

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



# Cast~A~Net

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

OCTOBER 2018

## THE CASTLE CAPER DINNER THEATER

Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00—7:30 PM

Comedy with a little bit of satire



- Where is Ebony Castle ?
- Who is the Magic Mirror ?
- Who is Sir Sariend (sorry end) ?

Criswell Hall, First UMC of Arroyo Grande

Tickets are \$20 for dinner and theater  
Contact choir members, cast, or the church  
office to purchase tickets  
Fundraiser to benefit the music department



A GLIMPSE of the CAST



**The Children's Center is hosting a Fall Tri Tip BBQ  
Friday, October 12, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm or 4:00 to 6:00 pm.**

Cost: Presale Tickets \$12; at the door \$15.  
Meal includes a BBQ tri tip sandwich, chips, fruit, and a dessert.

The proceeds raised will be used to purchase early childhood educational materials and supplies for the classrooms: paint, paper, glue, puzzles and other items.

See Maddy between worship services from 9:30-10:30 to get your Tri Tip BBQ ticket or to help at the event.

## *From the Pastor*

For meteorologists who use the Gregorian calendar to split the year into four equal parts as they forecast weather, Fall begins on September 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through November 30<sup>th</sup>. For astronomers who base seasons on celestial events, it's the date when hours of daylight and darkness are about the same. For us, then, autumn begins September 23<sup>rd</sup> with the autumnal equinox. No matter how you cut it, we are there! Summer is gone and Fall holidays are fast approaching. Do you love October? At First UMC of AG we usher in a festive season of friendship, fun, food and great times together. We celebrate that "harvest" sense of gratitude and give thanks for our lives, our church family and our friends as we worship God each Sunday.

All year long, I stand at the backdoor as everyone leaves worship and I field happy comments and comments for others. I want to pass them on! Lately I have been hearing high praise for the praise team at our early service. People LOVE the music and are so grateful for the quality, the spirit and the upbeat way in which the praise team ushers us into a new week worshipping God.

The same is true after second service. I am a happy pastor indeed, fielding high compliments to our musicians--singers, instrumentalists and choir. We had a great summer of music that gave the choir time to come and go as worshippers and now we are overjoyed to welcome them back for another great run of music through June.

There's another wonderful area of ministry I field compliments for. Yes! I am privileged and privy to the words of gratitude that come back to the Prayer Shawl Ministry from people receiving prayer shawls as they go through difficult times of recuperation, loss or whatever it is that inspires one of you to tell the Prayer Shawl Ministers that this person or that one might appreciate a little encouragement.

Notes come left and right with words of thanksgiving for beautiful shawls, for "thinking of me" and for "putting a smile on my face". Some recipients pull them out during special times of need, others keep them visible as sign or symbol of others praying for them, and one recent recipient wears it during her morning devotional time.

Thank you! And thanks to the busy bees who make and deliver these prayer shawls. They do this on your behalf. This IS a wonderful congregation and we are making efforts to grow forward our ministry of caring and not let precious people "slip through the cracks", especially when in need.

Thank you as you continue to help let us know where the needs are. There is always so much to do. We are older and fewer than in days gone by, so it's a challenge to have the people power as we reach out. If you can be the squeaky wheel that makes us more aware of when and where TLC is needed, you will help expand our caring. Call the office and let Frances and me know what you know so we can love one another in the name of Jesus!

*Rev. Mary B.*



**Monday at 7 PM**  
 Women come to pray together  
 in the Sanctuary.



**Friday at 8:30 AM**  
 Join us in the Library for Bible  
 Study, discussion,  
 coffee, & friends!



**OCTOBER LITURGISTS**

**OCTOBER 7**

8:30 a.m. ————*Joseph Brown*  
 10:30 a.m. ————*Cristy Van Hook*

**OCTOBER 14**

8:30 a.m. ————*Elwood Hyden*  
 10:30 a.m. ————*Virginia Mothes*

**OCTOBER 21**

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

**OCTOBER 28**

8:30 a.m. ————*Robert Thronson*  
 10:30 a.m. ————*BG Perriguy*



| Dates  | Topics and Schedule   |
|--|---|
| Wednesday, October 3   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>5:45 PM Adult Bible Study</b><br/>                     UNAFRAID: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times<br/>                     by Adam Hamilton Session 5 of 5 Facilitated by Nancy St. Laurent</li> </ul> |
| Sunday, October 7<br>20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost<br>WORLD COMMUNION<br>SUNDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</b><br/>                     Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis</li> </ul>   |
| Wednesday, October 10  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>5:45 PM Adult Bible Study</b><br/>                     MESSY PEOPLE: Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes<br/>                     by Jennifer Cowart Session 1 of 6 Facilitated by Judy Atwood</li> </ul>     |
| Sunday, October 14<br>21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Pentecost<br>LAITY SUNDAY             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</b><br/>                     Sermon by Laity</li> </ul>   |
| Wednesday, October 17  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>5:45 PM Adult Bible Study</b><br/>                     MESSY PEOPLE: Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes<br/>                     by Jennifer Cowart Session 2 of 6 Facilitated by Judy Atwood</li> </ul>     |
| Sunday, October 21<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</b><br/>                     Pulpit Guest</li> </ul>  |
| Wednesday, October 24  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>5:45 PM Adult Bible Study</b><br/>                     MESSY PEOPLE: Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes<br/>                     by Jennifer Cowart Session 3 of 6 Facilitated by Judy Atwood</li> </ul>     |
| Sunday, October 28<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</b><br/>                     Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis</li> </ul>   |
| Wednesday, October 31  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>5:45 PM Adult Bible Study</b><br/>                     MESSY PEOPLE: Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes<br/>                     by Jennifer Cowart Session 4 of 6 Facilitated by Judy Atwood</li> </ul>     |

*You Are Invited!*



## UMM PREPARES FOR NEW PROGRAM YEAR

The UMM Cabinet held its first planning meeting of the new program year on September 24<sup>th</sup>. More information on the year's events will be available in the Sunday bulletins and posted on the UMM bulletin board in Criswell Hall.



Val McClure, *publicity*

## OCTOBER IS PANCAKE TIME

The first UMM pancake breakfast will take place on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Breakfast includes pancakes (of course!), scrambled eggs, link sausage, fruit cup, and coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Cost: Adults \$8, Youth \$5 and kids under 10 years FREE. Tickets are available each Sunday starting October 7<sup>th</sup>— see Betty Ashton. Mark your calendars and bring a neighbor or friend to the service with breakfast afterwards.



## WANTED: NEW CABINET MEMBER

After 30 years serving as an officer in various positions of the Methodist Men's Cabinet, Val McClure announced he will retire from his position as Publicity Chairman and Secretary for the group in June. He is seeking a member of the congregation who enjoys writing and working on the computer, and is willing to attend the occasional Cabinet meeting and meet deadlines for the Cast~A~Net. Val is willing to completely train any individual for the position. For further information call or email Val—phone and address in church directory.

## FIRST BREAKFAST WITH SPEAKER SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>

Paul Holden, Vice Chairman of the UMM and in charge of programs, announced the first breakfast meeting of the year will be held at Coco's Restaurant on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM, and will feature Jim Gregory as our speaker talking about aviation in SLO county during WWII. A delicious meal is to be ordered off the menu.

## HEARST CASTLE TOUR DATE IS SET FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>!

**We have great news for the Castle trip! The UMM is considering underwriting the cost of the bus, which would make your cost for the tour \$30 per person, the price of the Castle tickets. "Christmas at the Castle" is very special as the castle is decorated by dozens of Christmas trees, and professional actors, dressed in 1920's costumes, are scattered throughout the castle. 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. The tour will be planned to see parts of the castle without climbing many steps. Sign up with Kent Unsworth for this fantastic tour with your friends!**





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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*

*The Craft Workshop for the Boutique* — It may be just the beginning of fall, but there is only a little over a month until the UMW Church Christmas Boutique —NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>—and time is ticking away to get all those wonderful things made. See announcement with details on back cover.

We are now meeting every Thursday morning from 10 am to 12 pm in the McMillen Room. Come help us! We will find something for you to do. Or stop in and pick up something to work on at home. If you have items to contribute, please contact Gerry McGuire or Mary Thronson.

At the Church Picnic on Sep. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Gerry holds the tub of ticket stubs from which was drawn the name of the lucky winner of the lovely "Whirling Hexagons" opportunity quilt, handmade by the "Sew 'n Sews". The winner is : **BG Perriguey!**

A few photos of the picnic are found on page 8.



## A DIFFERENT LOOK AT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Mr. Singha Naubon and his wife Thamonwan struggled to grow rice on their small farm. They were natives of Isan in the dry northeast of Thailand, the country's poorest region. His dream was to travel to a place where hard work would enable him to send money home.

Representatives of Global Horizons told him to come up with \$20,000 and they would send him to places to earn the money he needed for a better life. Mr. Naubon mortgaged his home and borrowed money to come up with the sum. The first place Global Horizons sent him was to Michigan, harvesting pumpkins. He was housed in a small unit with dozens of other Thai workers. After a month, they sent him to Colorado to work on a pig farm. When work shortly ran out, he requested a transfer to Hawaii because he heard the pay was better. Global Horizons resisted, but Mr. Naubon insisted, so in Hawaii, he harvested eggplant, tomatoes, cabbage and bananas.

Global Horizons was often weeks late in depositing his earnings, and after nine months, they told him there was no more work due to a problem

with his H-2A visa, a temporary work permit for agricultural workers.

Global Horizons abandoned Mr. Naubon, and his future took a turn for the better when he met an outreach worker from the Susannah Wesley Community Center who helped him file with the U.S. Government for certification as a victim of human trafficking.

This center came to be in 1899, also known as the Women's Home Missionary Society, which was a predecessor of the United Methodist Women.

Besides helping women exploited by sex traffickers, they listened to Mr. Naubon and other Thai men tackle illegal labor trafficking.

Mr. Singha Naubon worked two jobs to pay down his debt and saved enough to bring his wife and 7 year old daughter to Hawaii. UMW helped daughter Thanisorn enroll in first grade, and his wife to work part-time in a restaurant and enroll in an English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) program. They are working hard to build a new life for their family.

~Virginia Mothes, publicity

# ENDOWMENT NEWS.....Wayne Huggins, chair

## TREE OF LIFE—First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande ENDOWMENT FUND

The Tree of Life is to honor and cherish the memory of our friends and loved ones in the church and is the cornerstone of its Endowment Fund. Our Tree of Life is designed and dedicated to give special and permanent recognition to those who have and will continue to contribute to our church endowment fund. The stones at the base of the tree and leaves extending from the branches may be inscribed to memorialize our loved ones, or to celebrate the joyous occasions of the lives of special individuals. They will be particularly suitable for commemorating such occasions as births, graduations, weddings and anniversaries, as well as to honor parents, children, family or friends. The leaves may be inscribed for a suggested contribution of \$500 or more, and the stones are reserved for suggested contributions of \$1,000 or more. All money derived from the Tree of Life will be placed in the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande Endowment Fund which will retain



all contributions in a trust. Only a portion of the earnings will be used to undergird various programs and concerns of the church.

### WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR ENDOWMENT FUND GIFT?

Your Endowment Fund gift of a stone is invested with its earnings distributed according to the *designated* wishes of the donor. An *undesignated* gift of a stone or a leaf will have its earnings used for such causes as: aiding in charitable activities, educational activities, church programs, help to the elderly, purchase of church property, maintaining church property, mission outreach.

A leaf or a stone is a wonderful way to memorialize your loved ones or celebrate the joyous occasions of life and special people. *For additional information and answers, call First United Methodist Church, AG at (805) 481-2692*

***Please visit our Tree of Life in the Church Narthex!***

### Endowment Money Requested/Distributed in 2018, as of 08/31/18

| Description                                    | Designated or | Source       | \$            | Date |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------------|------|
|  | Undesignated  | Name of Fund | Designated    |      |
| <b>Beginning Balance 01/01/18 = \$305,313</b>  |               |              |               |      |
| Seminary in Africa                             | D             | Hammond      | 1,100         | Q2   |
| ELT Scholarships                               | D             | ELT Fund     | 1,300         | Q2   |
| Mission Programs                               | D             | Sanborn      | 1,000         | Q3   |
| Mission Programs                               | D             | D. McGuire   | 3,066         | Q3   |
| Feed the Hungry (People's Kitchen)             | D             | Wizemann     | 900           | YTD  |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>D</b>      |              | <b>7,366</b>  |      |
| <b>Beginning Balance, 01/01/18 = \$436,042</b> |               |              |               |      |
| People's Kitchen                               | U             | Smith        | 1,000         | Q1   |
| Children's Center (Flooring)                   | U             | Smith        | 2,492         | Q2   |
| People's Kitchen                               | U             | Smith        | 2,000         | Q3   |
| Children's Center                              | U             | NB 5020      | 5,000         | Q3   |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>U</b>      |              | <b>10,492</b> | YTD  |

**Available for Distribution = \$10,500**

(probably for Narthex Renovation)

**Balance on Loan to Church = \$12,000**

**PROGRAM MINISTRY DATES and ACTIVITIES**

~Sandy Underwood

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

BOTANICAL GARDENS AT EL CHORRO PARK

Discovery Trail Hike (3/4 mile)—docent-led

Deadline to register: October 17

Cost: \$2 # spaces available: 10-15 plus

Hosts: Lucy Jacob and Rosemary MacKeen

Transportation —carpool from church



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

FALL COOKING DEMONSTRATION AND BRUNCH

See detailed article in NEXT COLUMN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

THE GREAT AMERICAN MELODRAMA HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

3 PM Matinee

Prices listed on sign-in sheet, Criswell Hall

Hosts: Judy Atwood and Sandy Underwood

Deadline to register: October 7

Transportation—carpool from church

See Scrooge find his Christmas spirit in a heart-warming tale of holiday magic, laugh until your sides ache at the zany characters in a fractured fairytale opera, and celebrate the music of the season in our Holiday Vaudeville Revue.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

HOLIDAY SING-ALONG AT THE CLARK CENTER

4 PM Cost: \$6

Hosts: Judy Atwood and Lucy Jacob

Deadline to register: November 18

Transportation—carpool from church



SIGNUPS FOR ALL PROGRAM MINISTRY ACTIVITIES ARE TAKEN ON THE CLIPBOARDS AT THE CARING CONGREGATION TABLE IN CRISWELL HALL.

**PROGRAM MINISTRY:**

**Fall Cooking Demonstration and Brunch**



Get ready for Fall entertaining! Learn some new recipes and techniques.

Our own Marjorie Ott will be doing a cooking demonstration class on Thursday, November 1 at 11 a.m.

Marjorie and her sister Marilyn owned the Olallieberry Inn B&B in Cambria until a few years ago and she gave classes there. Marjorie will share lots of advice and cooking tips. The menu will include: a Cheese & Egg Casserole, Pumpkin Harvest Scones and a surprise dessert. Printed recipes will be provided.

Do sign up soon. We are limited to a maximum of 10 persons. The demonstration and brunch will be held at the Melsheimer home in Arroyo Grande. Car-pooling from the church will be available. To cover the costs of the food, a fee of \$15 will be charged. To make a reservation, please sign up in Criswell Hall at the Program Ministry bulletin board.

**Bon appétit!** ~Patti Melsheimer

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES**

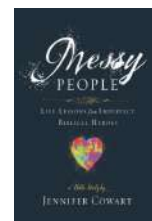
**Criswell Hall 5:45 p.m. --- 6:45 p.m.**  
(following the free dinners at 5:00 p.m.)

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.

**October 10 through November 14**

**MESSY PEOPLE:**

Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes  
by Jennifer Cowart

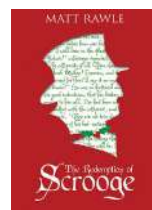


**November 21 Thanksgiving Break**

**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**

**LAITY SUNDAY—OCTOBER 14, 2018**

**Laity Sunday celebrates the ministry of all lay Christians.**

The early Methodist movement grew through the efforts of the laity who led small groups, taught Bible study, provided outreach ministry and led the administrative life of the church. Today developing and nurturing strong lay leaders to guide the church through changing times is an important component of creating a church fully engaged in the work of making disciples for the transformation of the world. Principled, visionary and effective ordained and lay leaders help United Methodists grow in faith and in sharing God’s love with others.

On Laity Sunday, we celebrate that we are all called, laity as well as clergy, to go and make disciples in a world so desperately in need of hope through our humble service. Jesus modeled the process for us in Mark 10:45. Therefore, go!

Laity Sunday at Arroyo Grande First United Methodist will focus on the celebration of the ministry of all our lay Christians. We will be having laypersons lead most parts of the worship service. I hope you will make a special effort to be present on October 14 to support our laity as they share with you what we are doing to “Go with hope through offering Christ” to our community.



**PICNIC IN THE PARK—SUNDAY SEP 23**  
 The All-Church Picnic in Elm St. Park was great fun and fellowship! Thank you to UMW chairs, Mary H and Gerry; grillers Bernie, Mike J and Bud, team members BG, Nancy, Tina, and ALL who brought their yummy favorite picnic dishes to share !





# News from the Mission Team

by Judy Atwood, chair

## MISSION TEAM: OCTOBER 2018

Judy Atwood

### MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. [Bright Light](#)
2. [World Communion Sunday Oct. 7](#)
3. [Disaster Response](#)
4. [Special Giving Totals for 2018](#)

#### 1. BRIGHT LIGHT



This month our Bright Light is Kent Unsworth.

Kent is busy around the church doing many things, but you may not know that he recently retired as Choir Librarian after 30 years. This is a ministry that isn't very visible to most of us. He used to be a member of the choir as well, but over the years he has kept the choir organized by pulling and putting away music, creating files and shuffling anthems around to make room for music. He brought music into practices on Wednesdays and filled out new information on cataloging the music for the data base. Thanks, Kent.

#### 2. WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCT. 7

One of six United Methodist church-wide special Sundays with offerings, World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. The special offering supports World Communion and Ethnic scholarships and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program.

When you give generously on World Communion Sunday, you equip gifted, qualified people from around the globe to become the world changers God created them to be. Growing up under the influence of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean, Juan Bennett was exposed to United Methodist mission teams at a young age. This led him to answer a call to ministry. Now he serves as superinten-

dent to the Panama/Costa Rica District of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas.

Bennett is grateful that United Methodists support this scholarship "because it allows the empowerment of people like me and many others who want to serve faithfully the church in our own settings but lack the resources to do further studies."

#### 3. DISASTER RESPONSE

We are all aware of the recent disaster due to Hurricanes and Typhoons. I would encourage you to prayerfully consider making a gift if you are able to our disaster response through UMCOR. This way funds and resources can be directed quickly and directly to the need of the disaster. You may place a gift in the offering plate marked disaster response and we will see that it is forwarded as you request.

#### 4. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2018



*Many hands continue to do many things.*

#### 3. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2018

Watch as the totals grow during the year!








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|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| ELT Scholarships                 | \$ 1,445.00         |
| People's Kitchen Misc.           | 15,048.38           |
| People's Kitchen Food            | 452.18              |
| South County Food Bank           | 452.17              |
| 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              |
| Haiti Mission                    | 2,000.00            |
| <b>8 MONTHS TOTAL:</b>           | <b>\$ 22,023.73</b> |

#### **A THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION.**

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



# October Happenings

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|---|
|   | <p><b>1</b><br/> <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry—CH<br/> <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR<br/> <b>5:45 PM</b> G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH<br/> <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer -S</p>                  | <p><b>2</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise-CH<br/> <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus knitters—MMR<br/> <b>11 AM</b> UMW Chair Yoga Class —CH<br/> <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR<br/> <b>6 PM</b> Castle Caper Practice—CH</p>  | <p><b>3</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH<br/> <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day<br/> <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner—CH<br/> <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Study Group—CH<br/> <b>7 PM</b>—Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S</p>   | <p><b>4</b><br/> <b>8 AM</b> People's Kitchen Prep—Leave to Serve<br/> <b>11:15 AM</b>—K<br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH<br/> <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L<br/> <b>10 AM</b> UMW Boutique Craft Workshop—MMR<br/> <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR<br/> <b>6 PM</b> Castle Caper Practice—CH</p>   | <p><b>5</b><br/> <b>AGUMCC Spirit Day</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L<br/> <b>3:30 PM</b> AGUMCCC closed<br/> <b>3:30 PM</b> AGUMCC Staff Development—MMR</p>  | <p><b>6</b><br/>                     CASTLE CAPER DINNER THEATRE<br/> <b>5:00 TO 7:30 PM</b>-CH</p>  |
| <p><b>7</b><br/> <b>World Communion Sunday</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service<br/> <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service<br/><br/>                     Coffee Hour:<br/>                     Communications Team</p>          | <p><b>8</b><br/> <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry—CH<br/> <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR<br/> <b>5:45 PM</b> G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH<br/> <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer -S</p>                  | <p><b>9</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH<br/> <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR<br/> <b>11 AM</b> UMW Chair Yoga Class—CH<br/> <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR<br/> <b>7 PM</b> Trustees—PS ??</p>   | <p><b>10</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH<br/> <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day<br/> <b>9:30 AM</b> UMW Steering—L ??<br/> <b>11 AM</b>—Program Committee—L<br/> <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner—CH<br/> <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Study Group—CH<br/> <b>7 PM</b>—Chancel Choir -</p>                                | <p><b>11</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH<br/> <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L<br/> <b>10 AM</b> UMW Boutique Craft Workshop—MMR<br/> <b>1:30 PM</b> Life Stories Classes—MMR<br/> <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR<br/> <b>6 PM</b> AGUMCC Planning—MMR</p>  | <p><b>12</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L<br/> <b>AGUMCC Fall Tri Tip Barbecue &amp; Silent Auction</b><br/>                     See serving times in cover article</p>  | <p><b>13</b></p>  |
| <p><b>14</b><br/> <b>Laity Sunday</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service<br/> <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service<br/><br/>                     Coffee Hour:<br/>                     Staff-Parish Committee</p>                | <p><b>15</b><br/> <b>9 AM</b> Deadline Newsletter articles<br/> <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry—CH<br/> <b>5:45 PM</b> G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH<br/> <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer -S</p> | <p><b>16</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exer—CH<br/> <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR<br/> <b>11 AM</b> UMW Chair Yoga Class—CH<br/>                     Preschool Board—MMR<br/> <b>1:30 PM</b> Open Session<br/> <b>2:00 PM</b> Closed Session<br/> <b>2:00 PM</b> Endowment-PS<br/> <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR<br/> <b>7 PM</b> JOY Circle—Home of member</p> | <p><b>17</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH<br/> <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day<br/> <b>10 AM</b> Communications—L<br/> <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner—CH<br/> <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Study Group—CH<br/> <b>7 PM</b>—Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S</p>   | <p><b>18</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH<br/> <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L<br/> <b>10 AM</b> UMW Boutique Craft Workshop—MMR<br/> <b>11 AM</b> Finance—PS<br/> <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR</p>  | <p><b>19</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L</p>   | <p><b>20</b></p>   |
| <p><b>21</b><br/> <b>UMM All-Church Pancake Breakfast</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service<br/> <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service<br/><br/>                     Coffee Hour:<br/>                     Worship Committee</p> | <p><b>22</b><br/> <b>11 AM</b> UMM Cabinet Meeting—L<br/> <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry—CH<br/> <b>5:45 PM</b> G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH<br/> <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer -S</p>       | <p><b>23</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH<br/> <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR<br/> <b>11 AM</b> UMW Chair Yoga —CH<br/> <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR</p>   | <p><b>24</b><br/> <b>Program Ministry SLO Botanical Garden Visit</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH<br/> <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day<br/> <b>10 AM</b> Mary-Martha-Esther—MMR<br/> <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner—CH<br/> <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Study Group—CH<br/> <b>7 PM</b>—Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S</p> | <p><b>25</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise-CH<br/> <b>10 AM</b> UMW Boutique Craft Workshop—MMR<br/> <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer-L<br/> <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR</p>   | <p><b>26</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L<br/> <b>11:00 AM</b> UMW Book Club—MMR</p>  | <p><b>27</b></p>  |
| <p><b>28</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service<br/> <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service<br/><br/>                     Coffee Hour: <b>Mission Team Harvest Potluck</b></p>   | <p><b>29</b><br/> <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry—CH<br/> <b>5:45 PM</b> G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH<br/> <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer -S</p>   | <p><b>30</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH<br/> <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR<br/> <b>11 AM</b> UMW Chair Yoga —CH<br/> <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR</p>   | <p><b>31</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exer-CH<br/> <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day<br/> <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner—CH<br/> <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Study Group—CH<br/> <b>7 PM</b>—Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S</p>                   |    |  |   |

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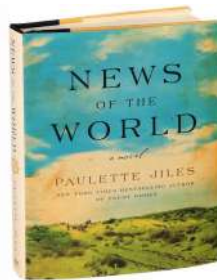
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## October UMW Book Club to Discuss News of the World

On October 26<sup>th</sup> the UMW Book Club will discuss the novel, News of the World, by Paulette Jiles.

This story set in post-Civil War days reveals the beauty and hostility of the old West. Sometimes quirky, at other times tender, the story centers around an elderly widow who agrees to deliver a young orphan to her relatives in San Antonio, Texas. Along the 400 mile trek, they must deal with thieves, Indians, and even the U.S. Army. In the end they discover what it means to care about someone and to make difficult choices.



Copies of News of the World are available through the public library system.

See you on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 11 A.M. in the McMillen Room.

~Judy Leonard



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## HARVEST MEAL TOGETHER



The Mission Team invites you to join us in Criswell Hall following the second service on October 28 for a potluck meal to celebrate the ministries of harvest we share as a congregation.

Put your thinking cap on and start making your list of all the things we do in our community, around the world and in our congregation.

Let's celebrate our ministry!

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**Mark Your Calendars**  
**The UMW Annual Church**  
**Christmas Boutique is Coming Soon**

**Saturday, November 3, 2018**  
9 am to 2 pm

Boutique café open 9 to 1 (meet for brunch!)  
Unique, wonderful handmade gifts for everyone on your list.  
Bring your Friends and Family  
Quilts, table runners, placemats, potholders  
Christmas and Fall decorations,  
Plants and baked goods  
Vintage thrift sale