

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



# Cast~A~Net

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

**AUGUST 2018**



Hope is indeed rising.  
We ended our fiscal year  
with a modest surplus.  
Stewardship was 108%

of plan! Thank you everyone who contributed with your prayers, presence, gifts and service. With the surplus we were able to pay off \$10,000 of the loan from the Endowment Committee that the Church needed a few years back. Expenses ran \$6K over plan due to unexpected building and equipment maintenance. The largest expense, the replacement of the gas lines, was covered by a grant and gifts, however, there were many other maintenance items which came out of the annual budget. Thank you Trustees for keeping our campus looking nice and running smoothly.

This year we are starting two new ministries, a Program Ministry Team and a Visitation Ministry. We hope to give much deserved raises to many staff members. In order to accomplish this, we need everyone to continue to keep current on their Estimates of Giving and continue to bless this church with prayers, presence, gifts and service. The budget is a plan. We make it reality as we give. Thanks again for your faithful giving to the church. The joy of ministry is ours together!

*Joel Anderson, Acting Treasurer*

## **MANY HATS**

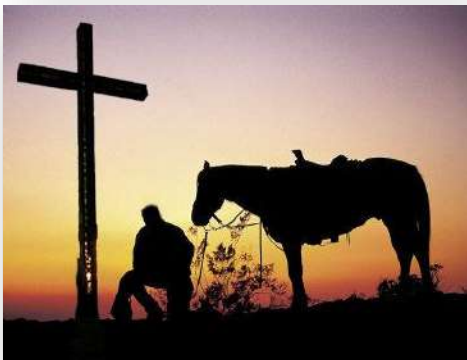
Here is Joel Anderson, man of many hats at our recent Church Council Meeting which took place on his birthday. (Note Jesus praying in the background)!



Kudos to Joel for juggling three jobs and wearing many hats for us. He is currently Finance Chair, Church Council Chair and Acting Treasurer. This is highly unusual and is a challenge for your Nominating Committee as we have not been able to secure a successor as Treasurer.

Our thanks to Joel, for carrying out all three roles for us at this time, and for “some time”, we might add. Happy Birthday to our leader!

*Pastor Mary and Church Council*



### **GATHER AROUND THE CAMPFIRE UNDER THE STARS**

**Cowboy Church at the Clark Ranch**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 25  
6:30-7:30 PM**

Mike and Connie Clark  
456 Carpenter Canyon Arroyo Grande  
Christian Fellowship and Message  
Cobbler and Coffee

*“It’s that time again; dust off your  
boots and tell your friends!”*

## *From the Pastor*

Greetings,

A Blessed Summer to you! The new appointment year has begun. I am blessed to be among you as your appointed pastor. Every year the Conference sends us directory information regarding our church to check over for accuracy and to update as needed. This list may interest you! It's the list of appointments to Arroyo Grande First United Methodist Church since the beginning.

How far back do you go? Which pastor was pastoring when you joined, when you were baptized, married or what year did you celebrate the life of a precious loved one in a memorial service? Here is the line-up. Who do you remember?

### CHURCH APPOINTMENT HISTORY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ARROYO GRANDE

1884 (H. J. Crall)	1917 De Kalb Burnham	1946 John Wesley Grande
1885 F. S. Wodcock	1920 A. C. Welch	1948 Carl Arthur Wahlquist
1887 C. W. F. Nelson	1921 (J. V. Bennett)	1952 Charles H. Whipple
1892 A. M. Ogborn	1922 C. M. Ross	1954 Robert E. Laird
1895 C. H. L.	1923 (Francis R. Johnston)	1959 M. Kenneth Criswell
1898 W. D. Bell	1926 H.B. McFarland	1968 William M. Black
1900 J. R. Ross	1927 G. W. Richmire	1974 Alan P. Gorsline
1901 F. A. Ziegler	1929 Paul Lomax	1984 Everett L. Taylor
1902 S. S. Sampson	1931 E. J. Bradner	1988 (Dec) TBS
1910 V. H. Brink	1934 H. B. Sellers	1989 Ehrhardt I. Lang,
1911 C. H. M. Sutherland	1935 Zenas D. Bancroft	2000 Robert E. Underwood
1912 J. W. Gortner	1938 C. J. Oleson	2008 David Burgeson
1915 S. J. Lindsay	1940 John M. Barnhart	2015 Mary Birgelaitis
	1942 Morris Singer	

**Associates:** 1993-94 Diane Brady 1999-2002 Son Hye Kim

That's 39 pastors and 2 associates in 134 years with an average pastorate of less than 3.5 years! The record goes to Ehrhardt Lang with 11 years. Al Gorsline and Ken Criswell can share second place with 10 years and 9 years respectively. Bob Underwood and David Burgeson can claim a third place with 8 years and 7 years. What everyone else wants to know is how they stayed "*under the radar*" in such a beautiful place and at such a great church as long as they did!

Here's to you, the highly flexible, adaptable, committed and fun-loving congregation of the First UMC of Arroyo Grande who welcomed them all. And here's to another great year of advancing this ministry together!

*Rev. Mary Birgelaitis*

Adult Christian Education



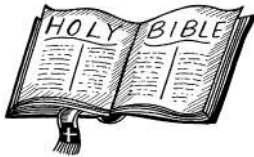
**Mondays at 7 PM**

Women come to pray together in the Sanctuary.



**Fridays at 8:30 AM**

Join us in the Library for Bible Study, discussion, coffee, & friends!



**AUGUST LITURGISTS**

**AUGUST 5**

8:30 a.m. ————— Joseph Brown  
10:30 a.m. ————— David Beaman

**AUGUST 12**

8:30 a.m. ————— Lucy Jacob  
10:30 a.m. ————— Virginia Mothes

**AUGUST 19**

8:30 a.m. ————— Susan Thronson  
10:30 a.m. ————— Nancy St. Laurent

**AUGUST 26**

8:30 a.m. ————— David Beard  
10:30 a.m. ————— Judy Atwood



LET'S HAVE AN



We have some amazing special music in worship including praise music, jazz, a medley of favorite hymns, great soloists and instrumentalists, so don't miss a single Sunday. For five Sundays (August and Labor Day) we'll depart from the lectionary to enjoy the Wisdom Literature of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Job and the Psalms, so come enjoy worship with us.

Dates	Topics and Schedule
Wednesday, August 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fellowship Dinner &amp; Adult Bible Study on Summer Break until Wednesday, September 5</li> </ul>
Sunday, August 5 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost Communion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</li> <li>Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis</li> <li>"Whassup, Lady Wisdom?"</li> <li>WISDOM OF THE PROVERBS</li> </ul>
Sunday, August 12 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</li> <li>Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis</li> <li>"Whassup, Teacher?"</li> <li>Special Guests—Judith and the Jazz Krewe</li> <li>WISDOM OF ECCLESIASTES</li> </ul>
Sunday, August 19 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</li> <li>Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis</li> <li>"Whassup, Solomon?"</li> <li>WISDOM OF SOLOMON</li> </ul>
Sunday, August 26 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</li> <li>Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis</li> <li>"Whassup, Job?"</li> <li>WISDOM OF JOB</li> </ul>
Sunday, September 2 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost Communion LABOR DAY WEEKEND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</li> <li>Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis</li> <li>"Whassup, Davd?"</li> <li>WISDOM OF THE PSALMS</li> </ul>

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES AND MEALS RETURN ON**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

For listing of the books for the upcoming classes, see announcement on page 7 of this newsletter.





Val McClure, *publicity*



**CHRISTMAS PLANNING IN AUGUST?**

The UMM is hard at work planning a very special trip for the congregation in December of this year. The trip will be by luxury 55 passenger Trailways bus to Hearst Castle to attend their “Christmas at the Castle” program. Christmas at the Castle is very special. The castle is decorated by dozens of Christmas Trees and professional actors dressed in 1920’s costumes and scattered throughout the castle having a cocktail party. The whole scene takes you back to the 20’s and you would almost expect Mr. Hearst to step out of his “secret” door for the party.

At this stage of the planning it looks like the event will run approximately \$50 per person, which would include the ticket to the Castle, bus transportation, and some goodies on the bus. There is even room for a “lunch stop” in Cambria or San Simeon. The tour will be planned to see parts of the castle without climbing many steps. Mark your calendars for November or December. Dates, time and cost to be announced at a later date.

**END OF PROGRAM YEAR FOR UMM VARIED**



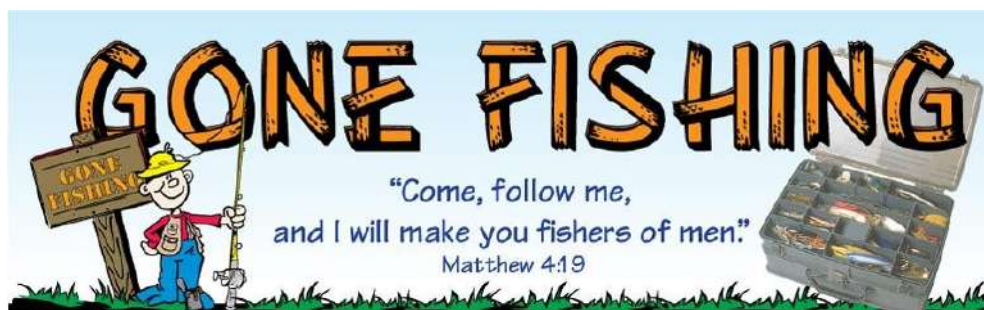
PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The new revised schedule (posted on the UMM Bulletin Board) has a little of something for everyone.

This includes:

- Monday, Sept. 24.....UMM Cabinet Meeting
- Sunday, October 21.....All Church Pancake Breakfast
- Saturday November 17.....Breakfast Meeting with Speaker, Coco’s
- Day to be determined—late Nov. or early Dec.—Trip to Hearst Castle

The 2019 Schedule is also posted on the UMM Bulletin Board.





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*

*Virginia Mothes, publicity*

The UMW certainly hopes you are enjoying the Silent Auction that was started for the month of July and extends to August 5<sup>th</sup>. This means that you can still bid on the items after worship services on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>; however, the bidding will end at noon and the winners will be announced about 12:15-12:30 PM.

Coming up on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Elm Street Park (corner of Elm and Ash) we are having an All Church Picnic. UMW will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs with condiments. We ask for sign ups for salads, chips, olives, pickles, etc. There will be water bottles and juice available. Fee requested will be \$10 at reservation, \$5 for children 5 to 10 years old and under 5 will be free.



UMW has several fun activities planned: a variety of games to participate in, an apple pie bake off for judg-

ing, an old-fashioned cake walk, and anything else anyone can suggest to make this a fun and memorable afternoon for all. If possible, carpooling will help with limited spaces available.

We still have the Craft Workshop meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays until the Annual Holiday Boutique on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The meetings are held in the McMillen Room starting at 9:30 AM and are led by Gerry McGuire. If you would like to participate but are unable to attend, there are projects that can be taken home. Any and all help is appreciated. Our Holiday Boutique will have wonderful decorations to brighten your home and will offer handmade gifts for holiday giving. We will furnish coffee and sweet rolls for your browsing enjoyment. Look forward to these upcoming events to share with family and our congregation. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.



UMW



## SUMMER READING FOR UMW BOOK CLUB

Although the UMW Book Club isn't meeting this summer, we are preparing for our September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Our September selection is The Invisible Girls: A Memoir by Sarah Theborge. In this book Sarah describes how her chance meeting with a young mother and her daughters from Somalia changes all of their lives. Recovering from breast cancer, Sarah has recently moved to Portland, Oregon to start a new life. Hadhi and her daughters are struggling to fight starvation in their American neighborhood. Sarah's kindness and outreach to this family help her find love and connection with needy human beings trying to survive in a new land. See Patti Melsheimer or check in the church office for a copy of the book.

If you want to get a jump on October's book, check out News of the World by Paulette Jiles. This story set after the Civil War relates the adventure of a 71-year-old news reader who has taken new responsibility: delivering a young orphan girl to relatives in Texas who do not know or want her. This complex story shows the strong bond these two strangers make over the 400-mile treacherous journey from Wichita Falls to San Antonio. Imagine trying to communicate with a girl who has been raised by Indians and can not speak English or act "civilized." Sometimes quirky and at other times thought-provoking, this story should provide material for lively discussion at our October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Several copies of this novel are available through the public library system.

UMW Book Club meetings are held at 11 A.M. the fourth Friday of the month in the McMillen Room. We invite you to read these books and join us beginning on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Dear Friends,

Mary Hawkins and I (Sandy Underwood) are very excited to co-chair the new Program Ministry Team. This team will include Lucy Jacob, Patti Melsheimer, Judy Atwood and additional newer members as well. Newly created activities and events will bring us together to support each other, to enjoy each other's company and to discover our strengths as the Body of Christ at Arroyo Grande First. The church will be able to better serve you and those not part of the church family as well.

As Christian disciples, we become participants in God's activity in the world. Love of God is linked to love of neighbor and to a commitment to seek justice and renewal. Faith inspires service! What we believe must be confirmed by what we do. For John Wesley, there was no religion but social religion and no holiness but social holiness.

Wesley and the early Methodists were concerned about inviting people to experience God's grace and to grow in knowledge and love of God through Christian living. They placed primary emphasis on putting faith and love into action. From Wesley's time to the present, Methodism has sought to be both a nurturing community and a servant community.

Members of Methodist Societies expressed their faith, giving to the poor, visiting the imprisoned, and working for justice and peace. They sought to receive the fullness of God's grace and to reform the nation, spreading scriptural holiness. We, too, can build intentional relationships across socioeconomic, cultural and racial lines, and can strengthen our community. We can enjoy fun and fellowship while spreading God's love.

Sandy

adapted from <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/our-wesleyan-heritage>



**Join the choir...**

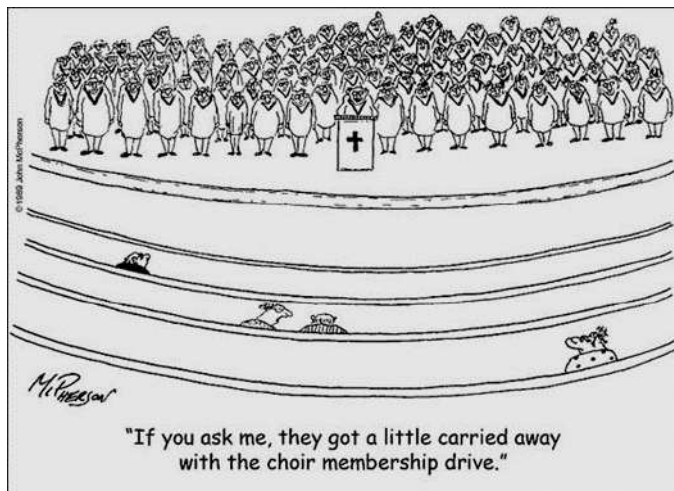
**You'll Be Glad  
You Did!**

*Julie Burns-music director*

Greetings!

Looking for something fun to do on Wednesday evenings? Do you love hymns and worship music—whether it be Gospel, Spirituals, Classics or contemporary music? Then the Chancel Choir is the place for you. We are going to be doing some fun projects this year. Join us!

Come on out on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> for the kick off. It's our first rehearsal. We will rehearse two weeks before returning to the choir loft on September 9<sup>th</sup>.





# BOARD OF Trustees' MEETING

The Latest from the Trustees

Meeting July 10, 2018

A “Ring” Security System for the Children’s Center has been installed and is now operational. This system increases protection of the property on the west end when no one is on the premises.

Trustees approved up to \$1,100 to be spent to purchase and install rock for the landscaped area on the Bennett Street side of the Church.

Trustees approved a request from Worship Committee to fund necessary maintenance to the sound board and to the organ in the sanctuary.

A request was presented regarding the possibility of storing a 3-shower mobile trailer on our property for a program called “Shower the People”. Trustees agreed to consider this and to begin by measuring the area in front of the Bennett Street storage yard between the fence and the street to see if it would fit there. This is a project that provides showers for people who visit the People’s Kitchen location in Grover Beach. Our consideration is for storage of the unit between usages at other locations, not for housing the unit when it is in use. After questions are answered, Trustees will make a decision.

The issue of landscaping the garden areas that are visible from the sanctuary was raised. Trustees President will get a quote from our landscapers.



## FIVE CITIES CHRISTIAN WOMEN

has a basket under a table in our Narthex and, over the years, we have greatly appreciated items donated here at FUMCAG. At present we can use more non-perishable food items. Thank you for helping support this Food Pantry—open Monday—Friday from 2 PM to 4 PM. It is located across from Central Coast Baptist Church, 9th & Rockaway, Grover Beach.  
~ Virginia Mothes, Treasurer

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Criswell Hall

5:45 p.m. --- 6:45 p.m.

(following the free dinners at 5:00 p.m.)

Get out your calendar and put these dates on it. Join us for a meal at 5:00 and at 5:45 for the study. If you are interested in providing a meal on occasion, let Judy Atwood know. Funds are available for reimbursement if desired.

### September 4 through October 3

#### UNAFRAID

Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times  
by Adam Hamilton

### October 10 through November 14

#### SIMON PETER

Flawed but Faithful Disciple  
by Adam Hamilton

#### November 21

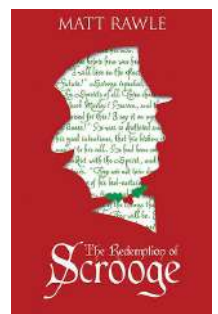
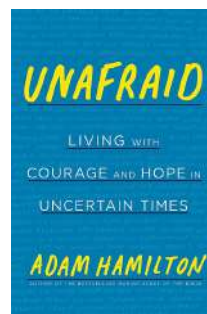
#### Thanksgiving Break

### November 28 through December 19

#### THE REDEMPTION OF SCROOGE

by Matt Rawle

This Advent study will “bless us everyone” and reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith.



## FROM YOUR LAY LEADER

Patti Melsheimer

The summer is winding down and kids are going back to school. In many ways it feels like a time of new beginnings like the first of the New Year. This is an opportunity to try new things and begin new projects. Pastor Mary and I have been discussing possible small groups that we might launch during the next four months.

What would you like to study? What would you like to improve upon in the coming months? Do you want to gain a better understanding of the Bible or certain parts of it? Maybe you would like to learn more about John Wesley. Would you like to participate in a group that discusses current issues and how we as Christians react to different points of view?

Our National Council of Bishops will be discussing and trying to reach a conclusion on how United Methodist Christians resolve issues of homosexuality. Would you like to participate in discussions regarding the proposals that they are making on how to resolve this issue?

We, as United Methodist Christians, are called to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”. How can we “help transform the world”? Would you like to discuss how we in Arroyo Grande can make a difference?

These are just some ideas. I am sure there are many others. We would appreciate your input. We would also appreciate suggestions regarding when and where small groups might meet. In between services on Sunday morning? Lunch on a weekday or Saturday? Early on a weekday morning? At the church? At someone’s home or at a local restaurant. Let us know what you would like!

## Writing Your Life Stories Class Resumes in September

Have you wanted to write your autobiography but did not know where to start or how to do it? The **Writing Your Life Stories** class provides an easy way to write down your life experiences in simple, short stories. After you write many stories in class and at home, you can gather them into a form of biography to share with family and friends.

If you want a testimony how this class works just ask Judy Atwood, Gene Heiney, Judy Heiney, Alice Addison, Patti Melsheimer, Mary Birgelaitis, Jim David—or me—to share our experiences. The first fall session will be Thursday, September 13 at 1:30 PM in the McMillen Room. Please let me know if you plan to come so I can have class materials prepared in advance.

Roger Sperling  
[rbnsas@gmail.com](mailto:rbnsas@gmail.com)





# News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, chair

## MISSION TEAM: AUGUST 2018

Judy Atwood

### MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Bright Light
2. Nome Mission
3. Special Giving Totals for 2018

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

#### 1. BRIGHT LIGHT

The Mission Team continues to look for suggestions for "Bright Light" in ministry done by persons in our congregation, both within the congregation and the community. If you have ideas, let us know so we can lift up that mission service.

This month our Bright Light is our Monday People's Pantry. The program is directed by Betty and Chuck Ashton. Each Monday afternoon, from 1-3 pm, families and individuals may come and secure nutritious food for themselves and their families who are food needy. A dedicated crew of volunteers, along with the Ashtons, spend many hours outside the Monday 1-3 time period securing the food and making it ready for distribution. They donate time and transportation to make this happen.



Since their source of meat is now limited, it is helpful for us to make up casseroles which they use to supplement client meals. These kinds of casseroles are also taken on the first Thursday of the month to the People's Kitchen, along with salad, rolls, fruit and dessert. Between 80-90 meals are provided in this program each month. There were also 96 pairs of socks given out to help with hygiene needs of the clients.

At the end of May 454 meals were served to 452 individuals. Thank you for supporting this ministry of our church.

#### 2. NOME MISSION

Several months ago we sent three boxes of items to the Nome Community Church for Layettees for Newborns.

They recently had a work day to assemble new layettes and then sent a list of current needs, listed below: SPECIFIC NEEDS: Receiving blankets, boy sleepers, Onesies, Bath towels/wash cloths, bibs, socks, and miscellaneous items a baby might need or enjoy. They recently sent 30 sets to the surrounding area and 10 to their local hospital. The pastor hopes to be in our conference in July or August and perhaps we can plan a visit while he is here.



*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.	11,133.38
People's Kitchen Food	311.58
South County Food Bank	311.57
UMCOR—Fire Relief	1,150.00
UMCOR—Human Relations Sunday	53.00
UMCOR Sunday	967.00
UMCOR—Native American Ministries	250.00
UMCOR—Peace with Justice	206.00
<b>6 MONTHS TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 15,877.53</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>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day</p> <p>Free Dinner &amp; Adult Study on Break for Summer</p>	<p><b>2</b>  <b>8:00 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>6 PM</b> Worship Team—PS</p>	<p><b>3</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> AGUMCC Staff Development—MMR</p>	
<p><b>5</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service</p> <p>Coffee Hour: JOY Circle</p>	<p><b>6</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>7</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>6 PM</b> Castle Caper Practice—CH  <b>7 PM</b> Trustees—PS</p>	<p><b>8</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day  <b>9:30 AM</b> UMW Steering—L</p> <p>Free Dinner &amp; Adult Study on Break for Summer</p>	<p><b>9</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>10 AM</b> UMW Boutique Craft Workshop—MMR  <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L</p>	<p><b>10</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
<p><b>12</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Mission Team</p>	<p><b>13</b>  <b>9 AM</b> Deadline Newsletter articles  <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>14</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>6 PM</b> Castle Caper Practice—CH</p>	<p><b>15</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day  <b>10 AM</b> Communications—L</p> <p>Free Dinner &amp; Adult Study on Break for Summer</p>	<p><b>16</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L  <b>5:30 PM</b> AGUMCC Back to School Night—K, CH</p>	<p><b>17</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>
<p><b>19</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Finance Committee</p>	<p><b>20</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>21</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                      Preschool Board—MMR  <b>1:30 PM</b> Open Session  <b>2:00 PM</b> Closed Session  <b>6 PM</b> Castle Caper Practice—CH</p>	<p><b>22</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day  <b>10 AM</b> Mary-Martha-Esther—MMR</p> <p>Free Dinner &amp; Adult Study on Break for Summer</p>	<p><b>23</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>10 AM</b> UMW Boutique Craft Workshop—MMR  <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L</p>	<p><b>24</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>COWBOY CHURCH                      Clark Ranch 6:30 PM                      See cover for details</p>
<p><b>26</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Mary-Martha-Esther Circle</p>	<p><b>27</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>28</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>6 PM</b> Castle Caper Practice—CH</p>	<p><b>29</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day</p> <p>Free Dinner &amp; Adult Study resume Sept. 5</p> <p><b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal (first of new season)—7 PM—S</p>	<p><b>30</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L</p>	<p><b>31</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L</p>	<p>goodbye, august                      hello, september</p>

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## An Item from the Church Council

The Church Council is taking signups for Fellowship Time after the services (commonly called "Coffee Hour") for 2019. If you would like to bring snacks for Fellowship Time a particular Sunday to celebrate a special event (e.g. anniversary, birthday, memorial), please contact Joel Anderson at

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Or leave a note for Joel with the Church Office by September 16<sup>th</sup>.



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





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## “Whirling Hexagons”

Opportunity Quilt

*This beautiful quilt, made by the “Sew ‘n’ Sews” at FUMCAG, is on display in Criswell Hall every Sunday through September 23<sup>rd</sup>. For your opportunity to win it, tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5.*

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### SUMMER FUN!

Check out the bulletin board by the coffee hour tables in Criswell Hall.

This is what we need YOU to do.

1. Find or take a cute picture of your pet.
  2. Don’t put a name on it.
  3. Leave it with Frances or drop in slot of office door.
  4. We will put it on the bulletin board.
- YOUR job is to see if you can identify to whom these pets belong.**



**The more who participate, the more fun!**