

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

Cast~A~Net

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande JULY 2015



**FAREWELL PARTY
FOR PASTOR DAVID
AND HIS FAMILY**

JUNE 14, 2015



Aloha !



Mahalo !



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Shepherd's Notes

Dear First United Methodist Church Family,

I would like to say thank you for your generous love gift for Sarah and me. With your generosity we will be taking a vacation to Hawaii in July. A huge thank you to the Staff Parish team for coordinating the retirement celebration on June 14th. That was very special!

My family will be staying here in Arroyo Grande for the time being, and we will be worshipping in another church home. It will be good to see what other churches are doing in ministry.

As my seven years as your Pastor, I want to thank you for the honor of serving you here. You are a very caring and sharing church. We have done much in ministry here and around the world since I arrived here July 1, 2008. My prayer is that you will continue the good work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I also will hold you in my prayers as your new pastor, Rev. Mary Birgelaitis, leads you beginning July 1st. Please pray for her as you have prayed for me. She will need all your help in leading you, so please make time to get to know her and offer her a warm welcome!

A word of appreciation to our staff: they have worked very hard to lead you in ministry. What we have accomplished over the past seven years is a result of their leadership!

Lastly, as I leave as your Pastor, I want you to know that Rev. Mary is your Pastor, and all the things you had me respond to as your Pastor end on June 30th. I will only be here if Rev. Mary invites me. With a heavy heart I say good-bye for now.

"Dear Lord, we thank you for your faithfulness, your grace and your love from the beginning of time until now. We especially thank you for the time that we have had these past seven years to work in partnership together to make a difference in the name of Jesus Christ. We ask now that during this time of transition, you would help us to trust in you for a hopeful future. Lord, we ask that you bless Rev. Mary Birgelaitis as she prepares to Pastor in the ministry of the Gospel. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

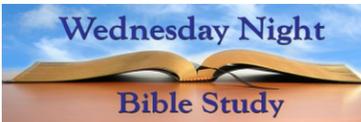
Mahalo,



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



Adult Bible Study at 6 PM
FREE Fellowship Meal at 5 PM



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



5 PM Wednesdays in Criswell Hall

Wednesday, July 1	• 6 PM Adult Bible Study Putting Faith to Work—"Challenge of Hard Times"
Sunday, July 5	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by David Mason
Wednesday, July 8	• 6 PM Adult Bible Study Putting Faith to Work—"Love Impartially"
Sunday, July 12	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Bob Stimmell
Wednesday, July 15	• 6 PM Adult Bible Study Putting Faith to Work—"Living Faithfully"
Sunday, July 19	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis—"God's Song" John 1:1-14 and I Corinthians 3:5-9
Wednesday, July 22	• 6 PM Adult Bible Study Putting Faith to Work—"Letting Wisdom Guide"
Sunday, July 26	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis—"We Sell Horizons" Jeremiah 29:11-13 and John 17:20-23
Wednesday, July 29	• 6 PM Adult Bible Study Putting Faith to Work—"Doing Right"

Bible Study for Wednesdays in July 6 to 7 PM Criswell Hall

Susan Coho, Adult Christian Education Director, will teach the July Bible study entitled, "Putting Your Faith To Work." This verse by verse study focuses on how we are called to live out our faith commitment.

The sessions will explore how:

- Faith grows out of trials endured and temptations overcome—**July 1st**
- Christians can live with integrity in their relationships—**July 8th**
- The affirmation that faith and good works are inseparable—**July 15th**
- To act with gentle, peaceable, and caring wisdom that comes from above—**July 22nd**
- To deepen our capacity and strengthen our resolve to serve Jesus Christ—**July 29th**



Apostle James

Books are \$5 and can be purchased directly from Susan.



WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS ?

Is it important for us to continue offering Wednesday night free meals at 5:00 PM for the church and the community?
We need to pray about this.

If so, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to provide the meals.

Would you be willing to commit to one Wednesday evening per month, with three others doing the same?
The ministry of a free meal to anyone could easily continue.
There are funds to reimburse for expenses if you desire.

Let's plan ahead!

Please contact Judy Atwood, Lay Leader



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

David Bauer, *publicity*

UMM CLOSSES BUSY PROGRAM YEAR

REFLECTING ON THE YEAR: The United Methodist Men closed its program year with the Tom Egan Memorial Pancake Breakfast on June 7th. The Pancake Breakfast took the place of the Annual All Church BBQ, both to honor Tom Egan and by popular request for "one more pancake breakfast".

The breakfast ended a busy program year for the men. Besides the four breakfasts put on during the year and the five regular breakfast meetings with speakers and special programs, the men also held The Annual Christmas Jubilee and Talent Show, the Annual Sweetheart Breakfast, and the popular Taco Buffet.

The men's crew, working with the Trustees, spent dozens of hours each Wednesday working around the Church on many projects, saving the Church many dollars on general maintenance.

The only program failure was an outing trip planned to tour Camp San Luis Obispo, the National Guard Camp. The day before the tour all military camps were closed due to a terrorist alert.

Due to the loss of leadership for the event, the Annual Golf Tournament was cancelled for 2015 but is in the planning stages for 2016.

PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR: Thanks to the 28 men who participated in the programs this year. The UMM Cabinet will meet on Monday, July 13th at 11 AM to lay out the program schedule for 2016.

Submitted by Val McClure for UMM

MUSIC FOR A SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Sunday, July 19

United Methodist Church, Arroyo Grande, 3:00 PM

Pops Music Featured



*Saxophone Quartet
Small Ensembles*

Come enjoy the music with us!

Donations Appreciated

THE FIVE CITIES CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S PANTRY

Open Monday through Friday, 2PM to 4PM.

Located at 192B South 9th Street in Grover Beach, it serves approximately 2,000 people per month.

Currently the Pantry is in need of

- Peanut Butter
- Canned Tuna
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned Kidney & Pinto Beans



Food donations may be left in our basket in the Narthex.

Monetary donations are very welcome, too.

Checks may be sent to P.O. Box 756, Grover Beach, 93483.

Receipts will be mailed upon request.

Submitted by Bennie Duffin





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”

Sally Weitkamp, Publicity

“CREATED FOR HAPPINESS”

The theme for our **Summer Retreat** will be “Created for Happiness”. The retreat will be held at the home of Dick and Patti Melsheimer on **Saturday, August 8th**. There will be time for enlightenment, prayer time, meditation, holy craft time, and spiritual time alone with God. There will be time for fellowship, and an enjoyable lunch is included. The program will start at 9:00 AM with refreshments. The closing worship will end at 3:00 PM. *Contact Virginia Mothes for reservations.*



PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Each year the United Methodists are encouraged to do one of three studies offered that year at Mission U. This year's Social Issue is People With Disabilities and how we can make our churches more accessible and inviting to them. We will be holding a workshop on People with Disabilities on **Saturday, September 12th in Criswell Hall**. There will be professional leaders on the topics of Autism, Audio and Visual Disabilities, and Physical Handicaps. We will also have workshops on Special Needs in the Classroom and Occupational Therapy needs. More detailed information will be in the August Cast~A~Net.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MISSION U

Mission U (formerly called School of Christian Mission) will be held on July 23-24 at Biola University.



Mission u

Several of our ladies will be attending and we are encouraging other ladies to attend. It's a wonderful experience; you get to choose from three studies: a spiritual study, a social issue study, and a study of a geographical area of concern to Christians. Santa Barbara District offers scholarships to first-time attendees.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Mary Hawkins.



UMW Mother's Day Luncheon

in May was a great success! Here we see Tina, Gloria, and Viki in their fancy attire with delectable samples from the luncheon menu.

THE EVERETT LEE TAYLOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SILVER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

On Sunday, June 14th the church celebrated its 25th anniversary of awarding Everett Lee Taylor Scholarships in honor of one of our past ministers.

From 1990-2015 over fifty different youth have received the scholarships – some-times for multiple times. The scholarship fund has been established as an endowment fund which has grown due to the generosity of the church members and the interest accrued on donations.

This year four young people received Everett Lee Taylor Scholarships.

One graduating senior, Carina Avila, received a \$750 scholarship designated for first-time college students. She will attend Pace University in New York.

Her brother, David Avila, was awarded a \$500 scholarship as a repeating college student. He will use it when he returns to California Lutheran University in the fall.

The final two recipients, Caitlin Herber and Susan Thronson, are both pursuing masters degrees at Brandman University. They also received \$500 scholarships.

Congratulations to all the ELT Scholarship recipients!

We are proud to be able to support you in your educational endeavors.



Scholarship recipients pictured left to right—
Carina Avila, David Avila, Caitlin Herber, Susan Thronson

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chair, Paul Holden



The Latest from the Trustees, June 2015

- **Cabinet Usage:** The board requested that Paul ask Buffy Prestemon whose things have been moved out of the cabinets in the northeast corner of Criswell Hall and who can use the space in the future.
- **Flag Location:** Paul contacted the Bishop to obtain a written opinion on placing an American flag on the Church's lawn on Halcyon. The Bishop directed us to consult the Book of Discipline and Resolutions, and to contact the District's facility use supervisor about it and be prayerful. There may be a utility easement issue surrounding the flag's proposed location. Pastor David said that we would need to hold a Church Conference to vote on the matter if it were to move forward.
- **Utilities Usage:** Paul researched the Church utilities usage. They are not running \$2,100 monthly as feared but at \$1,800+ it is still high. Paul cut back on the amount of time our grounds are being watered. He found one station which was set to run for 3 ½ hours! Hopefully our water bill will go down 10-20% now.
- **Disaster Response Team:** We had the Red Cross visit us to study our site as a potential shelter in the event of a local disaster. They were very impressed and would like us to enter into a partnership agreement. Paul will gather our disaster response team to discuss once Pastor Mary is on board.
- **Storage Request:** We addressed a request from Betty Ashton for more food storage space in the future. She/they would like to use the closet next to the stage in Criswell hall. Things from 'Messy Church' would need to be moved out and some office supplies would need to find a new home. All doable. Mike Johnson will follow up with Betty to go over their current and future food storage requirements.
- **Maintenance Accomplished:** Mike and Bernie fixed a gas leak outside the new finance office. Bernie replaced the old leaky faucet in the Criswell Hall men's room. Bernie took out an old wall heater for Maddy in the Children's Center. Mike Coho volunteered to dry wall the hole it left. Paul worked on a leaky toilet in Children's Center without success and Maddy got a plumber to fix it the next day.

REMINDER! CHURCH NAME TAGS !
If you have one, please wear it.
If you need a new one, please contact
Frances in the church office.
Replacement cost is \$5 for pin design or
\$7 for magnetic closure.

GREAT WAY TO GET ACQUAINTED !
Please call the office if you've already
spoken to Frances earlier,
so we can confirm your request
and place the order.



Submitted by Judy Leonard

UMW BOOK CLUB OFF FOR THE SUMMER

The UMW Book Club met on Friday, June 26th to finish discussing part II of No Longer Silent: The Empowerment of Women in the Gospels by Susan Dehn Matthews.

Each woman in the book displayed her belief in Jesus and received his Divine energy. Many women were nameless in the Gospels and unknown to most Christians. Everyone in the reading group enjoyed discussing their stories and their significance to our lives today.

A book for summer reading will be announced later this summer through the church bulletin. Contact Patti Melsheimer for more information. The book club meets the fourth Friday of each month (except during the summer).

The next meeting **will be on Friday, September 25th, at 11 A.M. in the McMillen Room.**

Come join us for good reading and lively discussions!



Summer is here! We hope you and your families are having a great time. We have an exciting month ahead of us for our children and church family.

Our 5th of July will spark a new light on our Sunday school unit – Never Too Young. Our verse comes from 1st Timothy 4:12 – “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young.” Children will learn that even they can teach others about God. Our stories will pop from biblical stories of young people, but we will be learning about children today who are making a difference in the world. Each week, we will learn about a different young person and his or her ministry, to back up the idea that you are never too young to do God’s work. It should be a sparkling display of God’s power in all of our lives!



Also, mark your calendars for a spectacular Vacation Bible School weekend when we discover **God’s Plan 4 U = Jesus!** Please join us as we experiment with fun and excitement at SonsPark Labs! Our Weekend Adventure will begin **Friday, July 24th 6-8PM** and will continue Saturday, **July 25th 10:30AM – 2:00PM** with a pizza lunch, finishing on **Sunday at our 10:30 AM** service for closing ceremonies and more fun! There will be a **\$20.00 per child charge or \$15.00 each if you bring a friend!**

SonSpark Labs creates a fun and engaging discovery lab where children will have a great time singing fun songs, watching skits, creating crafts and playing games. But most important, they’ll discover God’s plan for everyone is Jesus! We’re looking forward to sharing this exciting event with the children and parents in our neighborhood. We hope they will all join us at SonSpark Labs. Spread the word, everyone; we want to keep the fire alive in our church!

If you should feel the desire to help out, and we hope you do, please sign up at our table in Criswell Hall! We are also looking for any scientific items to help with decorating. Call me if you’d like to help or donate.

Together, let’s make sure this July is bursting forth out into the community, shining our light in all the dark corners, letting everyone know we are here to give and help and share God’s word!

Yours sparkling truly,
Carolyn Russell
Children’s Ministry Director



FIRST UMC OF ARROYO GRANDE JOY JAR

Special Joys shared since the last writing. The basket with slips of paper and pens are still by the jar for your use, if you didn’t bring some with you. Hope you find it and use it.

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

- * Granddaughter, Monica Russell graduated from AGHS
- * Mike Coho for fixing the sound board
- * Support for food pantry and lunches
- * Birth of a new nephew
- * Son home with family for a couple weeks
- * Nephew graduated High School
- * Grandchild married
- * Grandson graduated from High School
- * Good visit with Chuck Buckton and Pastor Harold
- * Glad to have Hot Water back in the kitchen
- * Graduation of step-granddaughter
- * Celebration for mom’s 87th birthday
- * Bernie and Mike fixed gas leak
- * Visit from sister, Charlotte
- * Burns’ 59th Anniversary
- * Prestemon’s Anniversary
- * Two families with new great-granddaughters
- * Kathy, friend of Cristy and Judy, scheduled to go home from hospital after 6 mo.
- * Great CELEBRATION DAY WITH PASTOR DAVID AND FAMILY
- * Lee celebrating after coming here for one year
- * Liliana is 5
- * Giving of ELT Scholarships to four students

How exciting to witness to 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: July 2015

Judy Atwood

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

New things to report this edition....so read carefully so as not to miss out. 1. Meet John Elmore 2. 2015 Mission Projects 3. Special Giving Totals for 2015.

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

1. MEET JOHN ELMORE, MISSIONARY WITH THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CHILE. John is the Mission Volunteer Coordinator. He and his wife Maria are based in Angol in southern Chile, where he is affiliated with the Methodist Agricultural School for Mapuche Indians. He shared:

"The children that go to School at El Vergel Agricultural School mostly come from poor farm families that live in the surrounding communities of Angol. An example: A student named Pablo is a nice young man with a smile on his face. He caught on quickly as I was teaching him how to use some of the garden equipment. He boarded at the school and on the weekend would go home. After his school time he would help me take care of the green areas of the school. Once I asked him where he lived and how he got home on the weekends. He said that he took a bus about five kilometers and then he would walk the rest of the way; he didn't know how far that was but it took him about 3 hours more. One Friday, I drove him home, and he was glad as it was raining and during the winter. It was also dark and rainy as he walked the three hours without complaining because he was going to his home where his mother and father and siblings awaited. The drive took us 1 ½ hours. We arrived at what appeared to be a wooden building, with a door in the middle and two roofs sloping to either side. As we entered a room that they used for eating and cooking, there was a wood cook stove on the left and wooden table on the right with various types of chairs ranging from plastic to wooden, whatever they could use. I greeted his mother and little sister. We were served

bread, cheese, jelly and coffee or tea. About an hour later his father arrived. He was a fruit picker, that worked on farms in the area. The room, as humble as it was, was very warm and comfortable at 8 feet wide and 20 feet long. The family was gracious and not embarrassed about their conditions. When I was leaving after a wonderful time, Pablo's brother asked if I like rabbit. I said I did. He left and came back with a rabbit that he had shot with his sling shot. My wife and I have returned many times and have received many rabbits to make a tasty Brunswick Stew.

2. 2015 MISSION PROJECTS We have selected so far to give some of the mission gifts that we have to 1) Water Wells with a filtration system, 2) Orphanage for HIV/AIDS individuals in Thailand, 3) Heifer Project to help raise the standard of herds around the world. We also continue to support those local ministries that are part of the ministry of the congregation.

Many hands have continued to many things.

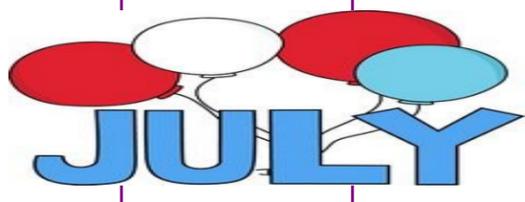


3. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2015

ELT Scholarships	25.00
Human Relations Sunday	335.00
Native American Sunday	261.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	406.00
Peace With Justice	181.00
People's Kitchen food	238.40
People's Kitchen Misc.	3004.00
Rev. Lang Mission Fund	5000.00
South County Food Bank	<u>238.42</u>
5 MONTHS TOTAL:	\$9688.82

A THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION.

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 8:30 AM People's Kitchen Team Prep-Day (K) 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 10:30 AM Staff Parish Relations Committee(L) 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 6 PM Adult Bible Study: James 1 (CH)	2 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11:30 AM People's Kitchen - leave to serve	3 Spirit Day at AG UM CC - wear your shirts! 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 3:30 PM AG UM CC Closed	4 
5 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service <i>Coffee Hour hosted by Board of Trustees</i>	6 Pastor's Day off 1 PM EM Food Pantry (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)	7 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L)	8 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 9:15 AM Storytime with Pastor & Goodie Bear (N) 10 AM UMW Steering (L) 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 6 PM Adult Bible Study: James 2 (CH)	9 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9:15 AM Storytime with Pastor & Goodie Bear (N) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 12 PM Esther Circle (MMR) 7 PM Finance Team (MMR)	10 8:30 AM Bible Study (L)	11 5:30 PM Praise Team Set-Up (S) 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice (S)
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26 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10 AM Vacation Bible School Weekend (CH,S, Parking Lot) 10:30 AM Traditional Service <i>Coffee Hour hosted by Worship Team</i>	27 Pastor's Day off 1 PM EM Food Pantry (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)	28 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 5 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L)	29 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 5:00 PM Free Dinner (CH) 6 PM Adult Bible Study: James 5 (CH)	30 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L)	31 8:30 AM Bible Study (L)	

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**Deadline for August Issue
 Friday, July 17 at Noon**

PLEASE NOTE:

Layout Editor reserves the right to cut and edit articles to meet space limitations.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ARROYO GRANDE

PARKING LOT GIVEAWAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 11 AM TO 2 PM

- SOCKS
- CLOTHING
- BACKPACKS
- SLEEPING BAGS
- BEDDING
- BLANKETS



Everything is FREE including coffee, cake & cookies for our guests!

- We are currently accepting clean, unstained clothing and bedding donations.
- Volunteers are always needed to help—check with the Ashtons.

HELPING THOSE IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

Introducing...

Joining us this month at First United Methodist Church Arroyo Grande is our new pastor, Mary Birgelaitis.



WELCOME!



**The Church has a staff opening for a part time Youth Director!
 Please contact the church office for a job description and an application.**



**Key Volunteer Positions of the Church
 Need To Be Filled**

Chair—Worship Team

Chair—Christian Education Team

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Pastor via the church office.



Penny Wersen	Jul 1
Collin Odom	Jul 2
Gladys Paulsen	Jul 2
Sasey Earley	Jul 3
Mary Whitson	Jul 3
Shirley Cross	Jul 6
Bud Johnson	Jul 6
Michael Rohla	Jul 8
Larry Baughman	Jul 11
Bernie Hawkins	Jul 11
Joel Anderson	Jul 14
Sarah Burgeson	Jul 14
Dick Melsheimer	Jul 14
Faye Cuddy	Jul 15
Gary Hughes	Jul 15
Enrique Quintana	Jul 15
Betty Lorenz	Jul 20
Buffy Prestemon	Jul 20
Roger Ridley	Jul 20

Did we miss a birthday?

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



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

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A Reminder About The Upcoming Church Photo Directory

The Church Council will be publishing a new church directory. We are looking for volunteers to do the portrait photography of each church member. **We'd like to begin taking photos after church on Sundays 7/12, 7/19 & 7/26.** If you would be willing to participate in this production, please contact Patti Melsheimer or Joe Brown.



This directory will be a very useful tool for the entire congregation!

Visit us on the web at worshipweekly.com

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www.facebook.com/fumcag

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, ARROYO GRANDE**
Please join us as we experiment with fun and excitement at SonSpark Labs!

WEEKEND PROGRAM

*Friday, July 24 — 6 pm—8 pm
Saturday, July 25 — 10:30 am—2 pm (pizza lunch)
Sunday, July 26—10:30 am—11:30 am*

Charge is \$20 per child or \$15 each if you bring a friend!
See page 8 of this newsletter for more details
If you want to discover God's awesome plan, join us at SonSpark Labs!