



HOPE, JOY AND LOVE RISING

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First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande JULY 2023

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

---Romans 15:13

Greetings Congregation!

There are twenty-six Sundays in the season of Pentecost 2023 that extends from the Day of Pentecost, which was May 28th, all the way to Advent that begins December 3rd this year. Yes! This year we have that extra Sunday following Thanksgiving before the Advent/Christmas season begins. In June the special Sundays celebrating fathers, graduates, stewardship and such took us away from our focus on the Holy Spirit for a month of Sundays. Now I'd like to swing back around and give you a refresher course on who the Spirit is and what the Holy Spirit does, for a month of Sundays during July. The last Sunday we will have guest in the pulpit as I go to meet my brother, sister-in-law, three sisters and husbands in San Diego for a gathering that includes all of us for the first time since my mom's memorial service that happened right before I moved here in 2015. I'm excited! It's been a while, and I've missed the in person contact with my family circle. Meanwhile back at the ranch in Arroyo Grande, here are the upcoming themes for you to consider:

June 25, 2023

SPIRIT-LINK: Presence, Power, Partner

July 2, 2023

SPIRIT-LINK: Gift, Guardian, Guarantor

July 9, 2023

SPIRIT-LINK: Comforts, Convicts, Commands

July 16, 2023

SPIRIT-LINK: Restores, Restrains, Renews

July 23, 2023

SPIRIT-LINK: Gifts and Graces

July 30, 2023

Pulpit Guest

Rev. Mary Biegelaitis



TREASURER'S REPORT

YES! I need your help.

At Sunday services we heard from a number of members regarding what they are grateful for in the life of our church. I hope this sparked your thinking about all the things are you grateful for our church, its ministries, its missions and its many activities. This past year our tithes and offerings totaled \$301,208. Our preliminary budget for the 2023/24 fiscal year calls for \$320,000 in tithes and offerings. Please consider increasing your gifts to the church so that we can reach this goal. In order to create an accurate budget for the coming fiscal year starting July 1, I need to know how much income we can anticipate.

So far, 38 of our 100 or so regular givers have submitted their Estimates of Giving. Those 38 have provided estimates of \$156,119. Thank you, you Wonderful 38! We are almost halfway to our goal of \$320,000. I need to hear from all the rest of you. Please return your green Estimate of Giving card as early as possible. I would like to have the cards by the July 2 Sunday service so we can start our Fiscal Year that begins July 1 with an accurate budget. Cards may be placed in the offering plate, returned to the church office or given to our Financial Secretary, Jim Alquist. Estimates of Giving are confidential and can be changed at any time. Yes! We can do this if we all do our part.

The July 2 services should be fun! (And fun is one of the things we do at our church). We are celebrating Independence Day with food and festivities between services. So, plan to stay late if you attend the 8:30 service, or come early if you attend the 10:30 service.

Joel Anderson
Acting Treasurer





**WORSHIP
LITURGISTS**



JULY 2

8:30 a.m.-----Joseph Brown
10:30 am.-----Cristy Van Hook

JULY 9

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

JULY 16

8:30 a.m. -----Sharon Roemer
10:30 a.m.-----Patti Melsheimer

July 23

8:30 a.m.-----Ian Beard
10:30 a.m.-----Roz Clausen

July 30

8:30 a.m.-----Sharon Roemer
10:30 a.m.-----BG Perriguey
~ submitted by Jan Treat

Ushers are needed for Worship Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Training is offered for new or returning ushers.

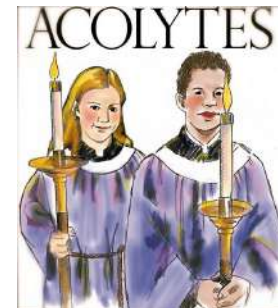


This is another way to extend your discipleship and support our church. Call or talk with Kerren Brown at church for more information.

See church directory for contact information.

~submitted by Kerren Brown

Hey, all you kids ages 8 to 18!



If you would like to serve your Church as an Acolyte, call Lorie Ford or see Lorie at Church.

NORTH DISTRICT WEEKLY COVENANT PRAYER LIST FOR JULY 2023

“Ending spiritual and physical hunger.

Prayer week begins on:	Church/Ministry	Clergy Leader(s)
7/02/23	Valencia UMC	Pastor Andy Mattick
7/02/23	Valencia UMC	Pastor Camille Mattick
7/09/23	Bardsdale UMC	Pastor Lupita Alonso-Redondo
7/09/23	Crescenta Valley UMC	Pastor Louise Fairweathre-Baxter
7/16/23	Big Pine Community UMC	Pastor Kate Hunter
7/16/23	Pioneer Memorial UMC	Pastor Kate Hunter
7/23/23	St. Matthew's UMC of Newbury Park	Pastor Jim Powell
7/23/23	Camarillo UMC	Pastor Elbert Kim
7/30/23	Friendly Valley Community UMC	Pastor Stephen Meadors
7/30/23	Christ Our Savior UMC	Church Leaders



The United Methodist Men would like to thank the congregation for your support of our annual Bar-B-Q.

We raised over \$800 that will go to youth scholarships.

The UMM will be off for the summer!



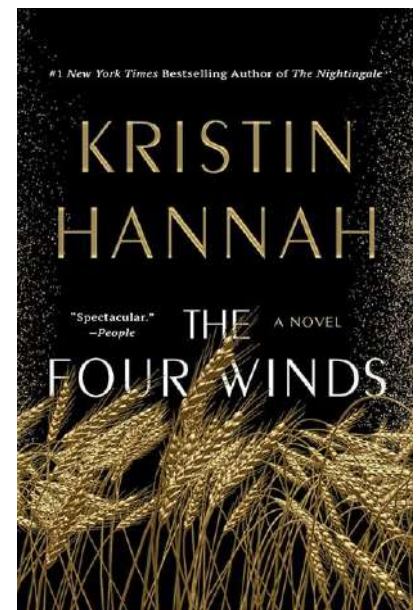
~submitted by Paul Holden, President



July UWF Book Club to Discuss The Four Winds

The UWF Book Club will discuss an epic historical fiction account of the Dust Bowl and Great Depression, The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah, on Friday, July 21st. The story is initially set in the Texas panhandle which sustained prosperous farm life until 1935. Then drought, dust storms, and despair overcame many people. The story follows the life of Elsa and her desperate attempt to save her children. Should they stay on the devastated Texas farmland or make their way to an uncertain life in California? The Four Winds is a testament to hope, courage, and strength of the human spirit.

If you would like to join us, see Judy Leonard for a copy of the book which is available through a library book kit. The group meets at 10:30 A.M. in the church library on Friday, July 21st.





United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

Coming right up, Celebrating the Fourth, United Women in Faith will be sharing responsibility with Program Ministry and United Methodist Men to put on a special brunch, between services on Sunday, July 2. Join us for patriotic cinnamon rolls, pigs in a blanket, deviled eggs and apple pie. Bring your family, out of town guests and friends.

A **Spaghetti Dinner with Bingo** is planned for **Saturday August 5, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm in Criswell Hall**. Rich Neufeld will be our caller, assisted by Bernie Hawkins. \$20 donation. Lots of prizes will be given out. You don't want to miss this fun event, so put this on your calendar!

September's Women's Rally will be a luncheon on Saturday, September 16th, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the home of Judie Neufeld. This will be a Bar B Q. We will get to see Judie's extensive collection of needlework.

People Want to Know when the circles meet! Come join us in the Circles:

Mary, Martha, Esther Circle, Mary Thronson, Chair, meets the last Wednesday of the month in the McMillen Room at 10:00 a.m. Currently, the Circle is doing a Bible Study of "Words of Life" by Adam Hamilton, on the Ten Commandments.

Book Club meets 3rd Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

Joy Circle, Kerren Brown, Chair, meets 3rd Tuesdays of the month, at 6:30 p.m. in the McMillen Room.

The **Sew and Sews** meet every Tuesday, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the McMillen Room. We invite knitters, crafters, needleworkers and sewers of all kinds or you are invited if you just want to come and hang out with us. Fellowship is number one. We bring a sandwich for lunch, coffee and tea and goodies provided. We continue to collect much needed items for the

Five Cities Homeless Coalition.



Needed items are new sweatshirts, sweatpants, underwear, and socks, also coffee, tea, hot chocolate, creamer, sugar, soft breakfast bars, cereal, individually packed juice, crackers, cookies, chips, cup of noodles and camping meals. And large backpacks and gift cards for gas. Your donations are appreciated.

Donated items can be dropped off at UWF table in Criswell Hall, or brought to your Circle meeting.

Craft Workshops are in the planning for July. Stay tuned and watch your Sunday Bulletin for times and activities.

It is noted that with Summer we are having an increase in attendance in our Circles. Hurray! Be sure to join us!

~submitted by Gerry McGuire, President

Dates to Remember

- ✓ August 5, Saturday, 5:00 - 8:00, Spaghetti Dinner with Bingo
- ✓ September 16, Saturday, 11:00-2:00, Women's Rally BBQ
- ✓ November 3, 4, 5, Holiday Boutique Sale



2023-2024 ELT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM HONORS FOUR STUDENTS

As you may remember, the ELT Scholarship Committee appealed to the congregation in January to support the 2023-24 ELT Scholarships. We hoped that we would receive enough to award scholarships this year. Thanks to your generous contributions, we are able to award 2023-2024 ELT Scholarships to four (4) extremely deserving young people!

On Sunday, June 11th the four recipients spoke at both church services. Three of them are 2023 Arroyo Grande High School graduates: Ian Beard, Madison Bridges, and Paige Bridges. The fourth recipient is Chloe Keith, a current student at the University of Montana Western.



Ian

Ian Beard will be majoring in Astronomy as a student in the San Diego State University honors program and plans to eventually earn a doctoral degree in astronomy. Besides earning a 5.0 GPA in challenging academic high school and college classes, he also helped start the Environmental Club at AGHS. Ian plays the guitar regularly as a member of the Praise Team; he also periodically serves as a liturgist. He plans to continue those activities when he is home visiting. Ian received a \$750 ELT scholarship.

Madison Bridges will attend Allan Hancock Community College as a Film and Video Production major this fall. During high school she earned a 4.0 GPA while taking college-preparatory classes and her special interest classes in American Sign Language, dance, and ceramics. In her junior year she joined the improvisation team; this helped her develop her love for acting and her self-confidence. She plans to transfer to the New York Film Academy of Los Angeles. Madison received a \$500 ELT Scholarship.



Madison



Paige

Paige Bridges will also attend Allan Hancock Community College as a Film and Video Production major in the fall. She also earned a 4.0 GPA as did her twin sister, Madison. She is especially proud of completing three years of American Sign Language (ASL) and serving as a teacher's assistant for the beginning ASL classes. She was on the improvisation team which helped her grow her love for acting. Her plan is to transfer to the New York Film Academy of Los Angeles. Paige received a \$500 ELT Scholarship.

Chloe Keith is continuing her academic path as a junior at the University of Montana Western. She is currently pursuing two bachelors' degrees – one in Natural Horsemanship and the other in Biology on a pre-veterinary pathway. Somehow she has balanced training a colt for various competitions, working two part-time jobs, and her academic classes. This summer she will be interning at the Equine Center in San Luis Obispo and taking care of her two horses while she helps out at the Clark Ranch. Chloe received a \$500 ELT Scholarship as a continuing college student.

We are so proud of all of these incredible young people! Our hope is to provide them with future scholarships to show our support. Donations are always appreciated. Checks can be made out to the church denoting ELT Scholarship on the memo line.



Chloe

ELT Scholarship Committee Members:

Nancy Gerrish, Judy Heiney, BG Perriguet, Jan Treat, and Judy Leonard, Chair

EVERETT LEE TAYLOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

RECIPIENTS 1990-2023

Elizabeth Alquist	University of California, Berkeley	Chloe Keith	Cuesta College
David Anderson	University of California, Riverside		University of Montana Western
Carina Avila	Pace University	Matt Kuhns	Chapman College
David Avila	Cal Lutheran University	Charles Lang	University of California, Los Angeles
Chelsea Bailey	Sonoma State University	Beth Mahoney	Cal Poly State University
	Brandman University	Jed Moore	Cuesta College
Christina Bailey	Long Beach State University	Collin Odom	Cuesta College
Ryan Bailey	University of California, San Diego		Temple University
Kelley Ballagh	Alan Hancock College		The Juilliard School, New York City
Nick Ballagh	University of the Pacific	Ryan Odom	Cuesta College
Ben Baughman	University of California, Santa Cruz	Adrian Paredes	Cuesta College
Nicole Baughman	University of California, Los Angeles	Rebecca Reineke	Cal Poly State University
		Jenifer Richison	University of the Pacific
Ian Beard	San Diego State University		Southwestern Methodist University
Madison Bridges	Alan Hancock Community College	Caitlin Riley	University of California, Santa Cruz
Paige Bridges	Alan Hancock Community College	Sheila Riley	Cuesta College
Jeremy Burns	Alan Hancock College	Ross Roemer	University of California, Santa Barbara
Jennifer Cross	University of California, Santa Barbara	Ryan Roemer	Stanford University
Kristen Davis	University of California, Santa Cruz	Christina Rohla	Cal Poly State University
Tyler Davis	Cal Poly State University		
	Chico State University	Matthew Rohla	Chico State University
Sharon Duffin	Fresno State University	Carolyn Russell	Brandman University
Tracy Foster	University of the Pacific	Isabella Russell	Channel Islands State University
Trevor Foster	Cal Poly State University	Chad Smithback	Sonoma State University
Amy Gerrish	Indiana University	Mara Spalding	Cal Poly State University
	UCLA, School of Law		
Courtney Hall	New York University	Megan Stephenson	Cal Poly State University
Patrick Harvey	Cuesta College	Susan Thronson	Brandman University
	Point Loma Nazarene University	Jeff Treat	Cornell University
Jordan Henderson	Cuesta College	Amanda Trecartin	Cal Poly State University
	University of California, Davis	Jennifer Trecartin	University of California, Davis
Ashley Herber	University of the Pacific		
Caitlin Herber	Azusa Pacific University	Cassandra Williams	Cal Poly State University
	Cal Poly State University	Jessica Williams	Cal Poly State University
	Brandman University	Jenny Wineberg	Cuesta College
Alan Kackmeister	University of California, Berkeley	Julie Wise	Cuesta College
		Tammy Wise	Cuesta College



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

News from the Trustees Committee

June, 2023

The Trustees have been quite busy this month. Our main objective has been to upgrade the outside appearance of our church property. We have hired a new landscaping company, Hacienda Landscaping. They now come on a regular basis every other Wednesday and maintain the lawns, gardens, and open areas. In addition, Irene Kliesch and Paul Holden have replaced several plants in the side gardens. If you haven't looked at these garden areas lately, take a peek! We also had Bunyon Brothers Tree Service trim all the trees and cleaned the gutters around the outside of the church. We hope you are all pleased with our church's appearance!

If you have visited Rev. Mary in her office lately you will realize that it has been repainted. Thanks to David and Dorine Bolterman for this accomplishment!

Our plans for the coming months include cleaning and organizing our many cabinets and storage areas. We will also start upgrading the women's bathroom in Criswell Hall. We plan to repair the ceiling, put in new light fixtures, and paint this area.

If you have concerns about our facilities, please contact me or fill out a work request form located in Criswell Hall. And, if you feel that you would like to be a part of this very active committee, contact Rev. Mary or the Nominating Committee!

Dick Melsheimer, Chair.

~submitted by Dick Melsheimer



REMINDERS TO MISSION TEAM MEMBERS:

These reminders are from Rob and Robin Isakson since they are in Minnesota for a few months:

1. Remember that Mission Team is responsible for Hospitality on Sunday, July 2 and Sunday October 1.
2. Remember that we need at least 3 members to commit to making casseroles on August 28 and serving at People's Kitchen on August 29.
Rob and Robin will be back for the October 31 People's Kitchen date.

Program Ministry

Program Ministry is still here putting together activities for you. This Sunday, July 2nd, along with UWF and UMM, our committee will be serving a Celebration for the Fourth at the hospitality hour between the first and second services in Criswell Hall. Come join us as we enjoy a special brunch with Pigs in a Blanket, Deviled Eggs, Patriotic Cinnamon Rolls and, among other things, Apple Pie. Bring your family and friends, and out-of-town guests.



The movie for this month, on July 30th, will be “The Librarian”. This is an older but fun movie, along the lines of Indiana Jones, starring Noah Wiley and Bob Newhart. Show time is 4:00 PM in Criswell Hall. Movie is free, popcorn is free, and soft drinks and candy are complimentary. Plan to come! You won’t be sorry!

Our committee is responsible for the many fun activities this church puts on. But we need more input, so come join our group and help us plan interesting activities for the congregation. Talk to Mary Hawkins or Gerry McGuire.

~submitted by Gerry McGuire

FUTURE ACTIVITIES ALREADY ON THE CALENDAR FOR 2023

Movie Night "The Librarian"	Sunday, July 30
Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo	Saturday, August 5
UWF Women's Rally Luncheon	Saturday, September 16
Trunk or Treat	Sunday, October 30
Holiday Boutique Sale	Fri./Sat./Sun. November 3, 4, 5
Harvest Lunch	Sunday, November 12 after second service
Christmas Variety Show	Saturday, December 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Abbreviation Legend

H—Criswell Hall S—Sanctuary K—Kitchen
 L—Library Room #123
 MMR—McMillen Room #113
 PL-- Parking Lot PS— Pastor's Study



1 1:00 PM Larry Wiemers Memorial Service
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<p>2 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service</p>	<p>3 6 PM Gerry's Quilt Class--CH</p>	<p>4  HOLIDAY Church Office Closed</p>	<p>5 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH 9:00 AM Church Work Day—CH</p>	<p>6 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH 10:00 AM UMC Clergy Cluster--MMR</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service</p>	<p>10 6 PM Gerry's Quilt Class-CH</p>	<p>11 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH 10:00 AM Sew and Sews--MM 11 AM Chair Yoga-CH 7:00 PM Board of Trustees-CH</p>	<p>12 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH 9:00 AM Church Work Day—CH 6:30 PM JOY Circle--CH</p>	<p>13 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH 10:30 AM SPRC-PS</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service</p>	<p>17 6 PM Gerry's Quilt Class-CH</p>	<p>18 9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH 10:00 AM Sew and Sews--MM 11 AM Chair Yoga -CH 2:30 PM Endowment --PS</p>	<p>19 9 AM Sr Exercise-CH 9:00 AM Church Work Day—CH 10:00 AM UWF Steering Comm-L 11:00 AM Church Council--MMR</p>	<p>20 9 AM Sr Exercise-CH 10:30 AM SPRC-PS</p>	<p>21 10:30 AM UWF Book Club--L</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service</p>	<p>24 6 PM Gerry's Quilt Class--CH</p>	<p>25 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH 10:00 AM Sew and Sews--MM 11 AM Chair Yoga-CH</p>	<p>26 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH 10 AM Mary-Martha Esther Circle--MMR</p>	<p>27 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service</p>	<p>31 6 PM Gerry's Quilt Class--CH</p>					

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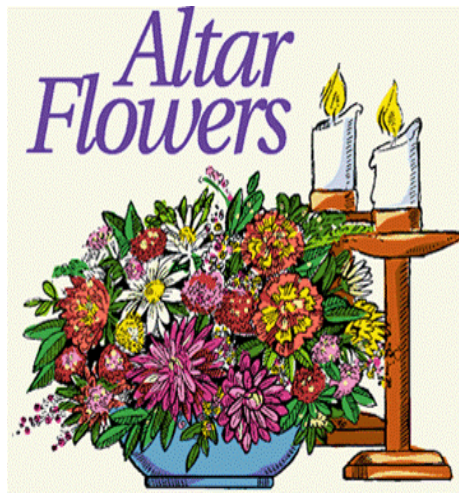
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WOULD YOU LIKE TO ORDER FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP?

Do you enjoy the beautiful flower arrangements placed on the altar on Sundays? Dates are available for Sunday morning flower dedications in upcoming months. We still have a number of openings for your dedications during the summer. Please contact the church office.

Your floral tribute will be placed on the altar for both services on Sunday and will be seen in the video for that week. After the services you can pick up the arrangement or we will get it to you. Just let us know.

Please note that cost for altar flowers is \$30.

Orders can be made from the Grand Bouquet which upon your request. Orders can also be placed to have Brad Bettencourt create an arrangement using Trader Joe flowers.

Please contact Frances in the Church Office. She is the liaison with both Grand Bouquet and Brad.



Collin Odon	07/02
Mary Whitson	07/03
Bud Johnson	07/06
Michael Rohla	07/08
Jim Kelly	07/10
Larry Baughman	07/11
Bernie Hawkins	07/11
Lexie Harrigan	07/13
Dick Melsheimer	07/14
Valerie Beard	07/15
Faye Cuddy	07/15
Joel Anderson	07/19
Christine Ridley	07/20
Nancie Thompson	07/20
David Bolterman	07/23



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 birthday to our monthly birthday list!

Hope, Joy & Love Rising



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