BRING a sack lunch or want a sandwich; drinks free

For all Program Ministry activities, signups are taken on the clipboards in the Narthex.

Visit the display and see what's up for future events, September and beyond.

### COMING IN OCTOBER, DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

#### TRUNK OR TREAT FUN!

Halloween safe fun for our CHURCH and COMMUNITY CHILDREN.



We are planning a TRUNK OR TREAT event in the church parking lot. We are in the beginning stages of our planning and will keep you updated. Invite your friends and neighbors. The committee is excited about the coming event and

invite you to share in the fun. It will be here before you know it!

We need your help in decorating the trunks or tail gates of your vehicles and come with treats for the children. Please sign up on the sheet at the Program Ministry table in the Narthex. If you are interested in helping in other ways with the event, please contact Judy Atwood.

Dear Church Family,

Planning activities for this past year has been a blessing. Remember to invite your friends in the community to join us in these activities.

Most of the events/activities are free or have a small fee to offset the cost of the event/activity. There are scholarships available (call me). If you are housebound, don't drive, or need help getting to the church, please let me know and we can plan transportation to the church.

When you sign up, it's absolutely necessary that, if there are costs described on the sign-in sheet, the fee be paid **at least one week prior to the event**. (You understand, like when you make an airline reservation, you pay when you make the reservation.) It's the only way the committee can gauge for food, transportation and set up.

Looking forward to continuing Program Ministry; share your ideas. Email me.

Sandy Underwood

**ALL CHURCH POTLUCK ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**TO CELEBRATE 135<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**September 19, 1884, does that ring a bell; maybe not!**

**The church didn't even have a bell when it was founded on that date. September 19<sup>th</sup> marks our 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**

In our beginning there were twenty four charter members. Our congregation has grown and the church has changed. We will be celebrating all month long.

We plan to create a TIME CAPSULE to be opened on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Make suggestions or bring items that reflect your association with Arroyo Grande United Methodist Church.



Think **small!!!** You can write about “the good old days”; church family members who really influenced you; projects you have been involved with; programs we have; ministries you have served in; ideas we hope to implement; and more. You have a lot of freedom in what you write.

Stop by the Caring Congregation table in Criswell Hall to pick up more information and to return your contribution. We will compile it all into a notebook to surprise and entertain the congregation when opened in **September 2034**.

Program Ministry and Caring Congregation Committee have teamed for this occasion. On **September 29<sup>th</sup>** you are invited to participate in an all church potluck. Please sign up for the potluck at the Program Ministry's table in the narthex and indicate what you plan to bring. At the potluck you can view some of the archives and what we have collected to go into the TIME CAPSULE inclusive, of course, of some fun games.

*~ Pat Wiemers, Caring Congregation Committee*

*~ Sandy Underwood, Program Ministry*

*FROM YOUR LAY LEADER*

*Patti Melsheimer*

## Communication

How do you communicate?

Do you call people on the phone? Do you “Text”?

Do you send emails? Do you post on Facebook? Do you “Tweet”?

**Communication** is defined simply as the act of transferring information from one place, person or group to another. Every **communication** involves (at least) one sender, a message and a recipient. This may sound simple, but communication is actually a very complex subject. Today communication can be very different from how and what we did several years ago.

Today, there are more things fighting for our attention than ever before. Everywhere we go, we are constantly bombarded by advertisements, messages, images, videos and agendas that are competing for the valuable commodity of our sole attention. That presents a challenge for those of us in the church because everything we communicate first requires that we attract the attention of those we want to reach.

We want to create a welcoming and hospitable climate in our church. We want to communicate with our members and friends who attend regularly, but we also want to communicate with visitors and the larger community, as well as special groups of people (visitors, children, youth parents, etc.).

The leaders of our church are struggling with how to improve our communications. We have a website and a Facebook page. Have you visited either of these? We occasionally send group emails regarding important messages that we want to get out to everyone quickly. Do you want to see more of these types of communication? If you have suggestions or would like to join the group discussing this, “communicate” your interests to Rev. Mary, Joel Anderson or myself! We would love to talk with you and get your input on communication!

Good communication in a local church builds on relationships.

Creating a welcoming and hospitable climate begins at the curb and continues into the heart of the congregation. The ministry of **welcoming** is not the responsibility of a few people or a committee. It is the responsibility of the entire church family.



# News from the Mission Team

by Judy Atwood, chair

## MISSION TEAM: September 2019

Judy Atwood

### MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Making A Positive Difference
2. John Elmore
3. Special Giving Totals for 2019

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

### 1. MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE

Beginning in October, any month with five (5) Tuesdays will become our day to serve a hot meal at People's Kitchen. This is the opening that is available to us at this time. If you are interested in being a part of the team to provide this ministry, please talk with me so we can work at being ready for sharing with those in our community who are in need of a hot meal each day. Help us be a part of making a positive difference.

Another way we have made a difference is through Heifer International, which was founded 75 years ago by the Church of the Brethren. It is with the congregation's help that Heifer has continued 75 years of serving all of God's children who struggle with hunger and poverty. We received a recognition certificate from Heifer International which gratefully recognizes Arroyo Grande First UMC for serving the Lord through faith efforts and exercising your gifts and donations to end hunger and poverty. This congregation has richly blessed families in need with gifts of livestock and agriculturally sound training to help families become self-reliant.

### 2. JOHN ELMORE

We received confirmation from John Elmore that he had received the \$1,100 we forwarded to him for the camp renovation. He plans to apply it to the needed roof repair. He will forward us pictures when they are available. Anyone wishing to donate to this project may do so by placing your gift in the offering plate marked for this or the receptacle on the Missions table.

*Many hands made much possible!*



### 3. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2019

People's Kitchen Misc.	\$ 4,908.00
People's Kitchen Food	612.00
South County Food Coalition	550.00
UMCOR-Human Relations Sun.	145.00
UMCOR World Communion Sun.	472.00
UMCOR-Native American Sun.	344.00
UMCOR-Fire Relief	500.00
UMCOR-Nebraska Flood	174.00
UMCOR Peace with Justice Sun.	229.00
Shower the People	500.00
Missions Haiti	1,000.00
Missions John Elmore	<u>1,100.00</u>
<b>8 MONTH TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$10,535.00</u></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.**

# September

## Abbreviation Legend

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  Coffee Hour: Finance Committee	<b>2</b>  <b>Labor Day</b>  Church Office Closed	<b>3</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—CH	<b>4</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day <b>5:00 PM</b> Adult Bible Study—CH <b>6:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S	<b>5</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9:30 AM</b> UMW Crafts Workshop—MMR <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L <b>11 AM</b> Finance Team-PS <b>6 PM</b> Worship Team—PS	<b>6</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>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  Coffee Hour: JOY Circle  <b>Noon to 2 PM, Family</b>	<b>9</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer-S	<b>10</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—CH	<b>11</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day <b>11:30 AM</b> Program Ministry—L <b>5:00 PM</b> Adult Bible Study—CH <b>6:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S	<b>12</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9:30 AM</b> UMW Crafts Workshop—MMR <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L	<b>13</b> UMW Women’s Retreat & Mission Study at Anderson beach house  <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L	<b>14</b> UMW Women’s Retreat & Mission Study at Anderson beach house
<b>15</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  Coffee Hour: Mary-Martha-Esther Circle	<b>16</b> Deadline— Newsletter Articles—church office <b>5:45 PM</b> G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer-S	<b>17</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR <b>10:30 AM</b> UMM Cabinet Meeting—L <b>11 AM</b> UMW Chair Yoga Class—CH Preschool Board—MMR <b>4:30 PM</b> —Open session <b>5:00 PM</b> —Closed session <b>7:00 PM</b> JOY Circle	<b>18</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day <b>9:30 AM</b> UMW Steering Committee—L <b>5:00 PM</b> Adult Bible Study—CH <b>6:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S	<b>19</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9:30 AM</b> UMW Crafts Workshop—MMR <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L <b>6:30 PM</b> Church Council—MMR	<b>20</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  Coffee Hour: Children’s Center	<b>23</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer-S  	<b>24</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>25</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> --Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day <b>10:00 AM</b> Mary-Martha-Esther Circle—MMR <b>11:30 AM</b> Program Ministry—L??? Or 9/11 <b>5:00 PM</b> Adult Bible Study—CH <b>6:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S	<b>26</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9:30 AM</b> UMW Crafts Workshop—MMR <b>10:00 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L <b>1:00 PM</b> Mission Team—MMR	<b>27</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L <b>11 AM</b> UMW Book Club—MMR	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  Coffee Hour: Caring Congregation— <b>All Church Potluck</b> Celebrating this church’s 135th Anniversary	<b>30</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer-S					

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**Monday, September 16**

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## Holy Land "Journey through the Bible" March 17-27, 2020

You are invited to join Pastor David and Sarah Burgeson on an 11-Day *Journey Through the Bible* to Israel that will expand your knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and this sacred land. The journey will follow the footsteps of Jesus, Paul, Samuel & David and will change the way you read God's Word. Join us to see traditional holy sites and places where Jesus walked out his ministry. Set sail on the Sea of Galilee with us, and walk through the Old City of Jerusalem. Traveling to the Holy Land not only increases your understanding of scripture, it strengthens your relationship with God. Please consider being a part of this pilgrimage of faith and come join us to experience a once-in-a-life-time journey.

We are currently planning an informational meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact Pastor David or pick up a brochure at the FUMCAG church office.



Marj Cawelti.....09/05

Mike Coho.....09/06

Jan Herber.....09/12

Sally Weitkamp.....09/13

Alice Addison.....09/14

Mason Baybayan.....09/16

Bob Thronson.....09/16

Betty Ann Quintana.....09/18

Jan Treat.....09/18

Peg Gallop.....09/21

John Emery.....09/22

Glen Werling.....09/24

Judith Atwood.....09/26

Jeanne Stephenson.....09/28

Claire Jacob.....09/29



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



Hope, Joy & Love Rising



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### Music Notes



#### Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir, under direction of Julie Burns, began rehearsals for our next season on August 28, and will be singing at the 10:30 worship services starting September 8. A heartfelt thank you is given to the Special Music instrumentalists and vocalists who provided service music during the summer.

#### The Grande Ringers

The Handbell Choir has begun rehearsals and, directed by Leonard Lutz, will be playing on the third Sundays of the month at both worship services. Their first Sunday welcomed back from summer break will be September 15.



#### Praise Team



Throughout the summer months the Praise Team has provided music at the 8:30 worship services on Sunday mornings. Thank you to Praise Team leader Mike Clark and his devoted team of instrumentalists and vocalists who play at the 8:30 worship services all year long.