

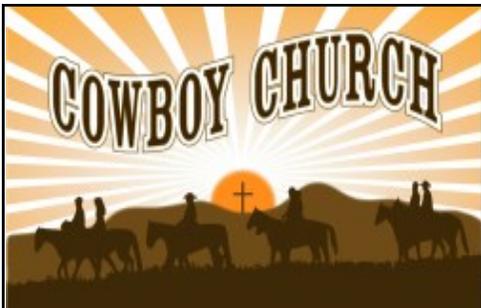
"Know Christ, Grow in Christ, Go—Share Christ."

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First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande October 2013

All-Church Outreach Event **Rock the Block**

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Rock the Block Weekend Events!



Kick-off the weekend with a special outside campfire service on

**Friday, October 18th
@ 6:30 PM**

Bring a friend!

"Where two or more gather in my name there I am in the midst of them" Matthew 18:20

Family Fun Day

Featuring

Carnival Games,
Trike-a-Thon, & BBO
**Saturday, October 19, 2013
11 AM - 1:30 PM**

BBO tickets available through our Children's Center Office.

All are invited! Christian Rock Concert

**Saturday, October 19th
7 PM—Sanctuary**



Sunday, October 20th

There is more...

Don't miss out on these other *Rock the Block* events



Free Pancake Breakfast
from 9 AM—10:30 AM
with a special
Welcome Coffee Hour
@ 11:30 AM

Sunset VESPER

This musical worship service will be held at 5 PM in the Sanctuary -Sunday, October 20th. Don't miss these beautiful voices raised in traditional praise and prayer.

Shepherd's Notes

David Burgeson, *Pastor*

Jesus tells the disciples of yesterday and today, as it is recorded in Matthew 28:19, "Go ye therefore and make disciples unto all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Our

Mission, statement from the United Methodist Church is "To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ For the Transformation of the World."

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande's local mission statement is: "Know Christ, Grow in Christ, and Go, Share Christ." I believe all three of the above charge us to witness what we believe. So I offer for your consideration:

"As United Methodists, we have an obligation to bear a faithful Christian witness to Jesus Christ, the living reality at the center of the Church's life and witness. To fulfill this obligation, we reflect critically on our biblical and theological inheritance, striving to express faithfully the witness we make in our own time.

Two considerations are central to this endeavor: the sources from which we derive our theological affirmations and the criteria by which we assess the adequacy of our understanding and witness.

Wesley believed that the living core of the Christian faith was revealed in Scripture, illumined by tradition, vivified in personal experience, and confirmed by reason.

Scripture is primary, revealing the Word of God "so far as it is necessary for our salvation." Therefore, our theological task, in both its critical and constructive aspects, focuses on disciplined study of the Bible.

To aid his study of the Bible and deepen his understanding of faith, Wesley drew on Christian tradition, in particular the Patristic writings, the ecumenical creeds, the teachings of the Reformers, and the literature of contemporary spirituality.

Thus, tradition provides both a source and a measure of authentic Christian witness, though its authority derives from its faithfulness to the biblical message.

The Christian witness, even when grounded in Scripture and mediated by tradition, is ineffectual unless understood and appropriated by the individual. To become our witness, it must make sense in terms of our own reason and experience.

For Wesley, a cogent account of the Christian faith required the use of reason, both to understand Scripture and to relate the biblical message to wider fields of knowledge. He looked for confirmations of the biblical witness in human experience, especially the experiences of regeneration and sanctification, but also in the "common sense" knowledge of everyday experience.

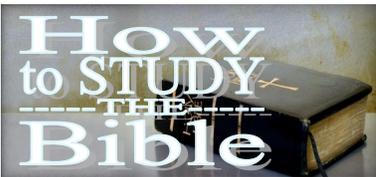
The interaction of these sources and criteria in Wesley's own theology furnishes a guide for our continuing theological task as United Methodists. In that task Scripture, as the constitutive witness to the wellsprings of our faith, occupies a place of primary authority among these theological sources.

In practice, theological reflection may also find its point of departure in tradition, experience, or rational analysis. What matters most is that all four guidelines be brought to bear in faithful, serious, theological consideration. Insights arising from serious study of the Scriptures and tradition enrich contemporary experience. Imaginative and critical thought enables us to understand better the Bible and our common Christian history."



Sundays - 9:50 AM

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



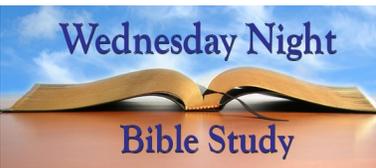
Sundays - 6 PM

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 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
Wednesday, October 2	• 5:45 PM <u>The Story</u> —Ch. 8: <i>A Few Good Men and Women</i>
Sunday, October 6	• <u>The Story</u> - Chapter 8: <i>A Few Good Men and Women</i> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service • 9:50 AM "The Story" Discussion & Study • 6 PM <i>How to Study the Bible</i> —Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, October 9	• 5:45 PM <u>The Story</u> —Ch. 9: <i>The Faith of a Foreign Woman</i>
Sunday, October 13	<u>The Story</u> - Chapter 9: <i>The Faith of a Foreign Woman</i> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service • 9:50 AM "The Story" Discussion & Study • 6 PM <i>How to Study the Bible</i> —Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, October 16	• 5:45 PM <u>The Story</u> — Ch. 10: <i>Standing Tall, Falling Hard</i>
Sunday, October 20	• <u>The Story</u> - Chapter 10: <i>Standing Tall, Falling Hard</i> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service • 9:50 AM "The Story" Discussion & Study • 6 PM <i>How to Study the Bible</i> —Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, October 23	• 5:45 PM <u>The Story</u> —Ch. 11: <i>From Shepherd to King</i>
Sunday, October 27	<u>The Story</u> - Chapter 11: <i>From Shepherd to King</i> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service • 9:50 AM "The Story" Discussion & Study • 6 PM <i>How to Study the Bible</i> —Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, October 30	• 5:45 PM <u>The Story</u> —Ch. 12: <i>The Trials of a King</i>
One Service Sunday	NO Disciple Discussion Group



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.
for more information.



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

UMM Board:

Bernie Hawkins, *President*
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Val McClure, *UMM Publicity*

UMM COOKS FREE BREAKFAST

As part of **Rock the Block Weekend**, the UMM will cook a FREE breakfast on October 20th to be served from 9 AM—10:30 AM. All church members who are interested in attending the breakfast, please contact the UMM so that we can establish how many supplies we need to make breakfast. Remember to bring someone to this weekend of outreach.

UMM MEETING FOR OCTOBER

There will be **no UMM regular meeting in October** due to participation in **Rock the Block Weekend**. (See above).

NEXT UMM REGULAR MEETING

Will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16th at 8:30am in Criswell Hall. **Speakers** will be **Bill and Sally Weitkamp** who give a fascinating tale of California history and how some of their family that were connected to it. This is a program you won't want to miss! Breakfast cost is \$9 with tickets at the door. **Ladies invited.**

NEXT REGULAR PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Scheduled on November 17th in Criswell Hall from 8:45 AM—10:30 AM. Both services will come together to share a breakfast—all are invited. Menu: pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit bowl and coffee, tea or hot chocolate. Adults \$5, Youth (under 10 years) \$1 and a **NEW FAMILY PLAN**: Two adults with children \$10. Tickets available at the door.

UMM SPONSORS CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 13th the UMM will hold the second **Annual Christmas Jubilee**. The gala party will be held in Criswell Hall from 6:30 PM—9 PM. If you missed last year's party you missed a great time with music, singing, dancing and good food. Mark your calendar now and get ready for a great time. **Best of all it's FREE** with the meal sponsored by the UMM members and activities.

VISION of The United Methodist Men

The ministry of men in the local church is defined as a core group of men, partnering with their pastor, to invite and initiate spiritual growth opportunities for all men of the church. Everyone has different gifts, graces and areas of interest. Therefore, opportunities for participation would include diverse ministries of the church, such as prayer groups, missions, Bible studies, retreats, workshops/seminars, small groups in the Wesleyan tradition, leading and participating on committees, teaching Sunday school classes, youth ministries, scouting, mentoring and assisting in leading worship service. The focus is not inward, concentrating only on those who attend a set meeting, but outward to all men, assisting them to engage the process of spiritual growth.



Deadline October 15.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Article and Item ideas can be e-mailed to the church office before the Communications Committee's next meeting on October 8.



invites you to a
**“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. All are welcome!

**For more information or contact
Pastor David via the church office.**



United
Methodist
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*

Holiday Boutique



Arroyo Grande

United Methodist Women

invite you!

Annual Holiday Boutique

Saturday, October 26th

The boutique will open at 9 AM

We will have many types of handcrafted items available for you to purchase in our "Country Store" including jewelry, aprons, afghans, scarfs, and place mats. There will be Halloween, Fall, and Christmas decorative items offered. A plant booth and a Country Kitchen booth featuring all your favorite sweets will be ready for your purchase.

At our brunch, served from 9 AM—1 PM, we will be serving our famous egg dish with ham, a granola fruit parfait, croissants, and drinks of your choice all for only \$7. per person.

Don't miss this special opportunity to get an early start on your holiday decorating and gifting. Remember all proceeds support United Methodist Women's missions

We were glad to see so many women at the
UMW Spiritual Retreat in mid September.

Our focus was on the Roma people. If you would like to learn more, here are some sources from the UMW website.

Roma Web Resources

- Roma Redux: Photos by Paul Jeffrey. Rev. Paul Jeffrey spent several weeks with Roma people in Europe last year and shares his photos at kairosphotos.com.
- For a different look at Romani history: see the "Speculative Roma History."
- ***Note:** A plea for money is included at the end.
- Another interesting source is "Romani Roots."
- Watch a CNN documentary on the Roma community in Romania.
- Listen to the Gandhi School Choir in Pecs, Hungary, sing "Gelem gelem."

More Print Resources:

- The Roma: History, Culture and Faith - DVD Price: \$14 | Stock #: M3170
- Spanish translation of *The Roma of Europe* by Larry Beman (Price: \$10 | Stock #: M3136)
- Korean translation of *The Roma of Europe* by Larry Beman (Price: \$10 | Stock #: M3164)
- **Response** magazine focusing on the Roma (issue dated May 2013)



The UMW Book Club will meet on Thursday, October 24th at 11 AM in the McMillen Room. Our book for the month of October is **Reluctant Pilgrim**, "a moody, somewhat self-indulgent introvert's search for spiritual community" by Enuma Okora.

A reviewer of the book states, "*The author, Enuma Okoro, is a tea-sipping, purse-shopping, seminary-educated, multicultural world traveler who's been through many twists and turns in her spiritual journey. She is a God-hungry woman trying to navigate her mixed desires, convictions, and disappointments. If you've ever had doubts or felt the gnawing need to examine your interior life, you'll find a trustworthy companion in Reluctant Pilgrim.*"

If you would like to join us in discussion we would love to have you. Although this group is sponsored by the United Methodist Women, everyone is welcomed—open to both men and women.



Did You Know??

October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month Shedding Light on Domestic Violence

Can you imagine how persons feel when wounded - physically, verbally, or emotionally - by those they should be able to depend on for love, care, and protection? A statement posted on the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society website reports, "One in three women will experience some level of violence in their lives - half of them from intimate partners. According to the latest report from UNICEF, nearly 275,000,000 children worldwide are witnessing abuse in their everyday life..." Tragically, the church sometimes encourages persons to stay in abusive relationships, instead of offering resources and alternatives that could help break the cycle of violence. The GBCS statement, encouraging pastors and church leaders to preach and teach about domestic violence, provides links to helpful resources. Visit <http://umc-gbcs.org/issues/domestic-violence>.

The church, through its teaching and preaching, can indeed raise awareness of domestic violence, equip persons to recognize and protect against it, and refer persons to effective counselors and programs for prevention and intervention. It may also be helpful to provide a theological understanding of covenant and to educate our congregations and communities about issues and attitudes that fuel and sanction abusive behavior. Some domestic violence prevention and intervention programs attempt to change attitudes and behaviors by shaming the abusers. This approach may seem to work in some cases, but fails to address the underlying anger, inability to communicate, sense of powerlessness, and low self-esteem that can lead to verbal, emotional, and physical abuse.

Churches can teach about covenantal relationships, founded on mutual love and care, through sermons, pre-marital counseling, marriage education and enrichment, and relationship education for children, youth, and young adults. In covenant, persons agree to nurture and protect each other and to be held accountable for their words and actions. When one or both partners

violate the covenant, reconciliation depends on the willingness of both persons to own their contributions to the relationship breakdown and to do what is necessary to renew their covenant. Violence and abuse break the covenant and should never be tolerated. If unchecked, violence and abuse will likely escalate over time and can ultimately destroy persons and families.

Beliefs about gender may feed domestic violence. Boys exposed to male role models of dominance and control will likely grow up exhibiting such attitudes and behaviors themselves. Women who have not learned to speak up for themselves assertively may resort to aggression to meet their needs. The church can encourage mutual respect and empowerment by emphasizing the first story of creation (Genesis 1:27: "So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them"), instead of the Adam's rib version in Genesis 2:4-25. We can respond to those who take verses from Ephesians 5 out of context to justify male dominance, by focusing on Ephesians 5:21: "Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ." Churches can challenge tendencies toward gender role stereotyping in leadership assignments by inviting women to serve as trustees and men to teach church school. Consistent use of non-sexist language may help establish an expectation of equal rights and equal responsibility that might carry over into homes. We can address gender role stereotyping and chauvinistic attitudes in church school classes, youth programs, marriage preparation counseling, ongoing marriage education classes, and support groups.

Preaching and teaching can also illuminate the function of anger. Psalm 4:4 admonishes, "Don't sin by letting anger control you" (New Living Translation), indicating that anger itself is not a problem, but that the way it is expressed in words and actions can cause great harm. Anger, which alerts us that something needs attention, is usually a secondary emotion, masking guilt, fear, or

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Shedding Light on Domestic Violence



feelings of inadequacy. Children, youth, and adults can be taught to recognize anger arising in themselves or others and to seek understanding of the underlying feelings and needs, rather than reacting by lashing out. In addition to sermons on

this subject, the church can offer classes and small group studies that focus on self-awareness, communication, and conflict management. Such experiences help persons learn how to resist being provoked by anger into acting against their own values, which deeply diminishes self-esteem and often creates a vicious cycle of increasing shame and escalating abuse.

Youth and others who are dating benefit from learning how to assess the character and potential compatibility of their dating partners and to date long enough and in a variety of settings in order to get a true picture of someone's attitudes and behavior before making a commitment. and DVD-based curriculum kits that that can be taught by local persons who have some group leadership training and

Those already married benefit from healthy relationship programs. See the following resource list and the document "Marriage and Family Ministry Resources Recommended by United Methodists" (/minister-to-people/marriage) for study books experience. Seminars and programs that require trained and certified leaders list upcoming events on their websites along with information about how to bring leaders to your community. Churches, alone or in cooperation with other churches and organizations, can sponsor and/or provide scholarship and childcare assistance for these opportunities, which are well worth the investment of time and money.

The church can also provide support for persons in stressful situations: new parents, parents of teens, caregivers, and those facing other challenging situations. Practical supports such as food pantries and thrift shops, when administered with compassionate, non-judgmental acceptance, protect the dignity and self-esteem of their clients. Classes and support groups for parents of children at different ages and stages, for caregivers, and for those who are unemployed and/or

in recovery from addictions can help individuals and families cope successfully with these challenges, instead of falling apart. Smaller churches can join with other congregations to provide these ministries for a community or reasonable geographic area. Churches can also advocate for fair wages, affordable health care, and adequate funding for education and other vital services. We must, of course, still hold persons accountable for their behavior and provide safety nets for those in danger, but compassionate and justice-seeking ministries can reduce stress and perhaps prevent potential abuse.

Posters, bulletin inserts, displays of educational brochures, and books in the church library can reinforce the church's preaching and teaching about attitudes and behaviors. Since some women tend to assume they deserve to be beaten, the church needs to state clearly that abuse is never deserved and violence is never acceptable. A safe, compassionate, and caring church climate, in which persons feel loved as they are - yet encouraged to grow spiritually, emotionally, and in their relationships - may increase the probability that persons will ask for help when they need it. While such efforts will not prevent all instances of domestic abuse, they may create an environment in which such violence is less likely. And hopefully, when domestic violence does occur, it will be recognized and dealt with effectively.

By shedding light on the traumatic impact and surprising extent of domestic violence, churches can help bring it out into the open where prevention, intervention, and healing can take place. We need to equip persons to recognize the signs of abuse and to know where they can find help for those caught in such devastating situations. At a deeper level, we need to shine light on underlying issues that may lead to abusive behavior, providing experiences that help persons grow in self-awareness, self-control, and self-esteem, and in the ability to communicate effectively. The church is in an excellent position to shed light on the subject of domestic violence, both by increasing awareness and by deepening understanding of the dynamics of abusive behavior.

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United Methodist Marriage and Family Ministries Consultant,
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October is designated as Domestic Violence Prevention



At the time of writing this, we have not yet had the Harvest Festival so I can't write about any details regarding the great time that we had (more about this in next month's article). So instead, I would like to thank the whole church for coming together and supporting the youth in our water bottle drive. With your help **3,000 bottles of water were passed** out with a message of Christ and about our church. Thanks to everyone that donated, helped with labeling, and helped with handing out water. All of the youth appreciate your help!!!

We welcome William, Wyatt, and Vinnie to youth group this year. So glad to have them. We continue to meet on Wednesday night and Sunday morning and are following along in *The Story*.

We are most excited to be hosting *Lybecker* and *The Current* for **Rock The Block Week-end** with a concert on **Saturday, October 19 at 7 PM**. The Lord has blessed us with this great opportunity to reach out and invite others in our community to come and hear two awesome Christian bands.

In Christ's Service, *Mike and Lou*

youth group

SCHEDULE

Sundays - 10:30 AM

Wednesdays - 7 PM

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



"Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life." - Jesus



Thank you to the many servant-hearted who lead, study, and teach our church family. You are appreciated! We would not be in ministry without YOU!

Family Fun Day

Arroyo Grande United
Methodist Children's
Center

**6th Annual Family
Fun Day**

**Carnival Games, BBQ, &
Trike-a-Thon 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 volunteer,
please contact Maddy at the
AG UM CC at 481-2223.

News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, chair

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

Many new things to report this edition... so read carefully so as not to miss out.

- 1) October 6 World Communion Day,
- 2) Alternative Christmas,
- 3) Ministry Opportunities,
- 4) Clean Water for All,
- 5) Special Giving for January-August 2013.

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE..IN ACTION

1) WORLD COMMUNION DAY, October 6

Please be in prayer for how YOU can support World Communion Sunday which 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 to 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) ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS

You will be given an opportunity to share with alternative Christmas gifts on October 6th. Again we will be supporting local, national, and an international project. Our local ministries are 5 Cities Christian Women, People's Kitchen, Emergency Food. National ministries will be a response to UMCOR for the recent floods and fires. International projects will be to add to our African Bore Well Fund.

3) MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

I hope you will continue to find ways that God is calling YOU to be in ministry in UMCAG People's Kitchen; UMCAG Emergency Food/Gas vouchers; 5 Cities Christian Women; UMCOR Well Project; LAYETTES for Nome and local families; Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners. The possibilities are limitless. Pray and listen to God's calling on your life.

4) CLEAN WATER FOR ALL

We are moving closer to our goal of another well for Africa. Thanks for your support for this important ministry of helping another community to get clean water.

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

Boyle's Itineration	181.16
Elmore Itineration	83.00
ELT Scholarship Fund	70.00
Hammond Gift to Africa Ministry	10,000.00
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	3,013.31
So. County Food Bank	396.26
UMCOR Tornadoes—US Relief	1,000.00
VBS School Kits	499.00
VBS Supplies	151.00
Wells for Africa	3,434.34
Youth Mission Fund	202.00

Giving Total of 2013 (Jan.—Aug.) 21,266.19



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.

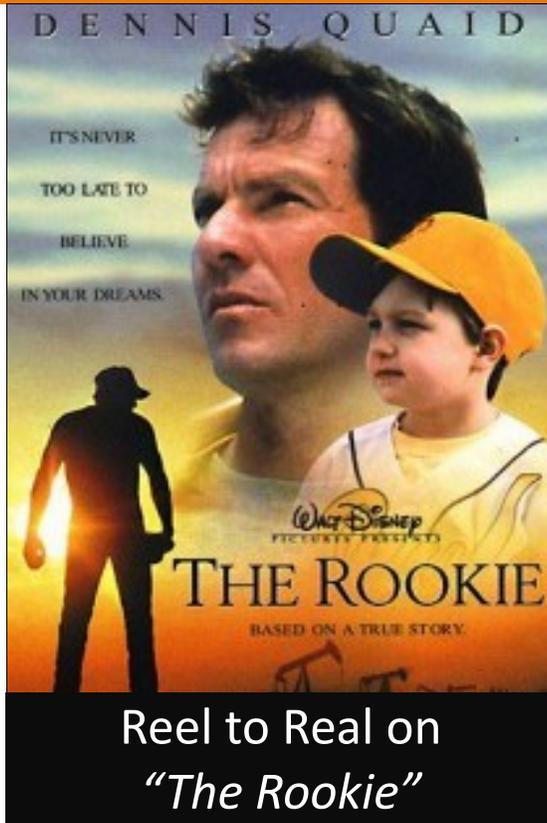
- YTD meals served: 2,743
- YTD new socks given out: 9,108

The Reel (The Movie)

All Jimmy Morris wanted to do was play baseball from the early age of three. It was the true love of his life. He dreamed of being the star pitcher in Game 7 of the World Series leading his team to the championship. His father, though, never gave much thought to this "pipe" dream his son had of playing in the big leagues. He was a recruiter for the United States Navy and as we're introduced to Jimmy; we quickly realize the cruel nature of his childhood—moving from one state to another. With each new move, Jimmy had to adjust to a new school, make new friends, and find a new baseball team to join. By the time he was a teenager, he and his family had moved an incredible *fourteen times* across the United States! Their final move was to Big Lake, Texas, and that's finally where they settled down.

Sadly, baseball in Big Lake, Texas wasn't in hot demand. Texas is, first and foremost, a football state. Jimmy soon realized he was in a very trying situation. He eventually would grow up in Big Lake, choosing to play football since his high school didn't have a baseball team. Morris won a state championship as a wingback, punter, and kicker. Still, his dream of playing in the big leagues remained.

In the 1982 amateur baseball draft he was selected 465th overall by the New York Yankees, but choose not to sign. A year later he was selected much higher—4th overall—by the Milwaukee Brewers organization. As the top draft pick of the team, he was expected to pay dividends and make the big league club in 2-3 years. It never happened. Injuries plagued his short minor league career as he never put together any string of success. After being released and signing with the Chicago White Sox in 1989, four arm surgeries would eventually put his dream on the shelf. Jimmy would retire from baseball, get married to his wife, Lorri, and have three children. He became a high school physical science teacher at Reagan County High School in Big Lake, Texas where he grew up. A far cry from a lofty Major League dream, but it would have to do.



Reel to Reel on "The Rookie"

The Real (The Life)

Growing up it's natural to dream. It helps us to grow. It provides us with hope for a *better tomorrow*. And we, as children, never set limits to what we can accomplish. Dreams of being the hero as a firefighter, seeing the great beyond as an astronaut, producing a hit blockbuster movie, or being the next superstar professional athlete keep us moving forward. Then "real life" gets in the way, leaving us to be more *realistic* in our approach. The reality of life hits us hard. We stop dreaming and just *accept*. Accepting the cold hard facts that we're not good enough, smart enough, talented enough to make our dreams come true. We settle for just getting by, finding our comfort zone and sticking with it.

This isn't to say that *some dreams don't need to be let go*. Some we were *never meant* to pursue. Yet others were there for a reason. Reminders of who we are meant to be. Of our full God-given potential. Dreams should naturally change over time, just as we do. But a question we need to ask ourselves is: *am I living my life to the full potential? Is God calling me to something more? To place more faith in Him as I pursue the impossible?* Perhaps God is calling you to something far greater than where you're at. Examine your heart and look to Him for where He wants you to be.

Source and for more on the real "Rookie" visit shoutitforlife.com/2012/12/01/the-real-of-the-reel-the-rookie/ or come see the movie...

**UMC of Arroyo Grande
Presents a FREE movie night**

The Rookie

**October 26th at 6 PM
Sanctuary of UMC of AG**

This is an opportunity to bring someone!

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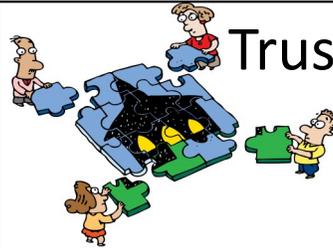
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Trustee Tidbits

Tom Egan, chair

September 2013

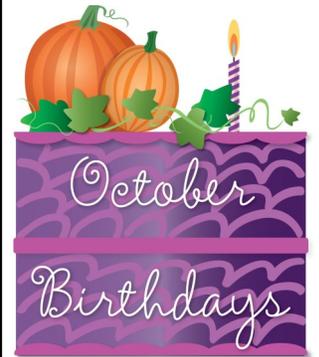
- People's Kitchen has now expanded to a Food Pantry, giving out items on Mondays from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the entrance to Criswell Hall. This was voted on and approved by all Board of Trustees members.
- The sidewalk needed another gallon of paint applied and the handicap curbs have been painted blue.
- The carpet in the office has been cleaned twice but is still not satisfactory. We have extra carpet that will be used to redo the library.
- Shelves have been put up in the attic so the church bookkeeper can store the financial records.
- Church pew legs have cracks so metal straps have been put on to secure them.
- We need to put together some kind people to help polish the pews as they have not been done for some time.

Dear Church Family,
Words alone cannot express my thankfulness for you love, care, concern, and the many cards and phone calls that I have received from you during this time of great loss in my life in the death of my beloved Clydean.



I am still trying to make the adjustments in daily live. It is difficult. especially having been with her for 56 plus years. I know I can with God's guidance and your love and support. Continue to remember me in your prayers and thoughts.

-Harold



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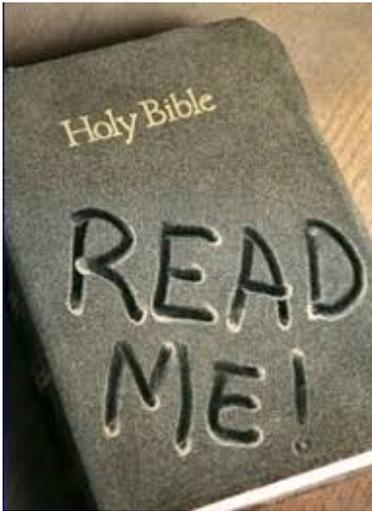
Did we miss a birthday?
Contact our church office...we need you to fill out an information form for you and your family.

Please contact us if your birthdate has been printed incorrectly!



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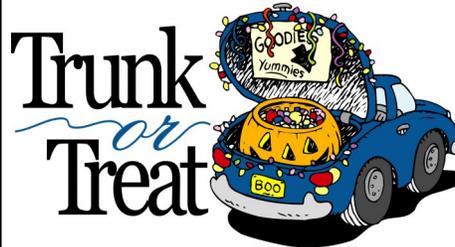
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Children's Center Chronicle



**Trunk
or
Treat**
October 31, 2013
5:30 PM until 8 PM

This *Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat* is for the whole family, the neighborhood and our community.

This is a perfect evening to bring someone along!

To help with a soup, a fun booth, or bring your trunk, contact the church office.

We NEED you to make this outreach a success!

You and your guests are cordially invited to

CELEBRATE
The 40th Anniversary
of the
5 Cities Christian
Women Emergency
Food Ministry

Saturday, October 12, 2013
12 noon
192-B 9th Street parking lot

Please come and enjoy the celebration and be recognized for your contribution.

RSVP info available in the church office.

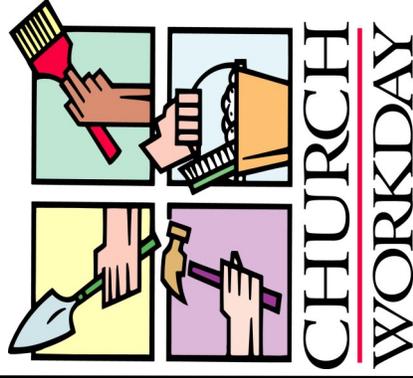
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Laity/Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

October 20th is a day of celebration and recognition of all the occupations of that congregation. This kind of recognition and celebration can be done in all congregations; it just takes a little time and energy. One needs to work with the membership chair to develop a list of occupations/vocations of the church members (be sure to list only the occupation/vocation and not the employer). The list takes shape, including nurses, postal workers, shop owners, mechanics, students, college professors, law enforcement personnel, firefighters, and others. Similar occupations are grouped together and read together with a prayer and congregational response for that work. Be sure to add the work of the pastoral leadership of the congregation. The Litany of Occupations/Vocations is developed with close cooperation between the pastor and worship planning team. This list may be used year after year, with adjustments and additions as membership changes. It can be a ritual for Laity Sunday or any other time of the year that the ministry of the laity is celebrated.

As your church and partner in ministry, we speak of the laity as faithful disciples going back into their workplace . . . emphasize that faith expressions and living don't end in the sanctuary on Sunday . . . express faithful living as everything we do during the week. We are called to be faithful disciples in all we do and in all places. Thank you for all that you do!

Wednesday Work Day



Have you noticed our lawn is mowed and our flowers blooming?

Well...we have a great team of people who work on Wednesdays to keep it up!

Thank you to all who are faithful in taking out time from your morning to come and keep this House of God clean and welcoming!

We appreciate you more than you know.

As each has received a gift, employ it in serving one another, as good managers of the grace of God in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10 (World English Version)