



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

Cast~A~Net

“Know Christ, Grow in Christ, Go—Share Christ.”



Community Observance of the National Day of Prayer

Sponsored and hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church **Thursday, May 1 at 7 PM** 959 Valley Road in Arroyo Grande featuring Dr. Paul Jones, chaplain, City of Pismo Beach and other Community Representatives. **Join us for this patriotic program which will focus on the founding truths of the United States of America.**

“So that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 15:6



Saturday, May 10 at 11:30 AM

First UMC of Arroyo Grande
in Criswell Hall

Program

- 11:30 AM Fellowship
- 12 noon Luncheon
- 12:45 PM
Time to Browse & Bid
on the Baskets
- 1:15 PM
Entertainment
- 1:45 PM
Basket Drawings

Dress Shop will entertain us with the latest in “Accessorizing our Wardrobes” and there will be opportunities to bid on beautiful baskets of varying themes including a “JOY of Gardening” basket, a “Spa” basket, a “Bar-B-Que” basket and a “Night at the Movies” basket. Opportunity tickets for the baskets will be \$1 or 6 for \$5.

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite family and friends and show them that they are loved and appreciated. Stop by the UMW table in Criswell Hall to purchase your tickets. (Deadline for reservations is May 4th.) Some of the baskets will also be on display. Proceeds will go to UMW Missions around the world.

The menu will include chicken breast in wine sauce, rice pilaf, green salad and rolls, as well as a surprise dessert! Madeline Koontz of Madeline's



IT'S BBQ TIME WITH THE UMM Sunday, May 18th from 11:45 AM—

1PM. This annual fund raiser is part of the UMM efforts to raise monies for many of our Church activities, such as Youth Scholarships, Camperships, Benevolence Fund, People's Kitchen, Sunday School supplies and other church programs. The BBQ menu includes: Tri-Trip or Chicken, Ranch Beans, Cole Slaw, French Bread, Cupcakes, Coffee and Lemonade. **COST:** \$9 Adults- \$5 youth. **TICKETS** will go on sale Sunday May 4th and 11th. They will also be sold at the door the day of the event. Why not plan on bringing your neighbor or friend the day of the event to church with a great meal afterwards? This event is open to the public, so get your tickets early. Take-out will be available as well as eating the meal in Criswell Hall.

Shepherd's Notes

DAVID BURGESSON, PASTOR

Dear Church Family and Friends,
Here is some more information about this new ministry which we introduced on Sunday, April 27.



Messy Church is...

- Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality.
- It's primarily for people who don't already belong to another form of church.
- It meets at a time (and sometimes in a place) that suits people who don't already belong to church.
- It typically includes a welcome, a long creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a sit-down meal together at tables. All elements are for, and should include, people of all ages, adults and children.
- It's all-ages—and FUN.
- It's a church for people at all stages of their faith journey and of any age - a congregation that is as valuable and worthy of investment as any of your other congregations.
- It models and promotes good ways of growing as a family: a nuclear family, an extended family, and a global and local church family.
- Its aim is to introduce Jesus, to give an opportunity to encounter him and to grow closer to him.

Messy Church isn't...

- just for children - It's much easier to aim a Messy Church at one particular age group, but do stop and reflect on whether the non-verbal messages that this sends are what you want to say about God. If your Messy Church's teaching, activities and food are all aimed just at the under-11s, think what message you're giving both children and adults: church is only relevant/fun/meaningful/interested in you until you're 12? God is for babies? No, Messy Church needs to be constantly creative in its thinking about how to involve very different people: young and old, families and single people, male and female, academic and practical, poor and rich.
- a club - The whole of Messy Church is about worshipping God, having fellowship, exploring faith matters. It welcomes everyone, involves

everyone, values everyone, is always there for the outsider. It's a church.

- a way of getting people to come to church on Sunday -

There are examples of people starting in Messy Church and deciding to join Sunday church as well but these are the exception rather than the rule. If people wanted to go to established church, they would be going by now. Messy Church is interdependent with established church, but will usually operate as a separate congregation or church.

- just for church families - Anyone already belonging to church should be thinking about serving on the leadership team of Messy Church, however old or young they are, and helping others come to know Jesus.
- just for families - All are welcome: single, widowed, childless, divorced. Church is inclusive, not exclusive.
- a quick fix - Growing disciples takes time. Messy Church has only been going a few years anywhere. It usually only meets once a month. Growth will probably be slow.
- an easy option - It takes money, time, prayer, commitment and energy from the church and leadership team.
- a drain on church resources - Yes, it will take money and time, effort and gifted people to run it, but it will give back in return a group of people who are fired up for mission, empowered by using their God-given gifts. It will spark off ideas and inspiration about what church is all about and will renew vision. It will grow goodwill in the neighborhood towards the church and, most importantly, provide the opportunity to do effective mission in your own community.
- set in stone - We're learning all the time. As the network of Messy Churches grows and develops, so the best ways of delivering Messy Church will develop and grow. UMC of AG has deliberately chosen to have a 'non-controlling', 'hands-off' approach in the way it promotes Messy Church in the hope that this will give God space to grow his church as he wants to, and that it will give everyone encouragement to experiment and innovate.

Together in ministry,

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*.

5/4	Ch. 29: Paul's Mission
5/11	Ch. 30: Paul's Final Days
5/18	Ch. 31: The End of Time
5/25	To Be Determined

ATTENDANCE

April 2014

4/6 167

4/13 152

4/20 255

4/27 174

AVERAGE: 187



as of 3/23/2014

Monthly Goal

\$ 22,480.

Received to Date

\$ 17,714.

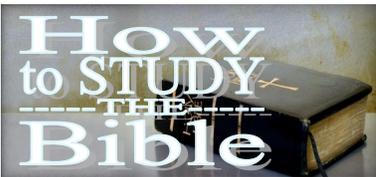
Difference

\$ - 4,766.



Sundays - 10 AM

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



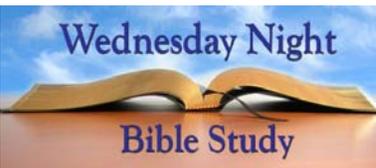
Sundays - 6 PM

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, May 4	<p>"The Story" Sermon Series Chapter 29: Paul's Mission (The Early Church) OR in your Bible: Acts 13—14, 16—20, Romans 1, 3—6, 8, 12, 15; I Corinthians 1, 3, 5—6, 10, 12—13, 15—16; Galatians 1, 3, 5—6; I Thessalonians 1—5.</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) • 6 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, May 7	<p>5:45 PM - "The Story" Dig Deeper Pastor's Study Chapter 30: Paul's Final Days (The Early Church) OR in your Bible: Acts 20—23, 27—28; Ephesians 1—6; 2 Timothy 1—4.</p>
Sunday, May 11	<p>"The Story" Sermon Series Chapter 30: Paul's Final Days (The Early Church) OR in your Bible: Acts 20—23, 27—28; Ephesians 1—6; 2 Timothy 1—4.</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) • 6 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, May 14	<p>5:45 PM - "The Story" Dig Deeper Pastor's Study Chapter 31: The End of Time (A New Beginning) OR in your Bible: Revelation 1—5, 19—22</p>
Sunday, May 18	<p>"The Story" Sermon Series Chapter 31: The End of Time (A New Beginning) OR in your Bible: Revelation 1—5, 19—22</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) • 6 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, May 21	<p>5:45 PM - Dig Deeper Pastor's Study</p>
Sunday, May 25	<p>NEW Sermon Series</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service • 10-10:15 AM Bible Study • 6 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, May 28	<p>5:45 PM - Dig Deeper Pastor's Study</p>



Free Dinner for EVERYONE!

You can help make dinner, bring ingredients or just bring yourself! Donations are appreciated. We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to this ministry of our church, to our community.



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*

May Brings Spring Flowers & UMM Programs



**CARL KLIESCH 6TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Saturday, June 7TH**

Golfers grab your clubs, here comes one of the most enjoyable events sponsored by the UMM. It's the 6th Annual Golf Tournament at the beautiful Butterfly Golf Challenge Course in Nipomo. The activity is under the direction of Bud Johnson and Mike Johnson who chaired the sellout last year's event. The Tournament is planned with a Four Person Scramble with check-in at 8—8:30 AM. At 9 AM there will be a shotgun start for the 12 holes, par 3 course. The Tournament is open to men and women Golfers. Lunch will be served after the last round in the Butterfly Grill. **COST:** \$47 includes Green Fees, Range Balls, Cart, Lunch and Prizes. Lunch only, is \$18.

For those not wanting lunch, but wish to Golf the fee is \$29. Funds raised go to help many Community efforts such as People's Kitchen, Camper-ships and other youth activities. For information call Bud Johnson.

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ARMCHAIR TRAVELER

Summer 2014 Series at First UMC of Arroyo Grande



"Traveling the Holy Land"

Every Wednesday at 6 PM this summer

Come along, join the journey!



**CONGREGATIONAL
CARE MINISTERS**

New Member Recognition

The Congregational Care Committee invites you to join us in recognizing our New Members on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th. This is also Youth Sunday. It will be a one-service day, starting at 10:30 a.m. Our committee will be providing a lunch for everyone. During lunch we will have an opportunity to welcome our newest members and get acquainted with them. Please mark your calendar and plan to be in attendance. Additional information will be available soon.

Thank you to all who helped deliver Easter Lilies to our church family members who are unable to attend regularly. In all 22 lilies were delivered. Everyone who received a lily expressed their thanks and appreciation for the visits.

If you are aware of anyone who could benefit from a visit from a member of our committee or would like to be included on our prayer chains, please contact a member of our committee or stop by our "Caring Table" located in Criswell Hall near the stage and piano.

**"THE BIBLE
IS STILL RELEVANT
FOR TODAY."**





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*



Mark your calendars for the United Methodist Women's **Spiritual Retreat, Saturday, June 14th**. We will be discussing "How Is It With Your Soul?", the Spiritual Growth topic for United Methodist Women for 2014. We hope you will be able to join us. We have some exciting experiences planned. It will be held from 8:30 – 3:00 at the home of Patti Melsheimer. Watch for more details in the Sunday Bulletins and the Cast-a-Net.

The UMW invites you to be a part of this difference-making organization.

IMAGINE THE *difference*
YOU COULD MAKE

Women in Mission

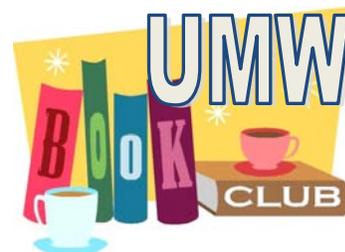
(A short history of United Methodist Women)

The Woman's Missionary Jubilee of 1910-11 marked the 50th anniversary of the founding of the first major women's missionary society. Across the country, local women gathered for missionary teas, pageants, and luncheons to hear jubilee speeches by a traveling team of female mission leaders. They celebrated the achievements of what was then the largest women's movement in America – women organized for world mission. The Jubilee participants included 3 million dues-paying members of more than 40 denominational women's societies. These women's mission societies held regular circle meetings, raised money for missions, published their own magazines about missionary work among women and children around the world and sent female missionaries out. These first women's groups were the forerunners of today's United Methodist Women.

When American laywomen organized to form mission societies in the 1800's they were deliberately following in the footsteps of Mary Magdalene, Tabitha, early deaconesses and other persistent women of faith. In 1869, despite opposition from male leaders who predicted they would fail, Methodist women in New England formed the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Since women were then not permitted to raise funds at regular church events, they depended on five-cent membership dues and life memberships. Not only did they succeed in sending their own missionaries and in supporting indigenous "Bible women" evangelists, their self-published mission magazine immediately turned a profit.

At the time of the 1910 Jubilee celebrations, Baptist mission leader Helen Barrett Montgomery considered the Methodist women's mission groups to be the strongest in all the denominations. They had sent more missionaries than any other women's society in the United States, had founded the first women's college in Asia – the Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow India and what became the largest women's college in Asia – Ewha Women's University in Korea. They were the first female medical missionaries in India and China. They opposed foot binding and female infanticide in China. They exposed sex trafficking in brothels in lumber camps in Wisconsin. They founded kindergartens and social service centers in cities around the world. They witnessed to Christ and brought people to the Christian faith in Asia, Africa and the Americas. *(To be continued)*

(Condensed from New World Outlook, March/April 2014)



United Methodist Women Book Club

The United Methodist Women Arroyo Grande Book Club members have traveled (through our reading) to many countries in the past few months, including Ghana, Korea and most recently, Bhutan.

For April we read, *Radio Shangri-La, What I Learned in Bhutan, the Happiest Kingdom on Earth*, a delightful story about one woman's struggle to deal with turning 40 and wanting to do something unique. So she journeyed to a remote country in the Himalayan Mountains to help start a radio station.

For our May 23rd meeting, we will return to the United States for *Outcasts United: An American Town, a Refugee Team, and One Woman's Quest to Make a Difference*. If you would like to join us in our journeys, purchase this book or receive more information, **please contact Patti Melsheimer.**

Treasurer's Report: March 30, 2014

We are 3/4 of the way through our fiscal year which ends June 30. Overall we are doing OK. Stewardship is about 97% of plan, or about \$6K under plan. Expenses are also running under plan, with most teams and committees continuing to keep expenses below budget. Overall we have a year-to-date deficit of \$4.8K, which is slightly worse than the \$3.2 deficit we were expecting at this time. Thus far we have not had to tap the Endowment fund for a loan.

I am praying for generous Easter offering and continued generous giving by the congregation for the rest of the fiscal year.

We will be starting our 2014-2015 Fiscal pledge drive and budgeting in May. I ask that you consider giving generously to continue the many important missions of the Church.

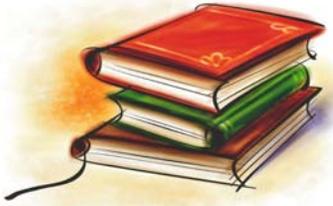
Grace and Peace,

Joel Anderson
(Finance Chair)

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande FINANCIAL SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2013 - JUNE 30, 2014 THROUGH MARCH 2014



	MAR. YTD	MAR. YTD	MAR. YTD	MAR. YTD
	Actual	Budget	Diff.	% Budget
INCOME				
4001- Stewardship				
4010 - Pledges	\$201,796	\$207,972	-6,176	97.0%
4020 - Loose Offering	\$4,482	\$6,003	-1,521	74.7%
4030-60 - Special Offerings & Other	\$4,802	\$6,050	-1,248	79.4%
Total 4001 - Stewardship	\$211,080	\$220,025	-8,945	95.9%
4003 - Other Income				
4313 - Preschool Facility Use	\$4,500	\$4,500	0	100.0%
4310-4330 Other Income	\$2,702	\$3,375	-673	80.1%
Total 4300 - Other Income	\$7,202	\$7,875	-673	91.5%
Total Income	\$218,282	\$227,900	-9,618	95.8%
EXPENSE				
1000 - Local Ministry				
Total 1110 - Communications	\$270	\$414	-144	65.2%
Total 1200 - Membership Care	\$110	\$153	-43	71.9%
Total 1300 - Christian Ed. Team	\$1,205	\$2,637	-1,432	45.7%
Total 1500 - Worship Team	\$2,097	\$3,529	-1,432	59.4%
Total 1600 - Mission Team (Yellow)	\$45	\$1,000	-955	4.5%
Total 1760 - Pastor	\$65,730	\$70,240	-4,510	93.6%
1960 Annual Conference Delegation	\$0	\$0	0	0.0%
Total 1000 - Local Ministry	\$69,457	\$77,973	-8,516	89.1%
Total 2000 Apportionments	\$31,592	\$31,102	490	101.6%
3000 - Operations				
Total 3300 - Board of Trustees	\$39,485	\$35,667	3,818	110.7%
Total 3500 - Finance Committee	\$126	\$297	-171	42.4%
Total 3600 - Church Office	\$7,140	\$10,489	-3,349	68.1%
Total Staff Benefits	\$7,785	\$9,306	-1,521	83.7%
Total Staff Salaries	\$67,541	\$66,348	1,193	101.8%
Total 3000 Operations	\$122,077	\$122,107	-30	100.0%
Total Expenses	\$223,126	\$231,182	-8,056	96.5%
Net Surplus	-\$4,844	-\$3,282		



Library News

Easter Sunday we handed out Easter eggs to the children. Each contained a package with jelly beans containing the "Jelly Bean Prayer". Eight Jelly beans and a scripture verse pertaining to each one. On display were many children's books and DVD's.

We have many books to see and videos to check out. Please come by and see what we have. We are open to suggestions about the library and its contents.

Titling
made simple

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be required.

Luke 12:48

Five Cities Christian Women Food Pantry

During Easter week, approximately 190 plastic eggs were handed out to children under 12. Each egg had the "Jelly Bean Prayer" inside detailing a scripture that correlates to the color of the jelly bean. 60 faith humor refrigerator magnets were given out to adults. The money to support this came from our members and not from the general public. So thank you!

In March we served 578 families consisting of 1316 adults and 686 children for a total of 2002 people. We welcome Judy Leonard as an afternoon desk worker.

If you would like to help, please contact Patti Melsheimer. We are ready to proceed with the construction of the pantry— more to follow.

Join us for our upcoming meeting and potluck luncheon on May 12th at noon here at the UMC of AG.

Please bring a dish to share and your own tableware.



bulletin Boards

If you have been in Criswell Hall recently, you probably realized we have a couple of new bulletin boards. Communications is work-

ing at responding to your requests about current church happenings and church leadership. The smaller of the two boards will be giving you information about who is serving on various boards/committees in the church...and a short statement about their activities/vision. If you see one that interests you and you would be interested in being a part of that group speak to the chair and the pastor.

On the larger of the two boards, we will work at keeping up current information about events of importance in the life of the church. If you have an event that you think might fit this description, please be sure to give the information to the church office. That is the way to get information placed on that board.

Each of the committees/teams have boards to post the usual information that people need to know. THE NEW BOARD IS TO HIGHLIGHT A SPECIAL EVENT AT THE TIME. THEREFORE, PLEASE DO THIS THROUGH THE CHURCH OFFICE/COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE.

Thanks for your cooperation .



Thanks again to everyone for their support of the Sputacular and helping us to raise \$854 towards summer camp. Now that the Sputacular is over, the youth are working hard on Youth Sunday and are hoping you will all come to this one service Sunday on June 8 at 10:30 am. Please look in upcoming Cast-A-Nets, bulletins and overheads for more information. Please make sure you let Mike and Lou know if you have an 8th grade, 12th grade, or college graduate, so they can be recognized at the service.

In Christ's Service - Mike and Lou

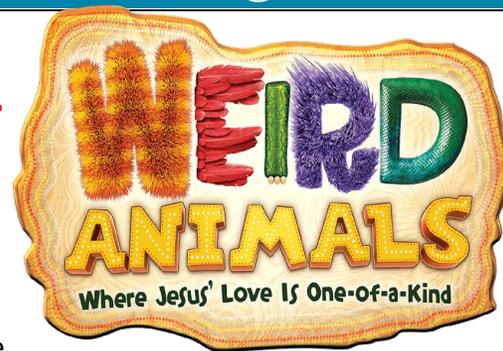


youth group
SCHEDULE

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

It is **NEXT MONTH!**
June 23—27, 2014
 Experiencing God's
 Word

We **NEED YOUR** help
 to make this happen!



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!

Even when
 you're
 left out...

Jesus
 loves
 you!



This is Axl. This creature is an axolotl, also known as a water Monster or a Mexican walking fish. Although the axolotl is colloquially known as a "walking fish", it is not a fish, but an amphibian.

This is Fern. She is a leafy sea dragon found along the southern coast of Australia. She is named for her leafy like "fins" that provide her camouflage in the ocean.

Even though
 you're
 different...

Jesus
 loves
 you!



Even when
 you don't
 understand...

Jesus
 loves
 you!



This is Milton. He is a star-nosed mole. This guy is found in the low wetlands of Canada and is easily identified by the 11 pairs of pink fleshy appendages ringing its snout that detect seismic wave vibrations.

This is Shred. He is a Tenrecs which occupy many different types of environments. Some of these species, can be found in the Madagascar dry deciduous forests.

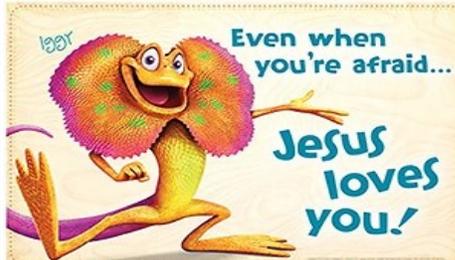
Even though
 you do
 wrong...

Jesus
 loves
 you!



Even when
 you're afraid...

Jesus
 loves
 you!



This is Iggy. He is a Frilled Lizard (or Frilled Dragon). He is also found in Australia and is known for its folds around the neck which are a defense for him.

News from the Mission Team

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

By Judy Atwood, *chair*

Many things to report this edition... so read carefully so as not to miss out. 1. Native American Sunday 2. No More Malaria 3. Laptop needs for Haiti students 4. New Mission Projects to be planned. 5. Special Giving totals for 2014.

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE..IN ACTION

1. NATIVE AMERICAN SUNDAY

This special offering comes on May 4, the first Sunday in May, I hope you have thought about how you will participate in this special offering. The special day reminds United Methodists of the gifts and contributions of Native Americans to our society. The offering supports Native American outreach within U.S. annual conferences and provides seminary scholarships for Native Americans.



2. NO MORE MALARIA

Zimbabwe is empowering communities to fight malaria. Against the backdrop of the green hills of Manicaland province, three villages of Ward 22 gathered recently to receive mosquito repellent to protect their loved ones from the current outbreak of malaria. They are above the malaria threshold set by the Ministry of Health. The anti-malaria lotion, MosLotion, provided by UMCOR is coupled with insecticide-treated bed nets to help families protect themselves both indoors and outdoors. Pick up an article about this project at the Mission Display.

3. LAPTOP NEEDS FOR HAITI STUDENTS

Students in Haiti seeking to further their education are in need of laptops to help them with their studies. Do you have one that you are no longer using? We can get it refurbished and loaded with the programs they need. If so please speak to me or if you just want to fund one, that would be all right also.

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. Still looking for your ideas!

5. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2014

Human Relations Sunday	371.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	506.00
People's Kitchen Food	254.46
People's Kitchen Misc.	1146.30
South County Food Bank	204.46
Wells for Africa	150.00
3 MONTHS TOTAL	2,427.76

Celebrate how we have begun the year in our Second Mile Giving which provides for ministry some place 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 needed to help assemble lunch bags on the Wednesday before. **Contact the Ashtons for details.**

Year-To-Date 2014

meals served: 987

socks distributed: 10,232

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
  <p>Child Care for all events available upon request.</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>1 National Day of Prayer 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11 AM Angularis Academy (CH) 11:30 AM People's Kitchen - leave to serve 5PM Grande Ringers Practice (handbell Room)</p>	<p>2 Spirit Day at AG UM CC - wear your shirts! 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 3:30 PM AG UM CC Closed</p>	<p>3 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211) 5:30 PM Praise Team Set Up (S) 6:30 PM Praise Team (S)</p>
<p>4 Coffee Hour: Congregational Care Native American Offering Sunday 8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service 10 AM "Story" Cinema CH Stage 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group(215) 12 PM Christian Ed. Team Meeting (MMR) 2 PM Sing Sing Sing Rehearsal 4 PM Sing Sing Sing Concert (S) 4 PM AG UMCC Choir Sings with Organ Guild 6 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>5 Pastor's Day off 9:45 AM Dr. Chess - Three (211) 9:45 AM Dr. Chess Home-school Enrichment Program (211) 10:55 AM Dr. Chess - Logic & Debate III (211) 11 AM Angularis Academy of Fine Arts (CH) 12:15 PM Dr. Chess - Archaeology III (211) 1 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 6 PM AG Rec Dept. - Quilting Classes (CH) 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) 7:30 PM AIAnon (MMR)</p>	<p>6 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (handbell Room) 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 7 PM Trustees</p>	<p>7 9 AM Church Work Day 9 AM EOC Senior Health Screening (N/L) 10 AM UMW Steering (L) 5 PM Free Fellowship Dinner (CH)</p> <p><u>The Story—Chapter 30</u></p> <p>5:45 PM Adult Study 6 PM Kids Night Out 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>8 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11 AM Angularis Academy of Fine Arts (CH) 12 PM Esther Circle (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room) 7 PM Worship Team (MMR)</p>	<p>9 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 1 PM AG UM Children's Center Luncheon (MMR) 1 PM AG UM Children's Center Staff Appreciation Set-Up (MMR)</p>	<p>10 11:30 A—1 PM UMW Mother-Daughter/Friend Luncheon & Silent Auction 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)</p>
<p>11 Coffee Hour: JOY Circle Mother's Day 8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service 10AM "Story" Cinema CH Stage 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group(215) 6 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>12 Pastor's Day off 9:45 AM Dr. Chess - Chess Session Three (211) 9:45 AM Dr. Chess Home-school Enrichment Program (211) 10:55 AM Dr. Chess - Logic & Debate III (211) 11 AM Angularis Academy of Fine Arts (CH) 12 PM SCCW Monthly Potluck 12 PM Central Coast Hospice Bereavement Support Group (MMR) 12:15 PM Dr. Chess - Archaeology III (211) 1 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 6 PM AG Rec. Dept. - Quilting Classes (CH) 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) 7:30 PM AIAnon (MMR)</p>	<p>13 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 10:30 AM Communications Committee 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (handbell Room) 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 6 PM Arroyo Grande MS Support Group (MMR) 7 PM Finance (P/S)</p>	<p>14 9 AM Church Work Day 9 AM People's Kitchen Team Prep-Day (CH/K) 10 AM UMW Steering (L) 12:30 PM Alzheimer's Association Care Giver Support Group (MMR) 5 PM Free Fellowship Dinner (CH)</p> <p><u>The Story—Chapter 31</u></p> <p>5:45 PM Adult Study 6PM Kids Night Out 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>15 ELT Scholarship Deadline 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11 AM Angularis Academy of Fine Arts (CH) 11:30 AM People's Kitchen - leave to serve 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)</p>	<p>16 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 12 PM Alzheimer's Support Group for Adult Children of Parents (MMR)</p> <p>NEWSLETTER Deadline (NOON)</p>	<p>17 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211) 5:30 PM Praise Team Set Up (S) 6:30 PM Praise Team (S)</p>
<p>18  UMM BBQ "The Story" Study Ends Today! 8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service 10 AM "Story" Cinema CH Stage 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group(215) 6 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>19 Pastor's Day off 9:45 AM Dr. Chess - Chess Session Three (211) 9:45 AM Dr. Chess Home-school Enrichment Program (211) 10:55 AM Dr. Chess - Logic & Debate III (211) 11 AM Angularis Academy of Fine Arts (CH) 12:15 PM Dr. Chess - Archaeology III (211) 1 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 6 PM AG Rec. Dept. - Quilting Classes (CH) 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) 7:30 PM AIAnon (MMR)</p>	<p>20 9:00 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 1:30 PM Preschool Board - open session (MMR) 2:30 PM Preschool Board - closed session (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (handbell Room) 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 7 PM JOY Circle (at the home of a member)</p>	<p>21 9 AM Church Work Day 5 PM Free Fellowship Dinner (CH)</p> <p>5:45 PM Adult Study 6 PM Kids Night Out 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>22 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11 AM Angularis Academy of Fine Arts (CH) 1 PM Mission Team (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)</p>	<p>23 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 11 AM UMW Book Club (MMR)</p>	<p>24 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)</p>
<p>25 Coffee Hour: Endowment/ELT 8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service 10:30 AM Youth Group(215) 6 PM How to Study the Bible (MMR)</p>	<p>26 Memorial Day—Offices Closed (check with your group to see if you meet TODAY) 9:45 AM Dr. Chess - Chess Session Three (211) 10:55 AM Dr. Chess - Logic & Debate III (211) 11 AM Angularis Academy of Fine Arts (CH) 12:15 PM Dr. Chess - Archaeology III (211) 1 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 6 PM AG Rec. Dept. - Quilting Classes (CH) 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR) 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) 7:30 PM AIAnon (MMR)</p>	<p>27 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (handbell Room) 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L)</p>	<p>28 9 AM Church Work Day 9:30 AM Mary-Martha (MMR) 5 PM Free Fellowship Dinner (CH)</p> <p>5:45 PM Adult Study 6 PM Kids Night Out 7 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)</p>	<p>29 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 110 AM Angularis Academy of Fine Arts (CH) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room) 6:30 PM Church Council (MMR)</p>	<p>30 8:30 AM Bible Study (L)</p> <p>Newsletter ONLINE!</p>	<p>31 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211) 5:30 PM Praise Team Set Up (S) 6:30 PM Praise Team (S)</p>

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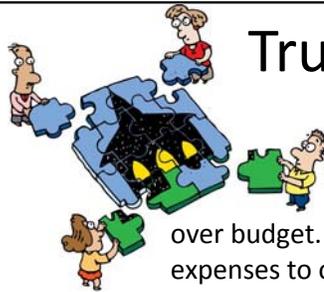
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Trustee Tidbits

Tom Egan, chair

• Our financials are a little over budget. We are trying to move some expenses to other accounts to Christian Ed, Church Office, Staff Salaries, etc. Our Parsonage Fund moved from \$143,780 to \$149,826. Not bad.

- The Board has decided to eliminate enough seats in the bus so that a person with a valid drivers license can drive the bus. Keep in mind that driving that bus is no piece of cake. The front windshield needs to be replaced, new oil and all filters, and test driven.
- We again want to look at installing solar panels. This would be at no cost to the Church.
- The water bills are still too high. We have discussed watering 5 days a week for 5 minutes at a time.
- Bernie has taken the lead in mapping all circuit breaker panels (5) and identifying what each switch controls. Almost done. What a great job. Much thanks.
- As if I needed more projects, I have given me one. I want NICE hand rails on both sides of the Altar that leads up to the stage. Then I want a nice rope set (rope plus stands) set between the steps and the altar, both sides. Then, I would like to replace the kneeling rails for communion. No, I won't give a completion date and yes, I have discussed this with Pastor David.
- The question was brought up, " do we have a water backup system that prevents waste water from backing into the clean water system." No.
- The water system outside the kitchen through the patio and Children's Center is on its own system. The sewage in this area is pumped to a holding tank and then pumped to the sewer line on Bennett Street.
- In the kitchen to the office, that piece of land is level to Bennett Street so waste goes straight to the sewer line. Back water can't mix with the waste that is being pumped to Bennett Street.
- Although we have had no instances of waste water mixing with fresh water, there is no back flow in the line that goes straight to the sewer line on Bennett Street.

- Tom Egan, chair



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| Hilary Henderson | May 2 |
| Susan Coho | May 3 |
| Karen Wise | May 8 |
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| Heidi Carpentier | May 13 |
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| Michael Herber | May 20 |
| Vinnie Paredes | May 18 |
| Paul Jacob | May 22 |
| Marcia Bess | May 26 |



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!



Harold Headrick has Moved!
He thanks you for your cards, calls and prayers during this time. Here is his new address information:

Harold Headrick
c/o The Villages
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San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(Phone number available, contact church office)

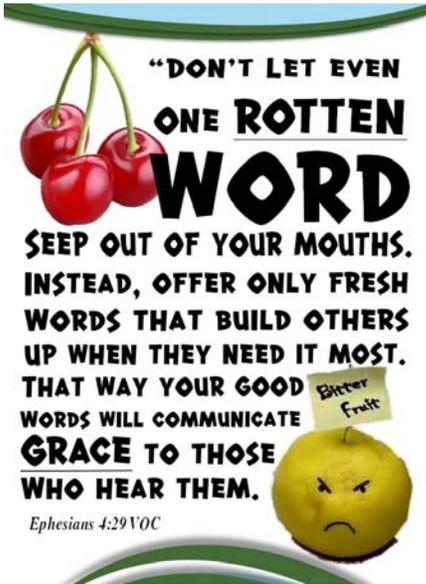
**GOD DIDN'T PROMISE DAYS WITHOUT PAIN,
LAUGHTER WITHOUT SORROW, NOR SUN WITHOUT
RAIN. BUT HE DID PROMISE STRENGTH FOR THE DAY,
COMFORT FOR THE TEARS AND LIGHT FOR THE WAY.**



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25 Days of
Prayer for
Stewardship
Sunday
May 25th

Stewardship at the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande is the practice of offering spiritual and financial generosity to this community of faith. Our goal as United Methodists is to "make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." The mission of UMC of AG as a part of that goal is to "Know Christ, Grow in Christ and to Go, Share Christ." In order to prepare ourselves for this mission, we will ask you to engage in four activities for the next 25 days. First, pray about what God is calling you to give. Second, make a decision in response to God's calling. Third, act on that decision. And finally, be happy about how you are contributing to UMC of AG for the good of the world. These four practices, will help you in the stewardship of your time, talents, and treasures that God gave you in faith that you will give back to Him for His use.

We are a transformative community with great plans for deepening our programs and expanding our opportunities for growth and service. Working together, we will meet our aspirations and create new ones. Our stewardship transforms us as it transforms the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande.

- God Bless you in this process. You are in our prayers!