



HOPE, JOY AND LOVE RISING

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First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

OCTOBER 2019

## HARVEST MEAL TOGETHER

The Mission Team invites you to join us in Criswell Hall following the second service on **October 27** for a potluck meal to celebrate the ministries we share as a blessed 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 shared ministry!



For those who receive their newsletters early by email, here is a last minute reminder...

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

## The Annual UMW Church Holiday Boutique

Saturday, November 2, 2019 9 am to 3 pm Criswell Hall

Invite all your friends, family and business acquaintances.  
Don't leave anyone out.

There will be a fantastic array of holiday gifts and decorations.

Again this year we will be serving a delicious holiday brunch with quiche and tasty pastries at \$8 per person.

Come check out the bargains in our vintage shop.



## Craft Workshop

In preparation for the Boutique, the CRAFT WORKSHOP, which meets every Thursday from 9:30 am to 12 noon in the McMillen Room, has a place for your assistance. Come socialize as we work, help out as you are able or pick up a project to work on at home.

We are seeking donations of new polyester stuffing, plants and decorative pots for plants, baked goods, vintage china, cups, etc.

We need volunteers to help set up on Friday, November 1.

Contact Gerry McGuire or Mary Thronson for any information.

## From the Pastor

### September, October, November!

It's harvest time. We celebrate the goodness that a life of faith brings to light. Faith inspires. Faith brings out the best in us. And God honors our efforts to sow seeds of justice, kindness and peace as we offer ourselves in service. We reap joy! Though the sunlight around us decreases for a season, the Sonlight shines brightly within!

Ever since the Harvest Moon, I can't get a silly old song out of my mind. My mother used to sing around the house. I don't know if she actually sang THAT song, but it is definitely the kind of song she was always singing --happy-go-lucky, upbeat, and a little bit silly. It's definitely "*her kind of song*". Her repertoire included *Hi-lili, Hi-lo, The Butcher Boy* and *The Prisoner's Love Song* which she sang LOUDLY when she wanted help with the dishes! I definitely remember that harvest moon song.

Shine on, shine on harvest moon up in the sky  
I ain't had no lovin' since January, February, June, or July  
Snow time ain't no time to sit outdoors and spoon  
Shine on, shine on harvest moon for me 'n' my gal.

Farmers weren't the only ones appreciating a little extra light in order to harvest their crops in a hurry. Love was ripe and ready for the picking!

Fall lends itself to themes of discipleship, stewardship, thanksgiving and gratitude. Let's harvest the fruit of the Spirit--hope, joy love, peace, patience, gentleness, kindness and self-control and let's lift up all sorts of GIVING in October. This is a non-lectionary series of sermons. We celebrate generous living, generous giving and the generosity of God all the way to Advent.

October 6th  
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY  
Awe-inspired Giving  
Acts 2:42-47  
(the early church)

October 13th  
Fear-inspired Living  
Luke 16:19-31  
(the Rich Man & Lazarus)

October 20th  
Risky Generosity  
Luke 21:1-4  
(the Widow's Offering)

October 27th  
God!  
The Greatest Giver  
Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
(Blessings & Gratitude)

*Rev. Mary Biegelantz*



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

**OCTOBER LITURGISTS**

**OCTOBER 6**

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

**OCTOBER 13**

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

**OCTOBER 20**

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

**OCTOBER 27**

8:30 a.m. ————*Sharon Roemer*  
10:30 a.m. ————*Roslyn Clauson*



Dates	Topics and Schedule
Wednesday, Oct. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>5:00 PM Adult Bible Study</b> Session 5 <i>Stories Jesus Told</i> by Greg Carey, facilitated by Judy Atwood</li> </ul>
Sunday, Oct. 6 World Communion Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship</b> Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "Awe-inspired Giving" Acts 2:42-47</li> </ul>
Wednesday, Oct. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>5:00 PM Adult Bible Study</b> Session 6 <i>Stories Jesus Told</i> by Greg Carey, facilitated by Judy Atwood</li> </ul>
Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service</b> Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "Fear-inspired Living" Luke 16:19-31</li> </ul>
Wednesday, Oct. 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>5:00 PM Adult Bible Study</b> Session 1 <i>Down to Earth</i> by Mike Slaughter</li> </ul>
Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</b> Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "Risky Generosity" Luke 21:1-4</li> </ul>
Wednesday, Oct. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>5:00 PM Adult Bible Study</b> Session 2 <i>Down to Earth</i> by Mike Slaughter</li> </ul>
Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service</b> Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "God! The Greatest Giver" Deuteronomy 26:1-11</li> </ul>
Wednesday, Oct. 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>5:00 PM Adult Bible Study</b> Session 3 <i>Down to Earth</i> by Mike Slaughter</li> </ul>

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

**Sep. 4** began Stories Jesus Told: How to Read a Parable by Greg Carey and continues through Oct. 9. Books are available and you can still join the group.

**Oct. 16** will begin a series on Down to Earth by Mike Slaughter. You will learn that nothing about the Christmas story is ordinary. Mike Slaughter says it's enough to confound the mind and make the heart contrite. This study opens up God's Christmas surprise to us and examines how it changed everything.

**Nov. 13** begins the Advent study, Light of the World by Amy Jill Levine. You will explore the biblical texts surrounding the story of Jesus' birth, tracing the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for these studies. You will find that it is an enjoyable and informative hour of sharing together. See Judy Atwood for books.



## UMM Forms New Cabinet— Events Coming Up!

On September 17<sup>th</sup> the new prospects for UMM leadership met and, with some responses in hand from a letter sent out to all men in the Church, the Cabinet became official.

New officers are :

**Paul Holden—President,**  
**Val McClure—Vice President**  
**Bud Johnson—Treasurer**  
**Bob McGuire—Secretary**  
**Kent Unsworth—Chaplain**

The new Cabinet planned the 2019/20 schedule with two special events coming up soon:

BREAKFAST at Coco's Restaurant on SATURDAY, **OCTOBER 26<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 AM. The breakfast will feature

guest speaker Greg McGill who coordinates the Central Coast Honor Flights to Washington D.C. for World War II veterans. Due to popularity of this subject, please be sure to sign up in the Narthex to secure space. As usual, ordering of breakfast is from the menu.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST to be held on SUNDAY, **NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30-11:00 AM. Many new men have stepped forward to help with events. The timing of events on Sunday are planned so that people from both first and second service can eat breakfast together.

Additional planning includes: Adventure Trips, Taco Buffet, and the UMM famous BBQ in June.

Men wishing to join activities should contact Paul Holden or Val McClure.

*submitted by Val McClure, Vice President*

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN RETREAT

The UMW retreated September 13-14 to learn about our sisters in Christ of 150 years ago and their efforts to organize and mobilize for mission. Imagine the late 1880's. Women did not enjoy the same freedoms we possess. It was a male-dominated world. Female leadership within the church had almost always been subtle, behind the scenes, and accomplished through quietly influencing men who had power. Against all odds, these sisters established a vibrant society.

In 1965, the Methodist Women's magazine quoted a Scarritt faculty member who called Methodist deaconesses "Loving Trouble-Makers." She did not mean that they loved making trouble, but rather that they made trouble because they loved. They loved others enough to raise their voices to speak for those Jesus called "the least of these". This sisterhood realized that if they wanted social change, they must promote social action.

Although not officially recognized as a lay order until the 2016 General Conference, Deaconesses organized in the end of the nineteenth century. Ever since, the ranks have been filled with women engaged in some of the most interesting and significant ministry in United Methodist history.

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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 RETREAT (continued from previous page)

We, too, can “trouble the water” and bring change—the kind of change the sisters before us brought, the kind of change that is needed today. What will we do to “Unite for Change” and fulfill our mission in our own community?

Those participating in this retreat brought forward ideas on how to serve our own community. The Steering Committee will compile all the information from the retreat. If you would like to be part of a sub-committee to be a “loving trouble-maker” at First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande, call Mary Hawkins and/or Gerry McGuire.

Excerpts from *Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission* copyright 2019 United Methodist Women by Ellen Blue

submitted by Sandy Underwood



### THE RETREAT IN PHOTOS:

Co-presidents Mary and Gerry enjoying the beach at the retreat.

Our UMW gathered together with the theme “Shine Your Light: Ignited for Justice” to celebrate 150 years of UMW.

**PROGRAM MINISTRY Dates and Activities**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, Time TBD

**AVILA LIGHTHOUSE TOUR**

See Program Ministry Table to sign up.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2:00-3:30 pm CRISWELL HALL

**FRAUD AND SCAM PROTECTION**

Presented by District Attorney's Office of SLO  
There is no charge. Sign the list in the Narthex so we can let them know how many to expect.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, Leave at 10:30 AM

**WALK** from Grover Beach to Wooly's, have lunch, and return to Grover Beach parking lot.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 7:00-8:30 pm, CRISWELL HALL

**CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA**

Celebrating the birth of Jesus with music, poems, skits and song. Admission is free.

**Just Desserts to**

Come join us for a fun filled evening of yummy desserts and Broadway show tunes.

After all, who doesn't love a good show tune?

This will be the final fundraiser for our trip to Carnegie Hall.  
**October 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30 pm.**

**Tickets only \$15 for a great early evening of entertainment in Criswell Hall.**

Ticket sales after both Sunday services.

## HALLOWEEN FUN! OCTOBER 27TH

**CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO WEAR THEIR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES TO CHURCH THAT DAY. WE WILL HAVE A PARTY FOLLOWING SUNDAY SCHOOL BEFORE THE HARVEST POTLUCK. WE HOPE YOU WILL PLAN TO SHARE IN THE FUN AND REMAIN FOR THE POTLUCK.**

**October UMW Book Selection: Small Great Things**

The UMW Book Club will meet on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the novel, Small Great Things, by Jodi Picoult. This riveting story centers around an African-American labor and delivery nurse, Ruth, who gets caught up in a personal and professional dilemma. She has been instructed by a racist white couple not to interact with their baby. Ruth's response leads to a confrontation with hospital officials, the couple, and the legal system.

You are invited to attend the book club meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 A.M. in the McMillen Room. See Patti Melsheimer about obtaining a library copy of the book.

—Judy Leonard



**COME ONE, COME ALL--  
chefs, gracious greeters,  
members & friends!**

**WE ARE HOSTING** the 2019 Charge Conference for our local group of churches. We need help now in planning to meet and greet our neighboring UMC's well on that evening. Due to the early hour and travelling, we will have food available for the hungry!

**CHARGE CONFERENCE 2019  
Monday, October 28  
5:30 p.m. at Arroyo Grande UMC**

Participating Congregations are Bethel Korean Mission Church, Christ UMC, Arroyo Grande FUMC, Lompoc FUMC, Saint Andrew and Santa Maria FUMC. The agenda for the Charge Conference includes welcome, introduction of the District Superintendent, a prayer, singing, a scripture reading, 5-minute meditation, an offering for Ministry Against Human Trafficking and 8-minute or less presentations from each church answering two questions:

***How does your congregation "See a New Church" in the coming years?  
What is the one next step your church can take to become that New Church?***

Additionally there is approval of all submitted written reports regarding how we are organized to fulfill our mission after which the DS blesses us and sends us forth! Please come. As hosts, the advantage is you only have to travel here and you can come easily and get a glimpse of what happens at a "group" Charge Conference.

**SAVE THE DATES:  
October 6<sup>th</sup> and October 13<sup>th</sup>—after each Sunday service**

Bishop Hagiya has asked all local churches to attend a "Listening Post" event, to hold "House Meetings" to discuss what we personally want to see in the future church as first steps in creating a statement to present at a Church Council meeting, to print prior to Charge Conference and to adopt at our Charge Conference. "Listening Posts" have not been announced. We must proceed to meet the deadline. We invite you to attend a

discussion after worship on either/both Sundays, October 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> to share your thoughts. Other existing small groups will be invited to do likewise. A writing crew will draft our statement.

The conversation will be held in the pastor's office between first and second service and after second service for those who will participate.

*FROM YOUR LAY LEADER*

*Patti Melsheimer*

## **Have you looked at our church Narthex/Lobby lately?**

Did you know that the interior design of a church narthex/lobby is the first space in the church building that most people experience? This is especially important for new visitors who are taking in every detail about the church as soon as they arrive. They are making both conscious and subconscious observations about the environment. What kind of impression do you think our church narthex/lobby gives to visitors? Do you think it reflects our image well and conveys a welcome to all?

Our church Trustees have been discussing this and thinking about how we can improve the appearance of our church narthex. A committee consisting of Irene Kliesch, Mary Hawkins, Marjorie Ott, Pastor Mary, and myself was appointed and has been doing some research. Several churches in the area have been visited for ideas including the Nipomo Presbyterian Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, New Life Church, Grace Bible Church and Mountainbrook Church in SLO.

The committee has also done some research about the narthex (or lobby area) on the Internet. One thing to be considered is that the narthex (lobby) is the primary place where people congregate to connect with others. So the lobby should be designed to serve as "communication central" for the church. Not only should people be able to get information, but it should be where newcomers can learn what the church is about and, if desired, find further information. Most planners recommend that the lobby should have some kind of visitor desk that can be seen immediately upon entering the lobby or front doors.

Members of the committee have talked with two local designers and three contractors. The contractors made several suggestions for us to consider – the "popcorn" ceiling is dirty and must be either removed or covered up. The wall around the drinking fountain is damaged and must be repaired or the drinking fountain removed and the space covered up. New floor covering is needed. The lighting needs to be updated and made more energy efficient. The whole area needs to be painted. The furniture must be replaced.

The Board of Trustees presented their concerns and suggestions to the Church Council last month and the Council voted to move ahead with the refurbishing. A contractor will now be selected and the work will begin. I hope that everyone will be supportive of this project and tolerant as the work commences.



# News from the Mission Team

by Judy Atwood, chair

## MISSION TEAM: October 2019

Judy Atwood

### MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. [Making a Positive Difference](#)
2. [Harvest Potluck October 28](#)
3. [John Elmore](#)
4. [Special Giving Totals for 2019](#)

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

#### 1. MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE

This is the month we begin our new time of making a difference at People's Kitchen. Tuesday, October 29 will be our first day. I am looking for people who would be willing to be a part of our church's team for this ministry. If you are interested in being a part of the team, please talk with me so we can work at being ready for sharing with those in our community who are in need of a hot meal each day. Help us be a part of making a positive difference.

Another way of making a difference:

Back in June, the congregation sent items for the Sherman Indian High School with Patti and me to Annual Conference. We received this note:

"Many, many thanks for the support given the collecting of supplies at Annual Conference for Sherman Indian High School. This great gift will go a long way in helping these students."

—Cal-Pac Native American Ministries

#### 2. HARVEST POTLUCK OCTOBER 27

On Sunday October 27, we will have our annual Harvest Potluck to share a meal together and to share the ministries that have been a part of our year. Plan to bring your favorite dish. We will provide turkey and you can bring what you like to have with it. Looking forward to sharing this time of celebration.

3. JOHN ELMORE Watch for pictures of the camp renovation on the mission board. Anyone wishing to donate to this project may do so by placing your gift in the offering plate marked for this or the receptacle on the mission table.

*Many hands made much possible!*



#### 4. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2019 TO UPDATE

People's Kitchen Misc.	\$ 5,067.00
People's Kitchen Food	685.00
South County Food Coalition	550.00
UMCOR-Human Relations Sun.	145.00
UMCOR World Communion Sun.	472.00
UMCOR-Native American Sun.	344.00
UMCOR-Fire Relief	500.00
UMCOR-Nebraska Flood	174.00
UMCOR Peace with Justice Sun.	229.00
Shower the People	500.00
Missions Haiti	1,000.00
Missions John Elmore	1,100.00
UMCOR Bahamas	140.00
Prayer Shawl Ministry	20.00
<b>9 MONTHS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,926.00</b>

*Thank you for your second mile gifts*




**A THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION.  
DON'T ASK GOD TO GUIDE YOUR FOOTSTEPS IF  
YOU'RE NOT WILLING TO MOVE YOUR FEET.**



# October Happenings

### Abbreviation Legend

CH—Criswell Hall HR—Handbell Room #115  
 K—Kitchen L—Library Room #123  
 MMR—McMillen Room #113  
 PL—Parking Lot PS—Pastor's Study  
 S—Sanctuary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">Fall</p>		<p><b>1</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—CH  <b>5 PM</b> Bell Rehearsal—HR</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day  <b>12 NOON</b>  <b>5:00 PM</b> Adult Bible Study—CH  <b>6:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>9:30 AM</b> UMW Crafts Workshop—MMR  <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L  <b>11 AM</b> Finance Team—PS  <b>5 PM</b> Bell Rehearsal—HR  <b>6 PM</b> Worship Team—PS</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>AGUMCC Spirit Day</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L  <b>3:30 PM</b> AGUMCC closed  <b>3:30 PM</b> AGUMCC Staff Development—MMR</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Church Council</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>5:45 PM</b> G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH  <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer—S</p>	<p><b>8</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—C  <b>5 PM</b> Bell Rehearsal—HR</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day  <b>11:30 AM</b> Program Ministry—L  <b>5:00 PM</b> Adult Bible Study—CH  <b>6:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>9:30 AM</b> UMW Crafts Workshop—MMR  <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L  <b>5 PM</b> Bell Rehearsal—HR</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L  <b>11:30-1:30 &amp; 4:30-6:30</b> AGUMCC Fall Tri-Trip BBQ</p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Board of Trustees</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Deadline— Newsletter Articles—church office  <b>5:45 PM</b> G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH  <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer—S</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Sr. Exercise—CH  <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR  <b>10:30 AM</b> UMM Cabinet Meeting—L  <b>11 AM</b> UMW Chair Yoga Class—CH  <b>5 PM</b> Bell Rehearsal—HR  <b>7:00 PM</b> JOY Circle—member's home  <b>7:00 PM</b> Trustees—PS</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Program Min Avila Light-house Tour—Time TBD  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day  <b>4:00 PM</b> UMW Steering Committee—L  <b>5:00 PM</b> Adult Bible Study—CH  <b>6:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>9:30 AM</b> UMW Crafts Workshop—MMR  <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L  <b>2:00 PM</b> Fraud &amp; Scam Protection Program—CH  <b>5 PM</b> Bell Rehearsal—HR  <b>6:30 PM</b> Church Council—MMR</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Staff-Parish Relations Committee</p> <p><b>4:00-5:30 PM</b> Just Desserts to Broadway-Choir trip fundraiser—CH</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>5:45 PM</b> G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH  <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer—S</p>	<p><b>22</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  Preschool Board—MMR  <b>2:00 PM</b> Closed Session  <b>3:30 PM</b> Open Session  <b>5 PM</b> Bell Rehearsal—HR</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b>--Senior Exercise—CH  <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day  <b>10:00 AM</b> Mary-Martha -Esther Circle—MMR  <b>5:00 PM</b> Adult Bible Study—CH  <b>6:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH  <b>9:30 AM</b> UMW Crafts Workshop—MMR  <b>10:00 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L  <b>5 PM</b> Bell Rehearsal—HR</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L  <b>10:30 AM</b> Program Min-Walk-Grover Bch-Wooly's  <b>11 AM</b> UMW Book Club—MMR</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> UMM Breakfast at Coco's Featuring speaker on CC Honor Flights</p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service</p> <p>Children's Halloween Party</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Mission Team—Harvest Potluck</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>5:30 PM</b> FUMC AG is hosting Charge Conference—S, CH</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>TIME:</b> People's Kitchen, location and other info....  <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> Bell Rehearsal—HR</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b>--Senior Exercise—CH  <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day  <b>5:00 PM</b> Adult Bible Study—CH  <b>6:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Sr Exercise—CH  <b>9:30 AM</b> UMW Crafts Workshop—MMR  <b>10:00 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L  <b>5 PM</b> Bell Rehearsal—HR</p> 		

# Meet Our CHURCH STAFF

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#### Senior Pastor:

Rev. Mary B. Birgelaitis

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**Missionary (retired):** Judy Atwood

**Lay Leader:** Patti Melsheimer

**Office Administrator:**

Frances Robertson

**Website Manager:** Jamie Foster

**Choir Director:** Julie Burns

**Praise Team Director:** Mike Clark

**Choral Pianist:** Dennis Eiler

**Multi-Media:** Duncan Leonard

**Handbell Choir Dir.:** Leonard Lutz

**Bishop:** Grant J. Hagiya

**District Superintendent:**

Rev. James Powell

#### AG UM Children's Center

**Director:** Madrigal Quaglin

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**Chair:** Joe Brown

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### Deadline for November issue

**Monday, October 18**

#### PLEASE NOTE:

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

### Dollars and Sense!

When the Treasurer's away, the pastor preaches impromptu! (Joel is back tomorrow). Make life easier for those at the "financial" center of the circle. To those submitting receipts for reimbursement, know the account# that the expense is to be paid from. If you don't know, ask!

The budget is a guide that keeps us from overspending and out of the cardiologist office for skyrocketing blood pressure! Joel and Finance help us create a responsible budget. Kelli works to pay the bills. We never like robbing Peter to pay Paul, and are pleased to plan ahead. So, help us do that well.

To everybody! Take a look at that weekly financial update in the worship bulletin. If we're "cutting it close," help us create a bigger cushion by keeping guesstimated giving up to date. We are always happier when there's more space between what is "budgeted to date" and "received to date" on the plus side, of course. It makes life easier. Thank you so much! That's my 2 cents!

—MBB

### Nominating/Lay Leadership

Nominating does not "work for a season," but works throughout the year to make matches of peoples' skills with church needs. The people added recently will come onto committees January 1<sup>st</sup>, but, as good sense would have it, some are coming on board right away. I am looking for people to ask to participate. We need people-power at every turn as we improve ministry to children, care for our senior members, the sick and our visitors, enrich worship, strengthen missions and keep SPRC/Finance and Trustees solid.

We also need people to serve on Nominating/Lay Leadership. Patti Melsheimer and Judy Atwood are better than I am at mingling/speaking with you on Sunday morning. I am preoccupied with Sunday morning details, not recruitment. Therefore, if you want to serve and share your gifts, please approach me and tell me. Call, text, e-mail or make an appointment. If you text, sign your name since I get texts often and don't know who they are from unless their number is already in my cell contact book. You can reach me at the church Tuesday--Thursday 805 481-2692, on cell all the time (it's in the directory), or e-mail [revmaryb@fumcag.org](mailto:revmaryb@fumcag.org) or [mbirgelaitis@gmail.com](mailto:mbirgelaitis@gmail.com) if that's easier to remember. I don't list the cell here because the newsletter goes on our website, but I'm happy to give that number to you. Help us build the strength of this congregation!

--- MBB



Jenna Moore.....10/01  
 Bob Pierson.....10/01  
 Kerren Brown.....10/02  
 Val McClure.....10/04  
 Daisy Paredes.....10/05  
 Roger Sperling.....10/05  
 Lorie Ford.....10/13  
 Rose Ann Steiner.....10/22  
 Lila Anderson.....10/29  
 Rebeca Avila.....10/29  
 Mary Hawkins.....10/31



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



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### A NOTE FROM PRAISE TEAM DIRECTOR, MIKE CLARK:

Contemporary Christian Music at its best! **Chloe Keith** will help lead worship music with the Praise Team for first service (8:30 am) on Sunday, October 6th. We miss her beautiful voice so this will be a special blessing. Bring a friend!

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Children's Center Chronicle



The Children's Center is hosting a

### Fall Tri Tip BBQ

Friday, October 11

from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm,

or 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

Cost: Presale Tickets \$12; at the door \$15.

Meal includes a BBQ tri tip sandwich, chips, fruit, 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 Quaglino, AGUMCC Director, between worship services from 9:30-10:30 to get your Tri Tip BBQ ticket or to help at the event.