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Children's Center Chronicle  
 September 2011 Calendar

The First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande  
**Cast~A~Net**

**SEPTEMBER 2011**

"The kingdom of God is like a net that was cast into the sea" - Matthew 13:47

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**Red Umbrella Blue Umbrella**

**Worship/Inspiration**

- Chancel Choir
- Praise Team
- Handbell Choir
- Paraments
- Wedding Coord.
- Ushers and Greeters
- Altar Guild/Acolytes
- Puppet People
- Multi-Media
- Drama
- Liturgist
- Special Music

**What's Up ?!**

See how the Lord can use you in the work of His church. This is a chance for you to be a partner in ministry with your UMC of AG family.

**Church Family**

- Membership Care
- Visitation
- Evangelism
- Prayer Chain
- Prayer Groups
- Attendance
- Membership
- Communion
- Shut-in Care:
  - Bulletins
  - Flowers
  - Birthday Card
  - Fellowship



**September**



**Senior Pastor:**  
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 Mike Coho

**Puppet People:**  
 Mike Herber

**Adult Christian Education:**  
 Susan Coho

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 Mike & Linda Herber

**Children's Ministry Director:**  
 Carolyn Russell

**Bishop:**  
 Mary Ann Swenson

**District Superintendent:**  
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**Deadline: 10th of each month**

Any article/story idea to be considered for our newsletter, needs also to be submitted by this date.

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Do you want us to remove you from our mailing list? Do you need to update your information? Add a friend? Please contact us at (805) 481-2692 or via e-mail at [fumcag@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fumcag@sbcglobal.net). Thanks!

**Spiritual Growth**

- UMM & UMM
- Stewardship
- Church Library
- Church Historian
- Senior Exercise
- Women of Prayer
- Children's Ministries
- Vacation Bible School
- Kids Night Out
- Youth Group and Ministries
- Sunday School
- Women's Bible Study
- Water For Life
- Wednesday Studies

We will be all set-up in Criswell Hall with information about different ministries with our church. We hope that you will browse the many different opportunities available. How will **you** can get involved?

**Mission, Church & Society, Local Outreach**

- Special Offering
- Movie Night
- Missionaries
- People's Kitchen
- 5 Cities Christian Women
- So. Co. Food Bank
- School Kits for DPSS
- Rummage Sale
- Volunteers In Mission
- UMCOR projects
- Mission Projects

**Green Umbrella Yellow Umbrella**



**Heading into fall, I am excited!**

You have heard briefly in sermons, Bible classes and in our newsletter, that I have been greatly impressed with a book called,

"Deepening Your Effectiveness" by Dan Glover and Claudia Levy. I want to share with you some more details about this book so you can better understand why. If we, as Christians and the Church, are called to make Disciples for Jesus Christ, we need to do it. It's as simple as that.

As Christians we believe that Jesus is "the Way, Truth, and the Life." So then as a church, we need to help ourselves and others to be aware that there are roadblocks and snares to this truth. This book will help us to recognize what stage we are in on our faith journey. It will not only help us identify the obstacles in and around us on each phase of our individual journey, but also help us to recognize where others are on their journey for encouragement, accountability, and guidance.

You will see information on the next page about my upcoming sermon series detailing our journey together in this series. I am grateful to Susan Coho (our Adult Ministry Director) for seeing this vision along with me and for laying this out for us visually. I am asking everyone to please participate as much as your are able. If you miss a Sunday...check with someone who you know will be in church to get their notes. We can't afford to miss this opportunity in growing out faith and sharing this Way, Truth, and Life with others.

Join the Wednesday class and/or the Sunday discussion group that will be a companion to the sermon series. It is my sincere prayer that you see this as a tool to help us to grow—not only as believers of Jesus Christ, but as a church.

In September, we will have an opportunity to sign-up to purchase this unique book. I pray that you read it along with our series to help reinforce what you have learned in class and during service.

I want to quote a passage from the book that I sincerely believe:  
*As people of the Great Commission, we have only one job: to fill our churches with people who at the end of their lives, can say without a shadow of doubt, "I really knew Jesus."*  
*Lifting up the name of Jesus will be our motivation!*

This **is** possible because Jesus is the Truth! He would not have sent us "into all the world to make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19) if we were incapable of completing this mission. This series will show us how we, together, can **get 'er done.**

In Ministry Together, *David*

wonderful  
merciful  
SAVIOR

Jesus had no servants,  
yet they call Him "Master."

He had no degree,  
yet they called Him "Teacher."

He had no medicines,  
yet they call Him "Healer."

He had no army,  
yet kings feared Him.

He won no military battles,  
yet He conquered the world.

He committed no crime,  
yet they crucified Him.

He was buried in a tomb,  
yet He lives today.

**Feel honored to serve  
such a Leader who loves us!**

-author unknown



**Prince of Peace**

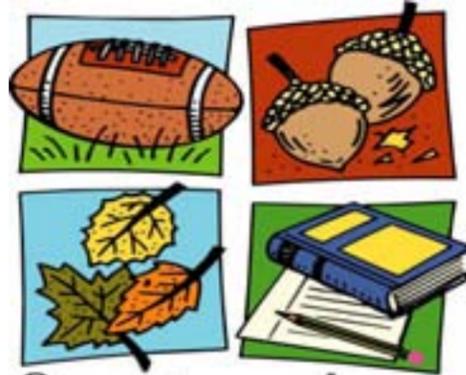
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Youth Lock-In 2011





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- Hilde Hollinger 9/3
- Marj Cawelti 9/5
- Kay Walker 9/6
- Carleen Minkler 9/8
- Yvonne Holt 9/11
- Sally Weitkamp 9/13
- Bob Atwood 9/14
- Alice Addison 9/14
- Ann Bridges 9/14
- Bob Thronson 9/16
- Burt Cochran 9/16
- Betty Ann Quintana 9/18
- Jan Treat 9/18
- Clydean Headrick 9/19
- Peg Gallop 9/21
- Richard Marshall 9/21
- June Awalt 9/23
- Christina Bailey 9/23
- Judy Atwood 9/26
- Elvon Houlding 9/28
- Jeremy Burns 9/29
- Claire Jacob 9/29



# September

The fresh eggs we purchase in Criswell Hall are donated by the Cochran family who lovingly bring them each week. This generous gift has helped our Youth Fund grow by over \$730 since August 2010.

**Bring empty egg cartons to our library - Thanks!**



# Coffee Hour September

- 4th Board of Trustees
- 11th Mary-Martha Circle & Church Library
- 18th UMM Pancakes
- 25th Staff-Parish Relations



**ATTENDANCE**

August 2011	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	Nursery	Kids/Youth	Teachers	TOTAL
1st Sunday	38	107	1	13/8	6	<b>173</b>
2nd Sunday	48	118	1	6/9	6	<b>188</b>
3rd Sunday	52	124	2	13/7	6	<b>204</b>
4th Sunday	<i>No information at time of publication</i>					

### Pledge Income Through July 2011

2011 Goal:  
\$ 154,000

Received YTD 2011:  
\$ 156,633

Difference Percentage:  
**102% - Keep it UP!**



"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."  
Matthew 28: 19-20

We, at FUMCAG, accept the great commission from our Lord, Jesus Christ.



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## FALL 2011 Bible Study—Sermon Series—Discussion Group

### MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

- Wed.—Sept. 7th Bible Study—Overview -Life on the Beach & Shoreline
- Sun.—Sept. 11th Sermon—*Observation Stages: Life on the Beach & Shoreline*  
9:45 -10:25 AM Disciples Discussion Group \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Wed.—Sept. 14th Bible Study—Life in the Waves
- Sun.—Sept. 18th Sermon—*Commitment: Life in the Waves*  
9:45 -10:25 AM Disciples Discussion Group \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Wed.—Sept. 21st Bible Study—When Your Feet Come Off The Bottom
- Sun.—Sept. 25th Sermon—*Pondering: When Your Feet Come Off The Bottom*  
9:45 -10:25 AM Disciples Discussion Group \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Wed.—Sept. 28th Bible Study—Life Beyond The Breakers
- Sun.—Oct. 2nd Sermon—*Discovery: Life Beyond The Breakers*  
9:45 -10:25 AM Disciples Discussion Group \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Wed.—Oct. 5th Bible Study—Life In The Deep
- Sun.—Oct. 9th Sermon—*Stability: Life In The Deep*  
9:45 -10:25 AM Disciples Discussion Group \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Wed.—Oct. 13th Bible Study—Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
- Sun.—Oct. 16th Sermon—*How the Church makes Disciples of Jesus Christ*  
9:45 -10:25 AM Disciples Discussion Group \_\_\_\_\_



**Helping men to grow in Christ, so others can know Christ.**

Val McClure, UMM Publicity

## BIG CHANGES FOR UMM PROGRAM IN SEPTEMBER

Since the announcement regarding the first meeting of the Methodist Men for September was made, a complete change of meeting date, place, and meal cost has taken place.

**NOTE DATE CHANGE: Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Our venue for 2011-12 will be the new one million dollar club house at Sunrise Terrace located at 345 Sunrise Drive off of Valley Road, just south of AG High School at 8:30 AM. A delicious buffet will be served to those attending (menu listed below).

**Cost: \$7 per person.**

- Menu:** Scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon or ham, sweet rolls and fruit cup. Food is being furnished by JJ Store Deli. coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be available.
- Program:** A power point presentation by Steve Tallant, Camp Manager, on Camp Arroyo Grande.
- Parking:** There are spaces in front of the club house as well as on the main and side streets.

Plan on attending this first meeting and bring a friend that may not have come before or maybe a chum who hasn't been for a while.. For further information call Val McClure (Publicity Chairman) or Tom Egan (UMM President).

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



**They're FAMOUS !**

Every other month beginning on **September 18th**. Our men will prepare and serve pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, tea coffee and hot cocoa, too! Cost \$5 for adults and \$1 for kids under 12.



## Mark Your Calendar! Committees & Board Meetings

Reminder that meetings are back on the calendar!

1st	<b>Red Umbrella</b>	7 PM
4th	<b>Green Umbrella</b>	11:45 AM
6th	<b>UMW Steering Trustees</b>	10 AM / 7 PM
8th	<b>Esther Circle</b>	12 PM
13th	<b>Communications</b>	10:30 AM
14th	<b>Blue Umbrella</b>	11 AM
15th	<b>Women of Worth</b>	6:30 PM
20th	<b>JOY Circle</b>	7 PM
20th	<b>Preschool Open Board Meeting</b>	2 PM
20th	<b>Preschool Closed Board Meeting</b>	3:30 PM
21st	<b>Mary-Martha Circle</b>	9:30 AM
24th	<b>UMM Breakfast</b>	8:20 AM
29th	<b>Church Council</b>	6:30 PM

### September 2011

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## Why We Give

Compiled by Jerry Smith

We give because God first gave to us. That is the most basic of all reasons we give. You know the Bible verse, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16, NRSV). That is the greatest gift God has given us. In addition to the promise of eternal life, God has given us this life and so much more.

We give because we love God. Giving to God is a way to build a closer relationship with God. We give because it is one way to stay in love with God. Giving of our substance is a spiritual discipline in which we trust God will provide us with enough.

We give because it is what Christians do. We read in Acts 2:44-45, NRSV, "All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need." The finest hours of being a Christian occur when we respond generously to help persons in need. We give because it is what United Methodists do. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, urged the practice of sound financial stewardship. He expected his followers to do three things: earn all you can, save all you can and give all you can.

We give to make ministry and mission happen. When we give money through our church, not only does it pay for our pastor's salary and for our church's bills; it also does good beyond our congregation and even far beyond our community.

We give because, together, we can do what no one individual or congregation can do separately. As we give to the various offerings and apportionments we can share our resources to accomplish these otherwise impossible ministries and missions and much more.

SOURCE: 2009-2012 UMC Handbook, Poster/Brochure and Basic Brochure



## Camp AG Builds 2nd Unit

Under the supervision of Camp Manager Steve Tallant and his trusted crew of volunteers, the second unit of six new cabins is now in place and will go into use September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. "The construction of the 2<sup>nd</sup> cabin was much easier", Tallant said, "as all the connections for utilities were put into place during the first cabin construction."

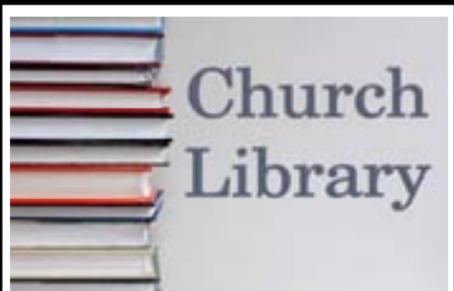
Thousand of volunteer hours have been spent in the construction of the first two units. Some of the volunteers are our former pastor Bob Underwood, Tom Egan, the camp staff, and even Steve's mother and dad. A good deal of the building materials were furnished at a lower cost to camp by the local merchants and some material even donated. This made it possible to build the two units within the \$180,000 budget that was set by the funding drive over the past six years. The funds are now almost depleted.

The beautiful new units sleep 14 campers each and have double bathroom facilities and carpeted floors. "Its part of a 15 year refurbishing plan to change the camp into a first class retreat facility for families and youth and to be upgraded for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century", Tallant concluded.

In the last 10 years the AGFUMC members have donated over \$16,000 to the project, leading five other local Methodist churches in raising funds. The camp is supervised by the California Pacific Methodist Conference which donated \$50,000 to the building fund drive.

The 15 year plan calls for four more new cabins, the replacement of an existing lodge and enlargement of the dining hall facility. The camp has a swimming pool, campfire pit, chapel, lodges, camp managers home, and of course the famous 4000 sq. foot, 12 sided Tabernacle which is included in upgrades in the master plan.

For those interested in the Camp Arroyo Grande project, contact Tina Moore (481-6674) the Camp Liaison for our church. Those wishing to donate to the building fund for the additional four cabins may do so. Checks should be made out to: "CAL-PAC Conference" with Camp AG Building Fund in the memo. You can give checks directly to Tina or mail to Camp Arroyo Grande, 250 Wesley St., Arroyo Grande CA. 93420 - Attention: Steve Tallant.



Our Library now has a second copy of Melinda Marchiano's award winning and inspiring book, *Grace*. A senior at Nipomo High School, Melinda is the granddaughter of Bud and Betty Johnson. Hers is a remarkable battle with cancer, Hers is a story of courage and faith.



*God bless and thank you Tom and the board for taking care of our church!*

Keep an eye open for next month's report!



**MEALS SERVED**

August 2011: 225  
YTD : 1,435

**SOCKS DISTRIBUTED**

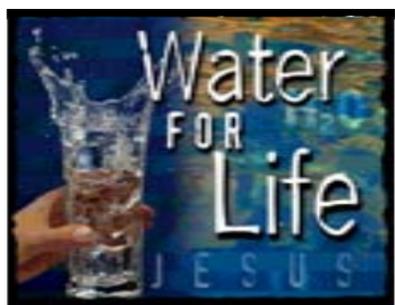
August 2011: 211  
YTD: 2,713

Our **People's Kitchen** team serves on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at noon at the *Shouts of Grace Church* under the leadership of Chuck & Betty Ashton.



**Community Action Partnership**, in collaboration with **Dana Nelson's Healthplus Pharmacy**, is offering flu shots during their regular Senior Health Clinic on September 7th, UMC of AG in our Library and Narthex. from 9 AM until noon.

- Flu shots are free with Medicare Card & Supplemental Card (bring both to the clinic).
- If you have an HMO, please check with your health care provider.
- Without insurance coverage, the vaccine is available for \$25.
- Flu shots are available for all adults 18 or older on a first come, first served basis.
- If you have any questions please feel free to call (805) 544-2484 ext.1.



**AG Harvest Festival September 23 & 24**

Our Youth Group will host a booth once again at the **Annual AG Harvest Festival**. In addition to their not to be out done nachos, heavenly brownies, and varied other treats, our church will be giving away **FREE water bottles** before, during and after the parade.

Last year we were so excited to be able to pass out over 3,000 bottles! You will be so blessed to see the gratefulness on of our community with a single bottle of water.

**Bring cases of water to Criswell Hall Sundays or to church office.**

These specially designed bottles will have scripture about the best gift EVER—Jesus Christ on each bottle (as well as our church info.)

**We dare YOU to move** and step out of YOUR comfort zone.

We challenge you to **rethink church!**  
**Make "church" a verb.**



**United Methodist Women**  
*Faith, Hope and Love In Action*



The organized unit of 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.

**School of Christian Mission**

Two of our Arroyo Grande UMW women attended the School of Christian Mission in July held at Biola University in La Mirada, California. Virginia Mothes and Patti Melsheimer spent three days singing, discussing, dancing, studying, visiting, praising and praying as well as eating and sleeping! Over three hundred women and girls (and a few men) attended this annual experience that is an opportunity to "study current issues impacting society based on recent mission study topics." The School offered a spiritual growth study: "The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation"; a geographic study: "Haiti"; and an issue study: "Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity".

At the Schools of Christian Mission, one "grows in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context. All of the studies give particular attention to the responsibilities of women in the fulfillment of the mission work of the church." Schools of Christian Mission were begun in the mid-1930s by the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Every year more than 20,000 people participate in the Schools of Christian Mission nationally.

Virginia Mothes says of her experience, "This year the School of Christian Missions was outstanding. The campus at Biola was beautiful and compact. We could go from auditorium to dorm to café to classroom with ease and comfort. The weather was a perfect compliment to the great music, the excellent leaders, and the inspiring programs. I hope more UMW members keep this in mind for next year!!"

**United Methodist Women's Book Club**

September's Book:

*Being a Christian in the Wesleyan Tradition: Belonging, Believing, Living, Growing* by John O. Gooch

A reviewer states, "As you spend some time with this book, you will be faced with questions and decisions about what it means to be a Christian disciple in the United Methodist tradition. It is important to know who we are, from where we came, and how we do mission, ministry and theology in the world."

Join us on **Thursday, September 22nd** at 4 PM in the McMillan Room for a thought provoking discussion about how our denomination is unique.

**Esther Circle**

Every 2nd Thursday at noon in the McMillen Room.

**JOY Circle**

Every 3rd Tuesday at a members home at 7 PM.



**Mary-Martha Circle**

Every 3rd Wednesday of at 9:30 AM in the McMillen Room.

**Women of Worth**

Every 3rd Thursday in the McMillen Room at 6:30 PM.

**Are You Crafty?**

Join us every Tuesday at 9 AM in McMillen



Room as we work on varied crafting projects.



**Thanks Grandma and Grandpa** ❤️

**Happy Grandparent's Day**  
September 11, 2011

# The Healthy Corner

By Patti Melsheimer

## Learning to Forgive May Improve Well-Being

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.” [Ephesians 4:32](#)

In addition to being good for your soul “Forgiveness may be good for your health”, according to the Mayo Clinic. An article in the January, 2008 issue of *The Mayo Clinic Women’s Health Source* magazine stated “Holding a grudge appears to affect the cardiovascular and nervous systems.” Studies also show that “people who focused on a personal grudge had elevated blood pressure and heart rates, as well as increased muscle tension and feelings of being less in control.” Other studies have shown that forgiveness has positive effects on psychological health, too.

Psychologist Sonja Lyubomirsky calls forgiveness “a shift in thinking” toward someone who has wronged you, “such that your desire to harm that person has decreased and your desire to do him good (or to benefit your relationship) has increased.” Forgiveness, at a minimum, is a decision to let go of the desire for revenge and ill-will toward the person who wronged you.

Forgiveness is something that is entirely up to you. The process of forgiving involves acknowledging to yourself the wrong that was done to you, reflecting on it, and deciding how you want to think about it. Forgiveness has taken place when you can remember the wrong that was done without feeling resentment or a desire to pursue revenge. Forgiveness does not minimize, justify, or excuse the wrong that was done.

There's no single approach to learning how to forgive. Praying, talking with a friend, therapist or adviser (spiritual or otherwise) may be helpful, to sort through feelings and stay on track. Forgiveness doesn't mean forgetting, condoning or excusing whatever happened. It's acknowledging hurt and then letting it go, along with the burden of anger and resentment. Clinicians are now using “forgiveness-based writing intervention” to assist soldiers suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome. Other steps to try in order to forgive include: acknowledging the pain and anger felt as a result of someone else's actions, recognize that healing requires change, finding a new way to think about the person who caused the pain (This step includes saying, "I forgive you."). As you do these things you will begin to experience the emotional relief that comes with forgiveness. It may include increased compassion for others who have experienced similar hurt.

Getting another person to change his or her actions, behavior or words isn't the point of forgiveness. Think of forgiveness more about how it can change your life — by bringing you more peace, happiness, and emotional and spiritual healing. Forgiveness takes away the power the other person continues to wield in your life.

This month we commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the September 11 tragedy. What does forgiveness mean in the context of September 11? In [Luke 6:27-28](#) Jesus tells us, “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.”

# Music Notes



**September 3rd - noon**  
at the home of  
**Dick & Patti Melsheimer**

**Please bring an appetizer, side dish, salad or dessert.**

*But don't forget to bring someone along who may want to join us.*



### Ringers Have Returned!

*Practices are at  
5 PM on Tues. & Thurs.  
in room 115.*

If you are able to read music, come and sit in. Under the talented direction of Leonard Lutz, these intermediate players play every third Sunday in our worship services and various other venues within the community. They are always open to new ringers. We hope to see you there!



The praise band is a team of worship leaders we call **The Lord's Crew.**

This group leads worship for our 8:30 AM Contemporary Service every Sunday under the direction of Susan Coho.

Rehearsals are every other Saturday of each month, unless otherwise stated. *(Team members are reminded to review their schedules given at the beginning of the year).*

### SEPTEMBER

10th & 24th (6:30 PM)



### Membership Has It's Privileges!

1. You never have to worry about what to wear.
2. You have reserved seat for Christmas and Easter.
3. From your advantageous seat, you can smile at, gawk at, ignore and otherwise enjoy the rest of the people in the pews.
4. The pastor is ALMOST always looking the other way.
5. You're in a wonderful spot to see who comes in late and who falls asleep.
6. Cost for benefits? Just one hour per week.
7. AND— Best reason...you feel blessed to be a part of the worship experience.

**We hope to see you Wednesdays at 7 PM!**

Julie Burns,  
Choir Director

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**WEDNESDAYS  
7 PM**

Junior High and High School teens are invited EVERY week to our Youth Lounge for fellowship and fun as we dive into the life of a teen living for Christ. Bring a friend!

**Morning  
study**

**FRIDAYS 8:30 AM**

in the Library to study a book on **John 13-15**. Open to ALL!!

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**WEDNESDAYS  
5:45 PM**

All elementary age kids and 'tweens meet in Criswell Hall as we wander over to our Sunday School room (215) for crafts, story, songs, and games. Parents can pick up their young one at 7 PM. We have just begun to study Psalm 23.

**men's  
BIBLE  
study**

**MONDAYS 7 PM**

Youth Lounge (room 215) The men are currently studying the books of Hosea and Amos from the Holy Bible. Open to all men seeking God's will for their lives and leadership for their homes.

**THURSDAYS 5 PM**

—rain or shine— meet us in the Sanctuary as we read the Bible **aloud** at 5 PM. We pray that you will be a part of this time to bless the Lord and speak His Word which never returns void.

*Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.*  
Ps.119:105



**Need Prayer?  
Got Praise?**

Bring it to our Prayer Chain. Contact **Pauline Castillo** to set the chain in motion.

*Requests can remain anonymous*

**THURSDAYS  
10AM**

Lift to the Lord the prayers of His people in the church Library with our **Intercessory Prayer Group**. These prayer warriors meet and pray for our church, community and ANY spoken or unspoken requests given to our church.

**MONDAYS  
7 PM**

A non-denominational women's group that meet in the UMC of AG Sanctuary to pray for this church and others in the community; asking God to pour out His Spirit of redemption, deliverance, healing and salvation.

Contact **Susan Coho** through the church office if you have any questions.

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**YELLOW UMBRELLA NEWS:  
MISSION/SOCIAL CONCERNS**

by Judy Atwood

*"every member a missionary"*

**MISSION HIGHLIGHT**

*This month I am sharing an article about a ministry that happens in South Sudan.*

**SOUTH SUDAN:  
UMCOR Seeks To Expand Work**

UMCOR's nongovernmental office (UMCOR NGO) hosted a seven-member delegation that visited the state of Northern Bahr el Ghazal, South Sudan, to assess primary needs in the world's newest nation. South Sudan attained independence on July 9.

The delegation included personnel from longtime UMCOR partner in Sudan Ginghamburg United Methodist Church (Tipp City, OH) and the Mission and Evangelism program of the General Board of Global Ministries. The district superintendent for South Sudan of the United Methodist East Africa Annual Conference also was present.

The group visited programs of the UMCOR field office in the town of Aweil as well as government agencies and faith-based leaders to assess needs.

In addition to Aweil, UMCOR also works in the town of Yei, where its work in Sudan began in 2006. Ginghamburg recently broadened its support for primary health-care programming near Aweil.

UMCOR NGO is seeking to expand its programs in both Yei and Aweil, while rolling out a plan to establish a headquarters in Juba, the capital and hub for humanitarian groups in the new nation.

The delegation identified immediate needs for life-sustaining support, including food security; nutrition; water, sanitation and hygiene; community-based health care; and primary education. UMCOR works in all these program areas yet could do much more with more resources.

**You can join UMCOR in supporting the primary needs of the people of the new nation of South Sudan with your gift to Sudan Emergency, Advance #184385.**

**THANKS FOR SPECIAL GIVING  
AND MINISTRY RESPONSES**

I continue to say thank you on behalf of the recipients of all the special givings which you have shared with others. What a time of celebration of ministry opportunities we had August 7th.

*Are you plugged into one of them?*

**Many hands can do many things!**



**SPECIAL GIVING UPDATES FOR 2011**

Domestic Disaster Response	25.00
So. County Food Bank	901.14
Goat for Haitian Goat Farm	50.00
Haiti Relief	25.00
Japan Relief	1830.00
Native American Ministries	409.00
Mule for Haitian Goat Farm	350.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	785.00
Peace with Justice	307.00
People's Kitchen	389.56
Spring Storms	405.00
VBS Mission Project	243.00
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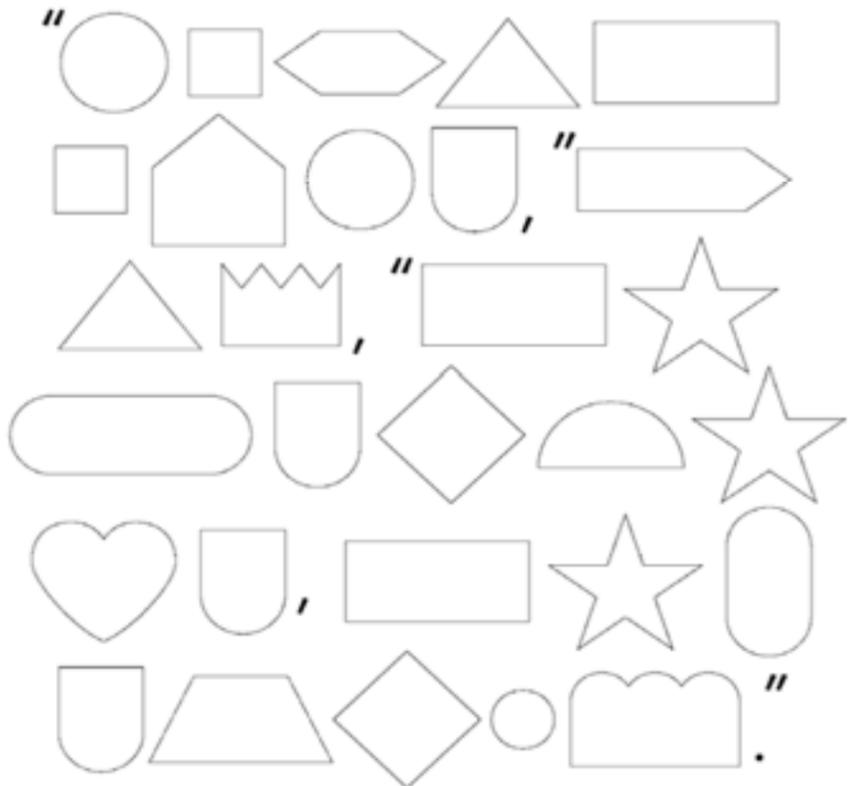
# Kid's Page

All elementary school age are welcome to meet us Sundays during both services for Sunday School and Wednesdays at 6 PM for Kids Night Out. (5 PM for FREE dinner) Bring a friend and discover Jesus Christ with us.



When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.



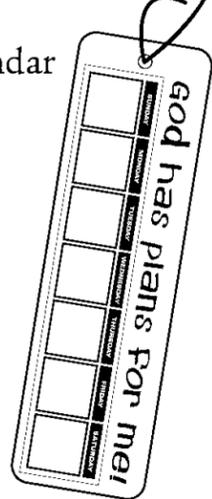
Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

## A daily reminder

Make this bookmark to remind you that God is with you every day.

### What you need:

- An old calendar
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Glue stick
- Pencil or marker
- Stickers
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



### What you do:

1. Cut out the first line of squares from an old calendar, including the days of the week along the top.
2. Cut the cardstock into a rectangle a little larger than the calendar section.
3. Glue the calendar section onto the cardstock.
4. Write "God has plans for me" (Jeremiah 29:11) on the bookmark.
5. Add stickers or other decorations on the back.
6. Punch a hole on one end of the bookmark.
7. Loop some ribbon or yarn through the hole.



## ELT Scholarship Recipients

Youth Sunday, June 12th, was a very exciting day in the life of our church when we were able to celebrate the many accomplishments of our youth. One special moment was the announcement and introduction of the **2011-12 Everett Lee Taylor Scholarship** recipients. This year marks the twenty-second anniversary of our college scholarships totaling over \$40,250 to help defray the cost of their education.

Thanks to the generosity of our church, we were able to award five scholarships this year. Our "Fabulous Five" are from left to

right: "Isabella Russell, a freshman at CSU Channel Islands,; Amanda Trecartin, a freshman at CalPoly; Mara Spalding, a junior at CalPoly; Caitlin Herber, a sophomore, at Allan Hancock College; and Chelsea Bailey, a graduate student at Brandman University.

Congratulations and best wishes to you all. We thank our church family who continually support this program.

May God bless you all!  
Nancy Gerrish, Scholarship Chair



ELT Scholarship recipients (from left) Ibby Russell, Amanda Trecartin, Mara Spalding, Caitlin Herber, and Chelsea Bailey.



## Who Should Read The Bible?

- The Young  
*to learn how to live.*
- The Old  
*to know how to die.*
- The Ignorant  
*for wisdom.*
- The Learned  
*for humility.*
- The Rich  
*for compassion.*
- The Dreamer  
*for enchantment.*
- The Practical  
*for council.*
- The Weak  
*for strength.*
- The Strong  
*for direction.*
- The Haughty  
*for exaltation.*
- The Troubled  
*for peace.*
- The Doubting  
*for assurance*
- The Sinner  
*for salvation.*
- The Christian  
*for guidance.*