

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

# Cast~A~Net

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande April 2015



## Holy Week

**Palm Sunday—March 29**

- 8:30 AM Contemporary Resurrection Celebration
- 10:30 AM Cantata — "The Rose of Calvary"

*the ROSE-OF CALVARY*



**Maundy Thursday—April 2**

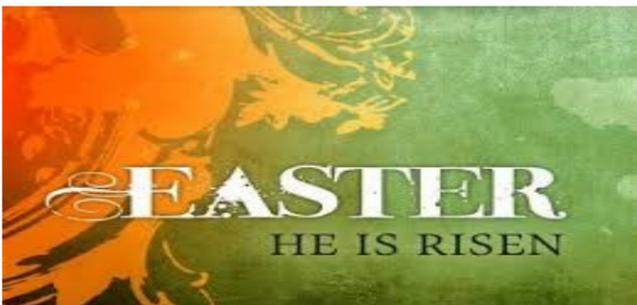
- 6:30 PM—7:30 PM A Service of Quiet Meditation & Holy Communion  
*This is a self-led and free-flowing service. Drop in anytime during the hour.*

**Holy Saturday—April 4**

- 10 AM Egg Brunch & Backwards Egg Hunt  
*See Announcement*

**Easter Sunday—April 5**

- 8:30 AM Contemporary Celebration
- 10:30 AM Traditional Celebration



An Egg Brunch and  
**BACKWARDS** Egg Hunt  
Saturday, April 4, 2015  
Complimentary Brunch – 10 AM  
Backwards Egg Hunt – 11 AM  
*Fun time for all! Enjoy food, story, crafts and an Easter Egg Hunt with special meaning!*  
Share in a loving family-oriented event.

Our emphasis on stewardship begins Sunday, April 19th and continues through Pledge Sunday, May 3rd which will be the time for members and friends to make their pledge for July 1,



2015-June, 2016. There will also be a stewardship letter sent to members' / friends' homes the week of April 27th. The Finance team will be letting us know budget figures prior to you making your pledge. This will give all of us an idea of what our goal is for the upcoming year. We need, all of us, to prayerfully consider our financial pledge for the work of Jesus Christ "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

# Shepherd's Notes

This UMC feature, "What Every Teacher Needs to Know About Theology", is from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership of Wesley Theological Seminary.

## Becoming Disciples

Theology is not just about God. It is also about us. We live out of our understanding of who we are in relationship to God, to one another, and to the world. The Christian faith is grounded in the love and grace of God, experienced through Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. The Christian life is our response to God's love and grace.

The church calls our response to God Christian discipleship. Discipleship focuses on actively following in the footsteps of Jesus. As Christian disciples, we are not passive spectators but energetic participants in God's activity in the world. Because of what God has done for us, we offer our lives back to God. We order our lives in ways that embody Christ's ministry in our families.

## Loving God

When Jesus was asked what the most important commandment was, his response was: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment" (Matt. 22:37-38. See Matt. 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34; and Luke 10:25-28.)

Discipleship is about loving God .... It is more than an acknowledgement of God's existence or a statement of belief regarding God. It is total devotion, head-over-heals-in-love-with adoration. It is the deep desire to know God, to be one with God, and to worship God.

There are a variety of ways that we can develop our knowledge of and love of God. These include

- Prayer
- Bible study
- Worship

- Fasting
- Conversation with other Christians

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, called these practices means of grace. They are means for developing our relationship with God and for experiencing God's presence in our lives. These practices help us spend time with God, a significant factor in loving God.

## Loving Neighbor

Jesus responded to questions about the most important commandment by quoting the Hebrew Scripture's admonition to love God with our whole being. (See Deut. 6:4-9 as well as gospel passages listed in the above section.) Then immediately he broadened the meaning of this admonition: "The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (Mark 12:31).

These verses about loving God and loving neighbor as ourselves are known as the Great Commandment. Again and again, the Bible teaches us that loving God and loving neighbor are two sides of the same coin. We cannot do one without the other. Check out some of these passages for a glimpse at how prevalent this understanding of Christian discipleship is:

- Matthew 5:43-48
- Matthew 25:31-46
- Luke 10:25-37
- John 15:12-17
- Romans 12:9-18
- 1 Corinthians 13
- 1 John 4:19-21

From these passages and others we can draw several conclusions about what it means to love our neighbors. First of all, loving our neighbors means responding to specific needs—hunger, illness, imprison-

ment, loneliness, and so forth. Love is more than a feeling; it is behavior. It is practical and concrete.

Secondly, our neighbors include many people. Within the context of the Christian community, our neighbors are our brothers and sisters in Christ. Neighbors may also refer to the contemporary understanding of those who live near us. However, from a biblical perspective, neighbors often include people whom we might not normally consider:

- strangers;
- prisoners;
- people who mistreat us (who are our enemies);
- people from other cultural and ethnic backgrounds;
- people from different religious traditions;
- people who irritate us and push the boundaries of our patience.

Therefore, loving our neighbors requires attention and sacrifice. We have to pay attention to what is happening around us in order to see our neighbors and to recognize their needs. We must also consider their needs to be as important as our own in order to live faithfully. Loving neighbors is more than random acts of kindness. It takes time, energy, and commitment. It is a lifestyle carefully cultivated in response to God.

Finally, these passages emphasize that loving our neighbors is not optional; it is mandatory. It is what Christians do and what Christians are. Our lives are a testimony to our love—our love for God and our love for neighbor.

**Together in ministry,**



Adult Christian Education



*Women's Prayer*  
**Mondays at 7 PM**  
 Women come to pray together in the Sanctuary.



**Adults at 5:45 PM**  
*(See schedule at right)*  
**FREE Fellowship Meal at 5 PM**



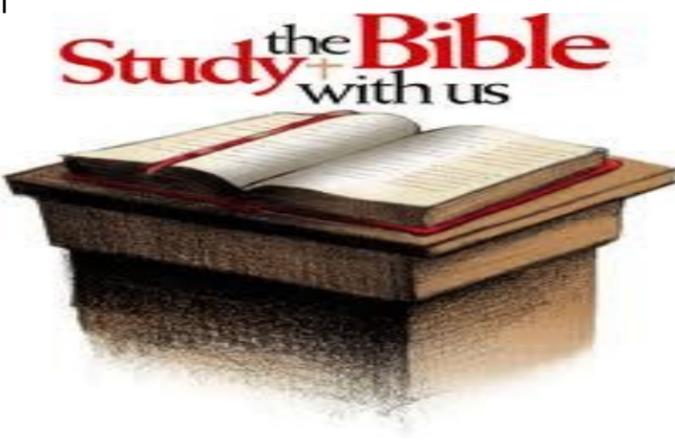
**Fridays at 8:30 AM**  
 Join us in the Library for Bible Study, discussion, coffee, & friends!



**Do You Have a Church Name Tag???**  
 If you have one, please wear it!  
 If you need a new one, please contact Frances in the church office. She will be glad to order one for you! Replacement cost is \$5 for pin design or \$7 for magnetic closure.

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

Dates	Topics and Schedule
Sunday, April 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service</li> <li>Sermon Based on Mark 16:1-8</li> </ul>
Wednesday, April 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:45 PM Adult Bible Study</li> <li># 1 "A Worthy Life" Philippians 1</li> <li>Focus: Learning how to stand firm in the faith when confronted with opposition.</li> </ul>
Sunday, April 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service</li> <li>Sermon Based on John 20:19-31</li> </ul>
Wednesday, April 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:45 PM Adult Bible Study</li> <li># 2 "Christ Our Model" Philippians 2</li> <li>Focus: Recognizing that Jesus' servanthood is the model for our Christian life.</li> </ul>
Sunday, April 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service</li> <li>Sermon Based on Luke 24:36b-48</li> </ul>
Wednesday, April 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:45 Adult Bible Study</li> <li># 3 "Keeping on Keeping On" Philippians 3</li> <li>Focus: Affirming we are sustained in our faith journey by knowing Christ as Lord.</li> </ul>
Sunday, April 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Service</li> <li>Sermon Based on John 10:11-18</li> </ul>
Wednesday, April 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:45 PM Adult Bible Study</li> <li># 4 "Rejoice In The Lord" Philippians 4</li> <li>Focus: Encouraging us to rejoice in the power of God to satisfy our needs.</li> </ul>



**North District Conference**  
**May 2, 2015.**  
 More details to follow  
 The location is:  
**Northridge UMC**  
**960 Reseda Blvd.**  
**Northridge, CA 91324**



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

David Bauer, *publicity*



### ANNUAL

#### TACO BUFFET

Sunday, April 12th

11:45 AM-1 PM right after the second service

Adults: \$8 Kids under 10: \$4

This is an important fundraiser for the UMM so *Volunteers* are needed-let Val, Wayne or Dave know if you can assist!



### TRIP TO CAMP SAN LUIS

The UMM will be touring Camp San Luis Obispo (Calif. National Guard) on Friday, May 15 from 11 AM-1 PM. Lunch is in the Dining Hall for \$7. Sign-ups will start May 1 and are necessary for the group tour.



The Congregational Care Committee is offering you a special opportunity. Would you like to visit a member of our congregation who is unable to come to church? We are launching a **“Caring Visitor”** program to encourage you to take an hour or so from your schedule to visit a member who is no longer able to attend services or other programs at the church. If you have had a time when you were unable to see your friends or visit with them or get out of the house, you can understand how lonely some of our members feel and how much they would enjoy a visit from someone in the church.

The committee will provide an orientation for all who volunteer to be **“Caring Visitors”** so all who volunteer will feel comfortable in this very needed effort. The orientation will be **Saturday, April 11 at 9:00 AM in the McMillen Room**. After the orientation, you will be assigned an individual to visit. We realize that some of you already do this but we need more volunteers so that all of our shut-ins will be visited.

Please join us!

*Patti Melsheimer, Chair*

### NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MARCH 10, 2015

- Trustees are in the process of putting up a flag pole adjacent to the cross and flame on the back building. This will be **in memory of Bill Paulsen**, presented to the church by Gladys Paulsen.
- Trustees are preparing a Church Preparedness Plan that will be shared with all the team leaders in the church.
- A new bulletin board was put up in the wall space next to the library door in Criswell Hall. There is a procedure instruction sheet and forms to fill out for work requested to be done around the church.
- A church directory is going to be put next to the phone in the kitchen for use in case of emergency.



### BIBLE STUDY

The April Wednesday evening Bible study begins April 8th at 5:45 PM in Criswell Hall.

It is entitled **“Joy In Serving Christ—A Study In Philipians”**.

Susan Coho, our Adult Christian Education Director, will be overseeing this four session study with some of our certified local Lay Servants co-facilitating.



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Women  
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*“The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose Purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation”* Sally Weitkamp, Publicity

It's almost my favorite time of year. Yes, Easter! I have such happy childhood memories. A week's vacation from school. Yeah! On Good Friday in San Jose the stores, banks and other businesses would close from noon till 3:00 PM. This was to allow you to go to church if you wished. My parents did not choose to go to church, but we all sat down and watched TV together. They always showed the same movies. Do you remember "HILL NUMBER ONE"? Well, you're probably TOO YOUNG! It started out as a World War II scene of several soldiers in a foxhole complaining about the hill they were about to take. One man speaks up and asks if they ever heard of the battle of Hill Number One. It then goes on to tell the story of the crucifixion and Jesus' resurrection. Can you imagine, it was in black and white and we were mesmerized? I still am brought to my knees when I think of how the Son of God came to earth as a man and died on the cross for my sins, that I may have eternal life. Things have changed greatly since my childhood. Stores no longer close on Good Friday. They certainly don't on Easter.

When Bill and I spent his sabbatical in Australia, I was reminded of my childhood. There was an age of innocence that prevailed. The stores close at noon on Saturday and all day Sunday (except gas stations, mini markets and tourist towns). This was for family time together. It was fun doing your shopping in a small town on Saturday morning. You ran into all your neighbors. Imagine shopping at the bakery, then off to the meat market and the vegetable and fruit store and finally the grocery for basic needs. I want to move back! Not really.

Let's stand together as Christians and make this Holy Week more meaningful.

Remember Who took Hill Number One alone for us.

*Sally Weitkamp*

#### HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE WORKSHOPS

This April, we will be starting workshops for our Holiday Boutique, which is Saturday, November 7th. All we ask is if you come and we teach you a skill, you will make at least one or more (of the items we teach you to make) for the Boutique. We will have sign up sheets in Criswell Hall starting on the first Sunday of April, which falls on April 5th. We will be meeting in various homes and yards. The times and days will be determined by the needs of those who sign up and the instructors. There is no charge for these classes, but you will need to bring your own supplies as instructed. Possible classes will be:

Knitting, Crocheting  
Soap and candle making  
Jam & Jelly making  
Hand or Machine quilting (holiday table runner)  
Holiday doormat  
Cosmetic brush holder  
Organic hand cream, Lip Balm  
Body Soap & Sugar Scrub  
Wreath making, Table Centerpieces  
Holiday Cookie and Candy Making  
Homemade dog biscuits and cat treats  
Terrariums  
Christmas tree ornaments, Snow Globes  
Wine Bottle Creations  
And More

*Ladies Luncheon*

During April we will display our Spring Baskets that will be offered during an opportunity drawing at our **Ladies' Luncheon** being held on **Saturday, May 9th** starting at **11:00 AM**. The opportunity tickets are one ticket for \$1.00 or six tickets for \$5.00. Anyone can purchase tickets and you need not be present to win.

We will be selling luncheon tickets for \$12.50 This will be a Catered Ladies Gourmet Salad Luncheon. Invite a special lady you would like to honor. Our theme is Spring Flowers and we encourage you to wear a spring hat with flowers. Our program will feature the Cush Twins doing flower arrangements and demonstrating florist techniques.



**OPERATION, CLEAN START!**

From the Library.....in an effort to clean up our files, I am listing the books that are currently checked out. Obviously this hasn't been done for a long time. I found two that were checked out to people who are no longer with us. This is not a pressing item, please no stress involved. If any titles might be on your shelves, please bring them in and be surprised by what happens! I'm calling this **operation, clean start!**



Thanks, Jan Herber

**BOOKS**

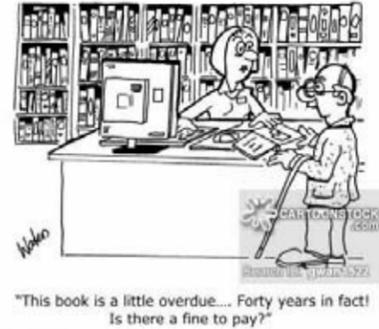
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 ALL ABOUT ADAM'S APPLE  
 MY ROSÉ  
 GOD'S GIFT FOR MOTHER  
 HEAVEN IS FOR REAL  
 TEASING  
 GUIDE TO BIBLE PROPHECY  
 DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF  
 KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT  
 EVERY DAY PRAYERS FOR TEENS  
 MY CALLING TO FULFILL  
 BREAKFAST WITH GOD  
 TERRORISM  
 BATTERED BUT NOT BROKEN  
 MOSES THE KITTEN  
 THE LIGHT ALONG THE WAY  
 JESUS AND THOSE BODACIOUS WOMEN  
 WHO TAUGHT FROGS TO HOP?  
 BRINGING HIDDEN THINGS TO LIGHT  
 FRIENDS FOR LIFE  
 VIOLETS FOR MR. B.  
 GRIT AND GRACE  
 THESE HIGH GREEN HILLS  
 AMAZING GRACE  
 OVERCOMING VIOLENCE  
 THE THORN  
 MIRACLES  
 THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS TOO MUCH LOVE  
 GLORIOUS APPEARING



HE STILL MOVES STONES  
 ON THE ANVIL  
 JOHN WESLEY  
 THE ENGLISHER  
 THE SUNROOM  
 CATHEDRAL  
 THE 36 HOUR DAY  
 JUST CHOOSE HAPPINESS  
 ZENZELE  
 GREECE  
 GOD'S PARTNERS  
 WITH FACES TO THE EVENING SUN  
 IT'S TIME  
 THE PRAIRIE TRILOGY  
 CONCERNING PRAYER  
 SACRAMENTAL COCOA  
 A WESLEY FAMILY BOOK OF DAYS  
 MOTHER TERESA  
 SAM AND VIOLET'S CHRISTMAS  
 THE COURAGE TO CARE  
 SONG OF RITA JOE  
 THE CHIPMUNKS AND THE LOST DOG  
 THE RESCUE  
 SUFFER THE CHILDREN  
 WHY RELIGION MATTERS  
 NIGHTS IN RODANTHE  
 THE MAN FROM SHADOW RIDGE  
 SEEING BEYOND THE WRINKLES  
 WHY! GOD! WHY???  
 TALKING FROM 9 to 5  
 HALF BROKE HORSES  
 THE FIRST FOUR YEARS  
 THESE HAPPY GOLDEN YEARS  
 FIREFLIES IN A FRUIT JAR  
 FINDING GOD IN UNEXPECTED PLACES  
 WHERE IS GOD WHEN IT HURTS  
 WHEN I PRAYED FOR PATIENCE  
 MYSTERIES OF THE THREE KINGS

**DVD'S**

TRANSFORMED CAN CHANGE THE WORLD  
 THE TEN COMMANDMENTS  
 FAITH LIKE POTATOES  
 PLANTATION LIFE  
 THE BISHOP'S WIFE



March 12, 2015

Dear Friends—

It was wonderful to worship with you last Sunday morning. To see you all again was a true blessing! We were especially inspired by the music—the songs, the choir, and the instrumental accompaniment. We deeply appreciate the fund for missions established in Ehrhardt's name. It means so much to us to be a part of spreading the Gospel—making known the good news of Jesus throughout the world. We also want to thank you for the beautiful altar flowers, which now are continuing to bring joy as they adorn the center of our living room table here in Lompoc. We treasure all your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl & Ehrhardt

For the month of March our book club read *In the Land of Invisible Women, a female*

*doctor's journey in the Saudi Kingdom* by Qanta A. Ahmed, M.D. It is a fascinating book about a Western-trained Muslim doctor who takes a position at the King Fahad National Guard Hospital in Riyadh and how she found that although she was a Muslim she had many challenges surviving in this country.

In April we will read *Americanah* a novel by Chimamanda N. Adichie that is a story of "love and race centered around a young man and woman from Nigeria who face difficult choices and challenges in the countries they call home."

Our group meets the fourth Friday of each month in the McMillen room at 11:00 a.m. You are welcome to join us and participate in our lively discussions.



#### ELT APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Applications for the Everett Lee Taylor college scholarship are now available online and from the church office. The purpose of this fund is to help deserving United Methodist students, enrolled in fully accredited colleges, universities, and technical schools, defray the cost of the education. Only students who are active members (or have been active members) of the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande are eligible to apply. Students may apply more than once for this scholarship, provided they maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.

The completed application, together with required attachments, must be returned to the church office by **May 15th**.



#### LIFE LINE SCREENING AT UMC ARROYO GRANDE, APRIL 22, 2015

At 9:30 AM in Criswell Hall

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 4/22/15. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).



Hello!

Easter is here! Jesus is with us now and always! This is the Easter message for all of us, and one we will focus on with our children.

Our festivities for Easter will start with an Egg Brunch and Backwards Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 AM, with the hunt starting at 11:00 AM. What is that, you ask? Children will collect empty eggs and bring them to learning/activity centers to fill and decorate, having fun while they learn the story of Easter. We hope to have many people, children and families participate. Come one, come all!

Our Sunday school lessons will start with the story of Mary Magdalene and her confused discovery of the empty tomb, and then her visit with Jesus who was standing beside her. Our children will know that Jesus is standing there still. Children will perhaps relate to the story of Thomas, who doubted and needed to see with his own eyes. They will ponder the question that Jesus asked, "Do you only believe because you see me?"

They will also hear about a breakfast on the beach, when Jesus returned to the disciples, and helped them to fish. The story points us toward the future of the church and our call to share Gods' love with others. The following week, they will share in Jesus' words to "Go to the people in all of the nations of the world and teach them to be my disciples, like you have been." Jesus said, "I will be with you always, wherever you go, for all time."

Easter is here, and the call to share goes on!

We will see you at the brunch!

Blessings,

Carolyn Russell  
Children's Ministry Director



Just a reminder: I hear folks talking about special joys, but most of them are not finding their way to the Joy Jar...SO...I would like to challenge you not only to find the joys but also to record them with notes in the Joy Jar found in the narthex and drop your JOY in the Jar. I will leave a basket with slips of paper and a pen if you need one or you can come with it prepared and just drop it in.

Here are the joys from our JOY JAR at the time of the printing of this issue of the Cast~A~Net.

- Joyful that my girlfriend Niki is becoming a member of the church.
- Pleased to hear the church bell at mother's service.
- Grace took first steps on her new prosthetic leg, and a week later walked into school on it.
- Lee is making progress, dismissed from the hospital, back among us in the choir.
- Pleased to see how well Pastor Harold is looking and enjoying life.
- Kay Walker was queen for a day at Wyndham.
- Statements of the feeling of hospitality felt by those at all of the recent memorial/celebration of life services.
- Gugeler's grandson-in-law is home from Africa.
- Tom celebrated his 77th birthday.
- Good to see Peg and Marge back in church among us.
- Excited to see the number of children in church.
- Joy to announce the Rev. Ehrhardt Lang Mission Fund, in honor of his mission time and time among us.
- Good to welcome the Langs to worship with us and to have him preach.
- Jan Treat was glad to celebrate her son's birthday.
- Michael Balster shared how much he felt blessed by the people in the congregation.
- Blessing by the many who participated in the celebration of life for Don McGuire.
- Calvin has learned he soon will have a place to live.
- Appreciation for the program brought to the United Methodist Men's breakfast by Judy Atwood.

How exciting to witness the JOYS among us in the congregation and beyond. I am excited to see how we fill the JOY JAR with the JOYS we have experienced each month.

...Judy Atwood, Lay Leader

# News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, chair

## MISSION TEAM: Mar. 2015

Judy Atwood

### MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

New things to report this edition....so read carefully so as not to miss out. 1. Native American Ministries Offering 2. Rev. Ehrhardt Lang Mission Fund 3. 2015 Mission Projects 4. Layette Items for NOME. 5. Special Giving Totals for 2015.

## GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE..IN ACTION

### 1. NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES OFFERING...APRIL 12.

As a member of The United Methodist Church, your gift, on this day, equips Native congregations—like New York's Onandaga Nation UMC and Nebraska's Native American Sacred Winds congregation—to worship and serve as only they can. This work, and hundreds of other ministries, are possible because you give. Our Giving Allows Native Americans to Encounter, Worship and Serve Jesus. When you support Native American Ministries Day, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.

### 2. REV. EHRHARDT LANG MISSION FUND.

If you missed the one service worship on March 8<sup>th</sup>, you missed several treats. One of those was the opportunity to greet Ehrhardt and Cheryl Lang as they came to share in worship with us. Rev. Lang brought the message for the morning service. Before that we were able to surprise him with the announcement of an anonymous gift of \$5000.00 to establish the Rev. Ehrhardt Lang Mission Fund. This fund is entrusted to

the Mission Team for them to use toward the support of special mission projects. Persons may add to this fund at any time. Simply mark your gift as a gift for the Rev. Ehrhardt Lang Mission Fund.

3. 2015 MISSION PROJECTS The mission team discussed mission projects for 2015 when we met in January. We have asked our Covenant Missionary and other missionaries to share stories from their projects dealing with Hunger and Poverty and Health Care. It will be interesting to learn about what the ministry in their parts of the world is doing about these areas of need.

### 4. LAYETTE ITEMS FOR NOME

The collection basket for layette items continues to be under the table at the mission board. Thanks for recent donations.

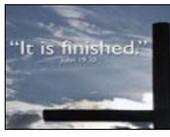
*Many hands have continued to do many things.*



### 5. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2015

Human Relations Sunday	335.00
People's Kitchen food	99.67
People's Kitchen Misc.	1,810.00
Rev. Lang Mission Fund	5,000.00
South County Food Bank	<u>99.67</u>
2 MONTHS TOTAL:	7,344.34

**DON'T ASK GOD TO GUIDE YOUR FOOTSTEPS, IF YOU'RE NOT WILLING TO MOVE YOUR FEET. A THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p><b>1</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>8:30 AM</b> People's Kitchen Prep Day (K,CH)  <b>9:00 AM</b> Church Work Day  <b>12:00 PM</b> AG UM CC minimum day  <b>12:00 PM</b> Spring Potluck Lunch CC (Courtyard)  <b>5:00 PM</b> Free Dinner (CH)  <b>5:45 PM</b> Last Adult Lent Study (CH)  <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p><b>2</b>  <b>8:00 AM</b> AGUMCC Staff Development (MMR)  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9:00 AM</b> AG UM CC closed-staff dev (MMR)  <b>10:00 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L)  <b>11:30 AM</b> People's Kitchen - leave to serve  <b>5:00 PM</b> Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)  <b>6:30 PM</b> Maundy Thursday Service (S) Drop In Communion</p>	<p><b>3</b>                        Pre-School Closed Today  <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L)                      3 PM AG Good Friday Service - St. Pat's Church 501 Fair Oaks</p>	<p><b>4</b>  <b>10:00 AM</b> Brunch (CH)  <b>11:00 AM</b> Backwards Easter Egg Hunt  <b>5:30 PM</b> Praise Team Set-Up (S)  <b>6:30 PM</b> Praise Team Practice (S)</p>
<p><b>5</b>    <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service                      Coffee Hour— Board of Trustees</p>	<p><b>6</b>  <b>Pastor's Day off</b>  <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry (CH)  <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9:00 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)  <b>5:00 PM</b> Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)  <b>5:00 PM</b> Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L)</p>	<p><b>8</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9:00 AM</b> Church Work Day  <b>9:15 AM</b> Storytime with Pastor David &amp; Goodie Bear (N)  <b>10:00 AM</b> UMW Steering (L)  <b>5:00 PM</b> Free Dinner (CH)  <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Bible Study Session 1 (CH)  <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p><b>9</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9:15 AM</b> Storytime with Pastor David &amp; Goodie Bear (N)  <b>10:00 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L)  <b>12:00 PM</b> Esther Circle (MMR)  <b>5:00 PM</b> Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)  <b>5:00 PM</b> Pizza &amp; Concert with Ivan Ulz (CH,K,S)  <b>6:00 PM</b> AG UM CC Open House (Courtyard)  <b>7:00 PM</b> Finance (L)</p>	<p><b>10</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L)  <b>1:00 PM</b> Memorial Service-Lillian Duffin (S)  <b>12:00 Noon</b> *Newsletter Articles Deadline*</p>	<p><b>11</b>  <b>9:00 AM</b> "Visitor Orientation" Congregational Care (MMR)</p>
<p><b>12</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  <b>11:45 AM</b> Congregational Care Team (L)  <b>12:00 PM</b> Christian Ed Team (MR)                      UMM Annual Taco Salad Buffet Following second service</p>	<p><b>13</b>  <b>Pastor's Day off</b>  <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry (CH)  <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p><b>14</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9:00 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)  <b>5:00 PM</b> Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)  <b>5:00 PM</b> Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L)  <b>6:00 PM</b> AG MS Support Group (MMR)  <b>7:00 PM</b> Trustees (CH)</p>	<p><b>15</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>8:30 AM</b> People's Kitchen Prep Day (K,CH)  <b>9:00 AM</b> Church Work Day  <b>10:00 AM</b> Communication Committee (L)  <b>5:00 PM</b> Free Dinner (CH)  <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Bible Study Session 2 (CH)  <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p><b>16</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>10:00 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L)  <b>11:30 AM</b> People's Kitchen - leave to serve  <b>5:00 PM</b> Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)</p>	<p><b>17</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L)</p>	<p><b>18</b>  <b>12:00 PM</b> Gold Coast Chorus - Show at 2 PM  <b>12:30 PM</b> Dr. Chess (211)  <b>5:30 PM</b> Praise Team Set-Up (S)  <b>6:30 PM</b> Praise Team Practice (S)</p>
<p><b>19</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service  <b>12:00 PM</b> Church Council (MMR)                      Coffee Hour— Mission Team                      -3:00 PM SLO County Band (S) - pending set up at 1 PM</p>	<p><b>20</b>  <b>Pastor's Day off</b>  <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry (CH)  <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p><b>21</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9:00 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)  <b>1:30 PM</b> Preschool Board - open session (MMR)  <b>2:30 PM</b> Preschool Board - closed session (MMR)  <b>5:00 PM</b> Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L)  <b>7:00 PM</b> JOY Circle (at the home of a member)</p>	<p><b>22</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9:00 AM</b> Church Work Day  <b>9:30 AM</b> Life Line Screening (CH)  <b>9:30 AM</b> Mary-Martha (MMR)  <b>5:00 PM</b> Free Dinner (CH)  <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Bible Study Session 3 (CH)  <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p><b>23</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>10:00 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L)  <b>5:00 PM</b> Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)</p>	<p><b>24</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L)  <b>11:00 AM</b> UMW Book Club (MMR)</p>	<p><b>25</b>  <b>9:00 AM</b> AGUMCC Sunday Art Show Set-up (CH)  <b>9:00 AM</b> Parking Lot Clothing Give-A-Way</p>
<p><b>26</b>  <b>CHILDREN'S CENTER SUNDAY</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service                      Coffee Hour— AGUM Children's Center</p>	<p><b>27</b>  <b>Pastor's Day off</b>  <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry (CH)  <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9:00 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)  <b>5:00 PM</b> Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)  <b>5:00 PM</b> Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L)</p>	<p><b>29</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9:00 AM</b> Church Work Day  <b>5:00 PM</b> Free Dinner (CH)  <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Bible Study Session 4 (CH)  <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p><b>30</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>10:00 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L)  <b>5:00 PM</b> Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)</p>		

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### WE HAVE A PROBLEM!

Our Church is facing a significant financial deficit. In recent months we have lost contributors who gave over \$41,000 annually to the church through death, moving or leaving the Church. Though our expenses have been running below plan, we still are facing a BIG hole. Fiscal year to date we have approximately an \$8,000 deficit; however, this is expected to get much worse in the coming months due to lower stewardship. An increase in your regular giving would help. In the long run we need to bring in new members in order to keep our Church's 130 year heritage continuing into the future.



Joel Anderson, Treasurer



### Wanna have some fun?

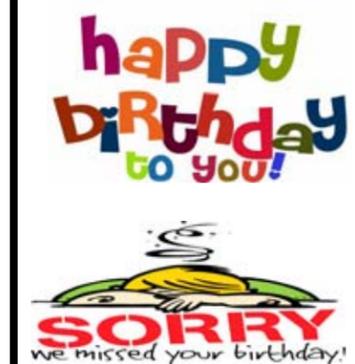
Join the  
**Merry Monday Morning**  
**United Methodist Crew**  
 at the  
**5 Cities' Christian Women's Food Pantry!**  
 Have fun collecting, sorting vegetables, fruits, meats, canned goods and other items donated by local stores. Help stock the shelves. It's fun! Join Patti, Diane, Doug, Jim, and Bennie. We work from 8 AM to 9:30 or 10 AM every Monday. Ask Patti Melsheimer for more details. Men are welcome, too! People may come to the pantry two times per month to get food which they prepare at home.

Last year we served 24,908 people!

Article contributed by Bennie



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