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First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande FEBRUARY 2020



Super <u>CHILI</u> Bowl Sunday, February 2

United Methodist Women
will be selling delicious

Homemade Chili & Corn Bread
for you to TAKE HOME to enjoy as
you watch the
Super Bowl football game!



For \$12 you can purchase a container of 4 cups of Super Bowl Chili (beef, turkey or vegetarian) and two corn muffins and cookies

All profits are given to UMW charitable projects—local, national, and international.





Sunday, February 2 UMW Chili Bowl

Saturday, February 8 No. District UMW Local Leadership Training held here

Tuesday, February 11 Program Ministry "Dog Day at Avila Beach", 10 AM

Wednesday, February 12 Program Ministry "5 Cities Homeless Shelter & Shower the People" speakers— 1:30 PM—Criswell Hall

Friday, February 14 Valentine's Day

Monday, February 17 President's Day

Tuesday, February 25 Program Ministry "Field of Light at Sensorio", leave at 5:30 PM

Wednesday, February 26 Ash Wednesday Service—6:00 PM—Sanctuary

Friday, February 28 UMW Book Club— 11 AM —McMillen Room

Saturday, February 29 UMM Breakfast Meeting—9 AM—Coco's **Saturday, February 29** North District Church

Leadership Training held here



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From the Pastor

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 26, 2020 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary

What is Taizé?

This year on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020, our simple worship with the Imposition of Ashes will include elements of Taizé Worship. It's a meditative way to begin the Lenten Season that will lead us to Easter's Dawn.

Taizé is a small village in the south of Burgundy, France. This village, founded over seventy years ago by Brother Roger, is home to a monastic community devoted to prayer and reconciliation. The community is made up of brothers from all the continents and major denominations who gather together three times a day, seven days a week, throughout the year to pray. Thousands of people (especially young people) have made and continue to make pilgrimages to Taizé to experience the community and prayer life. Whether there are 7000 young people present or only twenty, worship continues in that very special place.

Many of the short prayer-like songs in THE FAITH WE SING songbook we use in worship come from the music of Taizé. Worship communities around the globe have adapted elements of Taizé and United Methodists have too. The words of the songs form a kind of repetitive prayer set to simple musical lines. The use of repetitive prayers is a long attested reality in the history of Christian spirituality and liturgy (the Jesus Prayer and the Rosary). What is unique to the prayer of Taizé, is the adaptation of the repetitive form to simple musical lines and core biblical texts that can be sung by a whole assembly of various nationalities, languages, and denominations. The duration of repetitive songs during prayer is not to be timed, nor the number of repetitions calculated beforehand. The assembly is to immerse itself in the simple but profound harmonies and let itself be carried by this sung prayer. In Taizé worship silence is an important dimension as well.

Taizé is meditative and uses candles and candlelight. It's especially nice for evening prayer, vespers and healing services. Though ours will not be an entirely Taizé worship experience, you will be invited to sing the simple songs, appreciate the silence and the simplicity/beauty of scripture and to come forward to receive the ashes. The service will be short and sweet and the hour early. You are invited!

Rev. Mary Birgelautis





Fridays at 8:30 AM

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



FEBRUARY LITURGISTS

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

8:30 a.m.——Sharon Roemer 10:30 a.m.——Gary Thompson

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

8:30 a.m.——-Susan Throndson 10:30 a.m.——-------Roz Clausen







Dates	Topics and Schedule
Sunday, February 2, 2020 4 th Sunday after the Epiphany Communion Sunday	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Sermon by Rev. Rich Bolin, guest preacher "GROUNDHOG THEOLOGY Micah 6:1-8 Matthew 5:1-12
Wednesday, February 5, 2020	• 5:00 PM Adult Bible Study
	Session 3: The Walk by Adam Hamilton facilitated by Nancy St. Laurent
Sunday, February 9, 2020 5 th Sunday after the Epiphany	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "BE THE LIGHT" Isaiah 58:6-11 Matthew 5:13-20
Wednesday, February 12, 2020	• 5:00 PM Adult Bible Study
	Session 4: The Walk by Adam Hamilton facilitated by Nancy St. Laurent
Sunday, February 16, 2020 6 th Sunday after the Epiphany	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "CHOOSE THE LIGHT" Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Matthew 5:21-24
Wednesday, February 19, 2020	5:00 PM Adult Bible Study
	Session 5: The Walk by Adam Hamilton facilitated by Nancy St. Laurent
Sunday, February 23, 2020 Transfiguration Sunday	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "SEE THE LIGHT" Exodus 24:12-28 Matthew 17:1-9
Wednesday, February 26, 2020 Ash Wednesday	6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service Imposition of Ashes

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

In January we began a six-session study of <u>The Walk</u>, by Adam Hamilton and are continuing in February. In the book, we discover five essential spiritual practices for our Christian walk rooted in Jesus' own walk with God. Each week focuses on one discipline for intentionally living the Christian life.

All are welcome to join in the studies. This study is facilitated by Nancy St. Laurent. See Judy Atwood to purchase books.





UMM BREAKFAST MEETING WILL FEATURE HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE BORDER

The UMM will hold its Breakfast meeting at Coco's Restaurant at 9:00 am on Saturday, February 29th. Breakfast can be ordered off the menu.

Guest Speaker will be Skip Conde, who is an international human rights lawyer and educator. He will speak on human rights and those seeking asylum at the US Border. Whether you agree or disagree with the speaker's views, it will be a most informative presentation.

SIGN-UPS FOR VANDENBERG ADVENTURE TRIP ARE BEING TAKEN

The UMM Adventure Trip to Vandenberg Air Force Base has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th. On this date a bus will leave our Church parking lot at 9:00 am

and return around 3 pm. (This could change as plans are firmed up). The tour includes a guided tour of the missile sites and a visit to the Air Museum.

Vandenberg AFB has been designated as the major Rocket Port of the West Coast.

The tour will include lunch at a base restaurant (at your own expense).

PLEASE NOTE: The Base requires us to have: Full Name, Date of Birth, and Driver's License. This information must be given at the time you sign-up for the trip. It has to be forwarded to Vandenberg 45 days before May 19th. The sign- up list will be on the Church program table in the Narthex. You may give your personal information to Paul Holden or Val McClure. Ladies are welcome. This trip is limited to 16 people, so sign-up early.

-submitted by Val McClure



If you need a new or replacement name badge or would like a magneticbacked badge, please fill out a Badge Request found in the box next to the name badges in the Narthex.



"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."



On January 19th we had a wonderful celebration of the Women of The First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande UMW.

Committed women stood up for our purpose and were recognized and installed as officers on the steering committee and the UMW Circles. Also, two women were honored for their participation and dedication to our goals. Those two are **Judy Atwood** and **Leona Beerup**. They have spent numerous hours serving the church and working behind the scenes. They were each given a gold UMW pin and certificate. Thank you, ladies.

This comes to the matter of involvement in UMW. All women of the church are welcome and entitled to join in the activities of the United Methodist Women.

We have two Circles (Joy and Mary Martha Esther). We also have a book club and a Quilting (Sew 'n' Sews), Knitting and Crocheting Group. All offer fellowship, study and mission opportunities.

Check the UMW bulletin board in Criswell Hall for scheduled times and meeting places. We also have need for women to serve on the UMW steering committee as we plan many activities for the congregation.



Looking just ahead ,the annual Super Bowl Chili Sunday is coming up February 2. For just \$12 you can reserve a serving for 2 of chili, corn muffins and cookies to take home and enjoy while watching the Super Bowl. There is a choice of turkey, beef or vegetarian chili.

Saturday, February 8, UMW of Arroyo Grande will be hosting the North District UMW women here in our facilities. Awards and recognition will be given out. All UMW members are encouraged to attend including all those interested in leadership development. The day will begin about 9:30 a.m. and finish at 2 pm. The cost is \$15. Lunch and refreshments are included. Come join us.

submitted by Gerry McGuire



February 28th UMW Book Club Selection:

A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea

This touching true story relates the plight of a young Syrian refugee, Doaa, and her family, who have moved to Egypt in 2011 to escape an oppressive government. A few months later, the Egyptian government was overthrown. Once again, seeking a safe place to live, Doaa and her fiancé give smugglers their life savings to be able to sail to Sweden. Unfortunately, their boat containing 500 refugees, including 100 children, is rammed and sunk by another boat. Doaa's struggle for survival continues with her heroic efforts to save as many children as she can.

<u>A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea</u> by Melissa Fleming gives us a taste of the struggles of refugees worldwide. Join us on Friday, February 28th at 11 A.M. in the McMillen Room to discuss this timely book. See Patti Melsheimer to borrow a book.

submitted by Judy Leonard

ENDOWMENT FUND

ENDOWMENT REPORT FOR CY 2019

DISTRIBUTIONS

\$855	TO A SEMINARY IN REPUBLIC OF CONGO
\$500	TO ELT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
\$793	TO FOOD BANK
\$1,794	TO FUMCAG PEOPLE'S KITCHEN
\$13,000	TO TRUSTEES FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS
\$3,400	TO MISSIONS COMMITTEE; \$4,000 PENDING
\$6,000	TO CHILDREN'S CENTER

RECEIVED FROM DONATIONS FOR TREE OF LIFE

\$750 FOR LEAF IN MEMORY OF VIRGINIA MOTHES \$500 FOR LEAF IN MEMORY OF FERN FARMER'S MOTHER;

MONEY GIVEN TO CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

submitted by Wayne Huggins,

Endowment Chair



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! The Church was re-keyed on February 1 as planned. A great thank you to the Trustees for a tremendous amount of preparation to make this happen. Also a great thank you to the entire congregation for the support of this project to ensure the security of our Church and facilities.

PROGRAM MINISTRY DATES and ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 DOG DAY AT AVILA BEACH

10 AM MEET AT AVILA BEACH

Bring your furry friend, a chair/blanket and a snack to share

(plus snack/water for 4-legged friend).

Come even if you don't have a dog; have fun!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 5 CITIES HOMELESS SHELTER;

1:30 PM CRISWELL HALL SHOWER THE PEOPLE

Janna Nichols, Executive Director, and Gwen Watkins, Executive Director, will present the

services offered by the non-profits.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 BRUCE MUNRO: FIELD OF LIGHT AT SENSORIO

LEAVE CHURCH AT 5:30 PM PASO ROBLES 6:30 PM

COST PER PERSON \$35

Deadline to register: February 15

Wheelchair accessible. There is walking.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 GUADALUPE DUNES MUSEUM

LEAVE CHURCH AT 10 AM 11 AM

COST PER PERSON: \$7; \$6 FOR SENIORS

Deadline to register: February 23

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 ESTRELLA WARBIRD MUSEUM, PASO ROBLES

LEAVE CHURCH AT 9:30 AM

COST PER PERSON: \$12; \$10 SENIORS/

\$10 MILITARY VETERANS

Deadline to register: February 23

Lunch after museum at Fish Gauchos in Paso Robles at 1 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 OCEANO TRAIN DEPOT

MEET AT CHURCH AT 1 PM Sandy will arrange our tour by appointment

NO COST but must register by March 1 once we have the sign-ups.

SIGN-UPS FOR ALL PROGRAM MINISTRY ACTIVITIES ARE TAKEN ON THE CLIPBOARDS IN THE NARTHEX.

COME CHECK OUT THE DETAILS AND DATES
FOR FUTURE EVENTS

~Sandy Underwood

REMEMBERING OUR UMW LEADERS 1940-2020

The Arroyo Grande UMW was chartered on September 14, 1940

1940-41	Mrs. Minnie Hixon	1985-87	Mary Catherine Carter
1942-45	Miss Fanny Hodges	1988-90	Sally Weitkamp
1946-49	Lora Walton	1991-92	Ruby Owen
1950-53	No record	1993-96	Sherry Blackwell
1954	Wilma Dixon	1997	Madeline Burke
1955	Mrs. J. S. Gibson	1998-99	Irene Way
1956	No record	2000-01	Eva McClure
1957	JoAnn Wizemann	2002-03	Nancy Gerrish and
1958	No record		Betty Johnson
1959-60	Janie Andrews	2004	Betty David and
1961	Allene Montgomery		Eva McClure
1962-63	Lois Blankenberg	2005	Eva McClure and
1964-65	No record		Patti Melsheimer
1966-67	Madeline Burke	2006	Patti Melsheimer
1968	No record	2007	Patti Melsheimer and
1969	Bonnie Knight		Nancy Burns
1970-75	No record	2008	Carlene Minckler and
1976	Marge Stinson		Vel Lowry
1977	Sue Baker	2009-11	Virginia Mothes
1978-80	Bea Delaplane	2012-13	Sally Weitkamp
1981	Myra Viau	2014-16	Mary Hawkins
1982	Carolyn Crocket	2017-	Mary Hawkins and
1983-84	Susan Potts	2020	Gerry McGuire

Special Thanks to Jean Hubbard, our Church Historian, who initially produced this listing.

updated by Mary Hawkins

This list of the leaders of Arroyo Grande UMW was included at the UMW Sunday worship service on January 19th.

You will see some familiar names through the years!

News from the Mission Team

MISSION TEAM: January 2020 Judy Atwood

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

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- 1. God's Steadfast Love...in Action
- 2. Special Giving Totals for 2019
- 1. GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

The Mission Team spent time in our first meeting of the year looking at and discussing ways in which we, as a congregation, can share God's steadfast love in action. We want this to be in the congregation, the community and beyond.

- A. We will be selecting a couple of missionaries with whom we can develop a covenant relationship. This will give us the opportunity to learn about the mission and ministry being provided at their mission assignments.
- B. In the congregation, we are hosting an event on February 12 at 1:30 PM in Criswell Hall that will help us be better informed about the homeless in our community, with a presentation from the 5 Cities Homeless Coalition/Shower the People. Since we have been asked, as the Mission Team, to sell our church T-Shirts and Sweatshirts, we have chosen to select this community organization for the funds generated.



The Bauske family models our shirts.

C. Also in the community, we will continue with our People's Kitchen serving in the months with five Tuesdays: March, June, September and December. Another community activity, which can also be a congregational family activity, is to do a beach walk, cleaning the beach of litter as we go on a Saturday morning, May 2. More details will be available as we get closer to the time.

- D. We are aware of the needs for supplies for our own preschool to help with educational materials for the children. We want to sponsor a series of Sundays with noisy offerings to purchase needed educational supplies for the children. We will do this in July and August, with more details to come.
- E. A way to be in mission in the congregation is to continue with the sponsoring of the deep cleaning in the sanctuary on April 3 before Easter.

 We have more ideas to share in the future.



Many hands made much possible!

2. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2019

People's Kitchen Misc.	\$ 9,992.00
People's Kitchen Food	905.00
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
One Great Hour of Sharing	114.00
Prayer Shawl Ministry	20.00
UMCOR	500.00
Mobility Worldwide	<u>500.00</u>

Thank you for your second mile gifts

\$17,185.00

12 MONTHS TOTAL

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





23 8:30 AM

10:30 AM

Coffee Hour:

Contemporary Service

Traditional Service

Membership Care

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



Trustees re-keying of locks—all day

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9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

9 AM UMM Breakfast

Meeting at Coco's

North District Leadership

Training Day—All Rooms

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8:30 AM Bible

11:00 AM UMW

Book Club-MMR

Study-L

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2 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: United Methodist Women UMW Super Chili Bowl	3 5:45 PM G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH	4 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR 11 AM UMW Chair Yoga Class—CH 5 PM Bell Rehearsal-HR	5 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Church Work Day 10:00 AM Program Ministry—L 4 PM UMW Steering —L 5 PM Adult Bible Study—CH 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S	6 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 10 AM Intercessory Prayer—L 5 PM Bell Rehearsal-HR	7 AGUMCC Spirit Day 8:30 AM Bible Study—L 3:30 PM AGUMCC closed 3:30 PM AGUMCC Staff Development- MMR	8 9:30 AM North District United Methodist Women Leadership Training
9 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: Mission Team	10 Deadline— Newsletter Articles—church office 5:45 PM G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH		8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Church Work Day 1:30 PM Program Ministry Speakers—CH 5 PM Adult Bible Study—CH 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S	8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 10 AM Intercessory Prayer—L 5 PM Bell Rehearsal-HR	8:30 AM Bible Study-L Happy Valentines	15
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8:30 AM Senior

9 AM Church Work Day

10 AM Mary-Martha-

Esther Circle—MMR

6 PM Ash Wednesday

Exercise—CH

Service—S

6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal—S

Chancel

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8:30 AM Senior

10:00 AM Intercessory

5 PM Bell Rehearsal-HR

Exercise—CH

Praver-L

25

5:45 PM G. McGuire

Quilting Class-CH

8:30 AM Senior Exer—CH

10:30 AM UMM Cabinet-L

9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus

11 AM UMW Chair Yoga

Preschool Board—MMR 2:00 PM Open Session 3:30 PM Closed Session

5 PM Bell Rehearsal—HR

5:30 PM Program Minis-

try Leave for Paso—"Field of Light" activity

Knitters-MMR

Class—CH



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<u>Deadline for March issue</u> *Monday, February 10*

PLEASE NOTE:

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

HOME TOUCH MINISTRY

Home Touch is a service our church provides to members who are home bound or in care facilities. Each week we send out a copy of the Sunday bulletin and a study guide/work sheet to keep our members informed of church activities.

If you know of anyone you think would enjoy these weekly messages, please contact the church office or Cyndee Rohla with the name and address of recipient.

Thank you, Cyndee Rohla





Margaret Combs	02/01
Devin Paredes	02/02
Robert McGuire	02/03
Barbara Reineke	02/03
Isabella Russell	02/03
Guy Oates	02/04
Betty Ashton	02/05
Mark Moore	02/06
Betty Johnson	02/07
Wayne Huggins	02/08
Michael Johnson	02/10
Irene Kliesch	02/19
Leonard Lutz	02/23
Michelle Paredes	02/25
Jackie Jackson	02/27
Chloe Keith	02/28



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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NORTH DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING EVENT FEBRUARY 29, 2020 9 AM—3 PM TO BE HELD AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ARROYO GRANDE

Our Church is hosting this Leadership Training Event. Workshops will include:

- Stewardship & Digital Giving
- Pre-School/Children Ministries
- Sharing Your Faith Story
- Discipleship Systems
- Small Groups Workshop
- Church Swap Meet—bring unused church items to swap/ give to others: Paraments, banners, books, robes, stoles, stationery, hymnals, candles, etc.

Details and registration available early in February.

Children's Center Chronicle