

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

# **Cast~A~Net**

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

**APRIL 2018**

**EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 1, 2018**  
**8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship**

***“I WILL RISE”***

**Mark 16:1-8**

**Rev. Mary Birgelaitis**

Celebrate the  
resurrection of  
our Lord!

*Happy*  
**EASTER**



**SOLAR POWER  
SYSTEM AT  
FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH,  
ARROYO GRANDE**

*Bird's Eye View—  
photo taken  
by a drone*

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## *From the Pastor*

Being a pastor is being at the center of the circle and seeing everything the congregation does all at once. I have a birds' eye view of activities. Even when I am not physically present, news travels back through the network of loving relationships shared through the Body of Christ at Arroyo Grande First. What I see is heart-warming.

I see a church that is to be applauded. In 32 months, you have confronted financial challenges in effective ways, tightening things up, cutting what was necessary to balance the budget, growing givers' hearts and inspiring them to respond to the needs of a congregation we all love. We have been able to add back some monies we had cut and are now at a pleasant place of creating new ministry.

As a pastor, I always work with the Nominating Committee to strengthen SPRC, Finance and Trustees first. When these areas are strong and working well, my time "frees" up and I have more time to focus on people and church program, which is frankly more fun! I suddenly have time to be visiting and to pop in at groups because I'm not putting out fires. Being with people and effecting great program ministry bring joy. Our Administrative Groups working faithfully have brought us to a happy place. They have strengthened this ministry and empowered us to be in mission. When the foundation is strong, we can focus on the future. We are there!

You'll be hearing more about new groups and activities. Yes, we DO still need people to come aboard on program committees. It's time for laity to take hold and guide education of adults and children, to "own" these areas and steer the work. Our good worship can be even better.

The reason I harp on rules, chains of command, procedures and such is that when all this works well then I can do the pastoring I love most, and spend less of my time worrying about budgets, buildings and staff. Joy rises, hope reigns, and love grows in and between us. Thanks be to God for you! God loves you, and I do, too.

*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!



**APRIL LITURGISTS**

**APRIL 1**

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

**APRIL 8**

8:30 a.m.—*Joseph Brown*  
 10:30 a.m.—*Barbara Reineke*

**APRIL 15**

8:30 a.m.—*Elwood Hyden*  
 10:30 a.m.—*Nancy St. Laurent*

**APRIL 22**

8:30 a.m.—*Mary Thronson*  
 10:30 a.m.—*Judy Atwood*

**APRIL 29**

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

Dates	Topics and Schedule
Sunday, April 1 EASTER SUNDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services                      Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis                      "I Will Rise" Mark 16:1-8</li> </ul>
Wednesday, April 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:45 PM Adult Bible Study                      MOSES: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet by Adam Hamilton                      Session 1 of 6: Facilitated by Judy Atwood</li> </ul>
Sunday, April 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services                      Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis                      THE POWER OF LOVE: Love Reassures                      Psalm 133, John 20:19-31</li> </ul>
Wednesday, April 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:45 PM Adult Bible Study                      MOSES: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet by Adam Hamilton                      Session 2 of 6: Facilitated by Judy Atwood</li> </ul>
Sunday, April 15 Native American Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services                      Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis                      THE POWER OF LOVE: Love Nourishes                      Psalm 4 Luke 24:36b-48</li> </ul>
Wednesday, April 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:45 PM Adult Bible Study                      MOSES: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet by Adam Hamilton                      Session 3 of 6: Facilitated by Judy Atwood</li> </ul>
Sunday, April 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services                      Joseph Brown, Pulpit Speaker</li> </ul>
Wednesday, April 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:45 PM Adult Bible Study                      MOSES: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet by Adam Hamilton                      Session 4 of 6: Facilitated by Judy Atwood</li> </ul>
Sunday, April 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services                      Esther Benedict, Pulpit Speaker</li> </ul>

**COMMUNION DURING APRIL**

During Holy Week, the sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Holy Thursday as we remember Jesus' gathering with disciples in the Upper Room.

Communion will again be served at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> rather than Easter, Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> and we will continue with the weekly communion pattern for the 8:30 a.m. service.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

### REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**The Latest from the Trustees—March 13, 2018**  
**Paul Holden, President**

Children's Center director requested temporary room usage of 213/215 (formerly youth room) along with UMW boutique storage. Materials and books will be stored, a computer will be set up and staff meetings will be held in the space. Trustees voted to approve.

Children's Center Director voiced a concern triggered by recent property damage. Trustees forwarded information on security cameras and alarms. Trustees are considering installing additional motion detection lighting around the Church Campus.

The narthex update committee received a second bid for renovation. The contractor offering the bid is doing a major renovation at a church in Nipomo. Several Trustees will visit those premises on the morning of March 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Trustees' liaison for Executive Janitorial and other members will meet for a walk through of the premises in order to stay on top of needed cleaning issues.

The President has received two bids to bring to the Trustees regarding installation of new electrical circuits and heaters for the Pastor's Study and the Front Office. The Trustees voted to accept the lower bid from Drube Electric.

The President and a church member installed a new hose-sprayer for the commercial sink in the kitchen, and performed a dishwasher/sink repair. As we go forward, the business that furnishes chemicals for the dishwasher will be consulted first as they will do simple repairs for the cost of parts.



Val McClure, publicity

### MAY 6<sup>th</sup> IS TACO DELIGHT

Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> will bring us the annual TACO BUFFET brought to you by the UMM. This yummy lunch happens right after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Service in Criswell Hall from 11:30 – 12:45 pm and features a taco bowl in which you can pick your own fillings out of many choices of goodies. Goodies include Mexican hamburger, onion, chopped olives, sour cream, green peppers, lettuce, tomatoes, and cheese. Lemonade, coffee and tea will be available. Refried beans will accompany the meal. Cupcakes will be offered for dessert. TAKE-OUT is available. Only sit-down guests will have drink service. COST: Adults \$10, Youth \$5 and kids under 10 years FREE. Don't miss this once a year event and help the UMM raise monies for its many in-church projects.



### UMM ADVENTURE TRIP SET FOR MAY



An exciting trip has been planned for Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 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, which are used around the world. The bits range in size from 2 inches to 5 feet.

Dick will take the group through the whole manufacturing process. A LUNCH STOP will be made at the Radisson on the way home. Ride-On transportation (max 15) will be available. 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 with Paul Holden or Chuck Ashton.

### SOME DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

**Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Annual Coffee N' Art Show, Criswell Hall, 11:30-1 pm



**Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>** – Annual All-Church BBQ





**United  
Methodist  
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*

Next year the United Methodist Women will celebrate 150 years that started when Miss Isabella Thoburn, a teacher, and Dr. Clara Swain traveled to India. They were the first missionaries in founding the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston in 1869. Teaching and healing were their forte and they started a tiny school and a medical clinic in Lucknow, North India in 1870. Now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, there still thrives the Isabella Thoburn College and the Clara Swain Hospital.



Since then, other women and other churches have heard "the call" and have sent missionaries to Sierra Leone in Africa, to China, to South America and eventually dozens of countries. However, women at home over the years have worked as deaconesses and local missionaries, addressing needs of immigrants, newly freed slaves, and persons in remote geographic areas. As the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary approaches, it is appropriate to remember our founders.

Fast approaching is the 19<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Assembly of UMW in Columbus, Ohio on May 18-20, 2018. This event will mark the official celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and will also be a return to the location of the first assembly in 1942. Talk about it in your circles and read the article in the UMW News as there is an exciting lineup of speakers for UMW Assembly 2018.

**Virginia Mothes, Publicity**



**Saturday, May 12th , \$12**

**UMW LADIES LUNCHEON**

*catered by Tina Moore*

**AND FASHION SHOW**

*like you've never seen before*

*—with a surprise finale!*

**JULY SILENT AUCTION**

*Do you have items or services*

*to donate?*

*Please note: No Craft Workshop meeting on April 12; back again April 26, 10 a.m., McMillen Room*

How did this happen?

Easter always falls on the first Sunday following the first full moon of the spring equinox, so while the day of the week, Sunday, stays the same, the date can vary by almost six weeks. This year Easter falls on April 1. Yes, April Fool's Day, a combination that hasn't happened since 1956.

Within the United Methodist Church, the focus is always to be on the Christian observance rather than the secular holiday when the two coincide. But that doesn't mean there can't be some humor. Just look at the irony.



The origin of April Fool's Day is unclear. One theory is that it came into being when the Julian calendar, which placed the new year around the March equinox, was replaced with the Gregorian calendar, which placed the new year January 1. People who didn't know about the change or refused to accept it and continued to celebrate the new year in the spring were called April fools.

The Rev. Taylor Burton-Edwards, a specialist in United Methodist worship, said the resurrection really was a joke on those in power at the time of the crucifixion. "They thought once Jesus was dead, he would be out of their way, things would go back to normal and they would continue to reign forever. The joke was on them. They may have been used as the instrument of death for Jesus, but they couldn't make him stay dead!"

*"Jews ask for signs, and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, which is a scandal to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. But to those who are called—both Jews and Greeks—Christ is God's power and God's wisdom. This is because the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength."* (1 Corinthians 1:22-25,CEB).

(I just thought this piece from the UMC Communications Committee might be interesting for all to know!  
~Patti Melsheimer, Lay Leader)

## NATIVE AMERICAN SUNDAY 2018 IS APRIL 15, 2018


The Rev. Roy Hilburn (Waccamaw Siouan tribe) is especially grateful for Native American Ministries Sunday, April 15. A Native American seminary scholarship made his education possible. Today, he is in his 10th year of ministry at a North Carolina church where membership has multiplied more than fivefold.



On this day, United Methodists celebrate the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans in the church and the community.

The special offering received during the April 15 celebration supports Native American outreach ministries and provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians.

When our churches support Native American Ministries Sunday, we empower Native American congregations to minister to their communities with the love of Jesus Christ.



**PLEDGE DRIVE COMING**

**May 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**HOPE RISING: Love Gives**  
**Psalm 98**  
**John 15:9-17**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**

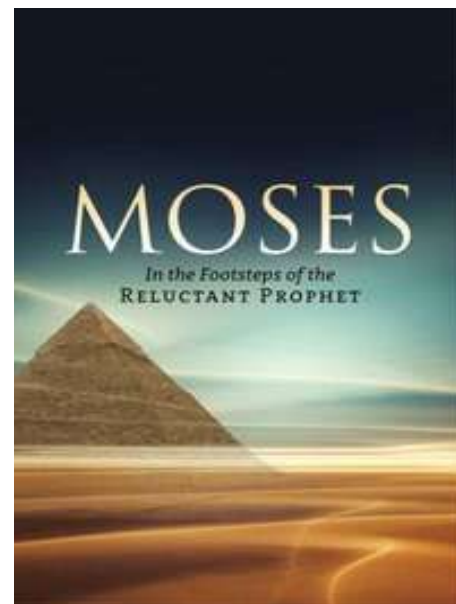
**ASCENSION**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**HOPE RISING: Love Abides**  
**Psalm 93**  
**Luke 24:44-53**

**May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**PENTECOST**  
**Eighth Sunday of Easter**  
**HOPE RISING: Spirit Descending**  
**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**  
**John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15**

**NEW WEDNESDAY STUDY CLASS**  
**APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> --MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**CRISWELL HALL, 5:45 PM**  
*facilitated by Judy Atwood*



**MOSES: In the Footsteps of the**  
**Reluctant Prophet**  
**by Adam Hamilton**

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

Join Adam Hamilton's travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. Using historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, Hamilton guides us in the footsteps of Moses who grew in his relationship with God and successfully fulfilled his given role.

Books are available.



*Submitted by Joel Anderson, Chair, Church Council*

Church Council approved moving ahead in developing our **Ministry of Visitation** and our **Program Ministry** by adding teams in these areas. After years of cutting back due to budget restraints, Church Council believes we are in a position to expand our work. Our HOPE is RISING that this will allow us to better serve The Lord and better serve one another.

The Visitation Ministry would focus on providing regular visits to our shut-ins, visitors and prospective members.

The Program Ministry would involve creating social events to encourage fellowship within our Church. These might include: Theater trips to PCPA (Pacific Conservatory Theater), the Melodrama, San Luis Obispo Little Theater, Performing Arts Center at Cal Poly or Clark Center, movie nights with discussion and dessert, game nights, field trips, speakers, cooking or gardening classes and demonstrations, mission trips or work outings.

The Program Ministry could be a coordinating individual or team effort. The details and nature of these ministries are being worked out and both are dependent upon how well we do with our May Stewardship Drive, HOPE RISING.

If you think you might be interested in participating in either Visitation or Program Development, please contact Rev. Mary Birgelaitis.

### **THE NATIONS ARE HERE IN CAL-PAC**

By Mary Mele Faiva Blagojevich,  
Cal-PAC UMW President

On April 14, 2018, our California Pacific Conference UMW will hold a Diversity Event at the Church of the Good Shepherd UMC (Arcadia, CA) called **“One God—One UMW, Many Languages.”** This is a special gathering to celebrate the many different cultures within our Cal-Pac Conference UMW. The event will host programs designed to build awareness about diversity and engage in dialogue amongst different groups during lunch. And, our Korean, Spanish, Filipino and Tongan UMW sisters will provide lunch, music and cultural dance.

**Key Insight:** For us in Cal-Pac, we do not have to go far to follow Jesus’ command to take the gospel “to the nations.” The nations are right

here—they are in our congregations and in our communities. And, we must develop the awareness, sensitivity, knowledge and skill needed to respect different cultural values and beliefs to effectively lead and reach communities with the gospel of Jesus Christ, ultimately fashioning authentic Christian community!

**Action Step 1:** Register now and experience authentic community at the event on April 14, 2018.

**Action Step 2:** Save the Date for Cal-Pac UMW’s **mission u 2018** happening this June 28—July 1, 2018 in La Mirada, CA.

**Actions Step 3:** Support UMW in the many ways made available on our webpage at [calpacumc.org/umw](http://calpacumc.org/umw)

*Note from the editor:*

*This article arrived in the church office email on 3/29/18 and ties in with the UMW history article on page 5.*



# News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, chair

## MISSION TEAM: APRIL 2018

### MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

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

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

#### 1. MISSION AROUND THE WORLD

I have been thinking about how many ways we as members of First UMC of Arroyo Grande are in mission and ministry in Arroyo Grande, as well as our District and Annual Conference, and around the world. I think it would be interesting to create a list of how we are the church that Christ wants us to be as we share his light to the world.

#### 2. FAITH AND FACTS: PEACE WITH JUSTICE

##### What does the Bible say?

\*Many nations shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem, God shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. (Micah 4:2-3)

##### What does The United Methodist Church say?

\*Whether it happens in the towns of northeastern Nigeria, a suburb in the United States, the streets of Australia, or an office in France, gun violence has become an all-too-frightening phenomenon. We need the reality of Micah's vision more than ever. (2016 Book of Resolutions, #3428, "Our Call to End Gun Violence")

##### What do the facts say?

\*Violence against women and girls worldwide is indisputably linked to small arms, which include revolvers and assault rifles. The best strategies related to reducing intimate-partner violence include stronger gun ownership regulations, policies that raise awareness about the

danger of firearms in homes, and interventions to change cultural attitudes towards guns in relation to concepts of masculinity.

\*Firearms are the most frequent form of suicides in countries where guns are common in private households.

##### What do you say?

\*Identify the health issues that people talk about privately and create spaces that remove stigma and shame to facilitate public education and advocacy.

\*Look for opportunities to participate in projects which go beyond simple health care measures like inoculation or clinics and address underlying causes of ill-health.

#### 3. UMCOR SUNDAY

UMCOR has been providing compassion and relief services to people and nations in crisis since 1940. They have a presence in over 80 countries and have helped tens of thousands of people receive help after war, disaster, conflict and other disruptive events that leave communities unable to recover on their own.

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!  
So far with January and February:

People's Kitchen Misc.	\$ 3,515.00
People's Kitchen Food	63.47
South County Food Bank	63.47
UMCOR—Fire Relief	1,150.00
UMCOR—Human Relations Sunday	53.00
<b>2 MONTHS TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 4,844.94</b>

**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
						
<p><b>1</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  Coffee Hour: Endowment/ELT</p>	<p><b>2</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</p>	<p><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>5 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal—HR</p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner—CH <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Study Group—CH <b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir —S</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>8 AM</b> People's Kitchen Prep - Leave to Serve at <b>11:15 AM</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise —CH <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L <b>5 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal —HR</p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>AGUMCC Spirit Day</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study —L <b>3:30 PM</b> AGUMCCC closed <b>3:30 PM</b> Staff Development—MMR</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  Coffee Hour: Mary-Martha-Esther Circle</p>	<p><b>9</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</p>	<p><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>5PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal—HR <b>7 PM</b> Trustees (CH)</p>	<p><b>11</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>5 PM</b> Free Dinner—CH <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Study Group—CH <b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir—S</p>	<p><b>12</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>10 AM</b> No Crafts Today <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L <b>1:30 PM</b> <b>5 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal—HR</p>	<p><b>13</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L May Castanet articles deadline at Noon</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b> Native American Sunday <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  Coffee Hour: Staff Parish Relations Committee SPRC Meeting—11:45</p>	<p><b>16</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</p>	<p><b>17</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise —CH <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR <b>11 A</b> UMW Chair Yoga-CH Preschool Board—MMR <b>1:30 PM</b> Open Session <b>2:00 PM</b> Closed Session <b>5 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal —HR <b>7 PM</b> JOY Circle (member's home)</p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day <b>10 AM</b> Communications—L <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner—CH <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Study Group—CH <b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir—S</p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L <b>11 AM</b> Finance—PS <b>5 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal—HR</p>	<p><b>20</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study —L</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  Coffee Hour: Worship Committee</p>	<p><b>23</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</p>	<p><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-CH <b>5 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal—HR</p>	<p><b>25</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>5 PM</b> Free Dinner—CH <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Study Group—CH <b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir—S</p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>10 AM</b> UMW Boutique Crafts—MMR <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L <b>1 PM</b> Mission Team—MMR <b>5 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal —HR</p>	<p><b>27</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L <b>11 AM</b> UMW Book Club (MMR)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b> <b>Children's Center Sunday &amp; Art Show</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  Coffee Hour: AGUM Children's Center <b>1:30 PM</b> County Band Concert—S, CH</p>	<p><b>30</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</p>					



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**Deadline for May Issue**  
**Friday, April 13 at Noon**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

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



**UMW Book Club News**

**UMW Book Club To Discuss A Bus to Corinth**

For the April 27<sup>th</sup> book club meeting, participants will discuss a book about friends who travel to Greece together. The fictional book, A Bus to Corinth by Ladine Housholder, engages the reader in the lives of these friends who are dealing with personal battles. The itinerary follows the Apostle Paul's steps as a minister to early Christians in Athens and Corinth. These friends study I and II Corinthians as they journey to the churches Paul ministered to. They are surprised to discover the impact of Paul's teachings on their own lives today.

Come join us on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 A.M. in the McMillen Room to discuss A Bus to Corinth. Books are available online from Amazon.com (Kindle version also available). See Patti Melsheimer about getting a copy.

*submitted by Judy Leonard*

**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.

Registration form available at [www.agumcc.org](http://www.agumcc.org) or in Criswell Hall on the Children's Center Board.



- Jack Cuddy.....04/01
- Janine Moore.....04/01
- Paul Holden ..... 04/04
- Patti Melsheimer.....04/06
- Laurie Moore.....04/06
- Pam Bauske.....04/07
- Grant Cuddy.....04/08
- Shirley Werling.....04/08
- Sadie Barber.....04/09
- Don Gugeler.....04/11
- Ryan Odom..... 04/24

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



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### ELT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Active participants in our church who will be attending Fall 2018 classes at a university, community college, or technical school may apply for an Everett Lee Taylor (ELT) Scholarship.

The ELT Scholarship applications, which are available on the church website, [www.worshipweekly.com](http://www.worshipweekly.com), are due to the church office by May 15, 2018. Requirements for the scholarship are listed on the application.

