



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

Cast~A~Net

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

JANUARY 2016



For January

- January 16 UMM Breakfast Meeting
Coco's Restaurant, 8:30 AM
Guest speaker, Lynn Compton,
4th District South County Supervisor
- January 24 UMM Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10:30
AM, Criswell Hall
- January 31 UMW Sunday celebrated at both
Sunday morning services

For February

- February 7 UMW Super Chili Bowl "50"
Take Home—11:30 AM
- February 13 UMM Annual Sweetheart Breakfast
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, Criswell Hall

Changing the World, One Life at a Time.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

"I'm learning what it means for me to give a chance at life to those who don't have voices or who aren't heard."




HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY JANUARY 17, 2016

This special Sunday celebrates the connectional work of United Methodist Churches.

Human Relations Day is our day to **celebrate every person's potential** to do great things.

It's our day to **empower those living in the margins of society.**

It's our day to **invest in at-risk youth.**

It's our day to **make a difference together.**

The Human Relations Day offering supports these ministries.

Human Relations Day is celebrated on the Sunday before the national observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.



From the Pastor

Greetings!

January is upon us. Though our fiscal year is July to June and the liturgical year began November 29th with the First Sunday in Advent, for most of us the culture trumps the rest and we “begin again” at some important level on January 1st.

My neighbors’ Christmas decorations disappeared promptly on December 26th. I like to linger longer through Epiphany, January 6th. We celebrate Epiphany in church on January 3rd, and on January 10 the scripture highlights the Baptism of Jesus. On that Sunday we will offer the sacrament of baptism and renew our own baptismal vows together.

January 17th and 24th the Rev. Mike Eggleston will be in the pulpit. Rev. Eggleston has a long history as a pastor on the Central Coast, having served as pastor for ten years at St Andrew UMC of Santa Maria followed by seven years at Trinity UMC Los Osos. He retired to Los Osos in 2013 from Whittier First. Mike actually followed me at Whittier First picking up where I left off and moved the church ahead in important ways. It always feels great when a successor truly builds on the work you have done and I was thrilled that he picked up the baton in that place. Rev. Eggleston presently assists at Trinity as volunteer "Minister of the Environment," and is a board member of "People of Faith for Justice." Mike thinks this will be his third and fourth times (over 25 years) in preaching at AGUMC. So, please welcome Mike in my absence.

Why will I be absent? Its vacation time for me! Over the years, the reality of ministry is that Christmas time never offers vacation time. It’s just too busy. Family has always been too far away to easily be part of their Christmas celebrations, and I truly can’t remember a year when I wasn’t doing memorials/ funerals in January. I have developed a long-time pattern of taking my break in late January. During last years’ January break I was traveling to Dallas where my mother was dying, and prior to coming to AG my vacation time was filled with boxes and the task of moving, so this vacation time feels like it’s been a loong time in coming. My sister Wendy Wakefield will be visiting me from January 16th through the 21st here on the Central Coast and I am thrilled. All my siblings are married with children and it hasn’t often worked for them to come where I am, so it’s exciting.

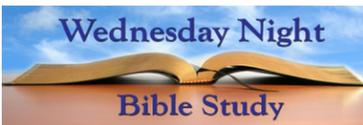
Prior to vacation I will meet with the family of Doris Rice to honor her life within their family circle. Then as a church family we will celebrate the life of Hilde Hollinger together with the Hollinger’s on Friday January 8th at 2:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. The next day we celebrate the life of Art Moore on Saturday January 9th at 3:00 p.m., again in our sanctuary. I will return to worship with you on Sunday, January 31st to enjoy our own UMW Women’s Sunday.

Happy New Year!

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis



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



Adult Bible Study at 5:45 PM
FREE Fellowship Meal at 5 PM



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



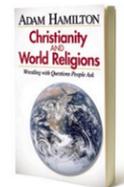
Dates	Topics and Schedule
Sunday, January 3 Epiphany Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services-Epiphany Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis— GOD OF OUR LIFE Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12
Wednesday, January 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study Christianity and World Religions—Wrestling with Questions People Ask Session 1: Questions People Ask
Sunday, January 10 First Sunday after the Epiphany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services –Baptism of the Lord Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis— A SACRED TREASURE Matthew 3:3-17
Wednesday, January 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study Christianity and World Religions—Wrestling with Questions People Ask Session 2: Hinduism
Sunday, January 17 Second Sunday after the Epiphany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services-Human Relations Day Rev. Mike Eggleston, preaching John 2:1-11
Wednesday, January 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study Christianity and World Religions—Wrestling with Questions People Ask Session 3: Buddhism
Sunday, January 24 Third Sunday after the Epiphany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Rev. Mike Eggleston, preaching 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Wednesday, January 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study Christianity and World Religions—Wrestling with Questions People Ask Session 4: Islam
Sunday, January 31 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services United Methodist Women Sunday

JANUARY LITURGISTS

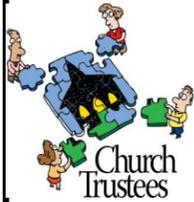
January 3
 8:30 a.m.—Joe Brown
 10:30 a.m.—BG Perrigey
January 10
 8:30 a.m.—Cristy Van Hook
 10:30 a.m.—Cristy Van Hook
January 17
 8:30 a.m.—Joel Anderson
 10:30 a.m.—Alice Addison
January 24
 8:30 a.m.—Sharon Roemer
 10:30 a.m.—Virginia Mothes
January 31

New Wednesday Adult Bible Study
 Begins on January 6, Criswell Hall, 5:45 pm

- We will be reading and discussing Adam Hamilton's book, Christianity and World Religions—Wrestling with Questions People Ask.
- Books will be available at our first meeting.
- Study will be facilitated by Judy Atwood.



Please Join Us!



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chair, Paul Holden

December 2015-The Latest from the Trustees

- We were all pleased with the stripping and buffing job of the social hall, kitchen, and bathrooms which Executive Janitorial did for us. Thanks to Mike Johnson for seeing this from bids to fruition.
- We hired Power Plumbing to inspect the heating duct work for the Children's Center while they are on Christmas break.
- New building use policies will be distributed to all committee heads and published in the January Cast-A-Net. * The policies will be posted and will go into effect in January.
- We are looking into replacing the entry way mats before the rains come.
- We voted on the signage which we will post for our adopted smoke-free environment policy.
- We all agreed that hand rails need to be constructed to assist in getting up and getting down from the Sanctuary's stage. Paul will pursue getting this done.
- We also talked about putting up a railing along the front of the stage.
- We will look into what it would take to light the stained glass window at the front of the Sanctuary at night so it appears nicely lit up from the street.

*** The letter to the congregation with the policies is on page 7 and Exhibits A and B are on page 11.**



Val McClure, publicity

LYNN COMPTON TO KEYNOTE JANUARY 16th UMM BREAKFAST

The first UMM breakfast meeting of the New Year will be held in Coco's Restaurant on Saturday, Jan 16th at 8:30 am. Participants will order from the menu. **Keynote Speaker** will be **Lynn Compton**, member of the Board of Supervisors of SLO and Representative to our 4th District South County area.

She and her husband, Pete, founded Valley Farm Supply, Inc; an agricultural supply company and have owned the business for the past 15 years.

Lynn holds a Juris Doctorate Degree from the College of Law - Santa Barbara/Ventura. Part of her presentation will be a question and answer session with those attending.

Due to limited seating at Coco's you must sign-up for this event with UMM President Chuck Ashton in Criswell Hall after services. Ladies are most cordially invited to attend.



IT'S PANCAKE TIME AGAIN

The first Pancake Breakfast of 2016 is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 24th from 8:30-10:30a.m. in Criswell Hall.

MENU: Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate.
Cost: Adults \$8, Youth \$5, Kids under 10 Years FREE. Tickets available at the door.

"It's more than Pancakes—it's Fellowship!"

UMM LOOKS TO FEBRUARY

The Annual Sweetheart Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 13th from 9:00am to 10:30 in Criswell Hall. This fun "love-the-ladies" event includes a great breakfast, flowers for the ladies, music and entertainment. Put the date on your calendar **NOW!**





United Methodist Women
 FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

in the global ministries of the church."

Sally Weitkamp, Publicity

" 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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I have two resolutions this New Year. First I will remove God from the back burner to the front burner. How easy it is to put your time with God off due to some event or activity. But God NEVER puts off being with you whenever you need HIM. And isn't it amazing how well your day goes when you start it with his presence. My second resolution is to love others. Jesus said, "The first greatest commandment is to love God and the second is

to love your neighbor as you love yourself." It is difficult to love others when you don't love yourself. I have been created in the image of God and it is an insult for me to not love what my God has created. So from now on I will love those wrinkles, scars, flabby skin and even that belly fat. God loves me just as I am!!! Now I am free to see others as children of God and to reach out to them.

What is on your list of resolutions this year?

2015 was a good year! We had several interesting events. Our fundraisers were all successes. We raised enough monies to give **\$835 each** to the following five local charities:

- HOSPICE**
- FIVE CITIES CHRISTIAN WOMEN**
- THE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY**
- GROVER BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
- CAPTIVE HEARTS**

Thank you to all our members and the congregation for all of your support this past year.

UMW CALENDAR FOR 2016

Please save these dates

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| January 31 | United Methodist Women's Sunday |
| February 7 | Super Chili Bowl "50" |
| March 12 | Disability Program |
| May 7 | Mother's Day Luncheon |
| June 25 | Spiritual Retreat |
| September 17 | Mission Study |
| November | Virtual Tea |

Here is the recipe for our **Christmas Brunch Quiche** several ladies have asked for:

Ingredients

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| 10 eggs | 1 pint non-fat cottage cheese |
| ½ cup flour | 1 lb. grated jack cheese |
| ½ tsp. baking powder | 1/2 cup butter |
| ½ tsp. salt | 2 small cans chopped chilies |

Directions

Beat the eggs and combine the rest of the ingredients. Mix together well. Pour in to a buttered 9X13 container. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes or until set. ENJOY!



A CHRISTMAS SEASON VISIT WITH DON AND HELEN GUGELER

with David Beaman on December 15, 2015



Don was born on the way to the Des Moines, Iowa hospital in a Model A Ford. His father was a Methodist Minister and after his early death, his mother took over as his replacement to serve the congregation. She was declared qualified to hold the position by the conference and served over 4 years. Don entered USAF in the waning years of WWII and trained as a B-24 bombardier. The war ended before he was assigned to overseas duty. He qualified for GI Bill benefits and after the war studied Physics and Mathematics at Iowa State University.

Helen was born in Laurens, Iowa and grew up on a dairy farm with purebred, high production, and registered Holstein cows. She helped milk the cows, lifted heavy pails of milk and did other chores in the mornings before attending her high school classes. She showed heifer calves at the fair and won many 4-H prizes.

Don and Helen met in 1947 while attending Iowa State University and while singing in the Methodist Church choir in Ames, Iowa. Helen's major was Home Economics. They became engaged in 1948. 1949 was a BIG YEAR; they both graduated college AND they became married. They both then taught high school for 3 years; Don taught Science, Chemistry and Physics and Helen taught Home Economics and English. Additionally, they enjoyed new faculty assignments, like Helen's favorite of directing school theater plays, and Don's accomplishments were playing clarinet in and directing the PEP Band. The total high school population was only 80 students; however, they put together a 50 student member marching band and won a statewide competition.

The family made a very significant vacation trip to California to visit a sister and brother-in-law and Don made contacts for new employment with Hughes Aircraft, Rockwell Industries, and Douglas Aircraft. Don accepted a position offer with Douglas, and the family moved to Santa Monica in 1956. He was hired as a Design Engineer for Guidance and Control Systems. While working there, he acquired a Masters Degree from UCLA. His descriptions of the work he did included "designing components of a desired theoretical nature and then creating the actual and workable device that contributes to ICBM interceptor performance".

The family had grown with the arrival, in Iowa, of daughter Margaret in 1954 and son Bill in 1955. Daughters Diane in 1959 and Pam in 1963 were born in Santa Monica, California. Next generation members include seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

After retirement, Don and Helen came to Arroyo Grande and built their new home. It was specially designed to include Solar Heating features to save use of carbon related fuel by using sunlight very efficiently and at minimal cost. An example was a 30' by 10' all glass solarium on the south side exposure. This is an example of what a well-educated scientist and engineer does on a regular basis.

We AGUMC members fondly remember when all the children attended the service on Don's 90th birthday and sang and played guitars before the congregation as a birthday tribute to their father.

Don and Helen are 30 year members, and very regular attenders to all our church activities. They are full time members of the Chancel Choir. They have served on many committees and boards.

Helen enjoys all activities that involve sewing. She has been an active member of the Quilting Guild. Don regularly plays his clarinet during church services and with the SLO County Band and with groups who entertain shut ins at the many care facilities. They have enjoyed travels to London, Scotland, Austria, and Japan, and cruises to Australia and Alaska.

It is members like Don and Helen who help hold our church together and show the way of how to be effective and caring members.



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Dear Parishioners,

Over the past several months your Trustees have been reviewing many aspects of the church facilities in regards to environmental conditions, utility and general usage of church facilities. In doing so we are in the process of drafting policies that we feel will help clarify many issues regarding these situations to the satisfaction of the whole congregation. The following are areas we will be addressing initially: Kitchen, Pantry, Criswell Hall and Narthex.

TRUSTEE POLICY: FACILITY USAGE

Kitchen

The kitchen will be used primarily by the Pre-School M-F 10am – 2PM. This does not mean other church groups may not use the kitchen during those times, but it does mean that groups/events that need this area during those times must coordinate with the pre-school director to allow for a suitable solution for all parties involved.

Groups/Events that use the Kitchen and its facilities are responsible for all set-up, clean-up, breakage, etc., during the time of their scheduled event. If the area is not as clean as it was before the event, the group responsible for the event will be charged a fee. This fee is currently \$50.00 for non-church groups in accordance to our standard Usage Agreement.

Pantry

The pantry attached to the kitchen is used as a cleaning area, hence the existence of the water, sink and drain built into the floor. Thus we have kept cleaning chemicals, mop buckets, mops, brooms and other cleaning supplies in there for several years.

Over time, a variety of food items have come to be stored in this pantry. The Trustees are initiating a policy to remedy this situation. See exhibit A. [page 11]

Criswell Hall

This hall is designated as a meeting place for a variety of groups and while many events involve the serving of food, the storage of same is not its primary purpose; therefore, any non-perishable food stuffs allowed to be stored in this area must be located in cabinets or closets, behind closed doors. No perishable foodstuffs or opened containers, packages or bottles of food may be stored in this area at any time. See Exhibit B. [page 11]

Once again, it is the responsibility of the group using this area for meetings, events or whatever, to leave the area in a clean condition, including the floors – if this is not done the group will be charged a cleaning fee.

Narthex

It should be remembered that the narthex is not an eating area; therefore do not eat or drink liquids, other than water, in it.

These policies were adopted by **The Trustees** and the **Church Council** on Nov. 18, 2015 to become effective on Jan. 10, 2016



Happiest New Year to you all!

Though Christmas time is behind us, the Christmas spirit still follows us into the New Year. We begin our January lessons with the Wise Men, following their star to find a toddler



Jesus. God chose to send Jesus for everyone, even those who had not been waiting for his arrival and were not fully aware of whom they were seeking. Children will learn that

though they can't bring physical gifts to Jesus, they can use the things God has given them to honor Jesus with their gifts. Following Jesus' teachings is the best gift we can give.

We will now be following the life of Jesus in our lessons; from his baptism to making the right choices in his life, to becoming the greatest teacher there ever was! The message here is that we can share the good news that God loves us with others. Children will hear the story of how Jesus began to heal people, showing us that we can love and care for people who are sick, too.



Children are enjoying the Deep Blue videos each week as well as the activities and stories. If you know of children, invite them to our program. We welcome them!

I hope your new year will be one of good health and happiness. I hope you direct children to come and find out about the teachings of Jesus as we begin 2016!

Best to you and yours,

Welcome to Sunday School

Carolyn Russell
Children's Ministry Director



FIRST UMC OF ARROYO GRANDE JOY JAR

I am writing this as we come to the end of 2015. If you haven't taken advantage of adding your JOYS to the JOY JAR this year, I hope you will begin the practice in 2016. We have shared many happenings and want to be sure we can include yours as well. SO look for the JOY JAR in the narthex and add yours. What you add might remind others of us that we also had a similar JOY and just didn't recognize it at the time. I hope to find many slips of paper in the jar at the end of January. The basket with slips of paper and pens are still by the jar for your use, if you didn't bring some with you.

New Joys.

This month, I want to take the freedom of listing a few that come to my mind:

- *A blessing in music with the Cantata and Bells last Sunday
- *A successful distribution by the 5 Cities Christian Women
- *A successful give away to those in need in our community
- *Angel tree with gifts for children in need
- *Christmas Offering to support our various ministries
- *Staff who support and help in the direction of our ministry
- *Children's Day Out
- *Christmas Jubilee shared with friends and family
- *New additions to families...births, marriages
- *Special gatherings of families and friends

Have a blessed new year celebrating of the birth of Christ our Savior. Go forth sharing this Good News!

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 this month.

....Judy Atwood, Lay Leader



News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, chair

MISSION TEAM: January 2016

Judy Atwood

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. UMC #GivingTuesday
2. Noisy Offering Mission Project
3. Christmas Project Support
4. Special Giving Totals

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

1. UMC #GIVING TUESDAY...United Methodists around the world demonstrated inspiring generosity through their contributions on Dec. 1, 2015---UMC

#GivingTuesday. Nearly 6,000 donors from 27 countries donated \$2.8 million through The Advance to support mission and ministries around the world.

The denomination's General Board of Global Ministries matched the first \$million, building additional incentive for giving. *More than 70 projects and missionaries received 8,757 gifts through The Advance, the designated giving channel of the United Methodist Church.*

Noting the increase in gifts from the \$2.5 million donated during 2014's UMC #GivingTuesday, Thomas Kemper, general secretary of Global Ministries, said, "Methodist giving is resilient. As we face a pandemic of mass shootings, a global refugee crisis, and an outbreak of desperate acts of violence. Every gift made through The Advance has the power and possibility to make a difference in the lives of women, men, and children globally."

- 2: NOISY OFFERING MISSION PROJECT...

Thank you for your great response to the first noisy offering project to purchase flocks of chicken. This first time we collected \$392.70, which is enough to help 19 families gain in supporting their family and having a healthier life. I hope you will continue to save up your change for the children to collect their noisy offering.

We will continue to do this on the second

Sunday of the month. So be ready to greet the children with your coins, or quiet money as well!

3. CHRISTMAS PROJECT SUPPORT...Thank you for your generous support of blankets and jackets for two of our local projects...Five Cities Christian Women, and our Give Away. You helped many folks be able to share with their families in a way they otherwise would not be able to.

Many hands continue to do many things.



4. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2015

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	397.79
People's Kitchen Misc.	6,931.00
Rev. Lang Mission Fund	5,000.00
South County Food Bank	397.79
World Communion Sunday	<u>203.25</u>
<u>11 MONTHS TOTAL:</u>	\$14,194.83

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 NEW YEARS DAY	2
3 EPIPHANY 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: Finance Committee	4 Pastor's Day off 11 AM UMM Cabinet 1 PM No Emergency Food Today 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)	5 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9:00 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 11:00 AM UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (H Room)	6 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 12 PM Ladies Christian Counseling(L) 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study (CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)	7 8AM People's Kitchen Prep - Leave to Serve 11:15 AM 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room) 6 PM Worship Team (MMR)	8 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 2 PM Hollinger Memorial Service	9 10 AM Un-Hanging of the Greens 3 PM Moore Memorial Service 5:30 PM Praise Team Set Up 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (S)
10 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service- 11:45 AM Congregational Care Team (L) Coffee Hour: Church Council	11 Pastor's Day off 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)	12 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 10 AM UMW Steering (L) 11 AM UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH) 5PM Grande Ringers Practice (H Room) 7 PM Trustees	13 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study (CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)	14 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 12 PM Esther Circle(MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Praice (Handbell Room) 7 PM Finance Team (MMR)	15 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) Noon Deadline Newsletter Articles (Office)	16 8:30 AM UMM Breakfast Meeting (Coco's)
17 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Human Relations Sunday Special Offering Coffee Hour: Mary-Martha Circle	18 Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday Church Office Closed 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)	19 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) 11 AM UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH) 1:30 PM Preschool Board - open session (MMR) 2:30 PM Preschool Board - closed session (MMR) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (H Room) 7 PM JOY Circle (member's home)	20 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 10 AM Communications Committee (L) 12 PM Ladies Christian Counseling Groups (L) 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study (CH) 7PM Chancel Choir (S)	21 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 5 PM Grande Ringers Practice (Handbell Room)	22 8:30 AM Bible Study (L)	23 5:30 PM Praise Team Set Up 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (S)
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Friday, January 15, at Noon

PLEASE NOTE:

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

**Exhibit A
NOTICE**

DO NOT STORE PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS IN THIS PANTRY AT ANY TIME!

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS MUST BE KEPT IN SEALED CONTAINERS, IE: PLASTIC BOXES, AND MARKED AS TO WHOM THEY BELONG.

THIS PANTRY IS BASICALLY FOR THE STORAGE OF CLEANING SUPPLIES, IE; MOPS, MOP BUCKETS, BROOMS, ETC. AND PAPERGOODS. OPEN PAPERGOODS MUST BE STORED IN THE CUPBOARDS AND SEALED PAPERGOODS MAY BE STORED ON THE SHELVES.

NOTHING EXCEPT THE CLEANING TOOLS MAY BE STORED ON THE FLOOR OF THIS PANTRY.

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**Exhibit B
NOTICE**

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UPDATE ON THE



A NEWS RELEASE from Val McClure

"The Photo Directory is at the printers and should be in our hands after the first of the year. The holiday schedule for the printer slowed down the completion of the project."



Lynda Mahaffey	01/04
John Neel	01/04
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Ella Craig	01/06
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Norm Henderson	01/07
Carolyn Russell	01/15
Nancy Baughman	01/17
Caitlin Herber	01/17
Jim Alquist	01/20
Judy Leonard	01/22
Violet Bauske	01/25
Mary Birgelaitis	01/25
Lynn Stewart	01/27
Barbara Zilkoff	01/28
Jordan Henderson	01/29
Eileen Odom	01/29
Mary Thronson	01/29

Did we miss a birthday?

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UMW Book Club Meets a Local Author



Our December 18th Book Club meeting centered around a holiday luncheon and meeting Arroyo Grande resident Felicia Prekeris Brown, the author of our December book selection, God Give Us Wings . Felicia delightfully answered our questions and gave us additional background on her memoir set in World War II. As she described her family's escape from Lithuania, she shared the emotions and stories evoked from living in fear of both the Germans and Russians. Although in most cases people were incredibly kind to her and her parents and older sister, the family had to survive possible starvation, displaced persons' camps, and constant uncertainty about their future. Good does overcome evil.

We will meet to discuss our next book, Finding God in a Bag of Groceries by Laura Lapins Willis, at 11 A.M. on Friday, February 26th in the McMillen Room. According to one reviewer, this "is a stirring spiritual memoir of a talented journalist and mother seeking to find her own Christlike ministry and discovering amid the bag of groceries a priestly vocation she had never imagined." While her mission became one of serving the people who were hungry for love and connections as well as for food, Laura discovered her own hunger for God. Join us for our discussion of this intriguing book on February 26th.