



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

Cast~A~Net

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

MARCH



Cal-Pac Visioning Continues

March 9 from 3 PM—6 PM
Santa Barbara UMC
Fellowship Hall

305 E. Anapamu in Santa Barbara
Carpool groups are being arranged. Sign-up in the Narthex or via the church office.

On Epiphany Sunday, churches across our California-Pacific Annual Conference, including ours, shared in a time of visioning as one of the steps in discerning God's will for our conference at this time in our life together.

The next step in our process is District Visioning Events. This day includes a brief Bible study by Bishop Carcaño, face-to-face conversations and dialogue, and some time in prayer.

Each District will gather and provide an opportunity for Cal-Pac clergy and laity to engage together as we move toward articulating a vision for the conference. The goal of the Mission/Vision Discernment Team is to provide a draft statement of the vision at the District Conferences in early May for further reflection and revision before presenting it to the Annual Conference in June.



North District Training Day #2

March 22, 2014 9 AM –3 PM
San Luis Obispo UMC

Training Workshops will include: Staff, Pastor Relations (SPRC) Committee Training; Apportionments & Table Reports Training; Church-Based Social Change and Trustees & Church Facilities. *Childcare available. ** To register, please contact the church office.*

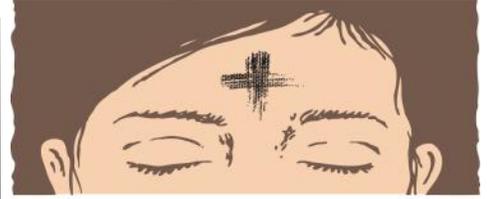
5-Day Lenten Lay Servant School And Revival

April 6 – 10, 2014
Valley Korean UMC (Granada Hills)

- Classes: 6:30—8:15 PM
 - Revival Worship: 8:15—9 PM
- Revival Features:
- Gifted Lay Preachers!
 - Guest Choirs!
 - Praise Bands!
 - Praise & Liturgical Dance!
 - Tag-Team Preaching!
 - 5-minute Sermonettes!

Other Dates/Events to Remember:

- Young Adult Border Immersion Event on March 28-30.
- CHARMS Event on April 1-2 at Simi Valley UMC
- North District Conference on May 3 from 9 AM—noon at Camarillo UMC
- Cal-Pac Annual Conference in Redlands from June 18-21.



Ash Wednesday Souper Supper & Study

March 5th at 5 PM
Please bring a soup to share.
Pastors Study begins at 5:45 PM

Imposition of the Ashes will be at 6:45 PM in Criswell Hall.
Be sure to join us!



March Wednesday Night Dinners for Lent

- March 5** Souper Supper
Bring a soup to share.
- March 12** Taco Bar
- March 19** Loaded Baked Potatoes
Bring a topping.
- March 26** Spaghetti & Garlic Bread

All are welcome to join us for these weekly meals.

If you would like to help by donating money to the ministry or bring an ingredient, please call the church office.

Shepherd's Notes

David Burgeson, *Pastor*

Dear Friends,

This month I want to share with you some brief information about us as a United Methodist Church...

Our local church is connected to the mission of the United Methodist Church which is "the mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." This is found in the Book of Discipline paragraph 120. The local church is the most significant place through which disciple-making occurs.

Our Book of Discipline states "the function of the local church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, is to help people accept and confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to live their daily lives in light of their relationship with God." The core process of our congregation is carried out by the vision of our local church in which we fulfill that mission by our statement - "Know Christ, Grow in Christ, Go-Share Christ."

The local church council has the primary responsibility of creating and sustaining the congregation's plan for discipleship within the context of the Church's mission and purpose.

I am unashamedly committed to help our church make disciples for Jesus Christ. I recently re-read an article about church growth and shared at the last church council meeting. The article had a principle which says that the longer a congregation exists, the more concerned it tends to become about self-preservation and less concerned with it's original purpose. Time, money, staff, and even prayers become increasingly inward-focused. The result is that the church stops growing.

What we need to keep in front of us and/or turn our focus to is the primary goal - Jesus—and making disciples.

I will share more next month. I leave you with this thought to think about: A church can do many things; we "should" do a few important things; but there is ONE essential thing a church MUST do. Jesus said it:

"Go ye into all the world, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19—20)

Together in ministry,

David



scripture index

Please refer to *page 3* for the scripture references for use with your personal Bible and corresponding sermon/ study chapter of *The Story*.

- 3/2 Chapter 20: Esther
- 3/9 Chapter 21: Nehemiah
- 3/16 Chapter 22: Jesus
- 3/23 Chapter 23: Jesus
- 3/30 Chapter 24: Jesus

ATTENDANCE

February 2014

2/2	133
2/9	151
2/16	161
2/23	140

AVERAGE: 146



as of 2/28/2014

Monthly Goal

\$ 22,480.

Received to Date

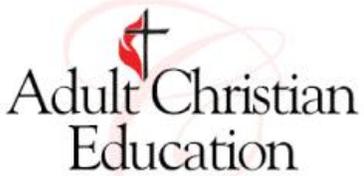
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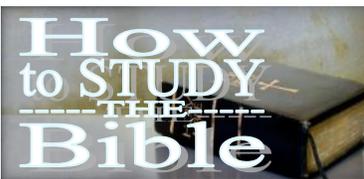
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We are short.

Please help us to catch up!



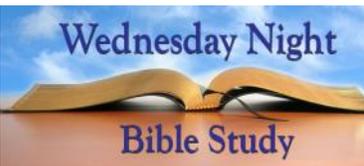
Sundays - 10 AM
Come, for a self-led time to view the weekly teaching DVD on the Criswell Hall stage.



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 The Story Bible, discussion, coffee, & friends!

Dates	Topics and Schedule
Sunday, March 2	<p>"The Story" Sermon Series Chapter 20: "The Queen of Beauty and Courage" (Esther) OR read in your Bible: Esther 1—9.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service • 10-10:15 AM "The Story" Bible Study Cinema (CH Stage) • 5 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, March 5	<p>5:45 PM - "The Story" Dig Deeper Study Chapter 21: "Rebuilding the Walls" (Nehemiah) OR read in your Bible: Ezra 7; Nehemiah 1—2, 4, 6—8; Malachi 1—4.</p>
Sunday, March 9	<p>"The Story" Sermon Series Chapter 21: "Rebuilding the Walls" (Nehemiah) OR read in your Bible: Ezra 7; Nehemiah 1—2, 4, 6—8; Malachi 1—4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 AM Worship Service • 5 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, March 12	<p>5:45 PM - "The Story" Dig Deeper Study Chapter 22: "The Birth of the King" (Jesus) OR read in your Bible: Matthew 1—2; Luke 1—2; John 1.</p>
Sunday, March 16	<p>"The Story" Sermon Series Chapter 22: "The Birth of the King" (Jesus) OR read in your Bible: Matthew 1—2; Luke 1—2; John 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service • 10-10:15 AM "The Story" Bible Study Cinema (CH Stage) • 5 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, March 19	<p>5:45 PM - "The Story" Dig Deeper Study Chapter 23: Jesus' Ministry Begins" (Jesus) OR read in your Bible: Matthew 3—4, 11; Mark 8—12; Luke 22—23; John 13—14, 16—19.</p>
Sunday, March 23	<p>"The Story" Sermon Series Chapter 23: Jesus' Ministry Begins" (Jesus) OR read in your Bible: Matthew 3—4, 11; Mark 8—12; Luke 22—23; John 13—14, 16—19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service • 10-10:15 AM "The Story" Bible Study Cinema (CH Stage) • 5 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, March 26	<p>5:45 PM - "The Story" Study Dig Deeper Chapter 24: "No Ordinary Man" (Jesus) OR read in your Bible: Matthew 5—7, 9, 14; Luke 10, 15; John 6.</p>
Sunday, March 30	



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*

RWANDA AND AFRICA: TOPIC FOR NEXT MEETING

The United Methodist Men of this church will hold their next regular meeting on Saturday morning March 15th at 8:30 AM to hear the fascinating story of Dr. Steven Sainsbury as he performed his services to the people of Rwanda in Africa. He was there during the time of uprising in that country. This first hand experience will give those attending a real insight into the problems of the African nation.

The program will be accompanied by the usual super breakfast and lots of good fellowship. Cost is \$9 per person; tickets will be sold at the door the day of the event. Ladies are most welcome to attend.

Members of the Congregation are urged to bring friends and neighbors to these informative and enjoyable meetings. For information contact a member of the UMM Board listed above.

GREEN PANCAKES FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

At least two people are going to get a **GREEN PANCAKE** on their plate when the UMM serves the next "All Church Pancake Breakfast" on Sunday morning (the day before St. Patrick's day) on March 16th from 9am to 10:30 am.

Those that receive the green treat will receive a "surprise prize" and the thanks from the UMM for attending. It's all in fun to celebrate the fellowship of the First and Second service that can meet and eat together at that time. Cost of the delicious meal is only \$5 for Adults, \$1 Youth (under 10 yr of age) and Families \$10 (Adults and Children). Tickets on sale at the door the day of the event.



Thank you to all who responded to the Congregational Care Committee's "I want to Help" bulletin insert. Many of you volunteered to send cards, visit those who are homebound, act as an usher or greeter or be part of the prayer chain. Your names have been forwarded to the person responsible for that assignment and you will be contacted soon. But if you missed that opportunity there are additional forms on which you can volunteer which are available each Sunday at the "**Caring Table**" located in Criswell Hall near the stage.

What is the "Caring Table" you might ask.... "The Caring Table" is your opportunity to sign a card to be sent to someone who is ill or moving or for any number of other reasons. At the table you can also volunteer to deliver Easter lilies or help in other ways to bring our church family closer together. Be sure to stop by and add your name to the cards and let others know you care about them.

You will want to be sure to drop into Criswell Hall for coffee hour on **Sunday, March 9th for "Friendship Sunday"**. This will be an opportunity for you to "Make New Friends and Keep the Old". This is your chance to meet some people who are new to our congregation or that you haven't met yet. It will also be a time for you to visit with friends you may not have had a chance to talk with lately. Remember what they say about friends, both old and new: "One is silver and one is gold!" Enrich yourself!



UMC of AG is proud to host a benefit concert for American Cancer Society — "Relay for Life"

March 2, 2014 at 3 PM

featuring the musical stylings of

"Sax on the Beach" and "Serendipity Sax"

* *Join us in fundraising for Relay for Life 2014.



**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.”

Mary Hawkins, *President*; Betty Ashton, *Treasurer*; Patti Melsheimer, *Publicity*; Eva McClure, *Secretary*

What is United Methodist Women?

United Methodist Women is a supportive, inclusive Christian membership organization where women can grow spiritually; develop as leaders and serve and work to create a world in which all women, children and youth thrive. United Methodist Women is celebrated as the women’s ministry of The United Methodist Church.

United Methodist Women is the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members whose mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders and advocating for justice.

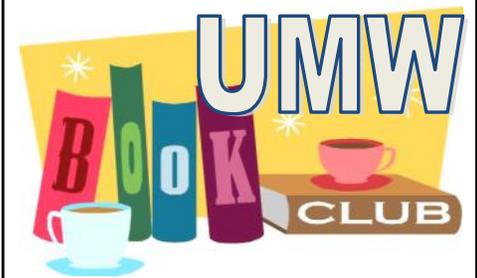
What Do the United Methodist Women Do?

Our members nurture one another in our community and support Mission projects locally, throughout the United States and internationally in order to improve the lives of women, children and youth. We do this with our prayers, our volunteer work, advocacy efforts, and financial gifts.

Who Can Join United Methodist Women?

Any woman who commits herself to the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and agrees to engage in mission, study, personal growth and social action can join. You don’t have to be a United Methodist or meet an age requirement to be a member.

Contact Mary Hawkins, the Chair of the AG UMW for further information regarding the Arroyo Grande United Methodist Women.



Do you enjoy reading books but just can’t seem to find a book that interests you? Or after you read a book would you like to discuss it with someone? Or would you like to find some spiritual direction?

If any of these questions resonate with you, please consider joining the UMW Book Club. Our group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 11 AM in the McMillan room of the church. We welcome new members.

During February we read “Please Look After Mom”: A Novel by Kyung-Sook Shin. It provided us with a better understanding of daily life in South Korea and also caused us to think about our family relationships.

For March we have selected a book by Peggielene Bartels and Eleanor Herman entitled “King Peggy: An American Secretary, Her Royal Destiny and the Inspiring Story of How She Changed an African Village”. Doesn’t that sound intriguing? There are copies available from our Arroyo Grande Library or you may purchase a book. Contact Patti Melsheimer for additional information.

“because we believe...
being in mission
is a lot of fun.”

Alice Lee, In Sook Yu Song, Young Sook Kim



Lent is a season of the Christian Year where Christians focus on simple living, prayer, and fasting in order to grow closer to God.

When is Lent?

It's the forty days before Easter. Lent excludes Sundays because every Sunday is like a little Easter. Basically, it's about one-tenth of a year (like a tithe of time). Mardi Gras is the day before Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday. This year it's from March 5—April 20 (Easter) 2014.

Mardi Gras? What does that have to do with JESUS??

Mardi Gras means "Fat Tuesday." It refers to the day before Lent starts. Since Lent always starts on a Wednesday, the day before is always a Tuesday. And it's called "Fat" or "Great" because it's associated with great food and parties.

In earlier times, people used Lent as a time of fasting and repentance. Since they didn't want to be tempted by sweets, meat and other distractions in the house, they cleaned out their cabinets. They used up all the sugar and yeast in sweet breads before the Lent season started, and fixed meals with all the meat available. It was a great feast! Through the years Mardi Gras has evolved (in some places) into a pretty wild party with little to do with preparing for the Lenten season of repentance and simplicity. Oh well. But Christians still know it's origin, and hang onto the true Spirit of the season.

So the real beginning of Lent is Ash Wednesday?

Yes. Ash Wednesday, the day after Mardi Gras, usually begins with a service where we recognize our mortality, repent of our sins, and return to our loving God. We recognize life as a precious gift from God, and re-turn our lives towards Jesus Christ. We may make resolutions and commit to change our lives over the next forty days so that we might be more like Christ. In an Ash Wednesday service, usually a minister or priest marks the sign of the cross on a person's forehead with ashes.



Lent 101

Why ashes?

In Jewish and Christian history, ashes are a sign of mortality and repentance. Mortality, because when we die, our bodies eventually decompose and we become dust/ dirt/ash/whatever. Repentance, because long ago, when people felt remorse for something they did, they would put ashes on their head and wear "sackcloth" or scratchy clothing to remind them that sin is pretty uncomfortable and leads to a sort of death of the spirit. This was their way of confessing their sins and asking for forgiveness.

Where do the ashes come from?

On what we now call Palm Sunday, Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem while people waved palms and cheered him on. Less than a week later, Jesus was killed. The palms that were waved in joy became ashes of sorrow. We get ashes for Ash Wednesday by saving the palms from Palm Sunday, burning them, and mixing them with a little water (like tears) or oil. It's symbolic.

What do Christians do with ashes?

At an Ash Wednesday service, folks are invited to come forward to receive the ashes. The minister will make a small cross on your forehead by smudging the ashes. While the ashes remind us of our mortality and sin, the cross reminds us of Jesus' resurrection (life after death) and forgiveness. It's a powerful, non-verbal way that we can experience God's forgiveness and renewal as we return to Jesus.

So what is LENT?

At Jesus' baptism the sky split open, the Spirit of God, which looked like a dove, descended and landed on Jesus, and a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, My Beloved, with whom I am pleased." Afterward, as told in Matthew 4:1-11, Jesus was sent into the wilderness by the Spirit. Where he fasted and prayed for 40 days. During his time there he was tempted by Satan and found clarity and strength to resist temptation. Afterwards, he was ready to begin his ministry.

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Lent 101 CONTINUED

(Speculation)

Maybe Jesus needed some time with God to sort through the major changes happening in his life. Maybe needed to get away from family, friends and the familiar routine in order to see God (and himself) more clearly. Perhaps he wanted some intentional time with God as he searched for direction and answers like you. Like Jesus, we may need to take some serious time to pray and listen for God.

Why "DO" Lent? How do I start?

Are you searching for something more? Tired of running in circles, but not really living life with direction, purpose or passion? It's pretty easy to get caught up in the drama of classes, relationships, family, and work. Our lives are filled with distractions that take us away from living a life with Christ. We try to fill the emptiness inside us with mindless TV, meaningless chatter, stimulants, alcohol, too many activities or other irrelevant stuff. We run away from life and from God.

Lent is a great time to "repent" -- to return to God and re-focus our lives to be more in line with Jesus. It's a 40 day trial run in changing your lifestyle and letting God change your heart. You might try one of these practices for Lent:

FASTING: Some people have been known to go without food for days. But that's not the only way to fast. You can fast by cutting out some of the things in your life that distract you from God. Some Christians use the whole 40 days to fast from candy, tv, soft drinks, cigarettes or meat as a way to purify their bodies and lives. You might skip one meal a day and use that time to pray instead. Or you can give up some *activity* like worry or reality T.V. to spend time outside enjoying God's creation. What do you need to let go of or "fast" from in order to focus on God? What clutters your calendar and life? How can you simplify your life in terms of what you eat, wear or do?

SERVICE: Some Christians take something on for Christ. You can collect food for the needy, volunteer once a week to tutor children, or work for reform and justice in your community. You can commit to help a different stranger, co-worker or friend everyday of Lent. Serving others is one way we serve God.

PRAYER: Christians also use Lent as a time of intentional prayer. You can pray while you walk, create music or art as a prayer to God, or savor a time of quiet listening. All can be ways of becoming more in tune with God.

Christians from many different traditions celebrate Lent. How will you use the time to grow closer to God?

Top Ten List:

THINGS YOU CAN TRY FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

- 1) **Try an electronic fast.** Give up TV, Guitar Hero, texting, tweeting, e-mail and all things electronic for one day every week. (or everyday of Lent!) Use the time to read & pray.
- 2) **Start a prayer rhythm.** Say a prayer every time you brush your teeth, hear an ambulance, or check your e-mail. Before you text someone, pray for them.
- 3) **Read one chapter in the Bible each day.** (Matthew's a good book to start with. Psalms, too.)
- 4) **Forgive someone who doesn't deserve it (maybe even yourself.)**
- 5) **Give up soft drinks, fast food, tea or coffee.** Give the money you save to help folks in Haiti or others in crisis.
- 6) **Create a daily quiet time.** Spend 30 minutes a day in silence and prayer.
- 7) **Cultivate a life of gratitude.** Write someone a thank you letter each week and be aware of how many people have helped you along the way.
- 8) **Be kind to someone each day.**
- 9) **Pray for others you see** as you walk to and from classes or drive to and from work.
- 10) **Volunteer one hour or more each week** with a local shelter, tutoring program, nursing home, prison ministry or a Habitat for Humanity project.

Source:GBOD.org

Rev. Penny Ford is the pastor of a small UMC church in Alabama..





Camp is coming! With summer rapidly approaching, we are looking at camp registration. This year's camp theme is "Get Jesus?" **Junior High Camp: July 13-19, 2014** and **Senior High Camp: July 6-12, 2014**. It may sound early to mention this, but we would like to encourage all youth who are attending to *register before March 1*. Those who do will receive a \$50 discount. This takes the registration fee from \$395 for the week to \$345. Scholarships will be available, so we would like to get your application in as soon as possible. Please bring a copy of your application to the church office or with you to youth group.



Speaking of camp... "**Spud**"-tacular is around the corner! This annual potato feed is a fundraiser to help our teens with the cost of summer camp. Be sure to put March 30 on your calendar and come to church ready to load up your spud after worship. Tickets will be \$6 for kids and \$8 for adults. If you would like to help with supplying toppings, please contact us.



A big thank you to all that helped with bringing food for our **Souper Bowl of Caring** that ended on 02/02/14. We collected 333 non-perishable items for the Five Cities Christian Women's Food Bank. A big thank you to Tom

for bringing us the boxes we needed for putting the food donations in and to Tom and Virginia for getting the food donations to the Food Bank. We also collected \$153 for support of our Compassion child Blandy.

In His Service—Mike & Linda



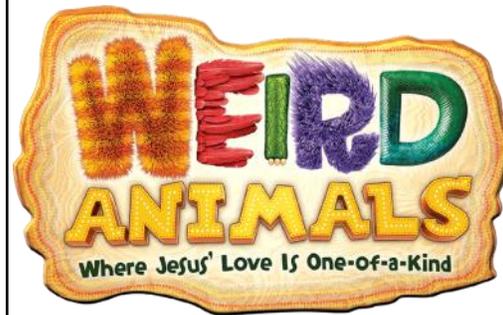
Sundays - 10:30 AM
Wednesdays - 7 PM
Join these 6th-12th
grade teens living for
Christ.



Victoria Gandy,
Children's Ministry Director

Grades K—6 welcome!
Children's Sunday School
Sundays—10:30 AM
Kid's Night Out
Wednesdays —6 PM

"WEIRD" VBS is on the horizon—Save the dates!!!
June 23—27, 2014



Experiencing God's Word

At **Weird Animals** Vacation Bible School, kids experience God's Word in surprising and unforgettable ways! Each day, leaders reinforce one simple Bible truth—which makes it easy for kids to remember and apply to real life!

Day 1

- **Bible Point:** Even when you're left out...*Jesus loves you!*

Day 2

- **Bible Point:** Even though you're different...*Jesus loves you*

Day 3

- **Bible Point:** Even when you don't understand...*Jesus loves you!*

Day 4

- **Bible Point:** Even though you do wrong...*Jesus loves you!*

Day 5

- **Bible Point:** Even when you're afraid...*Jesus loves you!*

Next month, we will share the Daily Bible Verse that goes with the point of the day.

If you would like to help out with the Critter Café, or volunteer in any way, please contact Victoria Gandy.



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.) One Great Hour of Sharing, 2,)Lenten Discipline, 3.) New Missionaries at GYTTE, 4.) New Mission Projects to be planned, 5.) Special Giving totals for 2014.

GOD’S STEADFAST LOVE..IN ACTION

1. ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing calls United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. The offering provides administrative support for the United Methodist Committee on Relief as it responds to disaster survivors and people in need around the world. United Methodists relate to One Great Hour of Sharing by supporting UMCOR’s ongoing work, responding in times of disaster and telling the story of UMCOR’s ministry. We will take the offering Mar. 30.

2. LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is a day for us to examine our lives and to ask for God's forgiveness for our sins. Lent is a season to prepare our hearts for celebrating Easter. Through the centuries, common Lenten disciplines have included:

- Fasting** — Denying oneself food or restricting the amount of food eaten.
- Abstinence** — Denying oneself specific types of food during Lent.
- Almsgiving** — The practice of giving money sacrificially.

Choose a ministry that could benefit from financial assistance. Some possibilities:

- * No More Malaria through UMCOR
- * Our local ministries with 5 Cities Christian Women, People’s Kitchen, Emergency Food Pantry.
- * Youth Camp Fund

3. NEW MISSIONARIES AT GYTTE

The Henderson’s have retired and we have a new couple serving there now. Carmen Aracelis Meléndez is serving as director of training, promotion, and interpretation of Give Ye Them to Eat. Her husband, Alejandro Rodriquez is serving as program director of Give Ye Them to Eat. Check out their bios on the Mission Board.

4. NEW MISSION PROJECTS TO BE PLANNED.

Having completed the well project, the Mission Team is exploring ideas for a new mission project to challenge us. We welcome your ideas.

5. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2014

Special Giving Chart 2014	
Human Relations Sunday	292.00
People’s Kitchen Food	100.57
People’s Kitchen Misc.	334.30
South County Food Bank	100.58
Wells for Africa	150.00
TOTAL	977.45

Celebrate how we have begun the year in our **Second Mile** giving which provides for ministries around the world through our connection of the United Methodist Church.

Many hands can do many things!



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



UMC of AG’s People’s Kitchen Team serves meals to our community on the **1st & 3rd Thursday of each month**. The team can always use your help including the “prep-day” in the kitchen on the **Wednesdays** prior to that.

Always In Need of: Clothes (**CLEAN/SEASON APPROPRIATE**), travel-sized toiletries, bedding/blankets/ sleeping bags, towels, oral hygiene supplies, and new socks. People are **ALWAYS** in demand—we need you to help assemble lunch bags on the Wednesday before. **Contact the Ashtons for details.**

Year-To-Date 2014

meals served: 487 meals served
socks distributed: 9,918 pairs.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>1</p> <p>2014 Summer Camp Discount Ends</p> <p>9 AM AG UM Children's Center Beautification Day</p> <p>9:30 AM Lay Servant Classes (CH)</p> <p>12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Trustees</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reception of New Members</p> <p>8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service</p> <p>10 AM "Story" Cinema CH Stage</p> <p>10:30 AM Traditional Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Youth Group(215)</p> <p>12 PM Christian Ed. Team (MMR)</p> <p>3 PM Music for A Sunday Afternoon—"Relay for Life"</p> <p>6 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p> <p>9:45 AM Dr. Chess (211)</p> <p>11 AM Angularis Academy (CH)</p> <p>1 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH)</p> <p>6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR)</p> <p>6 PM AG Rec Quilt Class (CH)</p> <p>7 PM Men's Bible Study (215)</p> <p>7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p> <p>7 PM AIAnon (MMR)</p> <p>7:30 PM AlaTeen (211)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p>90 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)</p> <p>5 PM Grande Ringers</p> <p>5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling (L)</p> <p>7 PM Trustees</p>	<p>5</p> <p>ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p>9 AM Church Work Day</p> <p>9 AM EOC Senior Health Screening (N/L)</p> <p>9 AM People's Kitchen Team Prep (CH/K)</p> <p>5 PM Wednesday Soup Supper (CH)</p> <p>The Story: Chapter 21</p> <p>6 PM Adult</p> <p>6 PM Kids Night Out</p> <p>6:45 PM Imposition of the Ashes (CH)</p> <p>7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p> <p>7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p>10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L)</p> <p>11 AM Angularis Academy (CH)</p> <p>11:30 AM People's Kitchen - leave to serve</p> <p>5 PM Grande Ringers</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Spirit Day at AG UM CC - wear your shirts!</p> <p>World Day of Prayer</p> <p>8:30 AM Bible Study (L)</p> <p>3:30 PM AG UM CC Closed</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)</p> <p>5:30 PM Praise Team S/U</p> <p>6:30 PM Praise Team (S)</p>
<p>Women's Walk to Emmaus March 6—9, 2014</p> <p><i>Keep the pilgrims on this journey in your prayers as well as the team who is serving.</i></p>						
<p>9</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Mary-Martha Circle</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daylight-Saving Time Begins</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friendship Sunday</p> <p>10:30 AM ONE Combined Service with Choir & Praise Team</p> <p>10:30 AM Youth Group(215)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3—6 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">North District Visioning Event UMC of Santa Barbara</p> <p>5 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*NOTE TIME CHANGE</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p> <p>9:45 AM Dr. Chess (211)</p> <p>11 AM Angularis Academy (CH)</p> <p>12 PM Central Coast Hospice Bereavement Support (MMR)</p> <p>1 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH)</p> <p>6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR)</p> <p>6 PM AG Rec Quilt Class (CH)</p> <p>7 PM Men's Bible Study (215)</p> <p>7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p> <p>7 PM AIAnon (MMR)</p> <p>7:30 PM AlaTeen (211)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p>9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)</p> <p>10:30 AM Communications</p> <p>5 PM Grande Ringers</p> <p>5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling (L)</p> <p>6 PM MS Support Group (MMR)</p> <p>7 PM Finance</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p>9:00 AM Church Work Day</p> <p>10 AM UMW Steering (L)</p> <p>12:30 PM Alzheimer's Care Giver Support (MMR)</p> <p>5 PM Fellowship Dinner (CH)</p> <p>The Story: Chapter 22</p> <p>6 PM Adult:</p> <p>6 PM Kids Night Out</p> <p>7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p> <p>7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p>10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L)</p> <p>11 AM Angularis Academy (CH)</p> <p>12 PM Esther Circle (MMR)</p> <p>5 PM Grande Ringers</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30 AM Bible Study (L)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:30 AM UMM Breakfast Meeting (CH)</p> <p>12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)</p>
<p>16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PANCAKE BREAKFAST</p> <p>8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service</p> <p>10 AM "Story" Cinema CH Stage</p> <p>10:30 AM Traditional Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Youth Group(215)</p> <p>12—3 PM Church Council (MMR)</p> <p>5 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p> <p>9:45 AM Dr. Chess (211)</p> <p>11 AM Angularis Academy (CH)</p> <p>1 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH)</p> <p>6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR)</p> <p>6 PM AG Rec Quilt Class (CH)</p> <p>7 PM Men's Bible Study (215)</p> <p>7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p> <p>7 PM AIAnon (MMR)</p> <p>7:30 PM AlaTeen (211)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Happy St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p>9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)</p> <p>10 AM Congregational Care (L)</p> <p>1:30 PM Preschool Board (open)</p> <p>2:30 PM Preschool Board - (closed)</p> <p>5 PM Grande Ringers</p> <p>5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling (L)</p> <p>7 PM JOY Circle (home of a member)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p>9 AM Church Work Day</p> <p>9 AM People's Kitchen Team Prep (CH/K)</p> <p>5 PM Fellowship Dinner (CH)</p> <p>The Story: Chapter 23</p> <p>6 PM Adult:</p> <p>6 PM Kids Night Out</p> <p>7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p> <p>7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>First Day of Spring</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p>10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L)</p> <p>11 AM Angularis Academy (CH)</p> <p>11:30 AM People's Kitchen - leave to serve</p> <p>5 PM Grande Ringers</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:30 AM Bible Study (L)</p> <p>12 PM Alzheimer's Support Group for Adult Children of Parents (MMR)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9 AM—3 PM North District Training Day at SLO UMC</p> <p>12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)</p> <p>5:30 PM Praise Team S/U</p> <p>6:30 PM Praise Team (S)</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Worship Team</p> <p>8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service</p> <p>10 AM "Story" Cinema CH Stage</p> <p>10:30 AM Traditional Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Youth Group(215)</p> <p>5 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p> <p>9:45 AM Dr. Chess (211)</p> <p>11 AM Angularis Academy (CH)</p> <p>1 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH)</p> <p>6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR)</p> <p>6 PM AG Rec Quilt Class (CH)</p> <p>7 PM Men's Bible Study (215)</p> <p>7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p> <p>7 PM AIAnon (MMR)</p> <p>7:30 PM AlaTeen (211)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p>9:00 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)</p> <p>5 PM Grande Ringers</p> <p>5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling (L)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p>9 AM Church Work Day</p> <p>9:30 AM Mary-Martha (MMR)</p> <p>5 PM Fellowship Dinner (CH)</p> <p>The Story: Chapter 24</p> <p>6 PM Adult:</p> <p>6 PM Kids Night Out</p> <p>7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p> <p>7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:00 AM Alz. Assoc. Education (MMR)</p> <p>8:30 AM Senior Exercise(CH)</p> <p>10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L)</p> <p>11 AM Mission Team</p> <p>11 AM Angularis Academy (CH)</p> <p>5 PM Grande Ringers</p> <p>6:30 PM Church Council (MMR)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:30 AM Bible Study (L)</p> <p>11 AM UMW Book Club (MMR)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9 AM—3 PM Messy Church (at Santa Maria UMC)</p> <p>12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Spud-tacular</p> <p style="text-align: center;">One Great Hour of Sharing</p> <p>8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service</p> <p>10 AM "Story" Cinema CH Stage</p> <p>10:30 AM Traditional Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Youth Group(215)</p> <p>5 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p> <p>9:45 AM Dr. Chess (211)</p> <p>11 AM Angularis Academy (CH)</p> <p>1 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH)</p> <p>6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR)</p> <p>6 PM AG Rec Quilt Class (CH)</p> <p>7 PM Men's Bible Study (215)</p> <p>7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p> <p>7:30 PM AIAnon (MMR)</p> <p>7:30 PM AlaTeen (211)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Child Care Provided</p>	<p><i>Child Care for all events available upon request.</i></p> <p>Sunday School for grades K-6 is available during the second service at 10:30 AM. Nursery Care for children under 5 is available at both services.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The prayer</i> OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">James 5:16, NRSV</p>		

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the right to cut and edit articles to
meet space limitations.



Trustee Tidbits

Tom Egan, chair

- Per our financials, we are 2% or 3% over budget. There is no change on the parsonage account.
- All necessary paper work for the 2014 bus tags have been turned in.
- Executive Janitorial has confirmed that they mop the floor Criswell Hall and the kitchen every Friday. They verified they do use clean water.
- People's Kitchen gave out clean clothes on Saturday, February 22.
- Since water is becoming hard to find, we will be watering once per week and at a reduced time for all areas.
- It is believed that the water valve has stopped working and needs to be looked at.
- The Board was asked to keep in their prayers all of our brothers and sisters that normally attend church every week. There has been a noticeable reduction due to illness, surgery, falls/ broken bones, or loss of a loved one.
- For some reason, the church thermostat had a mind of its own recently and caused some to remove their jackets and choir robes on recent Sundays. This will be looked into.

More next month!
Thanks - Tom Egan, chair



Applications are available on 3/3 either online
at worshipweekly.com and in our church
office. Deadline—May 15.



Gary Bailey	3/2
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Tom Wersen	3/4
Jerry Smith	3/5
Julie Wise	3/7
Lucy Jacob	3/7
Doris Leddy	3/7
Joe St. Laurent	3/7
Ethel Gilliland	3/8
Harper Stednitz	3/10
Pat Wiemers	3/13
Jeff Treat	3/14
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Marian Middleton	3/23
Arletta Truesdale	3/25
Ann Smith	3/29
Danica Leonard	3/30
Chuck Ashton	3/30
Imelda Lowe	3/30



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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Through Summer Camps, children will:

- grow in their faith
- learn leadership skills
- grow their self-esteem
- develop inter-personal skills with peers & adults
- make life-long friendships
- and ... **have fun!!**

Younger Elementary Camp (grades K-3)

August 3-6

Elementary Camp (grades 3-6)

August 3-8

Junior High Camp (grades 6-8)

July 13-19

Senior High (grades 9-12)

July 6-12

Registration is going on NOW!

\$395. per camper

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Online registration is encouraged
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March 1, 2014

Online Registration Closes: 6/15

