



We are hosting the North District
as the District welcomes
our new District Superintendent
the Rev. James R. Powell
who was appointed
effective July 1, 2015.

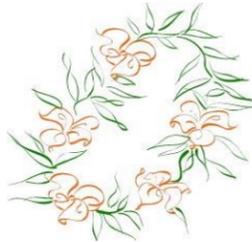
Member churches of our Mission Area will help us provide refreshments. It is our task to organize and host along with District personnel. Let's have fun doing it! The Lord's Crew under the direction of Susan Coho is already on board to lead in worship and Mike Coho will offer his skill helping with media and sound. We are proud to have this opportunity, and the "perk" is that we won't be travelling far to be there!



Rev. Powell comes to this new appointment having served as Director of Evangelism at Mt. Pisgah UMC (Atlanta, GA), as Senior Pastor of Imperial Beach UMC and most recently as the long-term Senior Pastor of Palmdale United Methodist Church.

Pastor Mary served Lancaster UMC from 1984-1990 and was privileged to meet Stephanie and Jim Powell when they were young parents way back when. They are terrific people, and she is thrilled that their paths are crossing again. Rev. Dr. Cedrick Bridgeforth has been a great leader on this District, and we are fortunate to have yet another great leader to work with us. Join Pastor Mary to welcome Stephanie and Jim Powell and our District to Arroyo Grande.

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Musings...

***"I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving
for my friends, the old and the new."***

---Ralph Waldo Emerson

Greetings!

What a blessing to wake up on 14th Street in Grover Beach realizing that I have landed in a loving, caring and compassionate congregation with a heart for ministry to the community in such a beautiful place as Arroyo Grande. I am grateful for the opportunities this appointment brings to be in ministry with you, and I am indeed grateful for my friends, the old and new.

It's always a challenge as a newcomer pastor to stifle the urge to say, ***"At Reseda we did this, at Whittier we did that or in Ventura..."*** and to find one's place in the present! It takes time. Most of us spend 60-65 hours a week employed for the good of the church when all is said and done, so truly churchwork is our passion, and the mission and ministry of the church is the magnificent obsession we bring! We want to love, serve, and make a positive difference along with you.

As we celebrated the beautiful loving life of Bob Atwood today in worship at his memorial service, it was a joy to stand with former pastors, Ehrhardt Lang and David Burgeson. They are great people with great spouses sharing life and ministry with them. It was my joy to issue the invitation on behalf of the Atwood family to participate together in this way. This is the United Methodist way.

People often ask how this works in the midst of itineracy. We build important relationships and share tender ties of affection between pastor and people and yet *"celebrate the temporary"* as we move on. The protocol for participating pastorally in weddings, funerals, and special occasions is this: Simply engage the appointed pastor-in-charge first. Let him/her be the pastor/shepherd in the new place and trust him/her to help create what is most helpful and healing for you and your family during these important passages in life. Any good pastor can step in, without knowing a person, and as she/he shares with the family, listens and loves can create with you a wonderful tribute for your loved one at the time of death. At the same time we understand the importance and healing potential of having special people come alongside. Believe it or not it is almost easier to do a great job when you don't know the person because you "get out of the way" and listen intently without getting off and into your own personal perceptions/digressions.

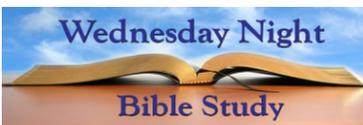
Please know that I am glad to include others and appreciate the way people are already including me in my appointed role by coming to me first and letting me be the shepherd I am called to be in this place. Inclusion will work for me here because of the attitude, boundaries and sensitivity of my predecessors in this place. It "doesn't work" well when people go to the former pastors first and/or predecessors are not savvy in guiding people back to the pastor first. It impedes new pastoral relationships from forming. I have experienced both in 32 years of ministry, i.e. cooperating colleagues and others running interference. I am glad that you and your previous pastors "get it" as I covet the opportunity to build relationships here like they did in their time with you. Thank you for your sensitivity and awareness in these matters, and be assured that I will include the important people in your lives as they are able to participate, and will enjoy meeting them as well.

God Bless You!

Rev. Mary B.



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



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



Dates	Topics and Schedule
Wednesday, Sep 2	• 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study A Study of Ephesians—"Made New Through Christ"
Sunday, Sep 6	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis— "PRECIOUS CARGO" Mark 10:13-16
Wednesday, Sep 9	• 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study One Session Study—"The Power of Gratitude"
Sunday, Sep 13	• 10:30 AM One Traditional Worship Service Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis— "FORGIVE THEM" Matthew 6:7-14, John 20:19-23
Wednesday, Sep 16	• Adult Bible Study On Break—Will Resume Sep 23
Sunday, Sep 20	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis— "A TEAR IN THE EYE OF GOD" Romans 8:28-39
Wednesday, Sep 23	• 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study A Study of 1-3 John "Abiding In Love" Session 1: "Forgiveness and Fellowship" (1 John 1:2-17)
Sunday Sep 27	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis— "IN JESUS' NAME" John 14:8-17
Wednesday, Sep 30	• 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study A Study of 1-3 John "Abiding In Love" Session 2: "Knowing and Abiding" (1 John 2:18-29)

Bible Study on Wednesday Evenings
5:45 PM — Criswell Hall

The Wednesday evening study group, led by Susan Coho, has been using the Bible Readers Series (i.e. July, Philippians and August, Ephesians) and will continue with a six-week 1-3 John study, *Abiding in Love*, from the series in mid-September.

September Bible Study Evenings
 Wed. Sep. 2: "Made New Through Christ" (final class on Ephesians)
 Wed. Sep. 9: "The Power of Gratitude" (one session study)
 Wed. Sep. 16: On Break (adult study resumes Sep. 23)

The new 6 week study of 1-3 John begins:
 Wed. Sep. 23: "Forgiveness & Fellowship" (1 John 1:2-17)
 Wed. Sep. 30 "Knowing & Abiding" (1 John 2:28-29)
This series will continue for the month of October.
Please join us!


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 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*

News & Announcements

UMM FIRST MEETING AT COCO'S RESTAURANT

KEYNOTE SPEAKER—PASTOR MARY BIRGELAITIS



The first breakfast meeting of the new program year will be held at Coco's Restaurant on **Saturday, September 19th at 8:30 AM**; order from the menu. The Keynote Speaker will be our own new pastor, Mary Birgelaitis. This will be a great chance to get to know our Pastor better and share our fellowship with her. **Ladies are invited to attend.** The UMM Cabinet will give a Financial Report and will distribute the Program Schedule for the coming program year for 2015 / 2016. Vice Chairman Paul Holden will tell of plans for trips of interest. This is a meeting you won't want to miss. It will help you get ready for a great year.

FIRST PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 11th from 8:30—10:30 AM
Criswell Hall

A kitchen crew will be needed for the event. Although the breakfast is not a great money maker for the UMM, it is an opportunity for the 1st and 2nd Service to get together in fellowship and a good meal.



Cost will remain the same as last year — Adults \$8, Youth \$5, and Kids under 10 years of age free.

The Pancake Breakfast is an excellent time to invite new prospective members to eat with you and attend the services.



CHRISTMAS JUBILEE ALREADY IN THE MAKING

Bernie Hawkins is at work signing up folks for the "Christmas Jubilee" talent show. He already has some exciting acts lined up and promises this will be the "Greatest Talent Show Ever". Get ready for the big event scheduled for **Friday evening, December 11th in Criswell Hall — 7:00—9:00 PM.**

It's "Free"!



The UMM honors
BOB ATWOOD,
a long-time member
of the organization



**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."

Sally Weitkamp, Publicity

Holiday Boutique
Saturday, November 7, 2015
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Keep working on your craft items and other goodies you are making for the Boutique! We only have two more months to complete them.

- Gladys Paulsen has offered to give us some clippings of her succulent plants. Call me (Sally Weitkamp) if you would be willing to slip some new plants. They should be a popular item with our four-year drought. They are easy to start. Please give me a call!
- I am making orange marmalade, cookie dough to put in the freezer, and will have fresh cookies to bake the day before the Boutique.
- I'm freezing pie crusts and apples for pies. The more we can do in advance, the less hectic we will be in November.
- I have been collecting ideas from magazines and off the internet. If you need ideas, call me!
- We are going to need lots of volunteers for the Boutique and Brunch. There will be sign up sheets in Criswell Hall each Sunday following the two services.



HANDCRAFTED

Jewelry * Aprons * Quilts
Afghans * Tote Bags
Fall and Christmas Décor
Jams * Jellies
Candy * Baked Goods
Art Work



ENJOY A DELICIOUS BRUNCH

9:00 A.M.—1:00 pm
\$10

*Proceeds support
Methodist Missions
at home and
around the world*

- *We want to thank all of you for your support and help at all our fundraisers and activities!*

Postponement of The Church and People with Disabilities Workshop

The Church and People with Disabilities Workshop, which was to be held on Saturday, September 12th, has been postponed until March of 2016 due to a conflict of events. We will give you more details about this event in the February 2016 Castanet.

APPROVED BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 2015—JUNE 30, 2016

If you have any questions, please contact Acting Treasurer, Joel Anderson

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ARROYO GRANDE



2013/14 & 2014/15 HISTORICAL & 2015/16 BUDGET

	2013/14 ACTUAL	2014/15 ACTUAL	2015/16 APPROVED	NOTES & OTHER FUNDING SOURCES
INCOME				
PLEDGES & REGULAR GIVERS	\$273,940	\$238,127	\$240,712	
LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$5,910	\$4,184	\$4,200	
EASTER OFFERING	\$1,938	\$2,960	\$3,000	
THANKSGIVING OFFERING	\$1,329	\$635	\$1,000	
CHRISTMAS OFFERING	\$3,473	\$3,594	\$3,700	
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP	\$286,590	\$249,500	\$252,612	
OTHER INCOME				
PRESCHOOL	\$5,500	\$7,600	\$7,200	
OTHER INCOME	\$3,166	\$3,324	\$3,500	
TOTAL INCOME	\$295,256	\$260,424	\$263,312	
EXPENSES				
1000 - Local Ministry				
Total 1110 - Communications	\$731	\$622	\$600	
Total 1200 - MEMBERSHIP CARE	\$257	\$175	\$100	Has \$2.2K of funds from Endowment
Total 1300 - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$3,237	\$2,084	\$2,200	Has \$2K of non-budget fund
Total 1500 - WORSHIP TEAM	\$3,133	\$2,371	\$2,500	
Total 1600 - MISSION TEAM	\$45	\$0	\$0	\$5.6K Non-budget funds, \$4K annual endowment income + McGuire Funds
Total 1760 - Pastor & Benefits	\$90,715	\$86,546	\$109,898	
Annual Conference Delegation	\$0	\$509	\$600	
Total 1000 - Local Ministry	\$98,118	\$92,307	\$115,898	
Total 2000 Apportionments	\$42,799	\$43,881	\$42,936	
3000 - Operations				
Total 3300 - Board of Trustees	\$50,526	\$43,316	\$33,000	\$6K Memorials, \$40K McGuire Fund, \$150K Parsonage Fund
Total 3500 - Finance Committee	\$126	\$3,710	\$5,800	Added Bookkeeping service
Total 3600 - Church Office	\$9,055	\$6,565	\$6,700	
Staff	\$90,263	\$85,561	\$68,275	cut staffing expenses 10% from present levels
Benefits	\$9,336	\$7,286	\$6,145	
SPRC Committee Expenses	\$150	\$100	\$150	
Total 3700 - Staff/Parish	\$99,749	\$92,947	\$74,570	
Total 3000 Operations	\$159,456	\$146,538	\$120,070	
Total Expenses	\$300,373	\$282,726	\$278,904	
DEFICIT	-\$5,117	-\$22,302	-\$15,592	Reserves \$5K, Endowment loans \$35K

**REPORT OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
Chair, Paul Holden



August 2015

- Paul Holden will gather the Church Disaster Preparedness team together after Church on August 30th to coordinate and discuss moving forward with the Red Cross as a partner.
- Mike Johnson will begin contacting potential vendors for contracting preventative maintenance for our heaters and appliances. The board agreed last month that we should move forward with finding vendors to perform these tasks on a semi-annual basis.
- Mike J. will also be looking closely at our current contract with Executive Janitorial and seeing if we could perhaps get more for less from another vendor in the future.
- The board is awaiting a response from the missions committee to assist the Church with paying for the People's Kitchen/Food Pantry utility month expense through utilizing part of the earnings from the Don McGuire Missions fund.
- The board members Mike J. and Virginia M. will be receiving credit cards from the United Methodist credit union for future Church purchases of supplies and paying vendor charges.
- The board agreed to allow the County elections department to use our facilities for the 2016 June primary and November elections. We will be charging the County \$425 for each use. The Church could make an additional \$500-\$700 if we were able to put together a team of volunteers for election day to man our polling place.
- The board approved the acquisition, installation and use of ceiling fans for the Children's Center nursery.
- The board applauded Bernie H. and Mike T.'s work on recent repairs made for the Children's Center saving the Church a lot of money by not having to hire a contractor.
- Paul H. recently posted an ad on Craig's list to rent out the Church's vacant lot. So far just one candidate has surfaced who would pay only \$250 monthly. It was agreed to keep on looking for potential renters.



Submitted by Patti Melsheimer

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

For our September 25th meeting of the UMW Book Club we will be reading "Kind Of Kin" by Rilla Askew. The New York Times describes the novel as "a study in the categories and contradictions that dissolve families, dissect communities and split nations. She (the author) personalizes the issue (immigration), exploring with a deft hand and an unflinching moral vision the gray areas of an argument so often presented in black and white."

If you would like to join this gathering, please contact Patti Melsheimer or Judy Leonard. All are welcome!

Come join us for good reading and lively discussions!

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.

Checks may be sent to

P.O. Box 756, Grover Beach, 93483.

Receipts will be mailed upon request.





Welcome to the Fall season, everyone! As children begin to settle into a new school year routine, our Sunday school children are off to their new grade levels as well. And they have a new curriculum, too! With the "Deep Blue" program, "kids will open their Bibles and learn more about God, Jesus, faith, and how it all fits together into life today."

And the place to begin with is **Genesis!** Our first unit is titled "**God's Creation Is Good.**" Children will be learning about "**The**



Earth," and God's Creation and His Plan. Next, with "**Living Things,**" they will further learn about being good Caretakers. "**In God's Image,**" children will learn how we were all created in God's image, but that each one of us is unique and special. And finally, with "**Adam and Eve,**" they will learn that God gave human beings the ability to choose right and wrong, but that God loves us even though we may choose wrongly at times.

We are looking forward to having some fun adventures this year with our Sunday school kids. We would like to plan more events throughout the year, as well. We encourage children to come every Sunday, and to bring a friend. The more kids we have, the better our program can be, and the more fun we all can have!

Also, if you are looking to help our Sunday school, we are always looking for teachers and assistants, as we implement our **Safe Sanctuaries** program. If you would like to help, whether it is for one Sunday a month, or every other month, we can surely use your assistance! Please contact me, or leave a message with the church office, 481-2692. Let's build our program together!

If you are already helping, I greatly thank you and all of your efforts!

See you at Sunday school!

God's love,

Carolyn Russell



FIRST UMC OF ARROYO GRANDE JOY JAR

Special Joys shared since the last writing. I found more slips in the jar this month. So hopefully we are more aware of the joys we have and celebrating them. 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.

New Joys.

- * Praise for Carolyn and all the helpers to make VBS a success...Mary Thronson
- * Granddaughter Heather is expecting her first baby...Chuck and Betty
- * Cristy was able to finally get her pain medicine
- * Joy to see Tina's son in church
- * Joy to see Caitlin Herber this morning...Her grandma Ashton
- * Chuck Ashton's brother doing well after cancer treatments
- * Maddy and Peter Quaglino celebrated their 28th Anniversary...Mary Thronson
- * To the painters in Criswell Hall...love the fresh clean blue on the cabinets
- * Mary Thronson's sister, Billie Jane, found a new house and moved in
- * Good to have Jordan Henderson with us this summer
- * Daughter received her MBA...Janice and Art Moore
- * Good to have visitors from Tennessee...Peg Gallop
- * Fun with grandson at the park...Virginia Mothes
- * Joy to have sister visiting...Connie Clark
- * Husband had good six week check up...Lucy Jacob
- * Betty and Bud Johnson have a new Great Grandson
- * Give Away was a great success...thanks to everyone who helped/donated
- * Serafina blessed us with her music
- * My son, Cody, and husband, Lamar, will be here this week...Cristy
- * First serving of Hot Meals again for People's Kitchen went well
- * Helen Gugeler appreciative of all the prayers for her healing following her fall

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: Sept. 2015

Judy Atwood

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

New things to report this edition...so read carefully so as not to miss out. 1. Meet Charles "Charley" deWitt Brower 2. Local Mission Needs 3. Special Giving Totals for 2015.

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

1. MEET CHARLES "CHARLEY" deWITT BROWER, NOME, ALASKA. Charley is from Barrow, Alaska. He serves as the pastor of the Community UMC in Nome. He is married to Janet and they have four boys who all live in Alaska. Their names are Yves, Seth, Justin, and Stephan. They also have seven grandchildren (4 girls and 3 boys). Charley is a graduate of Wrangell Institute from Northrup Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering and later from Western New England University with a Master of Business Administration. Charley serves the United Methodist Church in many ways. He is a member of the Alaska UM Conference Leadership Team; current chair of the Native Ministries Committee; member of the UMC Western Jurisdiction Leadership Team; member of the UMC Office of Christian Unity and Inter-Religious Relations Steering Committee under UMC Council of Bishops; member of the UMC Western Jurisdiction Interethnic Coordinating Committee; member of the Executive Committee Native American International Caucus of the UMC; and member of UMC Inter Ethnic Strategy Development Group. He has been leading the development of "Giving Voice", a gathering of ecumenical, Alaska Native Ordained Ministers and Certified Lay persons to discuss common issues facing churches in rural Alaska.



Topics of discussion include exploring sustainable solutions for worship in rural villages including home churches, common training for lay leaders, inclusion of communities in selection and support of local lay leaders, and cultural peculiarities of learning and training of indigenous persons for church leadership.

2. LOCAL MISSION NEEDS We are blessed to have local mission ministries to help meet the needs of those in our own community also. With needs increasing, we need to assist as we are able for the Five Cities Christian Women and our own Food Pantry. In kind donations, staples, and financial support are appreciated by both. You can assist as a volunteer as well. Thanks for your support of the August 15th Give Away.

Many hands continue to do many things.

3. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2015

Kits 4 Kids	520.00
ELT Scholarships	50.00
Human Relations Sunday	335.00
Native American Sunday	261.00
No More Malaria	12.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	406.00
Peace with Justice	201.00
People's Kitchen food	342.60
People's Kitchen Misc.	5,308.40
Rev. Lang Mission Fund	5,000.00
South County Food Bank	<u>342.62</u>
7 MONTHS TOTAL	\$12,778.62

⌘ 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
		<p>1 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Rm)</p>	<p>2 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 12 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 9:15 AM Storytime with Pastor & Goodie Bear (N) 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Study "Ephesians Study 5 CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>3 8 AM People's Kitchen Team prep then leave to serve at 11:15 (K) 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9:15 AM Storytime with Pastor & Goodie Bear-N 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Rm)</p>	<p>4 Spirit Day at AG UM CC - wear your shirts! 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 3:30 PM AG UM CC Closed</p>	<p>5 5:30 PM Praise Team Set-Up (S) 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice (S)</p>
<p>6 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: All Church</p>	<p>7  LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY  NO FOOD PANTRY—Holiday for Volunteers 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p>8 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 10 AM UMW Steering (L) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Rm) 7 PM Trustees</p>	<p>9 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 12 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Study "Power of Gratitude"(CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>10 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 12 PM Esther Circle (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Rm) 7 PM Finance Team (MMR)</p>	<p>11 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 12 Noon Deadline for Castanet newsletter articles (church office)  4:30 PM UMW Setup</p>	<p>12 2 PM Welcoming Event for North District Superintendent Rev. James Powell (S,N,CH)</p>
<p>13 The Chancel Choir returns from summer break! One Service Sunday (no 8:30 AM service) 10:30 AM Traditional Service with Chancel Choir 11:45 AM Congregational Care Team (L) Coffee Hour: Endowment/ELT Scholarship</p>	<p>14 Pastor's Day off 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p>15 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 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 Rm) 7 PM JOY Circle (At member's home)</p>	<p>16 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 10 AM Communications 12 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM On Break - Adult Study resumes 9/23/15 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>17 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)</p>	<p>18 8:30 AM Bible Study (L)</p>	<p>19 8:30 AM UMM Breakfast Meeting (Coco's) 5:30 PM Praise Team Set-Up (S) 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice (S)</p>
<p>20 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: Staff Parish Relations Committee 1 PM Handbell Workshop (Handbell Choir Room)</p>	<p>21 Pastor's Day off 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p>22 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Rm)</p>	<p>23 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 9:30 AM Mary-Martha (MMR) 12 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study (CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>24 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 1 PM Mission Team (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Rm)</p>	<p>25 AG Harvest Festival Weekend 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 11 AM UMW Book Club (MMR)</p>	<p>26 AG Harvest Festival Weekend</p>
<p>27  8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service 12 PM Congregational Care—New Member Recognition Luncheon and Program (CH)</p>	<p>28 Pastor's Day off 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p>29 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9:AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Rm)</p>	<p>30 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 12 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study (CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>			

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**Deadline for October Issue
Friday, September 11, at Noon**

PLEASE NOTE:

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

Family Fun Day

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center

8th Annual Family Fun Day

Carnival Games, Trike-a-Thon, Pumpkin Patch, Face Painting, Bounce House, BBQ and more!

October 3, 2015

11 AM - 1:30 PM

We would like to make this the best year yet—you can help!

If you would like to participate and hold a booth on that day, please contact Maddy at the AG UM CC at 481-2223.

60 KITS FOR KIDS !

These school supply kits were delivered in August in time for school



through CAP SLO Homeless Services and the Dept. of Social Services.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO

- ◆ The Sew 'N' Sews and United Methodist Men for funding, and
- ◆ The Thronson family for purchasing and assembling the school supply kits.

Celebrating a



Hilde Hollinger	Sep 3
Ellie Asprion	Sep 4
Marj Cawelti	Sep 5
Mike Coho	Sep 6
Kay Walker	Sep 6
Carleen Minckler	Sep 8
Sally Weitkamp	Sep 13
Alice Addison	Sep 14
Jennie Wineberg	Sep 14
Bob Thronson	Sep 16
Betty Ann Quintana	Sep 18
Jan Treat	Sep 18
Peg Gallop	Sep 21
Judith Atwood	Sep 26
Jeanne Stephenson	Sep 28
Claire Jacob	Sep 29

Did we miss a birthday?

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



The Church has a staff opening for a part time Youth Director!

Please contact the church office for a job description and an application.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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.



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

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Arroyo Grande, CA 93420
Address SERVICE REQUESTED

UPDATE ON CHURCH DIRECTORY



- Photos for the directory completed Aug 30 and 31.
- Joe Brown and Val McClure began taking photos in July.
- Dave Anderson will print the Directory for us.
- One of the efforts was to visit and photo our shut-in members and Care Home members.
- Photographers give a special thank you to Marj Wolters and Bonnie Swafford for staffing the sign-in table.
- Thank you for your support!

THE DIRECTORY SHOULD BE OUT BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER!

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WANTED:

Alto, Bass, Soprano and Tenor Voices



Join the Choir

FIRST REHEARSAL

Wednesday, Sep 2 , 7 PM

Where: Church Sanctuary

Benefits: Fun, fellowship, singing a variety of music, praising God in song.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting ministry of the church, please contact Julie Burns, Chancel Choir Director.

Or call the Church Office at 481-2692.