



HOPE, JOY AND LOVE RISING

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First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande OCTOBER 2023

Greetings from the Pastor

October 1, 2023 – WORLD COMMUNION
18th Sunday after Pentecost
“ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER”
Exodus 17:1-17, Matthew 21:23-32

October 8, 2023
19th Sunday after Pentecost
“PLAY BY THE RULES”
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Philippians 3:4b-14

October 15, 2023
20th Sunday after Pentecost
“NOTHING BEFORE GOD”
Exodus 32:1-14
David Beard, Pulpit Guest

October 22, 2023
21st Sunday after Pentecost
“I HAVE A SECRET”
Luke 4:13-21
Rev. Doug Edwards, Pulpit Guest

October 29, 2023 – ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
“TO SET OUR HOPE”
Revelation 7:9-17, 1 John 3:1-3

November 5 - COMMUNION SUNDAY
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
“REAL PRESENCE”
Psalm 107:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

November 12
24th Sunday after Pentecost
“READY OR NOT, HERE I COME”
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

November 19 - THANKSGIVING SUNDAY - Mark Hayes
25th Sunday after Pentecost
“GRATEFUL”
2 Corinthians 9:6-15, Luke 17:11-19

November 26 – UNITED METHODIST STUDENT SUNDAY
Reign of Christ/Christ the King
“O WORSHIP THE KING!”
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Matthew 25:31-46

Rev. Mary Binglewitz

ADVENT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

There is one Sunday after Thanksgiving and then Advent/Christmas 2023 begins. Let's plan now for a delightful December! These are the Sundays of the season and the candles we will be lighting come Christmas.

Let's set the dates for decorating now, and make plans to ring in the New Year 2024!

The Sundays of Advent/Christmas:

Advent I	December 3, 2023	HOPE
Advent II	December 10, 2023	PEACE
Advent III	December 17, 2023	JOY
Advent IV	December 24, 2023	LOVE

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2023

December 31, 2023

First Sunday after Christmas/Epiphany

January 7, 2024

Baptism of the Lord

Membership Care: Home Visitations

It is surprising how the holy spirit moves through our congregation! So it was with the development of the "Home Visits" bulletin board in Criswell Hall this past month. It started with a conversation I was having with Bud Johnson one Sunday morning in late August. He wanted to find something special he could do for the congregation. We started thinking about members of the congregation who were not able to come or had not been to church for a while and thought how nice it would be to set up a progressive home visitation program. So, off he and I went one Thursday morning in September to visit David and Margie Beaman. They had both been in the hospital earlier in the year and family had decided it was time to try a new environment for their folks. David recognized us as soon as we walked in the door and smiled with great joy to see friends from church! Before long Margie joined us. What a great conversation the four of us had. Bud asked if he could take their picture. The request was granted. After lunch Bud and I decided to visit Val and Eva McClure in their new residence. Just as with David and Margie, Val and Eva were so happy to see us! More good conversation occurred and again Bud asked if taking a picture would be all right! Sure, they said! Bud made copies of the pictures and brought them to church the following Sunday. Then the Spirit again lifted our imaginations and a new bulletin board was suggested by Priscilla Alquist, our Membership Secretary, where the pictures could be displayed and the congregation could see the joy on the faces of friends we had not seen for a while. Priscilla and I then put our creative minds together along with some fabric and developed our new "Home Visits" bulletin board. See it in Criswell Hall!

We have since added a photo of Roger and Nancy Sperling to the bulletin board. Roger is recovering in a Transitional Rehabilitation Center with Nancy by his side each day. There have been many church members who have visited Roger and provided some meals for Nancy during this time. We are hoping that with God's Grace Roger will be home soon and with the help of family be back to his regular routine.



~ submitted by Kerren Brown



OCTOBER 1

8:30 a.m.-----Joseph Brown
 10:30 am.-----Patti Melsheimer

OCTOBER 8

8:30 a.m.-----John Emery
 10:30 a.m.-----Judy Leonard

OCTOBER 15

8:30 a.m.-----Mary Thronson
 10:30 a.m.----- Priscilla Alquist

OCTOBER 22

8:30 a.m.-----Sharon Roemer
 10:30 a.m.-----BG Perriguy

OCTOBER 29

8:30 a.m.-----Susan Thronson
 10:30 a.m.-----Rosslyn Clauson

~ submitted by Jan Treat

**WORSHIP
 LITURGISTS**



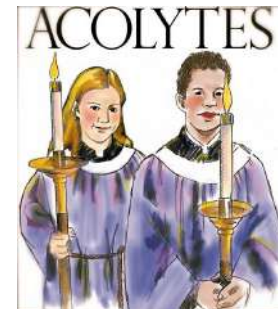
Ushers are needed for Worship Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Training is offered for new or returning ushers.



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 OCTOBER 2023

Pray for the continued vision of the UMC in the California-Pacific Conference--

"Ending spiritual and physical hunger."

--District Superintendent Reverend Melissa Roux MacKinnon

Prayer week begins on:	Church/Ministry	Clergy Leader(s)
10/01/23	Westlake Village UMC	Pastor Walter Dilg Jr
10/01/23	Van Nuys UMC	Pastor Sang Ho Yi
10/08/23	San Luis Obispo UMC	Pastor Mark Sturgess
10/08/23	Santa Clarita Korean Mission	Pastor Sang Hum Park
10/15/23	First UMC of San Fernando	Pastor Teaira Parker
10/15/23	Woodland Hills UMC	Pastor Seung-il Whang
10/22/23	Santa Barbara First UMC	Pastor Liz Aguilar
10/22/23	Santa Barbara First UMC	Pastor Robb Fuesler
10/29/23	Palmdale First UMC	Pastor Jim White
10/29/23	Palmdale First UMC	Pastor Jonathan Gentry

A NOTE FROM ROGER

September 19, 2023

Dear Julie, Mary and Team,

I just finished watching the video for 9/17/23 on my iPad in my hospital bed in the SLO Rehab Facility. It is always comforting just to see the familiar people in familiar settings in the sanctuary. Of course, in this case other visual clues were the choir robes and the variety of handbells.

It is reassuring that the church is still there—both in the visual clues but in the words of faith. As always were the stories—both ancient and modern—that speak to the heart urging forgiveness.

Do I now feel I have “gone to church”? Well not to the architectural construct. But I have “gone to a place in my heart” that gladly receives all the familiar clues that technology sends to us. Thank you for sending it all my way.

Peace and Love,

Roger Sperling

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Have you noticed the appearance of the portico on both the Bennett Street side of the church and the parking lot side? All the wood structure has been washed down, sanded, and refinished. Our entrances to the church now look clean and fresh!

Work continues on the Criswell Hall women’s bathroom.

The next project the Trustees have planned is the modernization of the light standards in the parking lot.

The light fixtures are being replaced and the bulbs changed to LED lights which will be brighter and cost less to operate. The motion light above the entrance to the McMillen room is also being changed so that it provides more light more quickly!

The Trustees meet every month on the second Tuesday of the month. If you have any concerns, please let a member of the Trustees know

~ submitted by Dick Melsheimer, Trustees President



OCTOBER UWF BOOK CLUB SELECTION: The Hate U Give

On Friday, October 20th the UWF Book Club will discuss a timely novel, The Hate U Give, by Angie Thomas. Through the eyes of an adolescent black girl, Starr, we learn about trying to stay safe and true to oneself in a dangerous world. Although Starr lives in a poor black urban neighborhood, she attends a prep school in the suburbs on a scholarship. Her world is shattered when she witnesses the killing of her cousin by a policeman. The story addresses issues of racism and police brutality through the eyes of a girl caught between two worlds.

Come join us as we discuss this emotional novel. We meet in the church library at 10:30 A.M. on October 20th.

See Judy Leonard if you would like to borrow a library copy of the book.



~ submitted by Judy Leonard



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.

On September 16, The United Women in Faith held a Women's Rally with 17 people enjoying a Bar B Q luncheon at the home of Judie and Rich Neufeld. Rich did an excellent job manning the Bar B . with a great choice of meats and the best baked beans.



The tour of Judie's extensive collection of needlework and tea service cups and plates was even more wonderful than anticipated.



Carolyn and Kerren enjoying the ambience at the luncheon



Emphasis is now being strongly centered on Craft Workshops being held Thursdays now through November 2 (Holiday Boutique time). They are held in the McMillen Room from 10 am till noon.

We need your help with only minimal skills needed (gluing, cutting, sorting, etc). Stay tuned and watch your Sunday bulletin for craft activities.

Watch for information on the upcoming Advent Christmas Collections Display and High Tea UWF Meeting on December 9.

We continue to collect much needed items for the Five Cities Homeless Coalition. Needed items are new sweatshirts, underwear, and socks. Your donations are very appreciated. Donated items can be dropped off at UWF table in Criswell Hall, or brought to a circle meeting.

If you are feeling left out, find out when the circles and groups are meeting. Come join us, we need you!

~submitted by Gerry McGuire, President

Guests Amybeth Lake, our United Women in Faith Communications Coordinator and Amber Hedges, new treasurer of the North District, attended the event and presented a program orienting us on our place in the District and National United Women in Faith Mission endeavors.



- ✓ October- November 2, 10 am -12 noon. Thursday Craft workshops.
- ✓ October 26 and 28 Baking Days for Boutique.
- ✓ November 3, 4, 5 Holiday Boutique Sale.
- ✓ November 19 Deadline for Food Collections.
- ✓ November 26, December 3, 10, 17, 24 Display of Christmas Collections, during Sunday Hospitality Time.
- ✓ December 3 NOME deadline for layette items.
- ✓ December 9, Saturday, 3 pm, UWF Quarterly Meeting, High Tea .

On Sunday, September 24th four new members were welcomed and received into the membership of the church.



From Left: **New Member Scott Trees** and sponsor Lucy Jacob; **New Members Mary and Bob Jorstad** and sponsors Dorine and David Bolterman.

On Sunday September 24th, 2023, we were privileged to receive into the membership of our congregation Scott Trees, and Bob and Mary Jorstad (8:30 a.m.) and Michelle Richardson who attends our 10:30 a.m. service. We had a great time getting to know them in two gatherings prior to their joining and were privileged to meet other new friends who may wish to join the congregation at a later date. We are grateful to sponsors *Lucy Jacob, Dorine and Dave Bolterman* and *Kerren Brown* for standing up with them, and to *Patti Melsheimer* and Kerren for being a part of welcoming them on board. Let me introduce:

Michelle Richardson

Michelle Richardson comes to us from Plymouth Congregational Church in Paso Robles. She and her husband Steve, both educators, retired to Paso Robles in 2007 and enjoyed 54 years of marriage prior to his passing in December of 2022. Steve designed their home in Paso and built three outbuildings on their two-acre property. Michelle moved to Nipomo this year, as they had planned, in order to live closer to their long-time best friends of 50 plus years. In her previous church Michelle was a liturgist, greeter/usher, and part of the Diaconate, Personnel Committee and Church Council. She enjoys quilting, reading and embroidery and we are glad to welcome her into the life of the congregation.

Scott Trees

Scott Trees comes to us as a transfer from the United Methodist Church in San Luis Obispo. Scott is a farm boy from Illinois who attended college at the University of Illinois and studied plant genetics at UC Davis. Scott



From Left: Rev. Mary Birgelaitis, **New Member Michelle Richardson** and sponsor Kerren Brown.

worked for 47 years in the horticulture industry breeding flowers and he and his husband Bob love gardening and have 1 ½ acres in gardens at their Arroyo Grande home, Sunrise Farm. Scott served 6 years in the California Army National Guard. Scott has a 34-year-old son who lives in San Diego and a twin sister, Ann, who lives in a Chicago suburb. Scott enjoys their pets, a Great Pyrenees, Buddy, and two cats and also enjoys gardening, the gym, plant breeding, reading, travel, selling on eBay. Scott is a musician who plays show tunes and classical music on the accordion.

Bob and Mary Jorstad

Bob and Mary Jorstad come to us from Wesley United Methodist Church in Charleston, Illinois. Their life together has taken them from Minnesota to Idaho, Illinois and most recently to Nipomo where they moved to be closer to family. They have two adult children Rob and Connie and Rob and his wife Juanita are parents to twin girls, Lucy and Zofie. Bob earned a master's degree and consequently a Ph.D. in Geology and most recently taught geology for 25 years at Eastern Illinois University. Bob served in the Army in Vietnam. Bob enjoys music, dance, and Anytime Fitness. Having been part of the Praise Team at his previous church, he has now become part of the Praise Team here at our 8:30 a.m. service. He was also a part of the Administrative Board and participated in other committees. Mary, an educator, retired from teaching dental hygiene in 2010. Mary Jorstad enjoys reading, sewing, gardening, gym workouts, hiking, cooking Anytime Fitness and AAUW and especially enjoyed Parables Adult Sunday School Class in their church in Illinois.

~Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

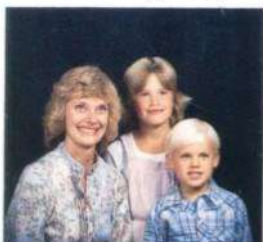
WHO ARE THESE YOUNG BUT FAMILIAR FACES?

They are long-time members of our church. The pictures are from our **1983 Church Directory**. These families have been with us for at least 40 of our church's 140-year history! The children have grown up, and may have children of their own, and some of those pictured have passed.

Can you match the picture with the family? Answers on page 11.



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#13



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#15

FAMILIES:

A: Baughman

B: Burns

C: Ford

D: Gallop

E: Gerrish

F: Heiney

G: Leonard

H: McClure

I: Merris

J: Reineke

K: Roemer

L: Rohla

M: Unsworth

N: Weitkamp

O: Wise

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Fellowship Ministry

October, 2023

Note the change of title. As our committee is tasked with fun and educational activities for the church, the title of Program just didn't seem right. The committee has thought it out and tried on several titles and decided Fellowship was a better fit. We get together to enjoy outings and events with our friends in our congregation. We are the social part of church.



The outing to see the Donkey/Burro ranch was enjoyed by our group of eight, which was the number that could be accommodated. Maybe in the future we can take another 8. It's great to see the dear animals being cared for so well!

October brings us to a Tour of the Local Cemetery, with Jim Gregory, a well-known local Historian as our guide. The tour is set for Saturday, October 7, at 10 am. That's just across the street. No charge. Please sign up at the Connections table in the Narthex. See the article about Mr. Gregory and the tour below.

November 11th, Butterfly Walk and (possible) picnic. Check connections table for details.

December will be our annual Christmas Program. We will be looking for actors and actresses, singers, piano players, magicians, performers of all kinds. There are a lot of talented people out there. Sign up at the Connections table.

January SLO Train Museum Tour.

Our committee is responsible for the many fun activities this church puts on. We are busy getting some great field trips together, 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 or Cindy Rohla.

~ submitted by Gerry McGuire

Cemetery Tour, Saturday October 7, 10 a.m.

Jim Gregory's love for history began with his education at the 1888 two-room Branch Elementary School. He taught literature, the social sciences and American and European history for thirty years at Mission Prep and at his Alma Mater, Arroyo Grande High School. He was named Lucia Mar Unified's Teacher of the Year in 2010. In retirement, he's written five books on local history. Three have won national awards. He is the president of the South County Historical Society.

In Jim's cemetery tour, you'll meet immigrants from the Azores, the Philippines and Japan, a veteran soldier who somehow survived attacks by Red Cloud, Sitting Bull, Roman Nose and Crazy Horse, a Marine lost for 74 years before coming home, a woman who taught school here for over 40 years, the town "baby doctor" in the early 1900s, two immigrant merchants who were beloved by their customers, a little girl said to haunt the site of her murder east of town and a woman who, as a teenager, forever lost her best friend due to Executive Order 9066.

News from the Mission Team

Robin and Rob Isakson, chairs

Note from the Editor: Robin Isakson sent information to share in this October newsletter by email on September 18th. She and Rob will be leaving Minnesota in early October for their return to California.

"The UMC Global Ministries list of Mission Priorities lists the following:

Missionaries: connecting the church with communities

Evangelism and Church Revitalization: sharing the good news of God's love by helping to plant churches across the world

Global Health: promoting physical, emotional and spiritual well being

Humanitarian Relief and Recovery: Providing hope and healing to people in need.

When a donation is made to UMC Global Ministries, you support all of the above.

A Special Giving Opportunity will take place on Sunday, October 1st on World Communion Sunday. This opportunity supports scholarships and leadership development opportunities for international students and racial ethnic students in the United States.

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande Mission Team will be serving in the People's Kitchen on Tuesday, October 31st. We are planning to hold a meeting discuss the direction of, and possible activities of the FUMCAG Mission Team for the upcoming year.

From 1st Peter 3:8: Finally, all of you should be in agreement, understanding each other, loving each other as family, being kind and humble."



We Welcome to Our Pulpit Rev. Douglas Edwards October 22, 2023 at Both Services



On this special Sunday the preacher of the day will be The Venerable Douglas Edwards. Doug is an Episcopal Priest and will be preaching a sermon titled "I Have a Secret". The Gospel Reading will be Luke 4:13-21 and he will be preaching on becoming an Abolitionist. On October 22nd, Doug will have just returned from his 16th mission trip to Ghana, West Africa. He is the only registered non-African chief in Ghana, where he is known as Nana Kojo Benya I. He founded and serves as Executive Director of United Charities Endowment Fund of America, [UCEFA](#). Doug and his wife, Lynn, reside in Arroyo Grande. He assists

at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Arroyo Grande.

I am grateful to my colleagues Rev. Rob Keim of St. Barnabas and Rev. Garrett Andrew of Nipomo Presbyterian for highly recommending Douglas Edwards to me.

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis



October Happenings



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>1</p> <p>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8:30 AM Contemporary Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Traditional Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6 PM Gerry's Quilt Class-CH</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH</p> <p>10:00 AM Sew and Sews--MM</p> <p>11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH</p> <p>1 PM Bible Study--CH</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH</p> <p>9:00 AM Church Work Day—CH</p> <p>10:00 Fellowship Ministry--L</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH</p> <p>10:00 AM UWF Craft Workshop -MMR</p> <p>10:30 AM SPRC-PS</p> <p>6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-S</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Jim Gregory's Cemetery Tour</p> <p>AG Cemetery 10 AM Signup Connections</p>	
<p>8</p> <p>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8:30 AM Contemporary Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Traditional Service</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6 PM Gerry's Quilt Class-CH</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH</p> <p>10:00 AM Sew and Sews--MM</p> <p>11:00 AM Chair Yoga - CH</p> <p>1 PM Bible Study-CH</p> <p>7:00 PM Board of Trustees-CH</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH</p> <p>9:00 AM Church Work Day—CH</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH</p> <p>10:00 AM UWF Craft Workshop -MMR</p> <p>10:30 AM SPRC-PS</p> <p>6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-S</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	
<p>15</p> <p>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8:30 AM Contemporary Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Traditional Service</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6 PM Gerry's Quilt Class--CH</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9 AM Sr Exercise-CH</p> <p>10:00 AM Sew and Sews--MMR</p> <p>11 AM Chair Yoga-CH</p> <p>1 PM-Bible Study-CH</p> <p>1:30 PM Finance-PS</p> <p>2:30 PM Endowment-PS</p> <p>6:30 PM JOY Circle-MMR</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH</p> <p>9:00 AM Church Work Day—CH</p> <p>10:00 AM UWF Steering Comm-L</p> <p>2:00 PM Church Council--MMR</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH</p> <p>10:00 AM UWF Craft Workshop -MMR</p> <p>6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-S</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 AM UWF Book Club--L</p> <p>4:00 PM CC Board Meeting-MMR</p>	<p>21</p>	
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<p>29</p> <p>Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8:30 AM Contemporary Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Traditional Service</p> <p>3-5 PM Trunk or Treat-PL</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6 PM Gerry's Quilt Class--CH</p> <p>Mission Team makes casseroles for Peoples Kitchen</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH</p> <p>10:00 AM Sew and Sews--MMR</p> <p>11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH</p> <p>11:00 AM Mission Team to Peoples Kitchen</p> <p>1:00 PM Bible Study-CH</p> <p>***HALLOWEEN***</p>				<p>Abbreviation Legend</p> <p>CH—Criswell Hall</p> <p>S—Sanctuary</p> <p>K—Kitchen</p> <p>L—Library Room #123</p> <p>MMR—McMillen Room #113</p> <p>PL-- Parking Lot</p> <p>PS— Pastor's Study</p> <p>HR—Handbell Room #115</p>	

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Happy 101st Birthday to Peg Gallop!
 Pictured at church on Sep 24 after her "real" birthday on Sep 21, Peg is shown here with her daughter, Peggy Bridges.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY
 Facilitated by Nancy St. Laurent
Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. Criswell Hall
 Currently studying ACTS: Catching Up with the Spirit by Matthew Skinner. Advent studies to come. See Nancy with questions!
All are welcome to join us!



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 autumn.



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.

Orange Cosmos are the birthday flower for October



- Jenna Moore.....10/01
- Kerren Brown.....10/02
- Val McClure.....10/04
- Daisy Paredes.....10/05
- Roger Sperling.....10/05
- Robin Isakson.....10/06
- Lorie Ford.....10/13
- Ian Beard.....10/16
- Diane Laughlin.....10/17
- Rose Ann Steiner.....10/22
- Lila Anderson.....10/29
- Rebeca Avila.....10/29
- Mary Hawkins.....10/31



The cost for altar flowers is \$30.

Orders can be made from the Grand Bouquet 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.

Answers to WHO ARE THESE YOUNG BUT FAMILIAR FACES?

- 1-I:** MERRIS: Bobbi **2-J:** REINEKE: Barbara, Rebecca & Zachary **3-N:** WEITKAMP: William, Sally, Linda & Jimmy
- 4-B:** BURNS: Chuck & Nancy **5-E:** GERRISH: Bill, Nancy, Matthew & Amy **6-D:** GALLOP: Robert & Peg
- 7-L:** ROHLA: Michael, Cindy, Matthew & Christina **8-F:** HEINEY: Gene & Judy **9-G:** LEONARD: Judy
- 10-C:** FORD: Bill, Lorie, Angie & Niki **11-K:** ROEMER: Sharon, Ryan & Ross **12-H:** McCLURE: Val & Eva
- 13-A:** BAUGHMAN: Larry, Nancy, Nicole & Benjamin **14-M:** UNSWORTH: Kent **15-O:** WISE: Stephen, Karen, Jimmie & Tamara

Hope, Joy & Love Rising



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2023

Annual Charge Conference

Group Charge Conference
via ZOOM is on Tuesday Nov. 28
from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

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Children's Center Chronicle



Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 29, 2023
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Our church will again be having a “Trunk or Treat” party in our church parking lot on Sunday, October 29th afternoon (3-5 p.m.). Fun and games are planned for all ages! There will be “trunk or treating” for the kids (trunk decoration kits will be available for sale), a pumpkin dessert contest with tasting and judging (with prizes!), a pumpkin carving contest (for the adults!), pumpkin decorating for kids and lots of games for kids and adults alike. Everyone is encouraged to wear a costume – there will be prizes! This is a great opportunity for everyone of all ages to have fun together. We are hoping that you will come and bring your family, friends, and neighbors.



~submitted by Patti Melsheimer