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First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

JULY 2016

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE



☺ **THE GOOD NEWS: WOW! GREAT RESPONSE!**

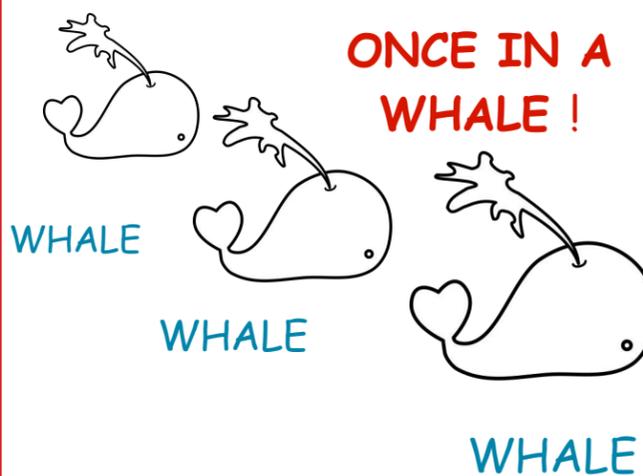
86% of those responding to our stewardship drive increased their Estimate of Giving or are new Estimates of Giving. That brings us up to 95% of our \$242,000 goal.

☹ **THE BAD NEWS:**

We are only at 95% of what we need to continue our current operations. This is about \$9,000 short of what is required. Unless we find a way to come up with the remaining funds, ministries or programs will have to be cut.

✝ Your prayers for guidance are encouraged. You are still welcome to submit a revised or new Estimate of Giving. Cards are available in the pews or from the Church Office.

Joel Anderson, Acting Treasurer



It's Time for VBS!

July 29, 30, 31

Friday, 6 pm to 8 pm

**Saturday and Sunday,
10:30 am to 12:30 pm**

**Contact Carolyn Russell or the
Church Office to Register**

Come have "A WHALE OF A TIME!"

IT'S FREE!



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From the Pastor

From Our Visioning Workshop:

At our recent Saturday Visioning Workshop with Rev. Rick Blunt from Michigan, Rev. Blunt noted the following **strengths** of Arroyo Grande First UMC:

Deep **commitment** of members to the church and its future
 Attractive **facility**, easily accessible
 Strong **Music Ministries**
 Solid **Staff**
 Heart for **Missions**
 Full inclusion of **Hearing Impaired**



We self-identified these three **concerns**:

Stretched **finances**
 Lower **worship attendance**
Fewer children, youth and young families participating

Through a process of guided brainstorming and prioritizing, those gathered for the Saturday workshop established these goals and priorities. The full report goes into more detail and includes additional goals that will be taken up by the Church Council and will be shared with church leaders and staff as we work together on achieving our shared goals.

Goals to **Help People Know Christ**

Strengthen **Vacation Bible School**
Meet people where they are by using social media, accommodating busy schedules and life circumstances
Visiting

Goals to **Help People Grow in Christ**

Offer **support groups**
Follow through on our plans and dreams

Goals to **Help People Go and Share Christ**

Follow up when people are absent
Live-stream worship.

At the next Church Council meeting, the Council will look at the report and choose specific measurable goals we can pursue together. Thanks for your participation.

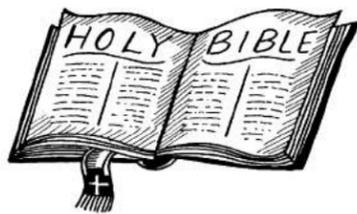
Rev. Mary Birgelaitis



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



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



JULY LITURGISTS

July 3

8:30 a.m.—Larry Baughman
10:30 a.m.—David Beaman

July 10

8:30 a.m.—Judy Atwood
10:30 a.m.—Virginia Mothes

July 17

8:30 a.m.—Susan Thronson
10:30 a.m.—Patti Melsheimer

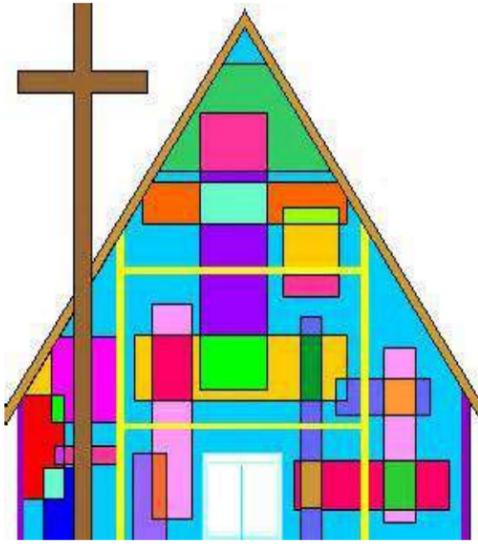
July 24

8:30 a.m.—Christy Van Hook
10:30 a.m.—Bennie Duffin

July 31

8:30 a.m.—Joel Anderson
10:30 a.m.—Rose Ann Steiner

| Dates | Topics and Schedule |
|------------------------------|--|
| Sunday, July 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "OUR FINAL LOYALTY" Scripture: Galatians 5:1, 13-25 |
| Wednesday, July 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Bible Study and Free Dinner on summer break |
| Sunday, July 10 TO UPDATE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "THE ALCHEMY OF GOD'S GRACE" Scripture: Luke 10:25-37 (Good Samaritan) |
| Wednesday, July 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Bible Study and Free Dinner on summer break |
| Sunday, July 17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "THE BEAUTY IS IN THE BALANCE" Scripture: Luke 10:38-42 (Mary and Martha) |
| Wednesday, July 20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Bible Study and Free Dinner on summer break |
| Sunday, July 24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "GOD THE MICRO-MANAGER?" Scripture: Luke 11:1-13 (The Lord's Prayer) |
| Wednesday, July 27 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Bible Study and Free Dinner on summer break |
| Sunday, July 31 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "GOOD AND ANGRY" Scriptures: Ephesians 4:25-32, Matthew 5:21-26 |



New Church Office Hours

- Church office will be open Monday -Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm
- Office closed on Fridays
- Church secretary will continue to work 25 hours per week—three days for 6 hours, one day for 7 hours, schedule at the discretion of the pastor



Val McClure, publicity



UMM BBQ IS A DELICIOUS EVENT

The June 5th Annual All-Church BBQ sponsored by the United Methodist Men (UMM) turned out some great food, enjoyed by over 90 people. Hats off to the BBQ crew who cooked the chicken and tri-tip. This included Bernie Hawkins, who secured the pit from the Fire Dept., cleaned it, and returned it after the event. Cooks included Dick Melsheimer, Mike Johnson Sr, and Bud Johnson. Criswell Hall set-up crew included Dave Bauer and Kent Unsworth. Kitchen crew included Mike Takenaka, Val McClure, Paul Holden, Wayne Huggins (also Ticket Sales), and Bill Weitkamp. BBQ supplies were secured by Wayne Huggins, Paul Holden, Val McClure and Betty Ashton. Clean-up crew were Dave Bauer, Mike Takenaka, Wayne Huggins and Bill Weitkamp. Val McClure cooked the beans.



Wayne Huggins, UMM Treasurer, reported that income from over 90 participants came to \$1,009. After expenses of \$399.00 the net profit for UMM projects was \$610.00. UMM President Chuck Ashton declared the 2016 BBQ a success and thanked all the members of the congregation that participated. When you get your 2017 Calendars, mark Sunday, June 4th for the next All-Church BBQ.

THE DINNER PARTY

*What if you decided to throw a big dinner party and twice as many guests showed up as were invited?
How would you feed the extra guests?*

Well, this is the spot that the UMM has been put in over the years when they have asked in every way they know to **purchase your tickets early, not at the door the day of the event.**

In the case of our recent BBQ, over 50% of the participants bought tickets at the door. There is no way the men could order meat to cover that extra number.

FOR THE FUTURE: In 2017 tickets sold **before** the event will cost \$2 less than "at the door" the day of the event. *Help the UMM with this ongoing problem.* Remember, barbecue, taco and pancake meals are fundraising events for many church programs.



A SPECIAL NOTE FROM OUR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, REV. JAMES POWELL

Brothers and Sisters of the North District June 22, 2016

Annual Conference has concluded for 2016 and it was a time of worship, discussion, and new testimonies given by so many committed Christians. It was good to spend time with many of you- although I was not able to stand in one place very long! There were so many gatherings and meals that required my attention, I only had time for brief, but important, conversations. Thank you for your prayers during the Conference. I could feel them coming from behind me as I represented you sitting up front.

Those at the 2016 Annual Conference heard Bishop Gabriel Unda share his story and the story of the people in the new East Congo Conferences. Many were able to meet Bishop Unda and his wonderful translator and brother in ministry, Rev. Bill Lovell. We learned about the size of the East Congo and the difficulty our leaders have traveling in this region, which is basically the size of the United States east of the Mississippi River. Efforts are currently being made to purchase an airplane.

The East Congo Episcopal Area, located in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), includes three annual conferences, 18 districts, over 840 local churches and more than 400,000 church members. On Aug. 23, 2012, delegates elected Gabriel Unda Yemba bishop of this new episcopal area. It covers five provinces of the DRC: Maniema, Equator, Oriental, North and South Kivu, and the Republic of Central Africa. Due to Malaria, war, and other health issues, more than 6,000,000 people have died, many were children. These are the conditions that the church leaders face in daily living.

The East Congo Episcopal Area focuses on rebuilding infrastructures and the spiritual, economic and social life of the people living in this part of the DRC, as they recover from repeated wars of liberation. The vision for the East Congo Area is summarized in Nehemiah 2:18 and stated as "Let's rise up and build." We can be an important part of their efforts to bring the Gospel of hope in Jesus Christ to all the people of the Congo.

My heart was touched by Bishop Unda's life journey. Our support of Imagine No Malaria has made a difference in many people's lives. Unfortunately, Bishop Unda lost his wife and daughter to this horrible disease, and although we have had a hand in saving 170,000 other lives, our fight against this disease has only begun.

Bishop Unda's inability to navigate the trails to get to people who live just a few kilometers from his home has also inspired me. Bishop Unda shared with us the need for a motorcycle so he can reach these villages. It's just the beginning of our partnership with his people, but this is good place to start!

My challenge to the North District is to raise the needed \$3,500 for an off-road motorcycle by Christmas. Initial gifts and matching gifts were given at the North District Breakfast on Friday of AC, and we have already raised \$1,000 toward the goal.

You can send any and all gifts toward this motorcycle to the North District Office. We might even raise enough money for fuel, repairs, and other transportation needs for their work in the Congo. Please make checks payable to the North District and notate: Bishop's Motorcycle. We will send the collected funds, through the proper channels, before Christmas.

Additionally, our partners in ministry at Atascadero UMC and churches in the Central Coast have begun organizing an effort to raise funds for a much-needed women's center for the East Congo Conference. This will be a much larger project and will help meet the needs of thousands of women who have been abandoned, brutalized, raped, and cast aside through years of war, poverty, and violence. We have much work to do with our new sisters in the kingdom.

For more information about the important work in the East Congo, please go to:

<http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/east-congo-the-long-journey-to-peace>

Peace for the Journey,
Pastor Jim



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VAL AND EVA MCCLURE—

LONG SERVING and VERY RELIABLE MEMBERS

by David E. Beaman, 6/20/2016

Everyone in our congregation knows Val and Eva, who have regularly stepped-up to serve our church faithfully when the call goes out for work needing to be done or responsible positions are waiting to be filled. They have been FUMCAG members since 1978, and the 38 years have passed very quickly.



Eva has served many functions of the United Methodist Women group by earning recognition for leadership and participation in their many successful programs. She held the position of Treasurer of the Santa Barbara District UMW which included 44 churches with a budget of \$125,000-\$150,000. She helped develop the UMW Computerized Record Keeping system. She attended many meetings for UMW in the Santa Barbara and Los Angeles areas.

Eva was born in Greenville, TX (near Dallas). Her family moved back and forth from Texas to California in her childhood years (1943-48) looking for work and steady jobs. The jobs included night watchman, hand glean picking cotton after the cotton machines went through, and harvesting seed growing crops for Ferry-Morse Seed Co. She graduated from Dos Palos High School in California and moved back to attend Southern Baptist College in Plainview, Texas for a year. She returned to San Jose, CA to attend Santa Clara Hospital School of Nursing and after 3 years earned her Registered Nurse Certificate and BA degree. She had an energetic portfolio of employment locations including St. Luke Hospital in Pasadena; County Hospital in HonKaa, Hawaii; San Diego Schools Camp Program, School Nurse (where she met Val, a teacher there); other employment in a doctor's clinic; Assistant Director of Nursing at Arroyo Grande Hospital; and SLO County Visiting Nurses and Hospice Care.

Val has served as President of our Administrative Board, worked many times with managing the church budgets, was chairman of the committee that envisioned and completed the Bell Tower project, served with formation of the Everett L. Taylor Scholarship funding program, was involved with the conception of the Endowment Board, and helped make the decision to sell the church Parsonage. The United Methodist Men's group has benefited from his leadership, service and attendance over many years.

Val was born in San Diego and attended all school grades there. He graduated from La Jolla High School where he played football and was an active Drama student. This was soon after WW II, and he and his friends pursued opportunities in the Army Air Corps right at the time of the transition to U S Air Force and when GI Bill benefits were available. He was only 17 years old and needed his parents' permission to enlist. After Basic Training in Texas, he took training in Denver at Clerk Typist school at Lowry AF Base. He then transitioned to the Army Med Corp for Dental Tech training, then back to USAF for training as a Weather Observer. He served a 20 month assignment at Misawa, Japan as a Weather Observer. He served a total of 3 years active and 3 years Reserve duty in USAF. After active duty, he studied Drama and Theater Arts and graduated with a BA from San Diego State University in 1955. He then earned a degree in YMCA Administration at Whittier College. Val and Eva married in 1959. He then moved up to US Armed Services YMCA Program Director for 18 months.

Then came the offer of becoming YMCA Armed Services Program Director in Anchorage, Alaska. A lot was happening during their 4 year assignment including the arrival of their 2 children, Steven and Valerie. The Good Friday-Anchorage Alaska Earthquake happened in 1964, and the destruction and life alteration problems were unimaginable. Thankfully the family members were unhurt physically but did endure some time of separation for a while due to working in different areas of the city. The city had massive destruction and interruption of its infrastructure, and living by candlelight went on for a long time. Some friends offered that Val and Eva, and family, come to live with them, which they gratefully accepted. The family next moved to Seattle for a 13 year assignment. The dampness and rainfall there were very difficult to endure because of allergies the children suffered; however, good luck prevailed, and a job offer came in 1972 to move to San Luis Obispo as general Director of SLO County YMCA, and they were very happy to accept it. He retired in 1978.

After retirement, Val and Eva have enjoyed numerous cruise excursions to such interesting locations as the Mexican Riviera, Panama Canal, multiple visits to Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Alaska, China, Mediterranean Sea, Spain, Italy, France, Monte Negro, Croatia, Balkan Sea, and Scotland. They have also participated in House Exchange programs in England.

Val and Eva have been involved with much of the history of our church and set good examples of devotion and participation in serving its mission. It was a gratifying experience to learn about their interesting life.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President, Paul Holden

June 2016—The Latest from the Trustees

- The Board of Trustees approved a request from the Children's Center for the Children's Center to purchase and install new carpeting and flooring for the Children's nursery.
- The gate for the storage yard arrived, which will allow access to the yard from Bennett Street.
- The Church's solar power panels and accessories to connect to PG&E arrived and have now been installed, signed off by the City, and tested. We will be on-line saving money by the end of June
- The installers from Photon Brothers were very professional and courteous. The co-owner, David, up-sized our panels, added an additional inverter, and installed two 40amp 220v circuits for the Children's Center's new heating and air conditioning system at no additional cost! These guys are local and great. Pass the word if you know someone interested in Solar Power.
- The Children's Center's new heating and air conditioning system is to be installed and up and running by the end of June.
- The Church's Building Use Fee schedules are under review by Rev. Mary, who will present recommendations at our next meeting.



Young People Honored with ELT Scholarships

The Everett Lee Taylor Scholarship Endowment Fund has grown over the years due to the generosity of church members and the interest accrued on donations. Over the years a total of over \$50,000 has been awarded to deserving students.

During ELT Scholarship Sunday on June 12, 2016, four young people received Everett Lee Taylor Scholarships. One graduating high school senior, Collin Odom (Cuesta College), received a \$750 scholarship designated for first-time college students. Three students (currently in college), Carina Avila at PACE, Patrick Harvey at Pt. Loma Nazarene University, and Susan Thronson at Brandman University, were each awarded \$500 scholarships as repeating college students. They shared their college majors and future career plans with the congregation.

*Congratulations, ELT Scholarship recipients!
We pray for your continuing academic success.*



Students, pictured from left to right: Patrick Harvey, Collin Odom, Susan Thronson, Carina Avila



Welcome to Sunday School



We are in the full swim of summer! Our three day Vacation Bible School *"Once in a Whale"* is the last weekend of July.

We are looking forward to a fruitful rest of the summer as we begin our exploration of *"Fruit of the Spirit"*. July's Part I will cover *Love, Joy, Peace, Patience and Kindness*. **The Deep Blue kids, Asia, Edgar, Kat and their pup** lead the children through Bible stories using animated videos to tell the story. Kids meet in the McMillan room first before breaking up into our smaller groups for activities.



When learning about the *nine fruits of the Spirit* Paul listed, children will first begin with I Corinthians 13:1-13, a chapter often read at weddings. They will experience *God's love*. Psalm 100:1-5 will help to explore *joy*. We will make some noise with shouts of joy, as children learn about how the Holy Spirit works in us. The next fruit will be *peace*, following Matthew 5:1-9. Children will learn how to be peacemakers. The next week, children will look at *patience* with Luke 18:1-8. Kids will discover the amount of patience needed to create justice as we look at the parable of the unjust judge and the patient and persistent widow. We will end the month with 2 Samuel 9:1-13 and story of King David's *kindness*.

The Fruit of God's Spirit



We hope your summer is fun and that your children will enjoy our summer program. Come and be fruitful with us!

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our programs. Please consider helping out.

Thanks,

Carolyn Russell
Children's Ministry Director

FIRST UMC OF ARROYO GRANDE JOY JAR ~ Judy Atwood

ALL TOGETHER WE CAN SHARE OUR JOYS!
The JOY JAR remains in the Narthex for you to place your Joys. In our busy lives it is good to slow down a little and recognize what Joys we really have. Paper and Pens are there for your use. I will look for them in the jar and in the prayer book.

New Joys:

- * B.G. Perriguet's daughter is now a registered nurse and will soon be looking for a hospital position in Orange County! Much joy after years of hard work and studies!!
- * Grace Bunkey (the child whose leg was amputated because of cancer) got a "scholarship" for a blade prosthesis and can RUN again!
- * Susan Thronson has been hired into a full time position. Congratulations.
- * Kent Unsworth has returned from his vacation to Alaska and Glacier.
- * FUMC AG was one of the churches prayed for by North District congregations this past week.
- * Chuck and Nancy Burns celebrated their 60th anniversary with family from near and far.
- * Everett Lee Taylor Memorial Scholarships were presented. Congratulations students.
- * Choir Sunday was enjoyed by all before the summer choir break
- * Bell Choir also shared with music before their summer break.
- * We continue to appreciate the upbeat sharing of music each Sunday morning by the Praise Team at the 8:30 service
- * The spring "Give Away" was successful and helped many of our neighbors.
- * Ann Smith and Jim Wilson were married May 30.
- * Fern Farmer has returned to the coast after recovery from health issues.
- * Eva and Val celebrated their 57th anniversary.
- * Karla and Sam Jones celebrated 61 years of marriage.
- * Noisy Offering for flocks of chickens completed with enough for 50 flocks of chickens.

I hope you will continue to recognize your JOYS and share them with us.



News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, *chair*

MISSION TEAM: July 2016

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Annual Conference 2016 Malaria Report
2. Peace with Justice Sunday, July 10th
3. John Elmore's School Project
4. Possibility of a Volunteer In Mission Team
5. Noisy Offering Update.
6. Special Giving Totals

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

1. **MALARIA REPORT:** At Annual Conference, we had the opportunity of meeting and hearing Bishop Unda from the East Congo Episcopal Area. He is the bishop of this new episcopal area. He shared the progress that has been made in the fight against Malaria. When we started raising funds to eliminate Malaria, we were told that every **TWO SECONDS** a child dies from Malaria, and now the time is every **TWO MINUTES**. This is improvement. The task is not yet complete. The conference voted to raise \$200,000 more to complete our Imagine No Malaria Initiative as part of our second mile giving.

As our Conference begins a partnership with Bishop Unda and his people, you can read more of the story, as shared by our District Superintendent, on page 5 of this issue.

2. **PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY:**

We delayed our Peace with Justice Offering last month so as not to compete with Stewardship Sunday. We will plan to take that offering July 10, 2016, the second Sunday in July.

3. **JOHN ELMORE'S SCHOOL PROJECT:** John shared his ministry in Chile with 30 individuals. He has returned to Chile and has been hosting work groups since. They are working on the parsonage and are making good progress.

4. **POSSIBILITY OF A VOLUNTEER IN MISSION**

TEAM: Are there some of you who are interested in exploring the possibility of a volunteer in mission team going from our congregation in the future? If so, I would like to visit with you. All places, types, distances, can be explored.

5. **NOISY OFFERING UPDATE:**

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generous support of the noisy offering project to raise funds for flocks of chickens for families in need around the world. It is a joy to say that we have reached **\$1,000**. This means that we can provide help for **50 FAMILIES** to better their nutrition and help them find a way to raise their income.

Many hands continue to do many things.



6. **SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2016**

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Human Relations Sunday | 288.00 |
| Native American Sunday | 267.00 |
| Noisy Offering | 1,000.00 |
| One Great Hour of Sharing | 511.00 |
| People's Kitchen food | 1,082.51 |
| People's Kitchen Misc. | 3,641.00 |
| South County Food Bank | 271.59 |
| 5 MONTHS TOTAL: | \$7,061.10 |

Thank you for your second mile gifts.

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 AM—6 PM Life-Line Screening (CH,N) 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) | 2 |
| 3 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: Caring Congregation Committee |  4 Independence Day U.S.A. CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 1 PM No Emergency Food Pantry — Food Bank is closed | 5 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters (MMR) 11 AM UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH) | 6 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 9:30 AM UMW Steering (L) No Dinners at 5 PM until fall Adult Bible Study on summer break until fall | 7 8 AM People's Kitchen Prep—Leave to Serve 11:15 AM 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 6 PM Vacation Bible School (MMR) | 8 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) | 9 5:30 PM Praise Team Set Up (S) 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (S) |
| 10 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Peace With Justice Offering Coffee Hour: Finance Committee 11:45 AM Caring Congregation Committee (L) | 11 Pastor's Day Off 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 5:45 PM Quilting Class— G McGuire (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) | 12 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters (MMR) 11 AM UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH) 7 PM Trustees (MMR) | 13 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day No Dinners at 5 PM until fall Adult Bible Study on summer break until fall | 14 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) | 15 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 12 Noon Deadline for newsletter articles (Church Office) | 16 |
| 17 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: Mary-Martha-Esther Circle | 18 Pastor's Day Off 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 5:45 PM Quilting Class— G McGuire (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) | 19 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters (MMR) 11 AM UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH) Preschool Board (MMR) 1:30 PM Open Session 2:30 PM Closed Session 7 PM Endowment (PS) | 20 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 10 AM Communications Meeting (L) No Dinners at 5 PM until fall Adult Bible Study on summer break until fall | 21 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11 AM Finance (PS) 7 PM Church Council (MMR) | 22 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) | 23 8 AM AGUMCC Workday (Courtyard) 5:30 PM Praise Team Set Up (S) 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (S) |
| 24 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: Board of Trustees | 25 Pastor's Day Off 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 5:45 PM Quilting Class—G McGuire (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S) | 26 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters (MMR) 11 AM UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH) | 27 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 11 AM Mary-Martha-Esther (MMR) No Dinners at 5 PM until fall Adult Bible Study on summer break until fall | 28 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Vacation Bible School Set Up Begins (CH,K,S,MMR,Patio) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 1 PM Missions (MMR) | 29 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School (CH,S,K, MMR) VBS Event 6 PM to 8PM | 30 9:30 AM Vacation Bible School (CH,S,K,MMR) VBS Event 10:30 AM to 12 :30 PM |
| 31 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: Worship Committee 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM Vacation Bible School |  | | | | | |



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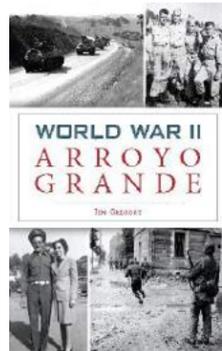
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LOCAL AUTHOR TO LEAD SEPTEMBER UMW BOOK CLUB MEETING

Although the UMW Book Club is on hiatus through the summer, it will come together again on Friday, September 23rd at 11 A.M. in Criswell Hall.



The featured book is World War II Arroyo Grande by

Jim Gregory, a former AGHS history teacher. Jim is known by thousands of former students as an

engaging, entertaining teacher who loves to teach history through story-telling.

For this book Jim researched the lives of some Arroyo Grande residents who fought in World War II and settled in this area. You will recognize familiar names, places, and pictures. Even our United Methodist Church is mentioned in it! As part of his research Jim met with Jean Hubbard, who was our church historian.

We are opening up this meeting to anyone in the church who would like to come. Books may be purchased on-line through Amazon.com or Barnesandnoble.com or at Costco. They are also available through our library system.

More details will come later this summer. Don't miss out on learning more about our local history.

Please contact Patti Melsheimer with questions.

Submitted by Judy Leonard



United Methodist Women
 FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 17th, for the UMW annual Spiritual Retreat, to be held at the home of Dick and Patti Melsheimer.

Our theme will be *The Bible and Human Sexuality.*



Watch for details about the retreat in coming Castanet issues



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



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*Summer Service
Music* 

We need special music for the 10:30 a.m. service while the Chancel Choir takes a summer break. Volunteer to sing a solo, duet, form a small combo group, play an instrument.
Share your talents!
Please contact Julie Burns

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☆ The Praise Team/Chancel Choir ☆
☆ is gearing up for a fundraiser ☆
☆ with a dinner theater ☆
☆ performance of ☆
☆ **Murder in Munich** ☆
☆ Mark your calendar, Septem- ☆
☆ ber 24, for this fun event. ☆
☆ Tickets will be available soon. ☆
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As you live by the Spirit, let us share our gifts of the Spirit:

Love—that others may know Christ's grace shining through us.
Joy—that others may see the glory of the gospel in our faces.
Peace—that others may sense God's centering guidance in our lives.
Patience—that others may find serenity in our presence.
Kindness—that others may know Christ's compassion through us.
Generosity—that God's world might become a better place.
Faithfulness—that Christ might find in us true disciples.
Gentleness—that others may sense God's love in us.
Self-control—that we may find satisfaction in our actions and decisions.

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