

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



# Cast~A~Net

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

APRIL 2019

New Mission Statement for Our Church: **HOPE, JOY AND LOVE RISING** See page 6 for more information

## LET'S WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO OUR CHURCH!



Photos courtesy of Joe Brown



**NEW MEMBERS AT 8:30 SERVICE March 3** from left:  
**John Emery** – We welcome him as an affiliate member with ties to the UMC in Bakersfield. **Deborah Lewis** – She moved here from the Antelope Valley. She enjoys travelling, playing canasta, mahjong and pickle ball. **Elwood Hyden** – He first came to our church when he came from Tennessee to work for PG&E at Diablo Canyon. He enjoys golf and walking. **Stacy Inman** – Is a lawyer and semi-retired. Her son Bryce is a student at Cal Poly SLO. She loves learning new things and traveling. **Chloe Keith** – Born and raised in SLO county. She spends most of her time working and riding her horse. She sings with the Praise Band for first service. **Alexus Harrigan (Lexi)**— Born and raised right here in San Luis County and works full time at Arroyo Grande Farm Supply. **Victoria Harrington** – Member of the Elks and a 14 year cancer survivor. She enjoys playing racquetball and fishing, hunting, and biking.

**NEW MEMBERS at 10:30 SERVICE March 3** from left:  
**Nancie Thompson** – Born and raised in Kahului, Hawaii. She met Gary and they married after 17 years. She is an excellent musician who plays piano and clarinet, has taught hula dancing, and is in the chancel choir. **Gary Thompson** – Has a degree in music and in education. He has taught music and directed bands, choirs and church choirs for 40 years; he has also joined our chancel choir. **Jackie Llewellyn** – Recently moved to our area from England. She has a beautiful voice and joined the chancel choir. **Ray Douglas** – A Marine and veteran of the Korean War. Originally from Elmira, New York. **Bordena Andrew** – Was a member of the United Methodist Church in Washington before moving here. She has 3 children and 4 grandchildren. **Marcia Sommermeyer** – Is a native Californian and moved here 3 years ago from Tehachapi. She enjoys reading.

### NEW MEMBERS NOT PICTURED:

**Dave Anderson** – Dave has a printing business in Arroyo Grande. He recently rejoined the chancel choir.  
**Mike Brown** – He comes as a transfer from a United Methodist Church in Rock Hill, South Carolina. He is a Physician's Assistant.  
**Pam Garza** – Moved here recently and is a transfer from the FUMC of Bakersfield and is a retired teacher and school counselor.  
**Judie Neufeld** – Raised in Tacoma, Washington and has lived in Grover Beach since 1985. She is currently Regional Director for the Embroiderers Guild of America. When she is not doing needlepoint she enjoys reading and playing cards.



**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21**  
8:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
**WORSHIP SERVICES**



**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14**  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18**  
**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

**275 North Halcyon Road . Arroyo Grande . CA 93420 . (805) 481-2692**

## MUSINGS...

Have you ever read THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS by C.S. Lewis? It's that Christian apologetic novel he wrote in 1942 that he dedicated to J.R.R. Tolkien. It's satirical and takes the form of a series of letters from a senior demon Screwtape to his nephew Wormwood, who is a Junior Tempter. The uncle mentors his nephew as his nephew seeks to secure the damnation of a British man known as "the Patient." Entertaining to say the least!

I submit some brief quotes that captured my imagination. We might place this first quote in the context of our crazy political arena and consequently stop short of all hasty judgments:

***"Suspicion often creates what it suspects."***

It might also give us pause when placed into our United Methodist context, post Special Conference 2019. Often what we fear and suspect in others is nothing more than a mirror to our own soul. Let's pray for others and for ourselves lest we judge what is God's alone to judge.

How about this one?

***"Pilate was merciful till it became risky."***

The church is often guilty of such. We are merciful until it becomes risky. Sometimes the way we "get along" is to avoid important conversations and their consequences. Let's pray for the boldness to tackle the honest conversations that need to happen in our day in order to move forward in the Grace of God.

I was *ever so grateful* to the man who walked out the door on Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> when I preached inclusion more clearly and boldly than ever before just after the Special General Conference. He said in essence, ***"Pastor, I don't agree with you at all, but I love you."*** This man is willing to enter the conversation! Thanks be to God. Amidst all the joys and blessings of pastoral ministry, one disappointment remains within me since childhood. As a child, youth and young adult I so hoped that "church" would be the one place where we could talk about anything and it just isn't so. Let's pray for the openness and willingness to have conversations that can make a difference for us all.

The Senior Demon in THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS says to his apprentice:

***"A moderated religion is as good for us as no religion at all  
—and more amusing."***

Let's pray for bold faith and "on fire" religion that goes forth like John Wesley and other heroic forebears to make a difference in the world around us.

***"For the Present is the point at which time touches eternity."***

Easter Blessings to One and All!

*Rev. Mary Birgelaitis*



**Women's Prayer**  
**Mondays at 7 PM**  
 Women come to pray together in the Sanctuary.



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

**APRIL LITURGISTS**

**APRIL 7**

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

**APRIL 14**

8:30 a.m. ———Cristy Van Hook  
 10:30 a.m. ———Judy Leonard

**APRIL 21**

8:30 a.m. ———Sharon Roemer  
 10:30 a.m. ———Rose Ann Steiner

**APRIL 28**

8:30 a.m. ———David Beard  
 10:30 a.m. ———Nancy St. Laurent



Dates	Topics and Schedule
Wednesday, April 3, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Adult Bible Study</li> <li><u>ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS</u> by Amy-Jill Levine</li> <li>Session 4 of 6</li> </ul>
Sunday, April 7, 2019 Fifth Sunday in Lent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship</li> <li>Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis</li> <li>NOURISHED BY WORDS OF GRACE: "I Thirst"</li> <li>John 10:28-29</li> </ul>
Wednesday, April 10, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Adult Bible Study</li> <li><u>ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS</u> by Amy-Jill Levine</li> <li>Session 5 of 6</li> </ul>
Sunday, April 14, 2019 Passion/Palm Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service</li> <li>Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis</li> <li>NOURISHED BY WORDS OF GRACE: "It is finished"</li> <li>"Into Thy hands I commend my Spirit."</li> <li>Matthew 21:1-11, John 19:30, Luke 23:44-47</li> </ul>
Wednesday, April 17, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Adult Bible Study</li> <li><u>ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS</u> by Amy-Jill Levine</li> <li>Session 6 of 6</li> </ul>
Sunday, April 21, 2019 Easter Sunday	<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>EASTER SUNDAY</li> <li>ETERNITY'S SUNRISE</li> <li>Acts 10:34-43, Luke 24:1-12</li> </ul>
Wednesday, April 24, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Adult Bible Study</li> <li><u>MADE FOR A MIRACLE</u> by Mike Slaughter</li> <li>Session 3 of 6</li> </ul>
Sunday, April 28, 2019 Second Sunday of Easter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service</li> <li>Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis</li> <li>SUSPEND ALL DISBELIEF!</li> <li>John 20:19-31</li> </ul>



**EASTER SUNDAY—April 21, 2019**

**8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services**

**"ETERNITY'S SUNRISE"**

**Acts 10:34-43, Luke 24:1-12**

**Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis**

## Coffee N' Art Show

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am— 1:00 pm

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

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

The artists will be available to answer questions about their work. Some selected art will be up for sale. 50% of the sale will go to the Church Scholarship Fund, the other will go to the artist. Over 100 paintings will be on display. The regular coffee hour goodies, along with cocoa and tea will be available. Have your coffee treats and enjoy the many interesting presentations.



~Val McClure

*We remember with love, Virginia Mothes.  
August 9, 1940 — March 23, 2019*

*Virginia Mothes submitted this article for the April Cast~a~Net on March 20 for her contribution as Publicity Chair for our UMW.*

It's morning in Kenya, Africa. Wandering sleepily 12-year-old Kamali contemplates the long trek to collect the day's water supply for her small village. As with most victims of tragedy, Kamali has been tossed into the chaos of survival. Instead of carting school books to class, Kamali now carts a 40-pound jug across miles of rough, isolated land to fetch uncontaminated water.

Kamali gets ready to make the harsh daily journey alone and unprotected. She stoops down to lift the heavy 20 litre jug and places it wearily on the top of her tiny head. Without any sign of defiance or fear, she steps forward.

Returning at dusk, she hides the hurt of tired feet and aching shoulders. Her eyes tell a different story. Tiredness and hunger aren't the only problems she faced. Before she gets to the river, she passes several busy roads with rushing vehicles and motorbikes. Rape on routes to rivers is very common in this HIV-infected region.

When Kamali arrives home several hours later with her

water-filled jug, she looks exhausted. Her voice is barely a whisper, and her face is depleted of expression. And that's what life is like for Kamali and hundreds like her. More than 70% of females in Sub-Saharan Africa alone spend each day bringing clean water to keep their communities going. Together, their daily journeys total 200 million hours. Many people in Kamali's community and its surroundings are infected with and have died from Typhoid, Dysentery, Cholera, Bilharzia and other water-borne diseases.

They depend on the rivers for irrigation, drinking water, washing clothes, bathing plus letting their animals drink from it. Water contamination, lack of sanitation and poor hygiene are a few of the biggest causes of death. We desperately need to educate afflicted communities on how to disinfect polluted water used for cooking, bathing and agriculture. They also need to know how to conserve water.

Please look into organizations that are involved in education and enabling communities to learn how to protect themselves from the water scarcity that they will face in the all too near future.

~Virginia Mothes, UMW Publicity





**United Methodist Women**  
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

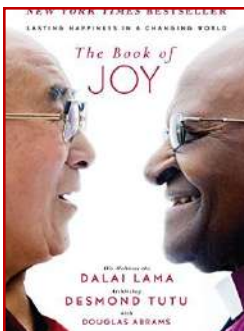
*“The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”*

### UMW COMING EVENTS

In May we will be celebrating with a **Ladies Day Luncheon** on **Saturday, May 11th** from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. There will be a “South of the Border” cuisine with a taco bar while enjoying a make-believe cruise ship adventure. Be sure to invite mothers, sisters, grandmothers, grandchildren and special friends to share in this lovely event. Entertainment will be provided. *(What will it be ? !)*



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



### UMW BOOK CLUB—APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Finding Joy in Your Life



On April 26<sup>th</sup> the UMW Book Club will discuss a remarkable book, The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World, by the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Abrams. Most of us have heard about the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu, both highly respected for surviving long term isolation and hardships. In April, 2015 Archbishop Desmond Tutu traveled to India to celebrate the Dalai Lama’s 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. During the weeklong visit the two shared stories about their lives and how they discovered joy in their lives; these conversations became the foundation of the book. Identifying the eight Obstacles of Joy and the eight Pillars of Joy, they shared their spiritual practices that all of us can use to enrich our lives.

See Patti Melsheimer for a copy of The Book of Joy or request one through the public library system. Everyone is welcome to join us at 11 A.M. on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, in the McMillen Room for the book discussion. ~ Judy Leonard

**PROGRAM MINISTRY DATES and ACTIVITIES**

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 9:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.  
 COFFEE N' ART SHOW  
 Criswell Hall



THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 7:00—9:00 p.m.  
 WESTERN DANCE CLASS  
 Criswell Hall



FRIDAY, MAY 17 Meet at church at 9:00 a.m.  
 MONTAÑA DE ORO BLUFF TRAIL Trailhead at 9:30 a.m.  
 Picnicking after hike

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 11:00 a.m.—1 :00 p.m.  
 BIRTHDAY GALA AND LUNCHEON

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 28, 29, 30  
 Sign up to volunteer to help!



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

COME CHECK OUT THE DETAILS AND DATES  
 FOR FUTURE EVENTS

**NEW MISSION STATEMENT**

The results are in for the vote of the new Mission Statement for the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande.

The winner was **Hope, Joy and Love Rising** with 25 votes.

God's Love Alive Here received 20 votes and We Choose Welcome---Jesus Leads the Way received 17 votes.

Thank you to all those that helped select the new mission statement. The purpose of the mission statement is to tell the world about who we are. We will use it in our literature, website, etc. Of course we will also continue to use the United Methodist "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" which is on the Church sign.

Did you notice that we placed this new mission statement on the front of the Castanet?

Would anyone care to create a logo for the new mission statement?

Joel Anderson  
 Chair, Church Council

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual AGUMCC Golf Tournament**  
**Saturday, May 18, 2019**

at the Monarch Dunes Challenge Course  
 Shot Gun Start at 9:30 am



Help Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center raise \$8,000 to improve outdoor play and early childhood education, while playing golf.



Individual Registration for golfers is \$75. Team Registration if \$300.  
 Save \$10 per golfer by registering before April 1, 2019.  
 The cost includes a golf cart and BBQ Chicken lunch at the Butterfly Grill.

There will be prizes and a silent auction at the event. Deadline to register is May 1, 2019.

You can also 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 805-481-2223. Registration form available at [www.agumcc.org](http://www.agumcc.org) or in Criswell Hall on the Children's Center Board.



*Caring  
 Congregation  
 Committee*

Please sign up at the Caring Congregation table to deliver Easter lilies to shut-ins on Sunday, April 14, the Sunday before Easter. This way our shut-ins will have them to enjoy for Holy week leading up to Easter.



### *Gifts that keep on Giving*



The Tree of Life in the Narthex is a symbol of longevity. It has many gold-colored leaves and larger plaques around the perimeter. Each one is a memorial in memory and honor of the life and service of a family member or friend. Donations to have a leaf or plaque added to the Tree of Life can be made to the Endowment Board. Please refer to the brochure adjacent to the Tree, or contact the Church office.

Donations can be designated for a specific program or project, or undesignated. Undesignated donations will be invested or used by the Endowment Board.

Most of the money used to start the early Endowment Fund came from the wills or trusts of former members who wanted to establish a 'Perpetual Fund', and have the principle invested in the stock market. For many years, a portion of the investment gains in the Endowment Funds has been used to augment money from pledges and regular giving to support the programs and projects of the church. Even though the stock market was down in 2018, the Endowment Board distributed to Mission/Education programs (\$6,466), People's Kitchen (\$4,200), Children's Center (\$10,000), and Classroom flooring (\$2,770).

**Request:** Please ensure you have a will or trust, and include a donation to the Endowment Funds that will be added to previous *"Gifts that keep on Giving"*.

Wayne Huggins  
Chair, Endowment Board

FROM YOUR LAY LEADER

Patti Melsheimer

## “Gifts”

Romans 12:6-8

“So we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us. If our gift is to speak God’s message, we should do it according to the faith that we have; if it is to serve, we should serve; if it is to teach, we should teach; if it is to encourage others, we should do so. Whoever shares with others should do it generously; whoever has authority should work hard; whoever shows kindness to others should do it cheerfully”.

When I was asked what I was going to write about for this month’s Castanet, I replied, “Gifts”. That garnered a puzzled look. This is not a Christmas article about how we receive gifts – it is an article about how we share our gifts. Wikipedia says, “A **gift** or a **present** is an item given to someone without the expectation of payment or anything in return.” It can be a talent or natural ability. As in “She had a **gift** for playing the flute”, something gained incidentally, without effort.

In our church we have many opportunities to use the gifts (or talents) given to us. The Nominating Committee is currently meeting to fill the openings on our various committees and teams. Where would you like to use your “gifts”?

Would you like to serve on the **Christian Education** committee, helping to plan curriculum and activities for the children of our congregation? (Have you noticed how many children come forward for the “Children’s moment” and then proceed to their Sunday School classes?) This committee would also like to plan more small group studies for adults. Maybe you would enjoy teaching a class or helping in the nursery.

Perhaps you like numbers and would enjoy serving on the **Finance Committee**, helping to plan our expenditures and collections. Or would you like to participate in helping to plan our **Worship** experiences? They are always looking for new ideas. Our **Communications Committee** currently oversees the publication of the monthly Castanet but would like to expand into the areas of advertising and social media to attract more people to our church. Do you have experience or interest in these areas?

The **Trustees** team is responsible for the use and maintenance of our buildings and grounds. Maybe this is an area where you could share your gifts. Or would you like to help in the planning and caring for our members – visiting those who are homebound, providing a meal for those who are ill or welcoming our new members. This is what the **Caring Congregation** committee does.

As you can see, there are many areas where you can use your gifts to enhance our church’s efforts to provide “Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors” to our neighbors. I hope you will be willing to use your gifts when the **Nominating Committee** contacts you!

~ Patti Melsheimer  
Lay Leader



# News from the Mission Team

by Judy Atwood, chair

## MISSION TEAM: April 2019

Judy Atwood

1. [History of Methodist Mission](#)
2. [Current Disaster Response](#)
3. [Special Giving Totals for 2019](#)

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

#### 1. [HISTORY OF METHODIST MISSION](#)

This month we continue the story of Methodist education and decolonizing mission. In the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, there was a strong movement toward independence in colonial nations and toward autonomy in their churches. These trends resulted in a rethinking of Methodist mission, first among indigenous leaders, and then in the British and American "home bases." Methodists, along with other Christians, sought to decolonize missions, up to the point of declaring, "Missionary, go home!"

These developments in mission, church, and secular politics affected how Methodist schools interpreted and carried out their mission tasks. In most cases, Methodist schools, colleges, and universities formerly run by Western missionaries were taken over by local leaders. (In other cases, such as China, mission-run schools were taken over by secular governments.)

This pattern of national control of Methodist education occurred as former mission churches became autonomous churches. It also occurred when national bodies remained affiliated with The United Methodist Church as in the Philippines. This shift to local leadership did not always imply the complete absence of Western missionaries, but it did allow local leaders to design educational programs to be most relevant to reforming their particular nation, while retaining the holistic focus on religious and socio-economic transformation.

These developments did not put an end to missionary involvement in Methodist education around the world. Africa University stands as testimony of a recently-founded school born through international, cooperative mission with a pan-African focus. (To be continued next month).

#### 2. [CURRENT DISASTER RESPONSE](#)

UMCOR and its partners are responding to disasters in the United States and around the world. Please join us in prayer for the affected areas and consider giving to UMCOR Disaster Response to support these efforts. The United Methodist Committee on Relief is in close connection with the annual conferences responding to recent severe storms and threats. A major winter storm continues to impact a wide area of the United States from the Rockies to the upper Great Lakes. Currently, assessments have begun in that area. As we receive more information we will provide updates. Thank you for your support. Checks can be made to the church, marked for "Disaster Response."

#### 3. [SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2019](#)

*Many hands made much possible!*








What our totals are for 2019:

People's Kitchen Misc.	\$2,914.00
People's Kitchen Food	143.48
South County Food Coalition	143.48
UMCOR—Human Relations Day	145.00
Missions (Haiti)	500.00

**2 MONTH TOTAL: \$3,845.96**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><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><i>April Fool's Day</i></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR  <b>11 AM</b> UMW Chair Yoga Class—CH  <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day  <b>5:30 PM</b> Adult Study—CH  <b>7 PM</b>—Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>8 AM</b> People's Kitchen Prep—Leave to Serve 11:15 AM—K  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L  <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR  <b>6 PM</b> Worship Team-PS</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><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> AGUMCCC Staff Development-MMR</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  <b>11:30 AM</b> Coffee N' Art Show—CH</p> <p>Coffee Hour:                  Coffee N' Art Show</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><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>9</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR  <b>11 AM</b> UMW Yoga Class—CH  <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR  <b>7 PM</b> Trustees-PS</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Sr Exercise—CH  <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day  <b>9:30 AM</b> UMW Steering—L  <b>5:30 PM</b> Adult Study—CH  <b>7 PM</b>—Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>9 AM</b> Easter Cleaning of Sanctuary—S  <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L  <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR  <b>6:30 PM</b> Church Council—MMR</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Serv.  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Mary-Martha-Esther Circle</p>  <p>Palm Sunday</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>9 AM</b> Deadline for newsletter articles—Office  <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>16</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR  <b>2 PM</b> Endowment—PS  <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR  <b>7 PM</b> JOY Circle-Member's Home</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day  <b>10 AM</b> Communications—PS  <b>5:30 PM</b> Adult Study Group—CH  <b>7 PM</b>—Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L  <b>1:30 PM</b> Writing Class—MMR ???  <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR</p> 	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L</p> 	<p><b>20</b></p>
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**MAY We All Join Together  
 To Welcome New Members  
 Sunday May 5th**



The Caring Congregation Committee invites you to get to know the newest members of our church. We are pleased to be welcoming nineteen new members who have joined our church since our 2018 "new member recognition luncheon".

Immediately following second service on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, **everyone** is invited to Criswell Hall for lunch and a program. It's free, it's fun, and it's a great family time. Just ask those who have attended this annual event the past several years. This will be your chance to greet and enjoy getting acquainted with our newest members and for them to get to know YOU! This is also a time to get better acquainted with all the other members of our amazing church family. We're sure you'll agree when you learn more about our members.

We will have a time of fellowship, a delicious luncheon provided by a generous donation from the Endowment Committee and a short program. Starting April 14<sup>th</sup> please look for the sign-up sheets at the Congregational Care table in Criswell Hall to make your reservations. We want to make sure there is enough food for everyone! There will also be opportunities to sign up to help. Many hands make light work when undertaking such a big event, and it's another chance for you to get to know one another better.

~ Pat Wiemers

**SANCTUARY CLEANING FOR EASTER**

Some of us will be gathering Thursday, April 11 at 9 a.m. for spring cleaning of the Sanctuary. We invite one and all who can come to spend some time helping, for whatever time you have available. Plans are:

- To clean and polish the woodwork and make it look shiny again.
- To clean out the hymnal and Bible racks of unwanted items.
- To vacuum out the cracks along the seat cushions.

**Cleaning supplies will be available.**

If you have a small hand vacuum that you might bring to help with the process, that would be great. Many hands can make the time go faster to make things ready for Easter. Look forward to seeing those who can share in this time.

~Judy Atwood



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### ELT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DEADLINE COMING SOON

We have scholarships to award to graduating seniors and current college students! Students may apply for this scholarship more than once provided they have maintained a minimum 2.5 GPA in their college work.

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

Only students who are or have been active participants in the Arroyo Grande First United Methodist Church may apply. The completed application with required attachments must be turned in to the church office by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Scholarship recipients will be introduced to the congregation in early June. Scholarship checks will be sent to recipients upon proof of registration in Fall, 2019 college classes.

So, don't delay – turn your application in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of May!

~ Judy Leonard

