

"Know Christ, Grow in Christ, Go—Share Christ."

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First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

September 2013

United Methodist Women's Retreat

On **Saturday, September 14th** the United Methodist Women of Arroyo Grande UMC will host a **Spiritual Retreat** at the Arroyo Grande United Methodist Camp Ground. Our theme will focus on **"The Roma People of Europe"**, one of the three mission studies for United Methodist Women for 2013.

"Who are the Roma?" you may ask. The Roma are the single largest minority group in Europe. Historically, the Roma were a people in motion with roots running through multiple nations. Marginalized and ostracized, they moved from town to town, region to region carrying their culture and history with them in oral tradition through songs, storytelling and poems. Theirs is a human rights struggle for justice and dignity.

Laura Wilson, President of the Long Beach District UMW, will be our speaker for the day. Laura has planned an interesting and informative day for us. We will gather at the Camp at **9 AM for registration** and refreshments then some morning worship after which we will begin our study. Lunch will be served at noon; followed with a wrap-up ending at 3 PM. **Registration is \$20**, and will include morning refreshments and lunch. Car-pooling will be available.

This is a wonderful opportunity to grow spiritually and learn about a people that many are unaware exists. We will also learn how the United Methodist Church and other organizations are working with these people today to help them find a better life. We hope you will join us. Bring a friend along to share in this day. **Reg. deadline: Sept. 6th**.



Saddle up and join us!

Cowboy Church

at the Clark's Ranch

September 14th @ 6:30 PM

Join us for some of Miss Connie's Cobbler, campfire sing-a-long, fellowship and a message by Pastor David. Don't miss it!

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Add your Voice

Choir Returns to the Loft
Sunday, **September 8th** we will welcome back our chancel choir to worship services. After being away for summer, they have been practicing some great songs. If you would like to join the choir, please contact Julie Burns the choir's director—join us on **Wednesdays at 7 PM**.

Handbell Choir is Back!
Sunday, **September 22nd** our Grande Ringers will be playing during our worship services. This talented group of ringers practice on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 PM**. To join, stop in and see us—we would love to have you.

Living Water
A Ministry of UMC of AG Youth

It's that time again and the youth are busy collecting cases of water for the Harvest Festival booths.

We again will be at the Harvest Festival September 27th & 28th. We will have our refreshing station, where we hand out all those donated bottles of water from our congregation to thirsty festival goers with an uplifting message and information about our church on the bottle. We hope to reach 3,000 bottles or more distributed this year, so any help given in reaching that goal is appreciated. See Mike and Lou about bringing in your cases of water from your car or about cash donations and we will go purchase the water.

Shepherd's Notes

David Burgeson, Pastor

Last issue, I shared our new Bishop Carcaño's episcopal address from annual conference. In this issue,, I would like to share with you some highlights from the annual conference session on the Cal-Pac.org website.

"How Firm a Foundation" was the theme for the 29th Session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference, meeting in the Chapel at the University of Redlands, California June 13-15, 2013. The theme was woven throughout the Session with children, youth, clergy and lay persons leading in worship. The Conference and its antecedents have met at Redlands for nearly 60 years, but this was the first time for newly presiding Resident Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño.

...Highlights for the conference community included Dr. Phillip Clayton, Dean of Claremont School of Theology introducing their new president, the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Kuan, who has taught biblical studies for over two decades, served on the faculty of the Pacific School of Religion and as the Dean at Drew Theological Seminary. Dr. Clayton named the "new CST's" grounding in three elements: to be "Methodist and Wesleyan in identity; ecumenical in calling; and interreligious in dialogue for the 21st century world."

"Children's Conference" taught the gathered children what it means to have Jesus be our firm foundation with children naming how they experience Jesus in their lives, then bringing forth their witness written out on building blocks that created the worship space of the Session.

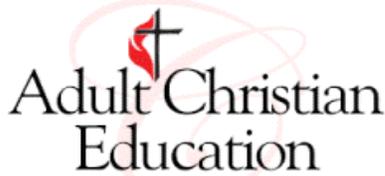
Members were deeply moved when retired members, Rev. Inman Moore and Rev. Ed and Martina McRae, were invited to share their story on the 50th anniversary of coming to California, tagged as part of what came be known as the "Mississippi Mafia." Both were young pastors in Mississippi when they signed a letter of protest against racial discrimination, and were subsequently driven out of the state.

...In other business, the Cabinet led in the presentation and discussion of the formal realignment of seven Southern California districts into four—North, South, East and West. The Conference also has a Hawaii District which cares for the Hawaiian Islands, Guam and Saipan. The Conference Navigation Team led a process of beginning to discern a new vision for a new era of leadership and mission in the Los Angeles Episcopal Area. The Conference adopted fresh goals for Imagine No Malaria, approved the Constitutional amendments, and passed resolutions on the following subjects: Immigration Reform, Biblical Obedience, Revocation of Philippine Presidential Exec Order 546, Creation of a Task Force to End Child Poverty, Demand to Release Jonas Burgos in the Philippines, Observance of Disability Sunday in the Cal-Pac Conference, Filipino Contribution to Labor Movement in CA, and Mass Incarceration. With 35% support of the voting body, a ruling of law was requested on the resolution on Biblical Obedience.

The Conference concluded the difficult work of closing several churches, with a prayer of thanks for over 300 combined years of witness in the name of Christ. These included: Toluca Lake UMC (Toluca Lake), Light of the Canyon (Anaheim Hills,) and St. Paul's, Vermont Square and Tolutatsi Pacific Islanders UMCs (all in Los Angeles.)

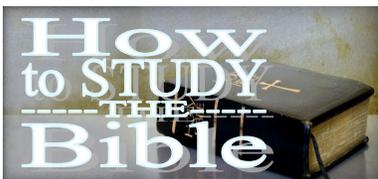
During the annual Mission Luncheon, members celebrated receiving an award from the General Board of Global Ministries, which read, "The Advance recognizes and expresses gratitude to California-Pacific Conference for the highest total amount of designated giving and highest total amount of missionary support in the Western Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church."

Conference members continued their generosity, offering gifts to the following special offerings during the Session: Africa University - \$ 3,798.96 and Imagine No Malaria - \$ 3,984.44; Youth Service Fund - \$ 4,008.56; Southern California Ecumenical Council- \$ 2,009.14 and the Ministerial Ed Fund - \$2,704.82. Membership stands at 75,202, down 2471 or 3.2% from the previous year; worship attendance stands at 47,079, up 7 from the previous year; and church school attendance stands at 11,289, down 340 or 2.9% from the prior year."



Sundays - 9:50 AM

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



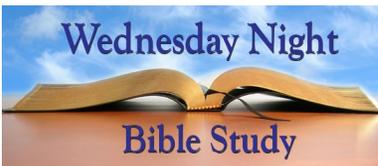
Sundays - 6 PM

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 - 5:45 PM

Kid's 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 PM Wednesdays in Criswell Hall

Dates	Topics and Schedule
Sunday, September 1	<u>The Story</u> - Chapter 3: "Joseph, From Slave to Deputy" • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service • 9:50 AM "The Story" Discussion & Study • 6 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, September 4	• 5:45 PM <u>The Story</u> —Ch. 4: "Deliverance"
Sunday, September 8 ONE SERVICE	<u>The Story</u> - Ch. 4: "Deliverance" • 8:30 AM Worship Service • 6 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, September 11	• 5:45 PM <u>The Story</u> —Ch. 5: "New Commands and A New Covenant"
Sunday, September 15	<u>The Story</u> - Ch. 5: "New Commands & A New Covenant" • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service • 9:50 AM "The Story" Discussion & Study • 6 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, September 18	• 5:45 PM <u>The Story</u> —Ch. 6: "Wandering"
Sunday, September 22	<u>The Story</u> - Ch. 6: "Wandering" • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service • 9:50 AM "The Story" Discussion & Study • 6 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, September 25	• 5:45 PM <u>The Story</u> —Ch. 7: "The Battle Begins"
Sunday, September 29	<u>The Story</u> —Ch. 7: "The Battle Begins" • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service • 9:50 AM "The Story" Discussion & Study • 6 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, October 2	• 5:45 PM <u>The Story</u> —Ch. 8: "A Few Good Men and Women"



Lay Servant Ministry Training

at UMC of Arroyo Grande

November 2, 9 & 16

Saturdays, 9 AM—12:30 PM

Three classes to choose from: The Basic Lay Speaking Class, a class on Story Telling or an Advanced Lay Servant Class.

Contact Susan Coho or Sarah Burgeson.



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*

UMM OPENS BUSY SCHEDULE FOR NEW PROGRAM YEAR

Saturday, September 21st at 8:30 AM will be the first breakfast meeting of the UMM in the new program year. The meeting will include a delicious breakfast and a well known speaker, **Rev. David Burgeson**, who will speak on "The Mississippi Experience". Over the past few years he has been part of a team of 50-60 volunteers that have made their way to Southern States to repair and refurbish damage from the storms. The volunteers represent both clergy and laity of the Santa Barbara and Santa Ana Districts. He will describe the work that is being done and how the participants are involved. Cost of the meal is \$9 per person. Ladies are invited to attend. Tickets available at the door the morning of the event.

FIRST PANCAKE BREAKFAST of 2013-14 Year

Will be held on Sunday, Sept. 22nd (day after first meeting) from 8:30-10:30 AM in Criswell Hall. The All Church Breakfast includes Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, sausage or ham, fresh fruit salad, coffee, tea or hot chocolate. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for kids under 10 years. A great way for the first and second service to meet in fellowship over a fine meal.

OTHER PROGRAMS COMING UP

"Rock the Block" weekend will take the place of the October regular meeting in the form of a special **"Free Pancake Breakfast"** to be held on Sunday, Oct. 20th from 9 AM to 10:30 AM. The breakfast is being sponsored by the UMM as part of the weekend activities.

UMM REGULAR MEETING

will be held on Saturday Nov. 16th at 8:30am when **Bill and Sally Weitkamp** will present the program. Have you ever heard of "Pierre Sainsevain from France?" Well, you will find the name in early California history as Sally tells about the Gold Rush days and Sainsevain's role in it. This will be a great and informative program given by two of our church leaders. Sally is the current President of the UMM and Bill is past president of the UMM. Meal cost is \$9 - tickets at the door. Ladies of the Church are cordially invited.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Include: Christmas Musical Jubilee-Dec.13, Chief of Arroyo Grande Police – Jan. 18th, 2013 Sweetheart Breakfast Feb. 15th, 2013, Camp Arroyo Grande Past, Present and Future – April 19th, 2013. **DON'T MISS ALL THE FUN!**



Deadline September 16 NO EXCEPTIONS!

Article and Item ideas can be e-mailed to the church office before the Communications Committee's next meeting on September 10.



St. Mark UMC Santa Barbara

"Prayer and Healing Retreat"

Friday and Saturday,
October 4-5, 2013

This retreat was designed to equip and inspire you. In this one- and-a-half day retreat you will surely be touched by God as you experience exciting teaching, attend thought-provoking workshops, and receive opportunities for communion, prayer and healing. **Watch newsletter for more information or contact Pastor David via the church office.**



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Women

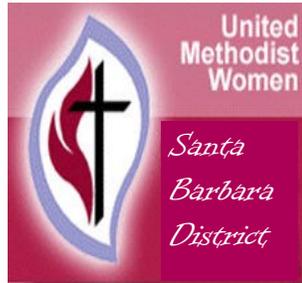
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

"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*

Upcoming on the UMW Agenda

Santa Barbara District Annual Meeting Saturday, September 28th will be 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.



Holiday Boutique



Be sure to mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 26th**. Our **annual holiday boutique will begin at 9 AM**. Items for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas will all be available as well as baked goods, plants, jams, jellies and much, much more!

Brunch will be served from 9:30 AM until 1:30 PM. The menu will include a yummy egg casserole, fruit parfait, croissants, juice and coffee and tea. All for only \$7! Be sure to invite your friends to this annual affair!

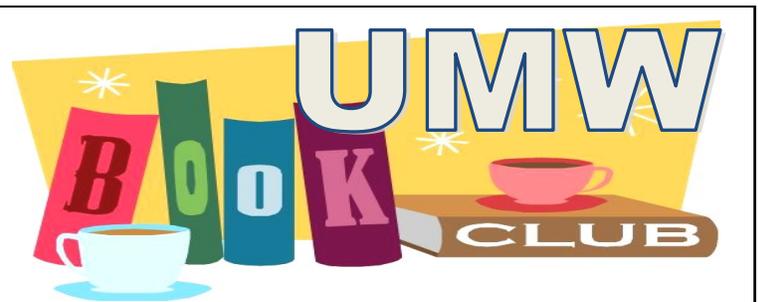
In preparation for the boutique, workshops are being scheduled to make items that will be sold. The first workshop was to make a decorative needlework cube—and was held on August 22. Stay tuned for more dates. Contact Betty Ashton for a supply list and for more information. Other workshops to make cross stitch projects, clay pot painting, and other items are being scheduled.



United Methodist Women members are organized for mission.

We are a community of women who are:

- Followers of Jesus Christ who live our faith in acts of justice and mercy.
- Focused on the needs and concerns of women, children and youth.
- Catalysts for needed change in our communities, nation and world.
- Involved in mission locally and globally.
- Committed to inclusiveness.
- Engaged in development and use of our skills for service, leadership and personal growth.
- Encouraged to work with other organizations on issues of mutual concern.



The UMW Book Club will resume meeting on Thursday, September 26th at 10 AM 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."



A Big Thank You—from the youth of our church

To all that made Camp Arroyo Grande and Camp Cedar Glen 2013 happen—we salute you! Due to the generosity of the Endowment Board, the United Methodist Men, and many other members, twelve youth were able to attend camp. This year's theme, All Things New, was a joy. Mike and Linda were able to visit one night with the junior high youth and helped two nights with the evening program for the senior high. Camp is a very special time in the life of our youth—whether it is the first time or the last year as a senior.

Thanks again from Alonzo, Jed, Ryan, Tim, Collin, Will, Tim, Sadie, Raelene, Vinnie, Alex, MacKenzie, and William
- and of course Mike and Lou



Senior High Camp 2013



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Junior High Camp—2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
<p>1 Coffee Hour: Finance</p> <p>8:30 AM Contemporary Service 9:50 AM Disciples Group 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group(215)</p> <p>6 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>2  Labor Day</p> <p>6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) 7:30 PM AIAnon (MMR) 7:30 PM AlaTeen (211)</p>	<p>3 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 7 PM Trustees (MMR)</p>	<p>4 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 9 AM EOC Senior Health Screen (N/L) 5 PM Free Fellowship Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Study <u>The Story</u>— "Deliverance: (MMR) 6 PM Kids Night Out 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>5 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11:30 AM People's Kitchen 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice</p>	<p>6 Spirit Day at AG UM CC - wear your shirts!</p> <p>8:30 AM Morning Bible Study - <u>The Story</u> (L) 3:30 PM AG UM CC Closed 4:00 PM AG UM CC Staff Development (MMR)</p>	<p>7 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211) 5 PM Praise Team S/U (S) 6:30 PM Praise Team (S)</p>
<p>8 Coffee Hour: JOY Circle</p> <p>10:30 AM ONE WORSHIP SERVICE RALLY SUNDAY Welcome Back Chancel Choir! Happy Grandparent's Day!</p> <p>10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group(215) 11:45 AM Rally Ministry Fair (CH)</p> <p>6 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>9 Pastor's Day off</p> <p>9:45 AM Doctor Chess - Chess Session ONE (211) 10:55 AM Dr. Chess - Logic & Debate Session ONE 12 PM Central Coast Hospice Bereavement Support (MMR) 12:15 PM Dr. Chess - Archaeology—session ONE (211) 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) 7:30 PM AIAnon (MMR) 7:30 PM AlaTeen (211)</p>	<p>10 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 10 AM UMW Steering (L) 10:30 AM Communications 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 6 PM AG MS Support (MMR)</p>	<p>11 Patriot Day 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 12:30 PM Alzheimer's Association Care Giver Support Group (MMR) 5 PM Free Fellowship Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Study <u>The Story</u>— "New Commands and A New Covenant" (MMR) 6 PM Kids Night Out 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>12 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 12 PM Esther Circle (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice 7 PM Worship Team (MMR)</p>	<p>13 8:30 AM Morning Bible Study - <u>The Story</u> (L)</p>	<p>14 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)</p> <p>9 AM—3 PM UMW Retreat at UM Camp of Arroyo Grande</p> <p>6:30 PM Cowboy Church at the Clark's Ranch</p>
<p>15 Coffee Hour: Church Council</p> <p>8:30 AM Contemporary Service 9:50 AM Disciples Group 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group(215)</p> <p>6 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>16 Pastor's Day off</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p> <p>9:45 AM Doctor Chess - Chess Session ONE (211) 10:55 AM Dr. Chess - Logic & Debate Session ONE 12:15 PM Dr. Chess - Archaeology—session ONE (211) 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) 7:30 PM AIAnon (MMR) 7:30 PM AlaTeen (211)</p>	<p>17 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 10 AM Congregational Care (L) 1:30 PM Preschool Board - closed session (MMR) 2:30 PM Preschool Board - open session (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 7 PM JOY Circle (at the home of a member)</p>	<p>18 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 5 PM Free Fellowship Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Study <u>The Story</u>— "Wandering" (MMR) 6 PM Kids Night Out 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>19 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11:30 AM People's Kitchen 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice</p>	<p>20 8:30 AM Morning Bible Study - <u>The Story</u> (L) 12:00 PM Alzheimer's Support Group for Adult Children of Parents (MMR)</p>	<p>21 8:30 AM UMM Breakfast Meeting (CH) 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211) 5 PM Praise Team S/U (S) 6:30 PM Praise Team (S)</p>
<p>22 Coffee Hour: UMM Pancakes</p> <p>Grande Ringers Handbell Choir is Back!</p> <p>8:30 AM Contemporary Service 9:50 AM Disciples Group 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group(215)</p> <p>6 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>23 Pastor's Day off</p> <p>9:45 AM Doctor Chess - Chess Session ONE (211) 10:55 AM Dr. Chess - Logic & Debate Session ONE 12:15 PM Dr. Chess - Archaeology—session ONE (211) 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) 7 PM AIAnon (MMR) 7:30 PM AlaTeen (211)</p>	<p>24 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L)</p>	<p>25 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9:00 AM Church Work Day 9:30 AM Mary-Martha (CH) 5 PM Free Fellowship Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Study <u>The Story</u>— "The Battle Begins" (MMR) 6 PM Kids Night Out 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>26 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 10AM UMW Book Club (MMR) 2 PM Mission Team Meeting 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice 7 PM Church Council (MMR)</p>	<p>27 8:30 AM Morning Bible Study - <u>The Story</u> (L)</p>	<p>28 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)</p> <div data-bbox="1300 1451 1560 1535" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>UMC of AG Youth Living Water Ministry and Prayer Booth (All day in the Arroyo Grande Village)</p>
<p>29 Coffee Hour: Endowment & ELT Committees</p> <p>8:30 AM Contemporary Service 9:50 AM Disciples Group 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group(215)</p> <p>6 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>30 Pastor's Day off</p> <p>9:45 AM Doctor Chess - Chess Session ONE (211) 10:55 AM Dr. Chess - Logic & Debate Session ONE 12:15 PM Dr. Chess - Archaeology—session ONE (211) 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) 7:30 PM AIAnon (MMR) 7:30 PM AlaTeen (211)</p>	<p>**Sunday School & Nursery Care is available at 10:30 AM. (8:30 AM care is available by request) ***Childcare for other events can be made available upon request.</p>		<div data-bbox="862 1709 1511 2045" data-label="Image"> </div>		



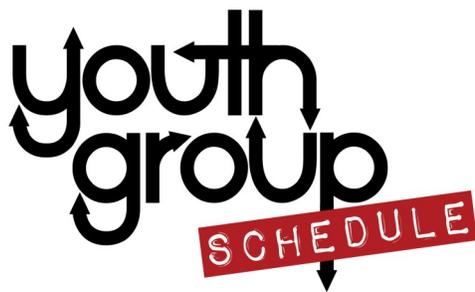
We are really excited about the bands that will be coming to our church for **Rock The Block Weekend (RTBW)**. Mike and I got to take a day off (what's that?) and drive up the coast on 08/02/13 to Monterey and Spirit West Coast. This is a three day Christian music festival that has been around for almost twenty years but this was our first time attending. We met up with Nick Ballagh (who lives up that way) and spent a wonderful day of fellowship and music. When walking through one of the tents, I saw a t-shirt that made me laugh and think of our youth kids and how they would like the shirt. I told the young man at the booth that my youth group would love his t-shirt and he replied "Why haven't we played at your church for your youth group?"

Well little did I know I was talking to Dan, a member of the band Lybecker. I said why haven't you? Can you come and play at our church in October, we are having a big Rock The Block Weekend. He said, "we will be in California in October." Well, God truly answers prayers, as many prayers had gone up about being able to offer something for our youth and the local youth community during Rock the Block even before this chance meeting. I

passed the information onto Susan Coho, who has been coordinating **RTBW** and after many more prayers I am very blessed to say that our church for the first time ever will be having two Christian bands, Lybecker and The Current playing a youth concert on Saturday night October 19 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. I want to thank Susan for her hard work in setting everything up and thanks to Doug and Kathleen Ballagh who will be hosting our two bands and most of all praise to God!!!

School is back in session but we will still continue to meet on Wednesdays and Sundays. We are studying *The Story* along with the rest of the church; youth members, don't forget to bring your books that you received on Wednesday nights.

In His Service—*Mike and Lou*



Sundays - 10:30 AM
Wednesdays - 7 PM

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

Jesus Facts

Serving Size 1 Cup
 Servings Per Cup 1 Life

Amount Per Serving

Calories 0 Calories from Fat 0

% Daily Value*		% Daily Value*	
Love	100%	Gentleness	100%
Peace	100%	Mercy	100%
Joy	100%	Self Control	100%
Kindness	100%	Forgiveness	100%
Goodness	100%	Restoration	100%
Patience	100%	Grace	100%
Faithfulness	100%	Sugar	0g

Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you, My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73:25-26

Family Fun Day

Arroyo Grande United
 Methodist Children's
 Center

6th Annual Family Fun
 Day

Carnival Games, Trike-a-Thon,
 & BBQ and more!

October 19, 2013

11 AM - 1:30 PM

We would like to make this the best year yet—you can help!

If you would like to participate and hold a booth in the day, please contact Maddy at the AG UM CC at 481-2223.

News from the Mission Team

We have many new things to report this edition... so read carefully so as not to miss out.

By Judy Atwood, *chair*

- 1) October 6th is World Communion Day, 2) Ministry opportunities, 3) Clean Water for All, 4) Collect and Share, 5) Special Giving for January—July 2013.

God's Steadfast Love...In Action

- 1) **World Communion Day is set for October 6.** World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. The offering benefits World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program. United Methodists relate World Communion Sunday by informing qualified people, especially youth and young adults, to apply for scholarships and by giving generously to the special offering, which often enables first generation students to attend college.

2) **Ministry Opportunities:**

- a) **UMC of AG's People Kitchen Team:** donations of toiletries, clothing, socks, monetary donations, casseroles (ingredients provided), and on site servers.
 - b) **UMC of AG Benevolence Fund & Emergency Food and Gas Vouchers:** non-perishable food items and monetary donations.
 - c) **Five Cities Christian Women:** non-perishable food items, monetary donations and volunteers.
 - d) **UMCOR Well Project:** Money gifts.
 - e) **Layette Kits for Nome (Alaska), and FCCW:** lists available in Criswell Hall.
 - f) **Water for Life Ministry:** UMC of AG youth group hands out water bottles at the annual **AG Harvest Festival**. *Bring water to Criswell Hall.*
 - g) **Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner:** non-perishable food and monetary donations; volunteers to provide a meal.
- 3) **Clean Water for All:** We are moving closer to our goal of another well for Africa. This is thanks to the great response to two fundraisers. The bake sale and piano concert added another \$1517.15 for a total of \$3148.49; on our way to the \$4500 needed.
 - 4) **Collect and Share:** Greeting Cards (new and used), Campbell's Corporation Product Labels, Box Tops for Education, Five Cities Food Bank, Grocery Coupons. Except for the food, please place donations in the Library in the basket provided.

Many hands can do many things!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS.
YOU HAVE BLESSED MANY OTHERS LOCALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD.

Special Giving Chart 2013 (for 7 months)

Boyle's Itineration	181.16
Elmore Itineration	83.00
ELT Scholarship Fund	10.00
Human Relations Day	54.00
Native American Ministry	275.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	343.65
Peace With Justice Sunday	20.00
People's Kitchen	2595.89
So. County Food Bank	341.85
UMCOR Tornadoes—US Relief	1000.00
VBS School Kits	499.00
Wells for Africa	1631.34
Youth Mission Fund	202.00

Giving Total January—July of 2013 7,236.89



UMC of AG's People's Kitchen Team serves hot meals to our community at the new location 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, 952
- YTD new socks given out 8,754



Trustees Report

Tom Egan, *Chair*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT AUGUST 2013

• The Parsonage Account gained \$5,000. We now stand at \$140,006. We are a little over

budget, but Finance won't give any more money.

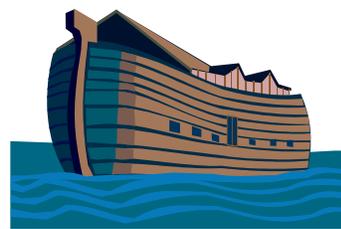
- We have received a few calls concerning the vacant lot. They don't fit in right. It has just recently been cleared of weeds and looks presentable.
- The sidewalk has been repaired and is now ready for paint.
- We just recently purchased a used lawn mower and will store it on church property.
- The carpet in front of the altar has just been cleaned; the next carpet will have purple in it.
- Security—I hope you are just as sick of hearing about this as I am of talking about it. Some of you obviously don't think it is a problem. Well it is. It is a rare instance when I can't find a door unlocked. A door being checked 4 times is better than not at all. Please help me.
- Missing items—This too is a repeat item. Things don't just go bump in the night, they also walk away. Food and non-consumables both vanish. Please, no more.
- Time permitting, I'll build a couple of shelves in the attic storage space. I bought some lumber to do this, but I used some of it to build a couple of benches for Maddy. Still, Finance won't give me any more money.
- People's Kitchen was just given a refrigerator and it is where the tables and chairs are stored. Such a fine donation. God is good. When?
- The next carpet to be cleaned is the office carpet.



Come, contribute as you are able—all are welcome!

Wednesdays - 9AM

Join us as we clean up our house of worship—come, and spruce up the House of the Lord; *there is always something to do and places that need work—jobs of all kinds.*



Tips From Noah's Ark

- Don't miss the boat!!
- Remember, we are all in the same boat!
- Plan ahead! It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- Build your future on high ground.
- For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- When you're stressed, float awhile.
- Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

School Kits for Kids

We would like to thank the congregation for their generous help and support for the School Kits project. The Rummage Sale was a HUGE success due to the help of volunteers that help set-up, mark and cashier in working the sale. The net proceeds exceeded \$1,500 this year. I also have to thank the Thronson Family for helping to make the boxes. The kits include school supplies for elementary age children, and we usually make between 150-160 kits each year. The balance of these kits are given to Community Action Partners for homeless children. Others are given to the emergency response social workers, the SAFE team and other applicants and participants of Social Services.

Thank you again for your generous support!

Christ's Blessings - Jan Treat & Nancy Baughman

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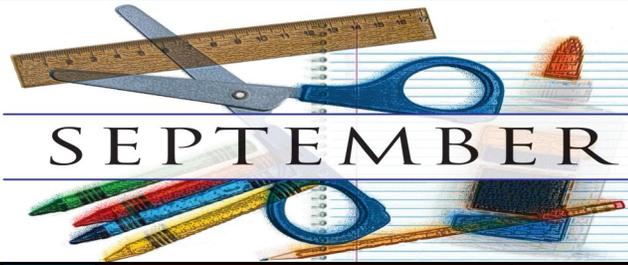
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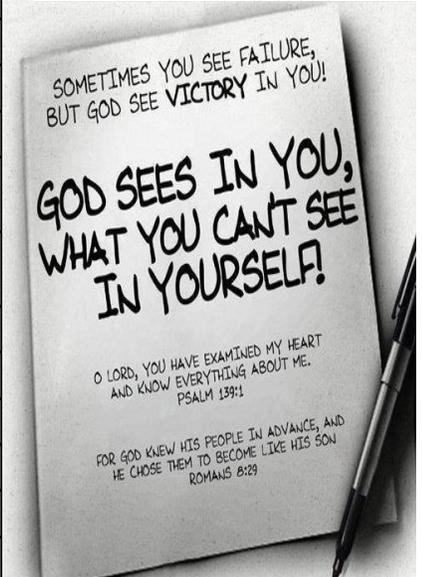
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9/3	Trustees	7 PM
9/4	EOC Senior Health Screen	9 AM
9/4	All-Church Work Day	9 AM
9/5	People's Kitchen	11:30 AM
9/6	AG UM CC Staff Development	4 PM
9/7	Praise Team	6:30 PM
9/8	Rally Sunday ONE WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM
9/8	Choir Returns to Loft	—
9/10	UMW Steering	10 AM
9/10	Communications	10:30 AM
9/11	All Church Work Day	9 AM
9/12	Esther Circle	Noon
9/12	Worship Team	7 PM
9/14	UMW Retreat at Camp AG	9 AM
9/14	Cowboy Church at the Clark's Ranch	6:30 PM
9/16	Deadline for Newsletter	Noon
9/17	Congregational Care Team	10 AM
9/17	Preschool Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Closed session ▪ Open session 	1:30 PM 2:30 PM
9/17	JOY Circle	7 PM
9/18	All-Church Work Day	9 AM
9/19	People's Kitchen	11:30 AM
9/21	Praise Team	6:30 PM
9/22	Grande Ringers Handbell Choir is BACK!	Both services
9/22	UMM Pancake Breakfast (between services)	8:30— 10:30 AM
9/25	All-Church Work Day	9 AM
9/25	Mary-Martha Circle	9:30 AM
9/26	UMW Book Club	10 AM
9/26	Mission Team	2 PM
9/26	Church Council	7 PM
9/27-28	AG Harvest Festival	All day



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| Hilde Hollinger | 9/3 |
| Ellie Asprien | 9/4 |
| Marj Cawelti | 9/5 |
| Carleen Minkler | 9/6 |
| Calvin Thompson | 9/6 |
| Kay Walker | 9/6 |
| Yvonne Holt | 9/11 |
| Sally Weitkamp | 9/13 |
| Alice Addison | 9/14 |
| Bob Atwood | 9/14 |
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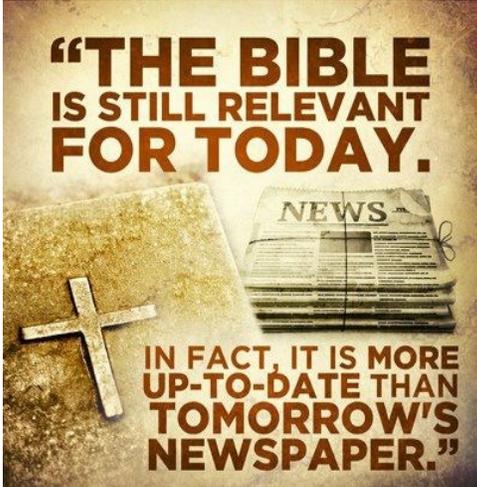
Did we miss a birthday?
 Contact our church office...we need you to fill out an information form for you and your family.





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A Blessing for Workers and All Seeking Work

Blessed are you, ever-creating God,
in your image, our lives are made;
in your glory, we offer all the work of our
hearts and hands and minds.

Blessed are you, O God, now and forever!

Blessed are you whose work is repaid,
for by your work, and by the payment you re-
ceive your lives and the lives of others around
you and around the world are blessed.

We thank God for you day by day.

Blessed are you whose work is unpaid,
who offer what you can to enrich the lives of others,
through time, talents, skill, strength, and love.

We praise God for your generous labor!

Blessed are you who seek work but have not found it,
or whose work now is not yet what it may be
yet still you seek, that your gifts may be shared more fully.

We praise God for your diligent seeking and pray you may soon find!

Yours is the glory in their labors.

Yours be the glory in all our lives, in Jesus' name. Amen.

