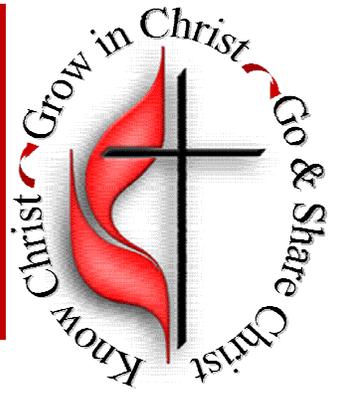


First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

Cast~A~Net

The Kingdom of God is like a net that was cast into the sea. ~ Matthew 13:47



JULY



AUGUST

2013

UMC of Arroyo Grande Well Project Bake Sale - July 14

Water is essential. It is used not only for drinking but for bathing, cooking, cleaning, waste disposal, and agriculture. Yet, 884 million people around the world do not have adequate access to it. In developing countries, even when water is accessible, it may not be clean. Because of this, 5,000 children a day die from waterborne diseases. What's more, 2.5 billion people around the world lack basic sanitation.

Our church is supporting the United Methodist Committee On Relief in their Water and Sanitation program. The goal is to help vulnerable communities gain better access to clean water by locating/building a safe water source, educating communities, and improving sanitation.

Did you know that about 80 percent of illnesses are linked to poor water and sanitation conditions? In developing countries, diarrhea kills 2.2 million people each year. That's right...diarrhea! UMCOR builds latrines and hand-washing stations so that people can live healthier lives. We always couple these efforts with education about how to prevent the spread of disease.

That is a lot for one small clear liquid that we often take for granted. Our Mission Team will be hosting a **Bake Sale on July 14** after worship to raise funds for our SEC-OND well. So far we have raised \$1260.68—well cost \$4500. See page 9 "Mission News" for more info.



Wednesdays - 6 PM

"Foundations—The Holy Spirit: 11 Core Foundations to Build Your Life On"

July 10, 17, 24 & 31, join us in the McMillen Room for an in-depth look at the Holy Spirit. Mike Herber takes us on a detailed journey through this supernatural part of the Trinity. A misunderstood part of the God-head explained, *you won't want to miss this.*

Piano Recital

Thursday, August 1st

Join us in our church Sanctuary at 7 PM for a special piano recital with Adam Clark & Eudbyol Ko on **August 1st.**

There is no cost for this special engagement. A free will offering will be taken to support the UMC of AG Well Project for the Sub-Saharan in Africa.



THE STORY

OUR JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF GOD'S STORY

Begins August 14

'THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD' IS MORE THAN JUST A Cliché. God goes to great lengths to rescue lost and hurting people. That is what The Story is all about: the story of the Bible, God's great love affair with humanity. *Read the Bible as one seamless story—from beginning to end.*

Condensed into 31 accessible chapters allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. And like any good story, *The Story* is filled with intrigue, drama, conflict, romance, and redemption; and this story's true!

Shepherd's Notes

David Burgeson, Pastor



Dear Friends:

I have put a portion of our new Bishop Carcaño's Episcopal Address from Annual Conference for you to read. If you want to see the full address please go to cal-pac.org and click on Annual Conference 2013.

Over these 9 months that I have been blessed to be with you I have also come to so value your missional spirit. From our smallest church to our largest, your love for God's world is expansive and grace filled. I have seen you feeding the hungry, ministering to the outcast, and reaching around the world to support ministries in Russia, Africa, Asia and Latin America. When there have been natural catastrophes in this country and other places, like the Sandie Storms and forest fires in the communities where we serve, you have responded through second and third miles gifts, through your prayers, and through your presence as you have volunteered to care for victims and clean up neighborhoods, here and all the way across the country and beyond. Your work with our immigrant brothers and sisters is the best organized and most extensive immigrant ministry in any conference that I have ever seen.

Our young people are amazing! I have had the opportunity to be with them at three different events since September and each time I have been so blessed. I know that you join me in being very proud of our young people. I have met with young people committed to being Transformers, gathering to learn skills for overcoming violence and bullying in the settings where they are called to be disciples of Jesus the Christ. As transformed sons and daughters of God they are living transformed lives and challenging all that stands against the values of the love and justice of the reign of God. I believe that our Spanglish Camp is raising up the very leaders who will help us overcome our decades of drought in our ministry efforts with Hispanic/Latino people. I have every confidence that the youth who attend and are leading our Spanglish Camp will become key leaders in our achieving the goals of our conference Hispanic/Latino Ministry plan.

Our United Methodist Women, so ably led by Leanne Nakanishi and her team of officers, out of their strong historic legacy continue to lead us in missions. They are tackling such issues as human trafficking, domestic violence, climate change, and immigration all hand in hand with intentionally and diligently helping women grow spiritually. Our United Methodist Men, led by Bob Devine continue to nurture young men through Scouting, pray for all of us through their ministry of prayer advocacy, and undergird the many ministries of our local churches through their leadership and service.

Why Go to Church?

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it. If you're spiritually curious, *there is still hope!*

Why Go To Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. 'I've gone for 30 years now,' he wrote, 'and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.'

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column, much to the delight of the editor... It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

'I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this.. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!'

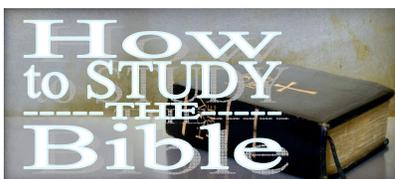
When you are DOWN to nothing... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

All right, now that you're done reading, send it on! I think everyone should read this! 'When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, 'Jesus, could you get that for me?'



Sundays - 9:50 AM

Come, take the message a little further in the McMillen Room (MMR).



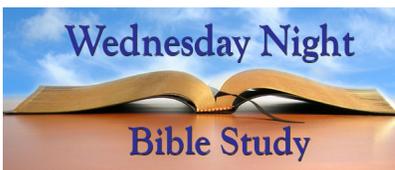
Sundays - 6 PM

Take part in this ongoing look of the scriptures with Mike Herber in the McMillen Room.



Mondays - 7 PM

We welcome all men for prayer & study (room 215).



Adults - 6 PM

Kids Night Out - 6 PM

Youth Group - 7 PM

(See schedule at right)

FREE Fellowship Meal at 5:15 PM



Fridays - 8:30 AM

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

JOIN US FOR A
FELLOWSHIP DINNER
FREE!
5:15 PM Wednesdays in Criswell Hall

Dates	Topics and Schedule
Wednesday, July 3	• 6 PM Wednesday Family Movie Night—"Yankee Doodle Dandy"
Sunday, July 7	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service • 9:50 AM Disciples Discussions & Study Session with Susan Coho • 6 PM <i>How to Study the Bible</i> —Teaching & Discussion Group
Wednesday, July 10	• 6 PM Wednesday Study - The Holy Spirit
Sunday, July 14	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service • 9:50 AM Disciples Discussions & Study Session with Susan Coho • 6 PM <i>How to Study the Bible</i> —Teaching & Discussion Group
Wednesday, July 17	• 6 PM Wednesday Study - The Holy Spirit
Sunday, July 21 Rev. Ehrhardt Lang , <i>Guest Pastor</i>	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service • 9:50 AM Disciples Discussions & Study Session with Susan Coho • 6 PM <i>How to Study the Bible</i> —Teaching & Discussion Group
Wednesday, July 24	• 6 PM Wednesday Study - The Holy Spirit
Sunday, July 28 Rev. John Wood, <i>Guest Pastor</i>	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service • 9:50 AM Disciples Discussions & Study Session with Susan Coho • 6 PM <i>How to Study the Bible</i> —Teaching & Discussion Group
Wednesday, July 31	• 6 PM Wednesday Study - The Holy Spirit
Sunday, August 4	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service • 9:50 AM Disciples Discussions & Study Session with Susan Coho • 6 PM <i>How to Study the Bible</i> —Teaching & Discussion Group
Wednesday, August 7	• 6 PM Wednesday Study -
Sunday, August 11	• ONE 10:30 AM Worship Service • 6 PM <i>How to Study the Bible</i> —Teaching & Discussion Group
Wednesday, August 14	• 6 PM <u>The Story Begins—Creation</u>
Sunday, August 18	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service



Helping men grow in Christ;
so others may know Christ!

UMM Board:
Bernie Hawkins, *President*
Mike Johnson, *Vice President*
Wayne Huggins, *Treasurer*
Tom Egan, *Devotions*
Val McClure, *UMM Publicity*



**Deadline August 15
NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Article and Item ideas can be emailed to the church office before the Communications Committee on next meeting on August 13.



**See you in
September!**

FREE Movie Night—July 3 at 6 PM



**Kits for Kiddos
Fundraising
Rummage Sale**

**August 2nd 9 AM—2 PM
August 3rd 9 AM—1 PM**

Please save your unwanted household items, clothing, small tools, books, etc. for the "Kits for Kiddos" Rummage sale. No furniture or large items, please. Contact Jan Treat at 489-5303 if you would like to sign up to help work at the rummage sale. Nancy Baughman will be back in late July and you may also call her at that time at 489-3186. We will not be collecting items until the latter part of July. We will be setting up on Thursday, August 1st.

These kits are for the homeless children in our community, children working with Child Welfare Services and the Safe Team as well as Social Services.

Thank you in advance for your continued support for helping our children in the community.



United
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FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

“The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose Purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”

Sally Weitkamp, *UMW President*; Betty Ashton, *Treasurer*; Patti Melsheimer, *UMW Publicity*



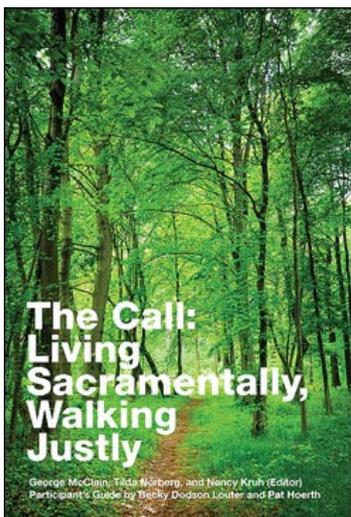
Several women of the UMC of AG UMW will be attending “**Mission U**” (formerly known as “School of Christian Missions”) **July 19 – 21**. This three-day study opportunity will take place on the campus of BIOLA University in La Mirada, California.

Mission u: Learning Together for Transformation of the World is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society based on recent mission study topics. **Mission u** is open to members and non-members of United Methodist Women. Each **Mission u** event offers classes on topics covering three themes:

- **Spiritual growth:** [Living Sacramentally and Walking Justly](#)
- **Geographic:** [The Roma of Europe](#)
- **Issue study:** [Poverty](#)

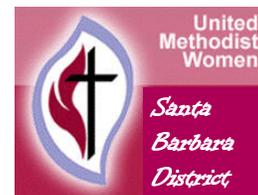
At Mission u: Learning Together for Transformation of the World you grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context. The studies give particular attention to the responsibilities of women in the fulfillment of the mission work of the church.

Mission u Events also include: Worship & singing, Special Interest Groups around current issues, Officer training, Audiovisual presentations and Fellowship events. To attend, contact Virginia Mothes



On **September 13 & 14** our UMW will host a **Spiritual Retreat** at the Arroyo Grande United Methodist Camp Ground. Our theme will be “*Living Sacramentally and Walking Justly*” based on one of the UMW study guides for 2013. **Watch September’s issue for more details.**

Saturday, September 28th will be the **Santa Barbara District Annual Meeting** at the Thousand Oaks UMC. This is a good time to connect with friends from other UMC women in our District and learn about what others are doing.



The annual **UMW Holiday Boutique** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 26th**. Now is the time for everyone to begin working on projects that can be sold at the Boutique. Such items as stitchery, sewing projects, holiday decorations, baked goods, jams and jellies, quilts, etc. will be gladly accepted for sale on this day. All funds derived from this effort will go to support the many United Methodist Women’s mission projects.

Mark your calendars and watch for more information



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Women

The UMW book club met in May and had a very good discussion about the book *Proof of Heaven*. We will be taking a “Summer Break” and will not meet in June, July or August. We will resume meeting on Thursday, September 26th in the McMillan Room. Our book for September is *When the Heart Waits* by best selling author, Sue Monk Kidd. It has been described as “an inspiring autobiographical account of personal pain, spiritual awakening and divine grace.”

Although this group is sponsored by the United Methodist Women, everyone is welcomed. If you would like to become a member of the group and would like to order a book, please call Patti Melsheimer. Be a part of the discussion and friendly exchange of ideas the fourth Thursday of each month.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	1 Pastor's Day off 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) 7:30 PM AlAnon (MMR) 7:30 PM AlaTeen (211)	2 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 7 PM Trustees	3 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 9 AM Senior Health Screening (N/L) 1 PM Dr. Chess (211) 5:15 PM Fellowship Dinner (CH) 6 PM Family Movie Night—“Yankee Doodle Dandy” 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)	4 OFFICES CLOSED 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Group (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11:30 AM People's Kitchen - leave to serve  INDEPENDENCE Day	5 Spirit Day at AG UM CC - wear your shirts! 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 3:30 PM AG UM CC Closed 4 PM AG UM CC Staff Development (MMR)	6 9 AM Walk To Emmaus Team Building TWO—Ventura UMC 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)
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			Pastor David and family will be on vacation from July 16—July 30. The office will be open from 9 AM—noon during this time. Please contact Judy Atwood should you have a need during this time.			
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Victoria Gandy,
Children's Ministry Director



Sundays at
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Kid's Night Out
Continues for Summer

Wednesdays at 6 PM



The Youth and Kids are off to camp!

Wish them well as they spend time with friends & learning about the love of Christ in his creation—Keep them in your prayers!

Sadie Barber, Raelene Elisan, Mackenzie Gandy, Wyatt Russell, Will Bauske, Alonzo Ferrari-Chapman, Jed Moore, Alex Paredes, Vinnie Paredes, Ryan Odom and Collin Odom.

youth group
SCHEDULE

Sundays - 10:30 AM
Wednesdays - 7 PM

Join these 6th-12th grade teens living for Christ (215).



UMC of AG's People's Kitchen Team serves hot meals to our community at

the Shouts of Grace Church in Grover Beach on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. The team leaves from UMC of AG ready to shine for Christ. To help, see the Ashtons.

Always In Need of: Clothing (CLEAN & SEASON APPROPRIATE), travel-sized toiletries, bedding, towels, oral hygiene supplies (tooth brushes & toothpaste, etc.), new socks, and people to make casseroles—ingredients provided.

Contact the Ashtons for details.

- YTD meals served: 1,678
- YTD new socks given out: 8,472



Save the Date!

Cowboy Church
at the Clark's Ranch

September 14th

Stay tuned for more details!



News from the Mission Team

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS: by Judy Atwood

Many new things to report this edition...so read carefully so as not to miss out. 1.) Response to Tornadoes; 2). Meet our Covenant Missionary, 3.) Update from Julie, 4.) Clean Water for All, 5.) Special Giving for January-May 2013.

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE..IN ACTION

1.) RESPONSE GIVE TO TORNADOES:

More good news of the connection at work. As of June 10, a total of \$582,540.76 in donations had been received by the Oklahoma Conference Treasurer's Office for the special fund "2013 May Tornado Relief." This amount more than doubles the report from that office one week ago.



2.) COVENANT MISSIONARY: FRIDO KINKOLENGE:

The Mission Team selected Frido to be our covenant missionary again for this year. He sends his greetings. Pick up a copy of his newsletter on table by our bulletin board.



3.) UPDATE FROM REV. JULIE ELMORE

Community United Methodist Church in Nome, Alaska, through the local United Methodist Women (UMW), has organized a layette ministry for several decades. We have sent one package to Nome with layette items. We wanted to get one there before Julie and David move to new appointments. We have also given some to the 5 Cities Christian Women for their ministry here locally. You are encouraged to continue collecting items for both groups and putting them in the basket at the Mis-

sion Table. A list of needed items is on the Mission Table. The other news is that Julie and David are expecting their first child about Thanksgiving time. They are moving to churches in Michigan where they will be closer to family. We wish them well.

The new pastor for the Community UMC in Nome, Alaska is Charley Brower. SO...If you would like to partner with us in the layette ministry, bring items to church and put the basket under the mission table. We will get them to distributed to both places.

4.) **CLEAN WATER FOR ALL:** Check out the chart in the hallway to Criswell Hall from the outside to see how we are doing on raising funds for a well for Africa. We are planning a bake sale for July 14th to continue raising funds for our second well. You can participate by purchasing goodies, and/or bringing items for us to sell. We have so far raised a total of \$1260.68 toward the \$4500 needed per well.

5.) **SPECIAL GIVING FOR 2013 BEGINS!** Let's enjoy watching this one GROW as we did last year!

Special Giving Chart Jan.—June 2013	
Boyle's Itineration	181.16
Elmore Itineration	83.00
Human Relations Day	54.00
Native American Ministry	275.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	343.65
People's Kitchen	1583.95
So. County Food Bank	238.32
UMCOR Tornadoes—US Relief	675.00
Wells for Africa	82.00
Youth Mission Fund	202.00
2013 Giving Total	3617.98

Many hands can do many things!



LOOK AT THE MANY WAYS WHERE YOU ARE PLUGGED INTO MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. WE CELEBRATE YOU!



Name Change: Lay Speaking Ministries to Lay Servant Ministries

by Sandy Jackson (GBOD.org)

In 2012, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church approved legislation to change the name of Lay Speaking Ministries to Lay Servant Ministries. For several *quadrennia*, various name changes had been proposed – none of which adequately described the role of this leadership development program.

The term *servant* was chosen because it best describes what Jesus told his disciples in John 13 after he himself had performed the duties of the lowliest servant. We should be honored to serve as our Lord and Savior did. We are called to live out our discipleship as servants in leadership!

There is no change in the process of becoming a local church or certified lay servant from the lay speaker process. There was, however, a role of lay speaker added to the program that includes specific preparation and accountability processes.

Lay Speaker: Meets the requirements as listed for certified lay servant. In addition, this person must complete the required courses after the Basic Course: Discovering Spiritual Gifts, Planning Worship, Leading Prayer, Preaching, Living Our United Methodist Beliefs, and United Methodist Polity.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The Congregational Care committee has been meeting for the last three months. We have developed a mission statement of sorts that we want to share with our members. We feel we have a two-fold purpose: 1) to develop ways in which to nurture and care for our current members and 2) to develop

ways to make sure visitors and new members are made to feel welcome when they attend and that they are encouraged to become actively involved in the life of our congregation.

We have developed some plans for the upcoming months. We will be hosting the coffee hour between services on July 28th. We want this to be a fun time when members who attend both the first and second services can get to know each other better. We encourage you to stay a bit longer if you attend first service and come a bit earlier if you attend second service. We look forward to seeing you then and every Sunday in church!

If you have suggestions or recommendations for our committee please contact Patti Melsheimer (489-4811) or any member of the committee which includes: Eva McClure, Pat Wiemers, Hilary Henderson, Jerrelyn Trujillo, Melissa Johnson, Kathleen Ballagh, Pauline Castillo, Gloria Johnson and Cindy Rohla.

Be sure to watch the Castanet and the Sunday bulletin for ways that you can help as we develop our “caring congregation”!



July

Collin Odom	7/2
Laurabel Ewick	7/3
Mary Whitson	7/3
Shirley Cross	7/6
Bud Johnson	7/6
Michael Rohla	7/8
Madge Harvey	7/10
Larry Baughman	7/11
Bernie Hawkins	7/11
Joel Anderson	7/14
Sarah Burgeson	7/14
Dick Melsheimer	7/14
Faye Cuddy	7/15
Lillian Duffin	7/15
Gary Hughes	7/15
Enrique Quintana	7/15
Betty Lorenz	7/20
Roger Ridley	7/20
Montana Dobbs	7/29
Morrie Gregory	7/29

August

Tina Moore	8/1
Fern Farmer	8/6
Bob Lowry	8/9
Virginia Mothes	8/9
David Avila	8/11
John MacKeen	8/12
Bill Gerrish	8/13
Jerrelyn Trujillo	8/14
Nancy Gerrish	8/17
Joe Brown	8/23
Cristy Eichelberger	8/24
Mark Shaffer	8/26
Charles Burns	8/28
Cecile Huggins	8/30
Wyatt Russell	8/31



Did we miss a birthday?

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July



August



	JULY Event/Meetings	Time
7/2	Trustees	7 PM
7/3	EOC Senior Health Screen	9 AM
7/3	All-Church Work Day	9AM
7/3	Family Movie Night "Yankee Doodle Dandy"	6 PM
7/4	OFFICE CLOSED Independence Day	---
7/4	People's Kitchen	11 AM
7/5	AG UM CC Staff Development	4 PM
7/8	Central Coast Hospice Bereavement Group	12 PM
7/9	UMW Steering	10 AM
7/10	All Church Work Day	9 AM
7/12-13	Parking Lot Closed for Re-Surfacing	ALL DAY
7/13	Praise Team	6:30 PM
7/14	Mission Team Bake Sale	---
7/16-30	Pastor Burgeson and Family is on Vacation	---
7/16	Congregational Care Team	10 AM
7/16	Preschool Board ▪ Closed session ▪ Open session	1:30 PM 2:30 PM
7/17	All-Church Work Day	9 AM
7/18	People's Kitchen	11 AM
7/19	Alzheimer's Support for Adult Children of Parents	12 PM
7/17	All-Church Work Day	9 AM
7/25	Mission Team	2 PM
7/27	Praise Team	6:30 PM
7/24	All-Church Work Day	9 AM
7/31	All-Church Work Day	9 AM

	AUGUST Event/Meetings	Time
8/1	People's Kitchen	11 AM
8/2	AG UM CC Staff Development	4 PM
8/2-3	Rummage Sale Fundraiser for School Kits	9 AM—2
8/6	Trustees	7 PM
8/7	EOC Senior Health Screen	9AM
8/7	All-Church Work Day	9 AM
8/7	Communications Team	11 AM
8/7	Movie Night "The Case For Christ"	6 PM
8/10	Praise Team	6:30 PM
8/11	ONE Combined Worship Service	10:30 AM
8/12	Central Coast Hospice Bereavement Group	12 :30 PM
8/13	UMW Steering	10 AM
8/14	Alzheimer's Association Care Giver Support Group	12 PM
8/14	All-Church Work Day	9 AM
8/14	<i>The Story Begins</i>	---
8/15	People's Kitchen	11 AM
8/15	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	1 PM
8/16	Alzheimer's Support for Adult Children of Parents	12 PM
8/18	Staff-Parish Relations	12:15 PM
8/20	Congregational Care Team	10 AM
8/21	All-Church Work Day	9 AM
8/22	Preschool Board ▪ Closed session ▪ Open session	1:30 PM 2:30 PM
8/24	Praise Team	6:30 PM
8/28	All-Church Work Day	9 AM



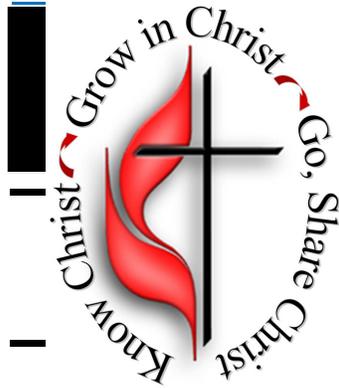
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