



January 2014

Cast~A~Net

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande



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UMW Sunday

January 19

Meet Guest Speaker Geraldine Roseboro



Geraldine (Jeri) Fraime Roseboro was born and raised in Ohio. She moved to California as a newlywed and is now the proud mother of three and doting grand-mother of five. She graduated from California State University San Bernardino with a Bachelor of Arts in VE Education and a Masters of Arts in Education.

Ms. Roseboro has been a long time activist for student support programs and cultural inclusion. She has lectured on various topics such as, race, ethnicity, and student leadership. Her work encourages people to understand their role in embracing cultural difference. She has worked in many position in schools across the nation in varied capacities including, being a teacher, a coordinator and a director of student support programs. She has most recently served as the Associate Dean of Students and Director of

Intercultural Affairs at Colby College in Waterville, Maine.

Jeri has been active in the United Methodist Women in both the North Central New York and New England Conferences.

She has served as President of the Mid-Maine District in the New England Conference. Now retired, Jeri relocated to Grover Beach in 2010 to be near her family. As a member of UMC SLO, she was recently elected Vice-President of the Santa Barbara District UMW and also serves on the Grover Beach Parks and Recreation and Beautification Commission.

We look forward to hearing Jeri and welcoming her to celebrate the United Methodist Women's Sunday at UMC of Arroyo Grande.

Please NOTE:

This is a **ONE Service Sunday**.
Join us for worship at 10:30 AM.
You are invited to come at 9AM for the **UMM Pancake Breakfast** before worship. (details on page 4).

Happy New Year

**A Covenant Prayer in
the Wesleyan Tradition**

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt,
rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing,
put me to suffering.

Let me be employed for thee
or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or
brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things,
let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield
all things to thy pleasure
and disposal.

And now, O glorious
and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine.

So be it.

And the covenant which
I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.

Amen.

Happy New Year
God has **2014**
amazing plans
for you. *Jeremiah 29:11*

Shepherd's Notes

David Burgeson, Pastor

Happy New Year to You, My Church Family & Friends!

On December 29, at our local Church Conference, we finished all of our required business for 2013. We voted on our membership totals and the teams/committees for 2014. Also, we received reports from the varied teams/committees of what was accomplished by each in 2013. This information is in a booklet in the Narthex or through church office for those who were unable to attend. (There are updated sheets for all who did attend. You can also get those in the Narthex or the church office.) We accomplished so much in 2013. I truly look forward to what 2014 has in store for UMC of AG. Speaking of...there are some upcoming local and district events I want to bring to your attention.

First thing is, on January 5 (Epiphany Sunday), during Sunday Worship, we are being asked by Bishop Minerva Carcaño who is working with the Mission/Vision Discernment Team of the Navigation Essential Ministry Team (EMT) in all worship services throughout the California Pacific Annual Conference. She has asked us all to individually finish 3 simple questions/statements:

1. **Who is Jesus Christ for you?**
2. **You are invited to finish the following statement:**
"My walk with Jesus could be immeasurably improved if the church would only..."
3. **What is your hope for today and for future generations?**

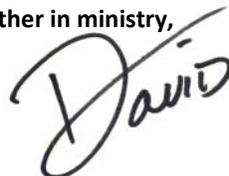
My plan is for us to take time in our services for you to answer these questions. After questions are answered, we will see a 2-3 minute video by Bishop Carcaño. I invite each of you to pray in discerning what God's vision is for our California Pacific Annual Conference.

In further planning, on Saturday, January 11, from 9 AM—3 PM, we will have an All—Church Vision Retreat in Criswell Hall. This will be a time for us to listen to each other about what God has placed on our hearts for this church and plan 2014 . I would ultimately like us to have a 5 year plan. Everyone is invited to help set our goals. I have asked Pastor Paula Hulet of Estero Bay UMC to lead us at our retreat. You may bring your own lunch or sign-up on Sunday , January 5th or call the office January 9th before 1 PM to reserve your space for lunch COST: \$5.

Lastly, on Saturday, January 25 from 9 AM—3 PM, is North District Training Day at Northridge UMC. You will find a description of workshops inserted in this Cast-A-Net. Registration forms are available in Narthex or church office.

Moving forward in the power of the Holy Spirit!

Together in ministry,



scripture index

We will be listing Pastor David's sermon scriptures in our newsletter this year. This will give you a chance to read it ahead of time in your daily devotions and pray on how God will speak to you.

- 1/5 Matthew 4: 12—23
- 1/12 I Corinthians 1: 1-9
- 1/19 UMW Sunday—Isaiah
"Purposefully..."
- 1/26 **"The Story"** Part 2 Overview

ATTENDANCE

December 2013

Dec. 1	132
Dec. 8	146
Dec. 15	136
Dec. 22	188
Dec. 29	102



as of 12/31/2013

Monthly Goal

\$ 22,480.

Received to Date

\$ 30,105.

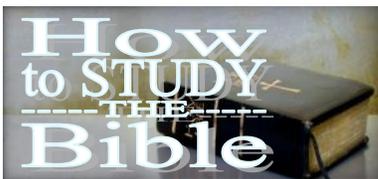
Difference

\$ + 7,625

Thank you and Praise God!



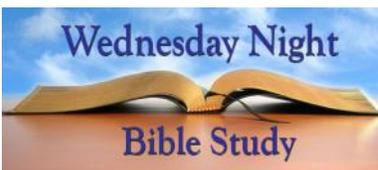
Sundays - 9:50 AM
Come, take the message a little further in the McMillen Room (MMR).



Sundays - 5 PM
Take part in this ongoing look at 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!

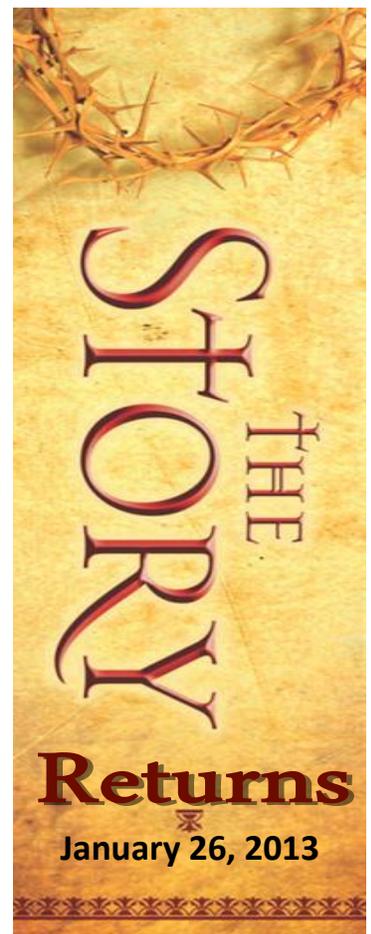
Dates	Topics and Schedule
Wednesday, January 1	NO Study—We will see you next week!
Sunday, January 5	Message: Matthew 4: 13—23 • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service • 5 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, January 8	• 5:45 PM - <u>A Look at Three of Jesus' Parables</u> Week ONE: The Prodigal Son
Sunday, January 12	Message: I Corinthians 1: 1—9 • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service • 5 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, January 15	• 5:45 PM - <u>A Look at Three of Jesus' Parables</u> Week TWO: The Pharisee & The Tax Collector
Sunday, January 19	UMW Sunday—Special Guest: Geraldine Roseboro • ONE 10:30 AM Worship Service • 5 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, January 22	• 5:45 PM - <u>A Look at Three of Jesus' Parables</u> Week THREE: The Good Samaritan
Sunday, January 26	Message—The Story - Part TWO: An Overview • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service • 5 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, January 29	• 5:45 PM <u>The Story</u> —Series Returns with Chapter 16 "The Beginning of the End - The Fall of Israel"



Free Dinner for EVERYONE!

Bring something to share or just bring yourself—we just want to see you!

The goal is for us to keep our church family in company with one another and the community weekly. This dinner is rapidly becoming one that feeds the lonely, those low in funds, and the many that just need a friend—not only in our church but in the community. We are encouraging members to prayerfully consider making donations to this ministry.





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*

POLICE CHIEF WILL BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR JANUARY 2014

Saturday, January 18th at 8:30 AM, AG Police Chief Steve Annibali will give an inside look into the problems of police work. The topic will be "AG Police, Now and in the Future". He began his career with the Los Angeles Police Department and also served many years with the San Diego Sheriffs Dept. He served as Chief of Police in the ski area of Breckenridge, Colorado, for three years and as Chief in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, for 7 years. Chief Annibali accepted the job of Arroyo Grande Chief of Police from that assignment.

As always, a full breakfast of scrambled eggs, ham, hash browns, tropical fruit salad and sweet rolls will be served at the meeting. Cost is \$9 per person – Tickets at the door. **LADIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND WILL FIND A CORDIAL WELCOME.**

FIRST PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR 2014

Celebrate the New Year with a yummy Pancake Breakfast on January 19th from 9 AM—10:30 AM which is before service can eat together and enjoy the fellowship. Menu includes: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes, Fresh Fruit Salad, Orange Juice, Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate. Tickets **will not be sold in advance**. They will be sold at the door the day of the event. COST: adults \$5; youth (10 or older) \$1; kids under 10 years are FREE.

****NOTE** our **New Family Plan** includes Adults w/ 2 + children \$10.



SWEETHEART TIME AGAIN

Can it be possible that February is right around the corner? The 35th Annual Sweetheart Breakfast, sponsored by the UMM is coming our way on Saturday, February 15th in Criswell Hall from 9 AM—11 AM. This event has been a favorite over the years and includes a great breakfast as well as a keynote speaker, music, flowers and special entertainment. It is the UMM's way of saying

"Ladies We Love You" Don't miss this outstanding event. **TICKETS** – will go on sale January 26 in Criswell Hall after both services. **Cost:** Adults - \$10 per person. Child Care will be available with advanced reservations by calling 481-2692 weekdays between 9 AM—1 PM or by making arrangements at the ticket table prior to the event.



Deadline January 17. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Article and Item ideas can be e-mailed to the church office before the Communications Committee's next meeting on January 14th.



Thank you to all who helped deliver poinsettias to those of our church family who are sick and/or homebound. In all 21 flowers were delivered!

The Congregational Care committee would also like to remind everyone to take a few minutes and prayerfully consider how you can "help our church family". Then fill out the form found in your bulletin or the Cast~A~Net and return it to the church office or place in the offering plate on Sunday. You may contact any member of the Congregational Care Committee for more information.



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“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

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

Things are changing for the United Methodist Women!

In October, changes to our structure were enacted by the California Pacific Annual Conference of United Methodist Women to come into compliance with the changes made at the national level.

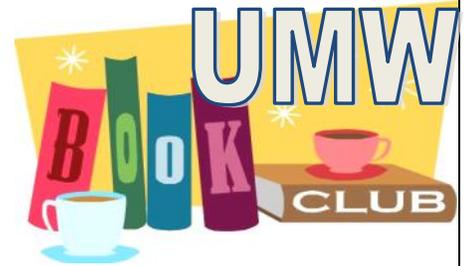
With our new structure we have a new language. Some of us may remember when we were called “Ladies Aid” and then the “Women’s Society of Christian Service (WSCS)”, and then the “United Methodist Women”.

We no longer call our organization the “Women’s Division.” It is referred to as “United Methodist Women, Inc.,” and we now refer to our national organization as UMW or “national”. Cal-Pac women serve on “Leadership Teams” not executive boards, and these Teams are comprised of the officers who are necessary to carry out our local organization’s work. And the word “organization” has replaced the word “unit” when we refer to our local church UMW.

You can be a part of these exciting times by participating in the Arroyo Grande United Methodist Women. All women of the Church are invited to participate in one of the small groups often referred to as “Circles”. There are circles meeting at various times of the day and evening, some in homes and some at the church.

In the new UMW Handbook for 2013-2016 we are told “the Samaritan woman, ‘the woman at the well’ in John 4, boldly stepped out to invite her community to Christ”. What she did is the essence of what all United Methodist Women are charged to do! Her story resonates with us, not just because she was the first person that Jesus identified himself to as the giver of eternal life, but her joyful response was to share her good news with those in her community. Our job is to imitate her joyful response.

“Faith, Hope, Love in Action”



Response, the United Methodist Women’s magazine describes the reading program as a “program designed to equip members for informed mission through personal and spiritual growth and greater exposure to the world we’re called to serve.”

The Arroyo Grande UMW Book Club will meet next on Friday, January 24, 2014 at noon in the McMillen Room. We will be reading “The Invisible Thread”, the true story of an 11-year old pan-handler, a busy sales executive and an unlikely meeting with destiny. The books have now arrived. Please see Patti Melsheimer if you would like to purchase a copy (\$12). There are also some copies available from our Arroyo Grande church library.

Everyone is welcome to join.

GOD SAVED YOU

FROM HIMSELF + FOR HIMSELF + BY HIMSELF

Many of us were introduced to Epiphany through the familiar silhouetted-image of Three Wise Men bearing gifts as they followed the Great Star by night. In some cultures, Epiphany is known as the *Day of the Kings* (*Día de los Reyes*). It is also known as Twelfth Day or Twelfth Night, reflecting an old custom of giving a gift for each of the days from December 25 to January 6 for the 12 days of Christmas. The day has special meaning for a number of reasons. Several branches of Christianity celebrate the birth of the Christ Child on **January 6** or **January 7**.

The word *epiphany* means *appearance* or *manifestation*. Popular usage likens *epiphany* to words such as *eureka* or *aha!* Use of this word by some English speakers conjures images of having a light bulb turned on, or of being able to see something that was once hidden from view. The texts for the Sundays after the Epiphany dramatize the many ways that we people came to understand who Jesus was, through his baptism, the miracle at the wedding, or through that bodacious declaration in his hometown synagogue! But, this ever-widening circle of revelation began 'outside the circle' of Judaism, so to speak, with the Magi.

Who were the Magi?

Many versions of the Bible refer to them as the *Wise Men*. We often forget that these Magi or Wise Men were non-Jews. **Older sources** suggest that they were priestly descendants of one of the tribes of the Medes **known for their knowledge of the stars (astronomy) and their ability to interpret dreams.**

What can we learn from the Wise Men?

First, the Wise Men began their journey because of their beliefs. It was a common belief that when a world leader like a king was born that a special stellar phenomenon would appear in the sky. The Magi saw something that convinced them that they had seen the long-awaited sign. Historians tell us that the Jews, the Romans, and the Persians were all watching the skies about that time, looking for signs of the birth of an extraordinary king. A few years before, around 11 BC, Halley's Comet had been seen. There were other stellar phenomena, including a bright star, Sirius, which appeared brightly in the daytime instead of at night. The Wise Men saw the star and began their journey.



GBOD.org

May God give us all inspiration for this year's journey.

Second, the Wise Men were willing to follow what they had seen into unknown territory. Their journey took them outside their country and their comfort zone. The Wise Men risked the consequences of disobeying Herod, who was known to behave as a madman when provoked and returned to their country by another way.

The Christian journey is often an off-road excursion.

Third, the Wise Men were committed to the journey -- wherever the star might lead. The Wise Men set out to find a newborn King by following a star and ended up in finding a baby born to young, relatively poor parents! Not exactly what they expected and not exactly what befit their dignity as priests.

In this coming year, may we look to heaven for guidance and comfort and may we accept God's blessings in whatever forms we find them, just as the Wise Men accepted that their long, expensive journey led them to a baby born to young, inexperienced parents who lived on the poor side of town.

Finally, the Wise Men brought gifts. They did the thing that people in the East or in Africa or in India would do when visiting royalty. They brought gifts.

- Gold was the kind of gift that you brought to a king.
- Frankincense was the kind of gift that you would bring to a priest.
- Myrrh was given to someone who was about to die.

On This Twelfth Day, or Three Kings Day, otherwise known as Epiphany, think of the gift that you will offer to God in the coming year. The gift of time? The gift of your talents? Your service in the community? Your witness and testimony? The gift of undying love and devotion?

Their greatest gift comes to us in the form of a realization. The Wise Men were the first Gentiles to recognize that Jesus belongs to everyone. Good news is for everyone, not just a select few.

*Star of wonder, Star of light
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, Still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light. Amen.*



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

at Ramona Gardens Park in Grover Beach on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. The team will be prepping in the kitchen on the prior Wednesday making the lunches to be distributed. To help, see the Ashtons.

Continue to pray for a new location for this ministry to continue to serve hot meals!

Always In Need of:

Clothes (CLEAN/SEASON APPROPRIATE), travel-sized toiletries, bedding/blankets/sleeping bags, towels, oral hygiene supplies, new socks, and people to help assemble lunch bags on the Wednesday before.

Contact the Ashtons for details.

Year-To-Date 2013

meals served: 3,326
socks distributed: 9,717

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18, NIV

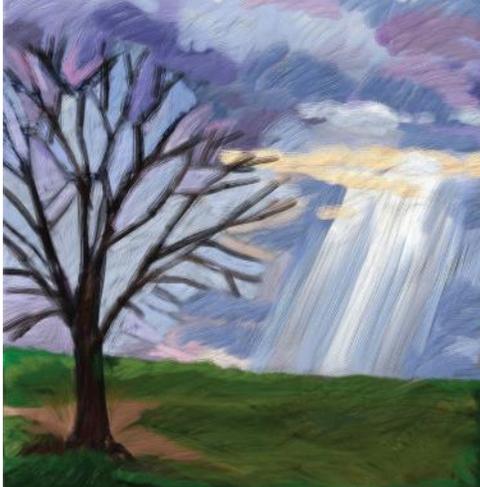


Photo: UMC of AG Directory

Guess who is 102?!

Doris Rice, one of our beloved long time members will celebrate her 102 birthday on January 3, 2014.

Because of sight impairment and hearing problems she has not been able to attend church for several years, but she is still a contributing member.

Doris studied Early Childhood Education for pre-school and kindergarten aged students at University of Southern California. She then taught for many years in the Pasadena area. She and husband, Paul, moved to Arroyo Grande in 1987 to be near their family.

They had been a part of the United Methodist church for many years and found their way to our church. Doris was active in Esther Circle. She lives in her apartment still and continues to be self sufficient. We continue to keep Doris and her family in our prayers.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday, Doris!

**To send her a birthday card, contact the church office for more info.

(courtesy of Marj Cawelti)



Prayer of Petition for Human Relations Day (GBOD.org)

January 19, 2014—Please prayerfully consider what you will give.

O God our help in ages past, you brought us this far by faith.

The journey has been marked with many disappointments, great oppression and dehumanization. By your right hand, you have brought us through.

The Pharaohs may still be pursuing us, but you have already parted the waters and chartered the course. The strategists of past times never thought we could get there; but from Mount Pisgah, we beheld the land.

Help us not to look back with fear or pity. Keep our eyes resolutely on the Promised Land. It is our inheritance freely offered by you. How arable, how beautiful, how rich with mineral is that land!

Give us courage to continue the journey. It was not, it is not, and it will never be easy; but with you, O God, it is possible.

Increase our faith, strengthen our feeble knees and give us enthusiasm and zeal so that others may be encouraged on the journey.

We owe it all to you and we shall shout from the mountaintops and tell in the valleys that Jesus Christ is the Sovereign Lord. In him, nothing is impossible. Hear us we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



What A Wonderful Christmas! We hope yours was as great as ours. The youth did not stop for the holidays. We kept on moving and working for Jesus.

This year, as we have in the past, the youth made 40 Christmas cards to send to our military heroes. This is something that the kids and our troops will always remember—that they are not forgotten during the holiday rush.

The Christmas Eve service was also a hit. Our youth, Will, Wyatt, Alex, Lexi and Lauryn, performed a skit in the beginning of the service. It was great. Fun was had by all. Sadie helped to wrangle “the little ones” during their song ‘Away in the Manger.’ William read some scripture. So we all put our skills to use during this special service.



Don't forget! The youth are still collecting non-perishable food items for our annual **Souper Bowl of Caring 2014** food drive. Please look for the can in Criswell Hall to deposit your donated items.

Items especially needed are peanut butter, tuna fish, and cereal but all food donated is welcomed. Our collection runs through February 2, 2014 (Super Bowl Sunday).

As always, if you forget your donation that last day, we will gladly sell you a can or two to put in the bucket to score a touchdown. All food will be given to the Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry and any monies raised will be given to Blandy, the youth group's Compassion child. Won't you please be part of the team and help to fill the can?

Keep coming to youth group. We are here every Sunday during the 10:30 AM service AND every Wednesday at 7 PM in the youth lounge. All teens and tweens welcome -grades 6—12 are encouraged to come and bring a friend.

In Christ's service, Mike & Lou



Sundays - 10:30 AM
Wednesdays - 7 PM
 Join these 6th-12th
 grade teens living for
 Christ.



Men's Walk #50

February 27– March 2, 2014

Women's Walk #50

March 6—9, 2014

Prayerfully consider if this is the season that God is asking you to put aside preconceived notions and put your trust in Him. You will be glad that you did. To find out more about this unforgettable weekend, contact Pastor David or Sarah Burgeson—we want to talk about sponsoring you on this faith journey.



Victoria Gandy,
 Children's Ministry Director

Sunday School at 10:30 AM
Kid's Night Out
Wednesdays at 6 PM



News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, *chair*

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

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

- 1.) Human Relations Day Offering, January 19;
- 2.) "Christmas Opportunities Celebrated"
- 3.) "Here I Am" Ministry Opportunities;
- 4.) Clean Water for All; and
- 5.) Special Giving for January—November 2013.

1.) GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE..IN ACTION

HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY OFFERING is January 19th, 2014. Prayerfully consider your giving to this ministry. Your generous gifts assists:

- Community Developers Program, related to the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM);
- United Methodist Voluntary Services Program, GBGM;
- Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program, General Board of Church and Society.

2.) CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES

You helped meet the challenges to help others through the Angel Tree, 5 Cities Christian Women, People's Kitchen, UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry, Christmas distribution on the parking lot for those with special needs. THANKS YOU SO MUCH!

3.) HERE I AM MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

I hope you will continue to find ways that God is calling YOU to be in ministry. What will be the special ways that you will serve in ministry during this new year of 2014. We would love to have you join us on the Mission Team if that is your discernment. So keep an eye out for ways you can be in ministry in this way. Continue to pray and listen to God's calling on your life in new ways of being in ministry.

4.) CLEAN WATER FOR ALL

We reached our goal for our second well for Africa. The voucher has been filled out so the funds can be on their way. Thanks for making it possible for another village to have safe and clean water.

5.) Giving Totals for 2013 through November.

Special Giving Chart 2013	
Boyle's Itineration	181.16
Disaster Response	30.00
Elmore Itineration	83.00
ELT Scholarship Fund	70.00
UMC of AG Emergency Food	273.84
5 Cities Christian Women Food Pantry	190.00
Hammond Gift to Africa Ministry	10,000.00
Human Relations Day	54.00
Kits for Kiddos (School Kits for Foster Kids)	1558.47
Native American Ministry	275.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	343.65
Peace With Justice Sunday	20.00
People's Kitchen	4,409.11
So. County Food Bank	601.93
Student Offering Day	125.00
UMCOR Philippines	510.00
UMCOR Tornadoes—US Relief	1,000.00
VBS School Kits	499.00
VBS Supplies	501.00
Wells for Africa	3,699.34
World Communion	264.00
Youth Mission Fund	202.00
Giving Total of 2013 (Jan. — Nov.)	24,890.50

Many hands can do many things!



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>** Some Team/Board dates pending. Please contact new chair for details and look to the bulletins for further updates.</p>	 <p>Childcare Provided</p>	<p>Sunday School & Nursery Care is available for the 10:30 AM service.</p> <p>* Childcare for other events can be made available upon request.</p>	<p>office closed</p>  <p>NEW YEAR'S Day</p>	<p>2 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11:30 AM People's Kitchen (CH) 11 AM Angularis Academy (CH) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>3 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)</p>	<p>4 11 AM Houlding Memorial (S/CH) 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211) 3 PM Un-Hanging of the Green</p>
<p>5 Coffee Hour: Finance Epiphany Sunday 8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service 9:50 AM Disciples Group 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group (215) 5 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>6  EPIPHANY <i>Pastor's Day off</i> 10 AM Winter Chess Camp (211) 11 AM Angularis Academy (CH) 1 - 3 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 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>7 8:30 AM Lifeline Screening set-up (N/CHL) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 10 AM Lifeline Screen (CH/N/L) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room) 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling (L) 7 PM Trustees</p>	<p>8 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 90 AM Church Work Day 1 PM Alzheimer's Assoc. Savvy Care Givers Workshop (CH) 5 PM Fellowship Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Study 6 PM Kids Night Out 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>9 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11 AM Angularis Academy (CH) 12 PM Esther Circle (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)</p>	<p>10 8:30 AM Bible Study (L)</p>	<p>11 9 AM All-Church Planning Meeting 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211) 5:30 PM Praise Team set-up (S) 6:30 PM Praise Team (S)</p>
<p>12 Coffee Hour: JOY Circle 8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service 9:50 AM Disciples Group 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group (215) 5 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>13 <i>Pastor's Day off</i> 9:45 AM Dr. Chess Home-school Enrichment (211) 11 AM Angularis Academy (CH) 12 PM Central Coast Hospice Bereavement Support (MMR) 1 - 3 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 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>14 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 10 AM UMW Steering (L) 11:30 AM Communications (L) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room) 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling (L) 6 PM AG MS Support Group (MMR)</p>	<p>15 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 10:30 AM People's Kitchen Prep for Thursday (CH) 1 PM Alzheimer's Assoc. Savvy Care Givers Workshop (CH) 5 PM Fellowship Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Study 6 PM Kids Night Out 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>16 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11:30 AM People's Kitchen (CH) 11 AM Angularis Academy (CH) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)</p>	<p>17 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 1 PM Alzheimer's Support for Adult Children of Parents (MMR) Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>18 8:30 AM UMM Breakfast Meeting (CH) 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)</p>
<p>19 Coffee Hour: UMM Pancakes from 9 AM—10:30 AM 10:30 AM ONE Service for UMW Sunday  United Methodist Women FAITH - HOPE - LOVE IN ACTION 5 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>20 <i>Pastor's Day off</i> 11 AM Angularis Academy (CH) 1 - 3 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 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>21 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 10 AM Congregational Care Team (L) 1:30 PM Preschool Board - closed 2:30 PM Preschool - open (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room) 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling (L) 7 PM JOY Circle (a member's home)</p>	<p>22 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 9:30 AM Mary-Martha (MMR) 1 PM Alzheimer's Assoc. Savvy Care Givers Workshop (CH) 5 PM Fellowship Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Study 6 PM Kids Night Out 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>23 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11 AM Angularis Academy (CH) 2 PM Mission Team (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)</p>	<p>24 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 12 PM UMW Book Club (MMR)</p>	<p>25 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211) 5:30 PM Praise Team set-up (S) 6:30 PM Praise Team (S) North District Training at Northridge UMC</p>
<p>26 Coffee Hour: Church Council 8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service 9:50 AM Disciples Group 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group (215) 12 PM SPRC 5 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>27 <i>Pastor's Day off</i> 9:45 AM Dr. Chess Home-school Enrichment Program (211) 11 AM Angularis Academy (CH) 1 - 3 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 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>28 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 90 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room) 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling (L)</p>	<p>29 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 1 PM Alzheimer's Assoc. Savvy Care Givers Workshop (CH) 5 PM Fellowship Dinner (CH) The Story Returns with Chapter 16 5:45 PM Adult Study 6 PM Kids Night Out 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>30 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11 AM Angularis Academy (CH) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)</p>	<p>31 8:30 AM Bible Study (L)</p>  <p>January</p>	

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Welcome
Oliver Yoder
Elmore
 born
December 4th
 to David and
 Julie Elmore.

Now Julie and Davie are both pastors serving churches in Michigan. You may remember contributing to their former ministry in Alaska. Thank you for your contributions to the layette gift sent to this little guy.



Trustee Tidbits

Tom Egan, chair

December's Report

- As of October 16, 2013, the Parsonage Fund stood at \$142,525. Three areas of our budget are over but other low areas help overall. We stand at 109%.
- The East door into Criswell Hall has been fixed.
- We are still looking at the price of a mounting system for the choir monitor.
- The water bill is still high but all systems are working right.
- As you can see, the Church is busy. And yes, all this activity has been brought to the Trustees before it happens.
- Food is still disappearing. Milk and eggs are disappearing from the Children's Center refrigerator. If it is not yours, do not use please.
- Doors need to be locked. The door from the Narthex to Criswell Hall must be locked when not in constant use. When you see it unlocked, lock it. If someone needs to get into Criswell Hall they should already have a key.



Phil McKibben	1/2
Jayne Stednitz	1/2
Lynda Mahaffey	1/4
Doris Rice	1/3
Alex Paredes	1/4
John Neel	1/4
Ella Craig	1/6
Marian Middleton	1/6
Polly Monson	1/6
Alonzo Ferrari	1/6
Norm Henderson	1/7
Jim Duffin	1/10
Lily Stewart	1/13
Lexi Raetz	1/15
Carolyn Russell	1/15
Caitlin Herber	1/17
Nancy Baughman	1/17
Jim Alquist	1/20
Art Moore	1/20
Judy Leonard	1/22
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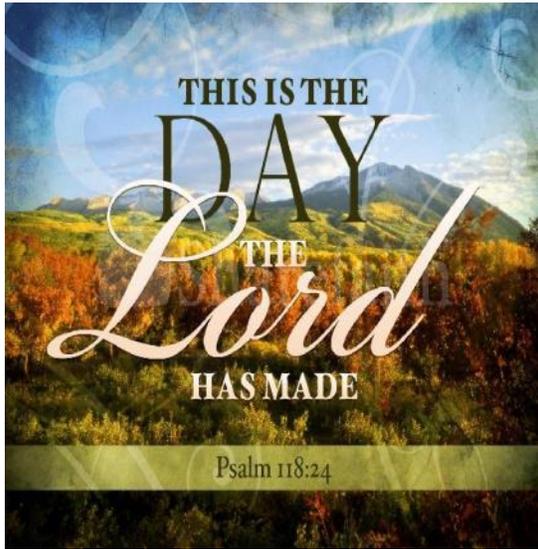
Did we miss a birthday?

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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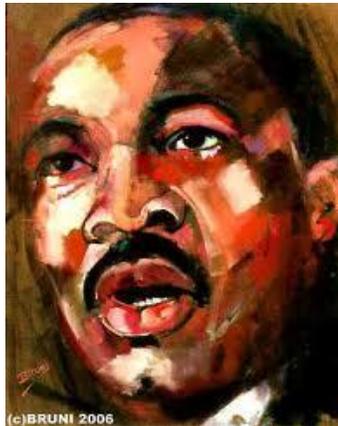
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Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday January 20, 2013

Prayer of Remembrance (GBOC.org)

We give you thanks, Holy God, for the saints who have borne witness to your Word throughout the ages. We give special thanks for your servant Martin Luther King, Jr., who responded to your voice to serve and gave his life for the cause of love and justice in our land. May we too respond with the depth of commitment that will enable us to give of ourselves in full measure, even to the point of death. May the Holy Spirit guide and direct us, we pray, that we too might feel the call to serve your people. May we not tire of doing good in the face of wrong and evil. May we continue to work for a nation marked by justice, love, and fellowship as only you can create. Inspire our hearts, strengthen our wills, build up our resolve that we too might become worthy of the heritage that has been given to us in the witness of Martin Luther King, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.