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First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande **AUGUST 2016**

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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increased their giving or are new givers.

The Finance Team has proposed a balanced budget for the 2016/17 Fiscal year with no significant cuts in staffing or team budgets.

This is a first in the last few years.

A special thanks to the Trustees, who helped make this balanced budget happen by bringing in income from the rental of the lot next to our parking lot and for implementing the solar power project which is expected to bring substantial savings in electricity costs.

Joel Anderson, Acting Treasurer



The Stewardship drive achieved 99% of our goal of \$242,000. Over 85% of those responding TOOK A STEP UP and

Bishop Carcaño's Letter to Cal-Pac

Brothers and Sisters,

Grace and peace to you in the precious name of Christ Jesus.

As you know, effective September 1, I will be assuming my new assignment as the bishop of the California-Nevada Conference. A reassignment at this point in my ministry was not what I had hoped for or expected, but as a bishop of the church I go where I am sent. It was in going where I was sent that I came to you, and what a blessing it has been to serve as your bishop. It has truly been a privilege to serve among you. The love I carry in my heart for all of you without exception goes with me. The memories we have created together will bless me for the rest of my life.

You are a passionate community of disciples of Jesus Christ and I pray that you will continue to inspire the world, you certainly have inspired me. You have taught me a great deal about reaching out to ALL God's children, and through you I have been blessed in seeing other glorious dimensions of God's life-giving love. I thank God for all of you.

I pray that you will continue to persevere in serving Christ Jesus. Be unafraid to tackle human sin and injustice, in the knowledge that the grace, mercy and love of Christ our Lord are at work through you every time you step out in faithfulness to him. Set aside all doubt that you can indeed transform the world. Remember that you are disciples of Jesus, our living Lord, who has already transformed the world by overcoming sin and the suffering and death it brings. I also pray that you will love each other. In loving each other and welcoming others with even greater love, you will give the brightest witness of the love of God within you and among us.

As I pray for you, pray for me and our brothers and sisters in the California-Nevada Conference. We are family together, our life and witness bound together by the One Lord we love and serve.

Peace and love,

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño
Los Angeles Area Resident Bishop
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From the Pastor

I have a wonderful subscription for worship resources and information from Mary Scifres Ministry. From time to time, I would like to share some of the entries with you in the Cast-A-Net and/or bulletin. Here's an entry on Extravagant Welcome aimed at you and me! Stay tuned for others with ideas regarding how we can extend our extravagant welcome to others!

—Rev. Mary B.

THE ART OF EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME

Ideas on Outreach and Hospitality From Church Consultant Mary Scifres
"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."
 (Mark 6:31b NIV)

IDEA FOR THE WEEK: Give one another permission to leave for vacation.

Summer brings many people opportunities to travel, rest, renew, and vacation. This is a gift we can celebrate! Sometimes, church members and leaders feel guilty about going on vacation and missing church. Even Jesus led the disciples away for rest and renewal, away from the crowds and "regular churchgoers." Encourage one another to take time for rest and renewal, even if it means a sabbath from church or vacation weeks far away. When you are traveling and visit other churches, bring stories and anecdotes back to share with friends, so that you stay connected as you come and go through the summer months.

Be kind about absences. Assume the best when people are absent, and prayer for their safe return. When I returned home from college one summer Sunday, my pastor said, "It's great to see you! But where have your parents been?" I felt so guilty that my parents had missed church. Although I'm sure my pastor didn't mean to sound chastising, it felt that way. Be gentle with one another about absences. Assume that people who are absent are absent for good reasons. Of course, we should check in with one another when someone is missing, but doing so with careful words and an accepting spirit makes a big difference. Use words and phrases that open the door to conversation: "We missed you last week. I hope you were doing something fun or restful." Or, "I missed church a lot earlier this summer, but haven't seen you since I returned. Is anything wrong, or are we just ships crossing in the night?" One can never go wrong with a warm greeting when you are reunited with friends at church: "It's great to see you! I hope your summer is going well."

Extending extravagant welcome isn't just for new guests; it's a gift we give to one another every time we are reunited in worship and fellowship.

"For everything there is a season."
 (Ecclesiastes 3:1 paraphrased)

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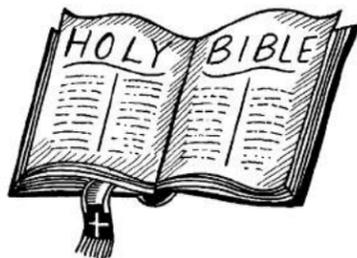
Mondays at 7 PM

Women come to pray together in the Sanctuary.



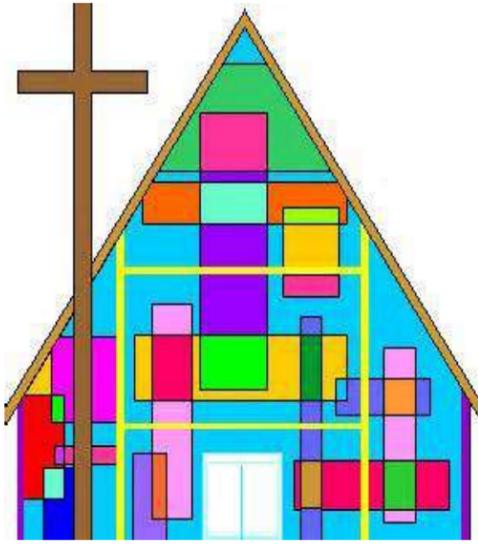
Fridays at 8:30 AM

Join us in the Library for Bible Study, discussion, coffee, & friends!



Dates	Topics and Schedule
Wednesday, August 3	• Adult Bible Study and Free Dinner on summer break
Sunday, August 7	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL" Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12
Wednesday, August 10	• Adult Bible Study and Free Dinner on summer break
Sunday, August 14	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "OUT OF DEPRESSION" Scriptures: Psalm 107:23-30, Mark 5:35-41
Wednesday, August 17	• Adult Bible Study and Free Dinner on summer break
Sunday, August 21	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "EASY DOES IT" Scripture: Isaiah 40:21-31
Wednesday, August 24	• Adult Bible Study and Free Dinner on summer break
Sunday, August 28	• 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "IN RETURN" Scripture: Luke 14:1, 7-14

AUGUST LITURGISTS	
August 7	
8:30 a.m.—	Sharon Roemer
10:30 a.m.—	Barbara Reinecke
August 14	
8:30 a.m.—	Jan Treat
10:30 a.m.—	BG Perrigey
August 21	
8:30 a.m.—	Judy Atwood
10:30 a.m.—	David Beaman
August 28	
8:30 a.m.—	Bob Thronson
10:30 a.m.—	Rose Ann Steiner



New Church Office Hours

- Church office is 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



MEN, SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

Val McClure, *publicity*

If you haven't been active in the UMM Programs, take a "Summer Break" to consider this program in our Church.

First, the emphasis is on "Christian Fellowship". This fellowship is enhanced by some great breakfast meetings in a local restaurant with top notch speakers that in a small setting allows for many questions and answers.

As you know, the Church has monetary needs this year. Many of the needs cannot be met with the Church budget. The UMM activities such as the Pancake Breakfast, Christmas Jubilee, Sweetheart Breakfast, Taco Buffet, All Church BBQ are all planned to raise small amounts of funds to assist other organizations in the church to do their programs.

In the past the UMM have provided funds for: Summer Camp for Kids, Peoples Kitchen, Five Cities Christian Women's Pantry, School Kits for Kids, Vacation Bible School, Christmas Jubilee, and Church Programs.

The UMM does a lot of good with only about twenty members to do it. We are not ashamed to ask men of the church to step up and join to keep this fine program in our church. Let Chuck Ashton, UMM President, or Paul Holden, Vice President, know of your interest. You will be put on the UMM mailing list for monthly events.

Thank you for your consideration.

FALL UMM MEETING SCHEDULED

The Fall meeting for the UMM has been scheduled for **Saturday, September 10th at 9:30 a.m., (Coco's Restaurant).**

Keynote speaker will be Rex Miller, a member of our choir and Manager of Camp Arroyo Grande. He will bring us up-to-date on what is happening with the Methodist Conference regarding the camp, and will give us an insight into his interesting life. Don't miss this great opener for the UMM meetings.

Note, this is not the regular meeting time; another group is in the facility before us.

SEE YOU THERE!





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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."

Mark Your Calendars!



The 2016 United Methodist Women's **Spiritual Growth Retreat** will be **Saturday, September 17th**.

The theme for the day will be **"The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift"**. This annual event is always very uplifting and rewarding. Jeri Roseboro, Co-Vice President of the UMW North District, will lead this year's study. She is also the leader of this topic for the UMW Mission U at Biola University.

Ellen A. Brubaker, the author of this study, writes, "The 2016 Spiritual Growth study invites us to explore the complexity of the biblical text and our varied understandings of it in light of human sexuality. We will consider the influence of family systems, heritage, and changing gender

roles, along with the impact of race, class, age, ethnicity and orientation, and look at how each of us was reared and instructed in Christian faith. The purpose of engaging this study is to help each other grow in understanding and appreciation for the complexity and beauty of human sexuality. Open your minds and hearts, and let's wrestle together."

The cost of the day is \$25. This includes morning refreshments, lunch and the craft supplies. We will be meeting at the home of Patti Melsheimer. In addition to the study topic we will enjoy food and fellowship and will work on creating some succulent wreaths.

Be prepared for a day of fellowship, creativity and thought provoking discussion.

For additional information, please contact Mary Hawkins or Patti Melsheimer.



Caring Congregation Committee

- ◆ *Would you like to help us become a truly "Caring" congregation?*
- ◆ *Would you like to be an usher? Or a greeter?*
- ◆ *Or someone who visits members who are in the hospital or confined to their home?*
- ◆ *Would you like to send birthday cards to members and friends?*
- ◆ *Maybe you would like to make cookies for a visitor*
- ◆ *Or introduce yourself to a visitor and accompany them to the coffee/fellowship time after the service?*

These are all ways that YOU can become part of our Caring Congregation.

Won't you join in?

Patti Melsheimer, Chair

Western Jurisdiction Elects Karen Oliveto Bishop

The Rev. Dr. Karen P. Oliveto was elected to the episcopacy on the 17th ballot by the Western Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church (UMC).

"Today we took a step closer into living into beloved community," said Oliveto.

Since 2008, Oliveto has served as the senior pastor of Glide Memorial UMC in San Francisco, CA. Glide is the Western Jurisdiction's largest membership congregation, and one of the top 100 largest membership congregations in the denomination. Prior to Glide, Oliveto served as the associate dean of academic affairs/director of contextual education at the Pacific School of Religion (PSR) in Berkeley. She has held pastorates at Bethany UMC in San Francisco and Bloomville UMC in Bloomville, New York, as well as a campus ministry position at the Ecumenical House Campus Ministry at San Francisco State.

During his Episcopal Address on Wednesday, Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. of the San Francisco Episcopal Area reminded the body of the Jurisdiction's vision to "be a home for all God's people, gathered around a table of reconciliation and transformation." The jurisdiction is multicultural and inclusive, engaged in the life of its communities with confident, effective, lay and clergy leadership in diverse ministry settings forming disciples who live out the Good News of Jesus as global citizens.

The Western Jurisdiction has traditionally been a place of historic first elections. Delegates to the Western Jurisdictional Conference have consistently advocated for full

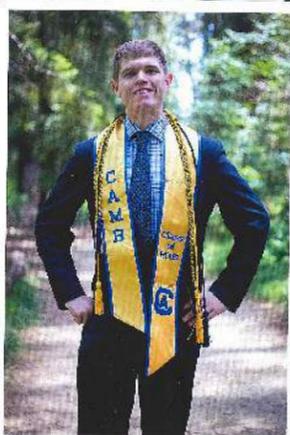
inclusion of all in the life of the church. The Jurisdiction has elected:

- The first Asian-American, Wilbur Choy (Chinese-American) in 1972. He served in the Seattle and San Francisco Episcopal Areas before retirement;
- The first African-American bishop in the Western Jurisdiction, Melvin G. Talbert in 1980;
- Bishop Elias Galvan, the first Hispanic ever to serve as president of the Council of Bishops (in 2001);
- The first Japanese-American bishop, Roy Sano in 1984; and,
- The first Latina bishop, Minerva Carcaño, elected in 2004.

Oliveto earned a Ph.D. and a M. Phil. from Drew University, a M.Div. from Pacific School of Religion (PSR), and a BA from Drew University.

She has served as a General Conference delegate in 2004 and 2016, and a Jurisdictional Conference delegate in 2000, 2008, and 2012. Oliveto serves on the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA), the Western Jurisdiction Council of Finance and Administration, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) as a coach for the Lead Women Pastor Project. Oliveto was consecrated on:

*Saturday, July 16, 2016 at 2:00 PM
Paradise Valley United Methodist Church
4455 East Lincoln Drive
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253*



Jordan Bradley Henderson graduated from The University of California, Davis Bachelor of Arts Major in Music with Honors June 11, 2016

*Congratulations, Jordan!
from your many friends at
First United Methodist Church
Arroyo Grande*

LOCAL AUTHOR TO LEAD SEPTEMBER UMW BOOK CLUB MEETING

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. We are opening up this meeting to anyone in the church who would like to come.

Please join us!

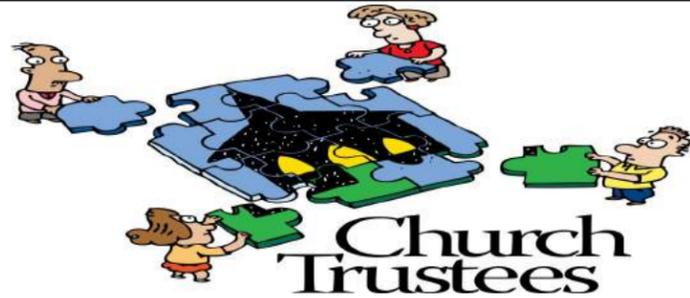


REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President, Paul Holden

July 2016—The Latest from the Trustees

- The Church's solar power panels have now been activated, and the Church's PG&E meter is running backwards during the day. Yahoo!!!
- **Photon Brothers**, the installers, were very professional and courteous. This company is local, knowledgeable and they do a great job from start to finish. Pass the word if you know someone interested in Solar Power. We can receive \$500 for all people we recommend that use their services.
- The Children Center's new heating and air conditioning system is now installed, and up and running!
- The Church's Building Use Fee schedules are under review by Rev. Mary, who will present recommendations at our next meeting in September.
- Rev. Mary will also contact the Church's credit union about receiving three credit cards for future Trustees' and Church needs.



SPECIAL THANK YOU NOTES

ORCHARD SUPPLY — THANK YOU !

We are grateful, once again, to Orchard Supply (OSH) and their management. OSH has generously donated TSP, Spackle and paint for our Music Room Office adjacent to the sanctuary. This is one of many, many generous donations greatly appreciated by the congregation.

OSH has supplied materials for a number of projects for both the Children's Center and the Church. Our pianist, Dennis Eiler, is a long-time, dedicated employee of OSH.

Our thanks to Dennis and to Orchard Supply.



KITS FOR KIDS

A big thank you for the UMM, the Thronson family, and the congregation for supporting the Kits for Kids fund. School supplies for 50 boxes were purchased.



Susan Thronson and I assembled the school kits which have all been delivered.

The school kits were given to the SAFE team, Department of Social Services, and the homeless services at CAPSLO.

Thank you again for your care and giving to help children in our community.

—Jan Treat



Welcome to Sunday School



Hello,

It's August! We have a few more weeks of summer left before children (and teachers) head off to school.



We just had our Vacation Bible School and had a great time! Thank you to all the volunteers and those who donated to our kids. Without all of you, we couldn't provide programs for our kids.

We will finish off our studies this month with the second half of our Fruits of the Spirit. We have studied

LOVE,
JOY,
PEACE,
and PATIENCE so far.

We are now going on to
KINDNESS,
GOODNESS,
FAITHFULNESS,
GENTLENESS
and SELF-CONTROL.

Take some time and review these "fruits" with your family. These are so important for all.

Take care, and have a fruitful rest of your summer!

Sincerely,
Carolyn Russell,
Children's Ministry Director

The Fruit of God's Spirit



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 listing of 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 or write them in the prayer book.

New Joys:

- * Kent Unsworth is back from a wonderful vacation.
- * Susan Thronson has been hired into a full time position
- * The Children's Center is very appreciative of the improvements to their classrooms
- * Bud and Betty Johnson have a new great granddaughter, Gwen Johnson
- * Gladys Paulsen celebrated her birthday
- * Cristy Van Hook is appreciative of all the prayers and support following her recent surgery
- * Sharon Roemer has a new granddaughter, Eva Allison
- * Joel's daughter Grace is safe in Turkey
- * Lucy Jacob's friend David Pearce is doing well following surgery
- * The Ashton's granddaughter Ashley's pregnancy is going well
- * Victoria Gandy is out of hospital and continuing to heal at Arroyo Grande Care Center

I hope you will continue to recognize your JOYS and share them with us. I sometimes think we don't do enough celebrating.



News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, *chair*

MISSION TEAM: July 2016

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Personal Energy Transportation
2. John Elmore's School Project
3. Possibility of a Volunteer In Mission Team
4. Special Giving Totals

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

1. PERSONAL ENERGY TRANSPORTATION

"You made our Day! THANK YOU! Your generous donation of \$500 to the matching gift campaign will go a long way in helping those in need. Your gift is appreciated as we work to ramp up PET international with a new marketing and rebranding campaign and create a research and development effort to ensure we are making the best carts possible for those deserving of our help. 70+ million * people worldwide are leg disabled due to birth defects, disease & casualties.

*Without help, they *crawl* in the dirt.

Your gifts to The PET® Mobility Project provide these children of God with hand cranked Personal Energy Transportation carts, vehicles that allow them to go where ordinary wheelchairs won't go. There is no cost to the recipient - we reflect the love of God by giving them the *Gift of Mobility*. See Mission Table for copies of information.

2. JOHN ELMORE SCHOOL PROJECT: John has returned to the ministry in Chile. He has been hosting work groups who are working on the parsonage. They are making good progress. The mission team gift will help them make needed improvements.

3. POSSIBILITY OF A VOLUNTEER IN MISSION TEAM Are you 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.

PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAPS
AND DREAM UP IDEAS!

Many hands continue to do many things.



4. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2016

Covenant Relationship	1,600.00
Haiti Scholarships	1,000.00
Heifer International (noisy offering)	1,000.00
Human Relations Sunday	288.00
Kits for Kids	200.00
Native American Sunday	267.00
Noisy Offering	1,000.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	511.00
People's Kitchen food	1,126.62
People's Kitchen Misc.	4,726.00
PET Mobility Project	500.00
South County Food Bank	315.69
6 MONTHS TOTAL:	\$12,534.31

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.**

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The Clothing Giveaway held June 11 in the church parking lot and Criswell Hall was a huge success. A big thank you to Chuck and Betty Ashton and their hardworking, devoted team of volunteers for helping those in need in our community.

Photos above by Judy Atwood



Celebrating a BIRTHDAY

- Tina Moore.....Aug 1
- Priscilla Alquist.....Aug 2
- William Bauske.....Aug 3
- Fern Farmer.....Aug 6
- John Romanelli.....Aug 7
- Nancy St. Laurent.....Aug 8
- Virginia Mothes.....Aug 9
- Trudy Romanelli.....Aug 11
- John MacKeen.....Aug 12
- Bill Gerrish.....Aug 13
- Jerrelyn Trujillo.....Aug 14
- Nancy Gerrish.....Aug 17
- Nancy Burns.....Aug 20
- Joseph Brown.....Aug 23
- Cristy Van Hook.....Aug 24
- Niki Raetz.....Aug 26
- Charles Burns.....Aug 28
- Peter Paredes.....Aug 28
- Cecile Huggins.....Aug 30
- Wyatt Russell.....Aug 31



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Beautiful prayers are interspersed between the hymns in our hymnal.
 Let this one from Howard Thurman find a home in your heart.

*O Holy God, open unto me
 light for my darkness,
 courage for my fear,
 hope for my despair.*

*O loving God, open unto me
 wisdom for my confusion,
 forgiveness for my sins,
 love for my hate.*

*O God of peace, open unto me
 peace for my turmoil,
 joy for my sorrow,
 strength for my weakness.*

*O generous God, open my heart
 To receive all your gifts. Amen.*