

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

Cast~A~Net

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

November 2014

You Are Invited

THANKSGIVING EVE Service

Join with the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande, St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church and Nipomo Community Presbyterian Church for a service of celebration and thanksgiving.

November 26 at 7 PM

First UMC of Arroyo Grande

We will have a beautiful combined choir, liturgy and hymns of thanksgiving—with some refreshments to follow. We pray that you and your family will join us, and bring a friend!

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2014 - JUNE 30, 2015

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2014

*** YEAR TO DATE ***

INCOME

*** SEPT. YEAR TO DATE ****

	Actual	Budget	Diff.	% Budget
4001- Stewardship				
4010 - Pledges	\$66,178	\$66,966	-\$788	98.8%
4020 - Loose Offering	\$920	\$1,500	-\$580	61.3%
4030-60 - Special Offerings	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total 4001 - Stewardship	\$67,098	\$68,466	-\$1,368	98.0%
4003 - Other Income				
4313 - Preschool Facility Use	\$2,200	\$1,500	\$700	146.7%
4310-4330 Other Income	\$606	\$1,000	-\$394	60.6%
Total 4300 - Other Income	\$2,806	\$2,500	\$306	112.2%
Total Income	\$69,904	\$70,966	-\$1,062	98.5%

EXPENSE

1000 - Local Ministry				
Total 1110 - Communications	\$0	\$163	-\$163	0.0%
Total 1200 - Membership Care	\$174	\$38	\$137	464.0%
Total 1300 - Christian Ed. Team	\$171	\$750	-\$579	22.8%
Total 1500 - Worship Team	\$813	\$750	\$63	108.4%
Total 1600 - Mission Team	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Total 1760 - Pastor	\$23,106	\$22,750	\$356	101.6%
1960 Annual Conference	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Total 1000 - Local Ministry	\$24,264	\$24,450	-\$186	99.2%
Total 2000 Apportionments	\$7,471	\$10,378	-\$2,907	72.0%
3000 - Operations				
Total 3300 - Board of Trustees	\$10,039	\$11,750	-\$1,711	85.4%
Total 3500 - Finance Committee	\$58	\$100	-\$42	58.0%
Total 3600 - Church Office	\$847	\$2,250	-\$1,403	37.6%
Total Staff Benefits	\$1,553	\$2,548	-\$995	60.9%
Total Staff Salaries	\$21,815	\$22,826	-\$1,011	95.6%
Total 3000 Operations	\$34,312	\$39,474	-\$5,162	86.9%
Total Expenses	\$66,047	\$74,302	-\$8,255	88.9%
Net Surplus	\$3,857	-\$3,336		

Treasurer's Comments.

Good start to the fiscal year. \$3.8K surplus for the first 3 months
Stewardship at 98% of plan for the quarter.

We had generous giving in July, but a very weak September.

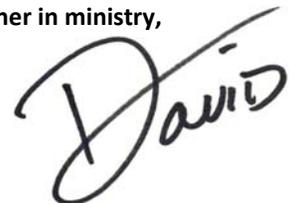
Expenses at or below plan for most areas.

Hi Church Family and Friends!

I, along with the Finance Team, wanted to share with you the church budget update for the 2014—2015 year. Please take a minute to look this over.

We are grateful for your gifts and faithful pledges to help keep the work of Christ going in His church.

Together in ministry,




**Current Finances of
UMC of AG as of
10/26/14**

Monthly Budget

\$ 22,322

Received to Date

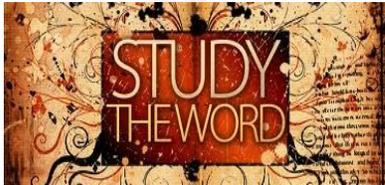
\$23,470

Difference

\$1,148



*Tithes and
offerings*



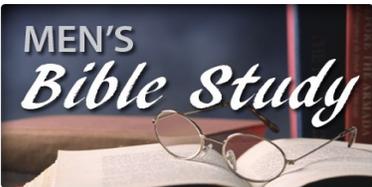
Sundays at 6 PM

Take part in this ongoing look at the Scriptures in the McMillen Room with Mike Herber.



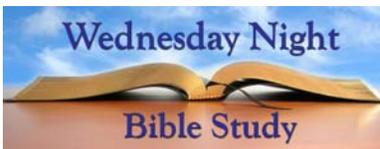
Mondays at 7 PM

Women come to pray together in the Sanctuary.



Mondays at 7 PM

We welcome all men for prayer & study (room 215).



Adults at 5:45 PM

(See schedule at right)

Youth Group at 7 PM

FREE Fellowship Meal at 5 PM

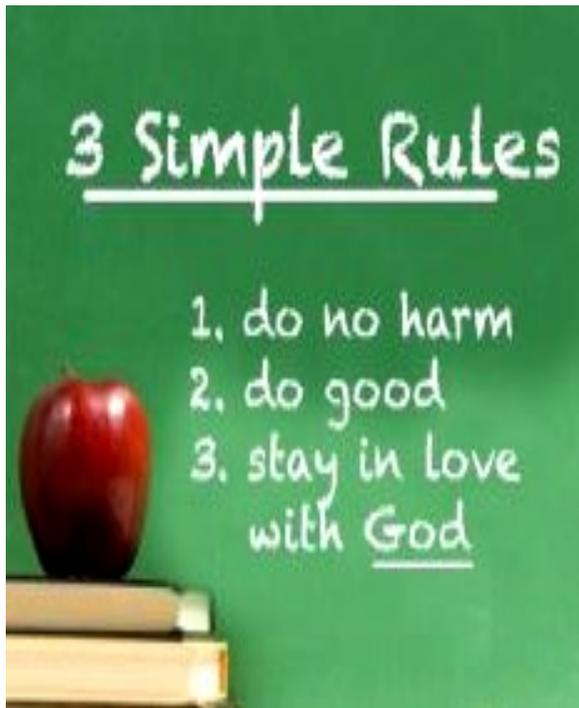


Fridays at 8:30 AM

Join us in the Library for The Story Bible, discussion, coffee, & friends!

JOIN US FOR A
FELLOWSHIP DINNER
FREE!
5 PM Wednesdays in Criswell Hall

Dates	Topics and Schedule
Sunday, November 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service TOPIC: <u>Three Simple Rules—Do No Harm</u> 6 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, November 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Pastor's Study
Sunday, November 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service TOPIC: <u>Three Simple Rules—Do Good</u> 7 PM Christian Rock Concert
Wednesday, November 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Pastor's Study
Sunday, November 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service TOPIC: <u>Three Simple Rules—Stay In Love With God</u> 6 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, November 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Pastor's Study
Sunday, November 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service 6 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion
Wednesday, November 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service at UMC of AG
Sunday, November 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service TOPIC: <u>The Lord is Our Light—Mindful Waiting</u> 6 PM How to Study the Bible—Teaching & Discussion



Three Simple Rules

By Rueben Job

This book offers an interpretation of John Wesley's General Rules for today's readers. For individual reading or group study, this insightful work calls us to mutual respect, unity and a deeper daily relationship with God.

This simple but challenging look at three commands, "do no harm, do good, stay in love with God."

Join with us as we study this seemingly simple way of life on three Wednesdays and Sundays in the beginning of November before we begin the Advent series.



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

David Bauer, *publicity*

UMM TO HEAR LOCAL MYSTERY

David Smallwood, publisher of the California Register, will discuss new findings on the Kristin Smart case. The young woman disappeared in May of 1996 and has never been seen again. She was a student at Cal Poly and a local resident of Arroyo Grande. Under new leadership the men will meet at COCO'S RESTAURANT in Pismo Beach at 8:30am on Saturday, Nov. 15th, and will order from the menu. Smallwood was born in Memphis, TN, and raised in a suburb of Chicago. He graduated with a BS degree from Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri. He is a graduate of the U.S. Navy Flight School and was attached to a squadron aboard the USS Kitty Hawk.

He holds Top-Secret clearance and was a Nuclear Weapons Delivery Instructor Pilot. He was promoted to Lieutenant Commander before leaving the service. He has been a Real Estate broker for 28 years in the Five Cities area; married with an 11-year old daughter .

NEW UMM PRESIDENT ELECTED

The new President of the UMM needs no introduction. He is the well known member of our Church that heads up the FUMC Food Pantry, Lunch Distribution in Grover Beach and is our representative

to the South County People's Kitchen. If you guessed CHUCK ASHTON, you are correct. He was named MAN OF THE YEAR by the UMM and accepted the job of UMM President from recent elections. He and his wife Betty are mainstays in our food distribution program.

DEC. 12th IS UMM JUBILEE TIME

Get on your dancing shoes, tune up your song or get your skit ready as the annual Christmas Jubilee time is coming. Under the direction of chairman, Bernie Hawkins it will be a great time. Program includes the now famous "Talent Show" along with music, dancing and good food . Bernie is already looking for talent, so look out, you could be next. Jubilee will be held in Criswell Hall from 7 to 9 PM on Friday December 12th and is fun for the whole family.



In the 5th chapter of his first letter, Peter states, *"Here's my concern, that you care for God's flock with all the diligence of a shepherd. Not because you have to, but because you want to please God. Not calculating what you can get out of it, but acting spontaneously. Not bossily telling others what to do, but tenderly showing them the way."* 1 Peter: 5:1-3

Hopefully this is the call that the Congregational Care Committee is attempting to answer as we put out the greeting cards for all to sign on Sunday mornings or when we honor our new members or when we ask others to join us in visiting members who are sick or homebound or provide a meal or a ride to someone who is ill.

Won't you join us in this endeavor??

If you would like to help in any of these efforts, stop by the Congregational Care Table in Criswell Hall during coffee hour or give a call to Patti Melsheimer or the church office and let us know how you would like to be involved in answering Peter's suggestions to care for our flock, here in Arroyo Grande.

Patti Melsheimer, *Chair*

Our team needs 2 people to help out with our Congregational Care Table after either or both worship services on Sundays.

If you are interested, the tasks will include:

- After first service setting up the table with cards etc.
- After second service, take down the table and mailing cards.
- For both services the team needs people to help circulate cards and gather signatures from our church family.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this ministry. Contact Buffy Prestemon.



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

Patti Melsheimer, Publicity

Monthly Highlights of the UMW

Several have asked – Are the United Methodist Women having a holiday boutique this year? The answer is “No”. We have decided not to do a boutique this year. Instead, each family in our church will be receiving an invitation to the UMW “Virtual Tea” that will take place during the month of November. Instead of selling the tickets, baking a cake, knitting a hat or quilting a blanket; all you will need to do is sit down, have a cup of tea and send in a check for the amount you and your family would have spent at the boutique!

The funds raised from this “Virtual” activity will be used to support the mission work of the United Methodist Women. The funds raised by the UMW of Arroyo Grande are divided

between local projects (40%) and mission projects supported by the UWW (60%). In past years, the dollars raised by the UMW fundraisers have gone to support local projects such as the Five Cities Christian Women’s Food Bank, the Peoples Kitchen, and our own Arroyo Grande Children’s Center as well as 103 mission institutions here in the United States including community centers, schools, colleges, health care facilities and women’s residences and nearly 300 programs and institutions in more than 58 countries around the world that depend on the UMW for support.

Please place your donation check made out to “UMW – Arroyo Grande” in the enclosed envelope and either place it in the church offering plate or drop-in the mail. Please send in your donation by December 1st so that we can include it in this year’s contributions.

Education, Development and Women

“Education is important for everyone, but it is especially significant for girls and women. This is true not only because education is an entry point to other opportunities, but also because the educational achievements of women can have ripple effects within the family and across generations. Investing in girls’ education is one of the most effective ways to reduce poverty. Investments in secondary school education for girls yields especially high dividends.

Girls who have been educated are likely to marry later and to have smaller and healthier families. Educated women can recognize the importance of health care and know how to seek it for themselves and their children. Education helps girls and women to know their rights and to gain confidence to claim them. However, women’s literacy rates are significantly lower than men’s in most developing countries.”

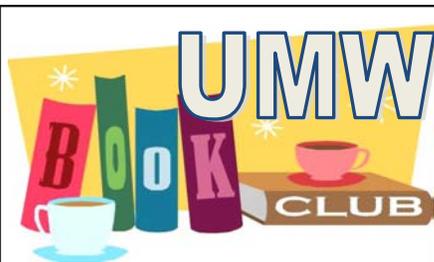
“Promoting Gender Equality: Empowering Women Through Education”

United Methodist Women’s programs provide educational assistance to young women and girls through out the world.

“I don’t mind if I have to sit on the floor at school.

All I want is education. And I’m afraid of no one.”

Malala Yousafzai



The Round House, a novel by Louise Erdich is set in the spring of 1988 on the Ojibwa Indian reservation in North Dakota was the subject of discussion at the recent **UMW Book Club**.

The novel had mystery, ghosts, Indian legends, and crime. You may find you will be as interested in it as the members of the reading group were! It is available at the Arroyo Grande Library if you would like to read it.

For our next meeting, **on November 21st** we will be reading another novel. Contact Patti Melsheimer if you would like to be a part of this thought provoking group.



We wanted to share pictures from our first two Messy Church activities from 8/27 on Trustworthiness and 09/27 on Respect. Thanks to the great planning team who have helped to pull this all together and thanks to the congregation for their support and prayers.

Let's Get Messy Together...AGAIN!!!!

Visit our website at worshipweekly.com or like us on Facebook (Messy Church AG).



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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1
All Saints Day
 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)
 5:30 PM Praise Team S/U (S)
 6:30 PM Praise Team (S)

2
 Coffee Hour: Mission Team

Daylight-Saving Time Ends

8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service
 10:30 AM Traditional Service
 10:30 AM Youth Group(215)
 12 PM Christian Ed. Team (MMR)
 1:15 PM SPRC (MMR)

6 PM Sunday Night Bible Study (MMR)

3
Pastor's Day off

10 AM Dr. Chess Home-school Enrichment Program - Chess and US. Constitution/Elections
 1 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH)
 6 PM AG Rec.- Quilting (CH)
 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR)
 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215)
 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)
 7:30 PM AIAnon (MMR)

4
 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)
 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)
 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (handbell Room)
 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L)
 7 PM Trustees (MMR)

5
 8:30 AM People's Kitchen Team Prep-Day (CH/K)
 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)
 9 AM Church Work Day
 9:15 AM Storytime with Pastor David & Goodie Bear (N)
 10 AM UMW (L)
 5 PM Free Fellowship Dinner (CH)
 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study
 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)
 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)

6
 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)
 9:15 AM Storytime with Pastor David & Goodie Bear (N)
 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L)
 11:30 AM People's Kitchen - leave to serve
 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (handbell Room)

7
 Spirit Day at AG UM CC - wear your shirts!
 8:30 AM Bible Study (L)
 10 AM 5 Cities Christian Women Food Pantry Planning Meeting (MMR)
 3:30 PM AG UM CC Closed

8
 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)

9
 Coffee Hour: Finance

8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service
 10:30 AM Traditional Service
 10:30 AM Youth Group(215)

7 PM Christian Rock Concert (S/MMR/CH/K) - rooms reserved from 2 PM on.

10
Pastor's Day off

10 AM Dr. Chess Home-school Enrichment Program - Chess and US. Constitution/Elections
 12 PM Central Coast Hospice Bereavement Support (MMR)
 1 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH)
 6 PM AG Rec.- Quilting (CH)
 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR)
 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215)
 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)
 7:30 PM AIAnon (MMR)

11

 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)
 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)
 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (handbell Room)
 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L)
 6 PM Arroyo Grande MS Support Group (MMR)

12
 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)
 9 AM Church Work Day
 10 AM UMW Steering (L)
 12:30 PM Alzheimer's Association Care Giver Support Group (MMR)
 5 PM Free Fellowship Dinner (CH)
 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study
 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)
 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)

13
 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)
 10:00 AM Intercessory Prayer (L)
 10:00 AM UMW Disability Study Planning Committee (MMR)
 12 PM Esther Circle (MMR)
 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (handbell Room)

14
 8:30 AM Bible Study (L)

DEADLINE
 Newsletter
 Deadline

15
 8:30 AM UMM Breakfast Meeting (CH)
 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)
 5:30 PM Praise Team S/U (S)
 6:30 PM Praise Team (S)

16
 Coffee Hour: UMM Pancakes

8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service
 10:30 AM Traditional Service
 10:30 AM Youth Group(215)
 2 PM Church Charge Conference (MMR)

6 PM Sunday Night Bible Study (MMR)

17
Pastor's Day off

10 AM Dr. Chess Home-school Enrichment Program - Chess and US. Constitution/Elections
 1 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH)
 6 PM AG Rec.- Quilting (CH)
 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR)
 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215)
 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)
 7:30 PM AIAnon (MMR)

18
 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)
 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)
 10 AM Congregational Care Team (L)
 10:30 AM Communications
 1:30 PM Preschool Board - open (MMR)
 2:30 PM Preschool Board - closed (MMR)
 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (handbell Room)
 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L)
 7 PM JOY Circle

19
 8:30 AM People's Kitchen Team Prep-Day (CH/K)
 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)
 9 AM Church Work Day
 5 PM Free Fellowship Dinner (CH)
 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study
 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)
 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)

20
 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)
 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L)
 11:30 AM People's Kitchen - leave to serve
 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (handbell Room)

21
 8:30 AM Bible Study (L)
 11 AM UMW Book Club
 2 PM Mission Team (MMR)

22
 12:30 PM Dr. Chess (211)

4 PM Messy Church Meeting

23
 Blanket Sunday

Coffee Hour: Congregational Care

8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service
 10:30 AM Traditional Service
 10:30 AM Youth Group(215)

6 PM Sunday Night Bible Study (MMR)

24
Pastor's Day off

12 PM Alzheimer's Support for Adult Children of Parents (MMR)
 1 PM UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry (CH)
 6 PM AG Rec.- Quilting (CH)
 6 PM Debtors Anon (MMR)
 7 PM Men's Bible Study (215)
 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)
 7:30 PM AIAnon (MMR)

25
 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)
 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)
 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (handbell Room)
 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L)

26
 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)
 9 AM Church Work Day
 12 PM AG UM Children's Center CLOSED
 12 PM AG UM Children's Center Giving Celebration

7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship (UMC of AG)

Thanksgiving Worship

 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)
 7 PM UM Youth Group (215)

AG UM Children's Center and Church Campus CLOSED

Thanksgiving Day

Give Thanks

Hanging of the Green (time to be determined)

31

1st Sunday of Advent

Coffee Hour: Mary-Martha Circle

UM Student Sunday Offering

8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Service
 10:30 AM Traditional Service
 10:30 AM Youth Group(215)

6 PM Sunday Night Bible Study (MMR)

"In everything give thanks..."

GIVE THANKS

with a grateful heart

I Thessalonians 5:18

HARVEST FESTIVAL FUN

Thanks to all the church members who participated in the church booth this year for Harvest Festival, September 26th and 27th. It was great to see new faces this year participating and as always thanks to those who can always be counted on to pitch in and help. We collected just over 2,800 bottles of water and passed out about 2,500. The remaining bottles were donated to the preschool to hand out at Family Fun Day. Many thanks!!



Well another Harvest Festival has come and gone and another batch of youth have learned the fine talent of water labeling and putting bottles back into the

plastic bags without ripping them (or only slightly ripping them). Thanks so much to those dedicated youth who helped with this task and even stayed late. We also want to thank the congregation for the generous donations. Thanks to those youth who came and helped pass out the water during the parade. Way to go!!!!

Seventeen youth had a blast for the Lock In hosted at the Ballagh House October 4-5. (see the pictures below)

Who knew that a combination of bounce houses, a swimming pool, and candy could keep youth happy?? Thanks to Tina for the yummy food, thanks to Eileen and Niki for helping us to keep an eye on everyone, and thanks to all the youth for coming to have fun and fellowship together. My favorite memories were watching Josh and Kai trying to get Izak to guess nightgown while playing *Headbanz*, the "yarn" that Will started and Mike giving a lesson on being a servant, both at the campfire, and Pastor Ruben's wonderful Sunday morning worship service.

We are most excited about the upcoming free Christian Rock concert on Sunday, November 9 at 7 pm in the sanctuary with both Lybecker and Unscene Patrol returning. Please enjoy the pictures of our latest events.

In His Service, Mike and Lou



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) Mission Agency News, 2) UMCOR Ebola-Fighting Assistance, 3) World Communion Sunday, 4) Blanket Campaign, 5) Alternative Christmas Update, 6) Laptop needs for Haiti students, 7) Layette Items for NOME, and 8) Special Giving totals for 2014.

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE..IN ACTION

1. MISSION AGENCY NEWS

Within two years, the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries will move south to Atlanta. Also in a new configuration for the agency, staff will be assigned to three new regional offices in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Thomas Kemper, the board's top executive, said "It's a unique chance to bring the global church and the local church together.

2. UMCOR EBOLA-FIGHTING ASSISTANCE

As the Ebola virus outbreak in West Africa accelerates, UMCOR continues to channel medical supplies, equipment and protective gear to the affected regions. To date, UMCOR has sent nearly \$400,000 in grants to Sierra Leone and Liberia.

3. WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 5th was World Communion Sunday. Our giving helped to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve. You may still participate if you wish to do so. So far we have received \$150.

4. BLANKET CAMPAIGN FOR CHRISTMAS

Nov. 23rd will be Blanket Sunday, we will have a special blessing by Pastor David, before they are given out at the People's Kitchen Annual Christmas Party and by the 5 Cities Christian Women's Christmas baskets. We have a goal of 260 which is 2 per year of the congregation. They can be brought any time. Leave them in the LARGE GREEN BOX in the narthex and we will gather them from there. So far we have received 61.

5. ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS UPDATE

You can continue to make a donation for Alternative Christmas. Information is at the Mission Table and so far we have received \$165. for our three projects. Thanks.

6. LAPTOP NEEDS FOR HAITI STUDENTS

Our District Superintendent has provided us with some also to be sent. If you have one, please share also. Thanks.

7. LAYETTE ITEMS FOR NOME

REMINDER of basket at the mission table to collect your items. Another box has been sent with yet another started. Thanks.

Many hands can do many things!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS.

YOU HAVE BLESSED MANY OTHERS LOCALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD.

8. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2014

UMC of AG Emergency Food Pantry	20.00
Human Relations Sunday	317.00
Imagine No Malaria	2878.78
Native American Sunday	187.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	656.00
Peace With Justice	285.00
People's Kitchen Food	4,067.98
People's Kitchen Misc.	6,646.88
South County Food Bank	430.28
Vacation Bible School	460.00
Wells for Africa	150.00
Youth Mission Fund	253.00
9 MONTHS TOTAL	16,351.92

DON'T ASK GOD TO GUIDE YOUR FOOTSTEPS, IF YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO MOVE YOUR FEET.



Miscellaneous



The Angel Tree will be set-up on Saturday, November 29, 2014 during the Hanging of the Green. The Angel Tree is known also as the Giving Tree and helps foster care children as well as kids in need around the county.

The Angel tree has gift tags from Child Welfare Services and Eligibility Specialists from San Luis Obispo County Department of Social Services. The gift tags indicate what the child would like or the parents of the child would like for the child to receive as a Christmas gift.

The tree is decorated with gift tags in duplicate. There is a tag for each child. When you choose a tag, please take the ORIGINAL tag to use as a gift tag on your gift. The other duplicate tag is to stay on the tree for reference in the event that the ORIGINAL is misplaced so that we can locate the correct gift for the correct child in the system

Please bring your UNWRAPPED gift(s) to Criswell Hall and leave them underneath the Christmas tree or give to Sarah in the church office. All gifts must be turned in NO LATER than December 21, 2014 (12/21/14).

Christmas is a time of sharing and giving. Please consider sharing your abundance with others with a joyful heart. Visit the Angel Tree and make a child's Christmas wish come true. You will be so blessed by it and glad that you did. Thank you for your generosity.



Five Cities Christian Women will be handing out food and gifts again this year. We plan to help about 60 families. The Helping Hands ministry from Harvest Church will

hand out clothing, scarves, gloves and other items that they have collected or made. The California Poppies Decorative Artists will be supplying the children's gifts. Blankets that our church has collected in our Blanket Campaign will be handed out. A list of requested food donations is for you to grab from our donation basket in the church Narthex or you can call and we will give you a list. Please give as you are able. Sign up for baskets is November 20th at the Central Coast Baptist Church in the fellowship hall which is across the street from the church.

Happy Holidays and may God bless you in the season!



AGUMCC is having their annual **See's Candy Fundraiser** to help the staff go to California Association for Education Young Children's conference in Sacramento on March 5 & 6, 2015.

See Ms. Maddy for details.

*Place your order and pay by December 3.
Candy will be available for pick up Dec 12.*



People's Kitchen & UMC of AG Serving Team

Many thanks for all of your support! We are in constant need of casserole makers and people to help prep and serve on our bi-monthly days. See the Ashton's on how you can take part.

Meals Served: Year to Date—2,530 meals/1,813 individuals
Socks Distributed: To Date—10,776



Wednesdays - 9 AM

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

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

Meet Our CHURCH STAFF

Church Office: (805) 481-2692

E-mail: fumcag@scbglobal.net

Senior Pastor:

Rev. David M. Burgeson

Missionary (retired):

Judy Atwood

Office Administrator:

Sarah Burgeson

Website Manager: Jamie Foster

Choir Director: Julie Burns

Praise Team Director: Susan Coho

Organist: Don McGuire

Choral Pianist: Dennis Eiler

Multi-Media Director: Mike Coho

Puppet People, Chair: Mike Herber

Handbell Choir Dir.: Leonard Lutz

Christian Education Directors:

Susan Coho, *Adult*

Mike & Linda Herber, *Youth*

Carolyn Russell, *Children's Interim*

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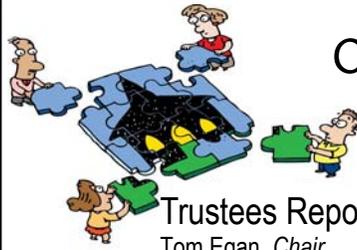
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October 2014 Report

Trustees Report
Tom Egan, *Chair*

- The Parsonage Fund went down \$4,000 to \$155,299. I believe that next month it might go down a little more. We are within our budget. We used 87% of our allotted budget.
- A question came up as to whether we can install a flag pole on our property. Much discussion? Where? Was the first question? We decided that this should go before Church Council. Then possibly on to a special Charge Conference. Stay tuned.
- I think by now everyone knows that we had a car broken into. Some items were taken. If you leave your purse a computer, a camera, a cell phone, or any other valuable article, lock it in the trunk.
- Dead security lights have been replaced. The Church says there will be no rummage sale this year. That means you no longer have to worry about where to store your rummage, there is no sale.

God Bless - Tom Egan, *chair*



Joy Collins	11/2
Marj Wolters	11/4
Bill Cross	11/5
Damien Stednitz	11/5
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Harold Headrick	11/8
Caitlin Riley	11/9
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Iris Caldon	11/26
Larry Wiemers	11/28
Delbert Hollinger	11/29



Did we miss a birthday?

Contact our church office...we need you to fill out an information form for you and your family

ATTENDANCE

Sunday	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	Under 4	K—12 th	Leaders	TOTAL
10/5	25	91	-	-	6	122
10/12	37	80	4	10	5	135
10/19	37	96	-	7	6	146
10/26	32	79	7	3/-	6	127
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