

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

# Cast~A~Net

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

## COWBOY CHURCH



August 27  
CLARK RANCH  
Gathered Around  
the Campfire  
Music & Songs

Children Singing

Photos by Judy Atwood



Christian  
Fellowship  
& Message

Peach Cobbler!

**THANK YOU TO  
MIKE AND CONNIE CLARK & TEAM!**



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASSES**—Wednesdays, September 7, 14, 21, 28th—5:45 PM Criswell Hall—see page 11 for more information

**UMM FALL MEETING**—  
Saturday, September 10th  
9:30 a.m. Coco’s—Guest  
speaker, Rex Miller—see  
page 4 for details



**IMAGINE NO MALARIA EVENT**—Sunday,  
September 11th after church

**UMW SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT**—  
Saturday, September 17th—  
8:30 AM —3 PM —Geri Roseboro,  
Guest speaker —for further  
information, see page 5



**UMW BOOK CLUB**—Friday, September 23rd  
11 AM, Criswell Hall—with Jim Gregory,  
author of World War II Arroyo Grande—see  
page 4 *Everyone is invited!*

**DINNER THEATER**—Saturday,  
September 24th, 5 PM, Criswell  
Hall—see back cover for details



## *From the Pastor*

### READING THE BIBLE!

Kick off the fall of 2016

Greetings Arroyo Grande First UMC,

We are “people of the book.” The Bible is an indispensable resource through which we discover the Holy and hear God speaking to us. It is sacred scripture **“revealing God’s truth and initiative, defining our response, providing us with imperatives, inspiration and perspective.”**

Every believer needs the Bible no matter how much a seasoned faith veteran he or she may be. You don’t outgrow the Bible. Let’s keep reading it!

Maybe you began reading cover to cover long ago and in the midst of the “begats” and arcane laws about sacrifices you gave up! Maybe you attended a class that was too simple or one that was over your head. Whatever it was you’ve been reading Upper Rooms, attending book study groups or perusing books “about” the Bible, but not reading the Bible.

**“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path”** (Psalm 119:105). We need to read the Bible! It’s a chart for the journey. It sustains, upholds, assures and comforts us. Discover again the Almighty God as your refuge and your fortress, God in whom you trust (Psalm 91:1-2). Embrace the One who says **“Behold I make all things new”** (Rev. 21:5), **“Lo, I am with you always”** (Matthew 28:20), and **“My peace I give to you”** (John 14:27). As you read the Bible with regularity, let the words jump from the page with a personal word for you!

Starting after Labor day, I encourage the congregation to read the Bible anew devotionally, not merely with intellectual skills and tools and methods of historical criticism and comparative literature, but **devotionally**---with alert souls and open lives, **“to let God find us”**, listening intently for God’s Word and welcoming God’s Presence.

Discover something new this 2016-2017 year. A table with Bible reading schedules and other “possibilities” will be available on a table in Criswell Hall on September 11, 2016. These are items you can take with you as you plan to get into the Word in a fresh new way. Whether you set a goal to read the Bible in 3 months, 6 months or a year, we want you to read, reflect, meditate and to let the words of the scripture move you into prayer. When you commit or re-commit to reading the Word good things will happen in your life in our life together that no program, preacher or teacher can orchestrate---God alone can work such wonders!

Let the Psalms’ majesty send your spirit soaring or the spiritual quest of some ancient soul gift you with hope. God will find you through devotional reading of scripture, and you will find yourself resting in God’s love anew. **“All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness that the person of God may be complete, equipped for every good work”** (2 Timothy 3:16-17). May God Bless us on this collective journey in the Word.

---Rev. Mary Birgelaitis



Adult Christian  
Education



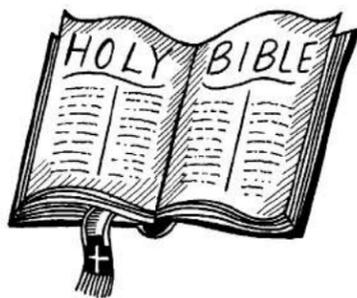
### Mondays at PM

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
<b>Sunday, September 4</b> Labor Day Weekend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</b> Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis “\$3.00 WORTH OF GOD” Scripture: Mark 12:18-24</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, Sep 7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adult Bible Study</b> Brief DVD segments by Adam Hamilton For details, see page 11 MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE: Continuation from August 31</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday, September 11</b> Grandparents Day Patriot Day for 9/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</b> Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis “FIRST THINGS FIRST” Scripture: Psalm 119 (selected verses), (The Bible)</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, Sep 14</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adult Bible Study</b> THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN BY Max Lucado Session 1 of 10 For details, see page 11</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday, September 18</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</b> Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis “GOD’S LOVE BEYOND COMPARE” Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, Sep 21</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adult Bible Study</b> THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN BY Max Lucado Session 2 of 10</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday, September 25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</b> Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis “THE ANGEL WHO FORGOT” Scriptures: Psalm 139 (selected verses), 1 John 4:1, 7-12</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, Sep 28</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adult Bible Study</b> THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN BY Max Lucado Session 3 of 10</li> </ul>

#### SEPTEMBER LITURGISTS

September 4

8:30 a.m.—*Joe Brown*  
10:30 a.m.—*Judy Leonard*

September 11

8:30 a.m.—*Joel Anderson*  
10:30 a.m.—*Patti Melsheimer*

September 18

8:30 a.m.—*Cristy Van Hook*  
10:30 a.m.—*Roger Sperling*

September 25

8:30 a.m.—*Judy Atwood*  
10:30 a.m.—*David Beaman*



Free Dinners Provided Prior to the  
Adult Bible Study Classes (5:45 PM)  
Chancel Choir Rehearsals (7:00 PM)



Food Preparation for the  
Free Wednesday Dinners

We Need Volunteers—

Let's Plan Ahead...

Get your name on the calendar !

There are funds to reimburse  
for expenses if you desire.

Please contact *Judy Atwood, Lay Leader*



### FALL UMM MEETING SCHEDULED

The Fall meeting of the United Methodist Men is scheduled for:

**Saturday, September 10th at 9:30 a.m.,  
Coco's Restaurant**

*No reservation required; just join us!*

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!**

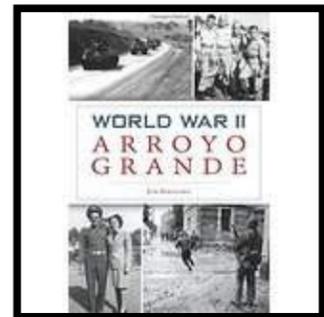


### Local Author, Jim Gregory, To Speak on Arroyo Grande WWII History

Retired AGHS history teacher, Jim Gregory, has written an intriguing short book about the involvement of some local Arroyo Grande area residents in WWII. In some cases they were the soldiers; in other cases they were the faithful friends who took care of the property of Japanese-Americans who were sent to detention camps. In all the stories Jim weaves a personal tale of gratitude, hard work, and respect for small town folk who stuck together – even our United Methodist Church is mentioned a couple times!

For the September UMW Book Club meeting Jim will give a Powerpoint presentation about his first book, World War II Arroyo Grande. *Everyone in the church is invited to join us on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 11 A.M. in Criswell Hall.* There will be time for questions after his presentation. Jim is known for his Irish wit and storytelling ability so you won't want to miss out on this event.

If you want to read his book beforehand, you can purchase it at Barnes & Noble, Miner's Hardware store (AG), Costco, or from other online vendors. Jim has been encouraged to bring some copies of it and his newest book, Patriot Graves: Discovering a Small Town's Civil War Heritage, for purchase and signing.



*Questions? Contact Judy Leonard or Patti Melsheimer.*



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."

### *Arroyo Grande United Methodist Women's Spiritual Retreat*

Our retreat this year on **Saturday, September 17** begins at 8:30 a.m. at the home of Dick and Patti Melsheimer, who have generously opened their home to us. Our study will be based on the United Methodist Women's Spiritual Growth Study for 2016, **"The Bible and Human Sexuality, Claiming God's Good Gift"**.

This study explores the Bible and human sexuality as two essential components of our Christian faith. The Bible is part of the foundation of our faith. Human sexuality is part of who we are as human beings, created by God and called good. As Ellen A. Brubaker, the author of this study, writes, "The study invites us to explore the complexity of the biblical text and our varied understandings of it in light of human sexuality."



Our leader for the retreat is **Geri Roseboro**. Geri is currently co-vice president of the North District of United Methodist Women. She also taught this year's study at UMW Mission in July and is very knowledgeable on this topic. Geri is

from Augusta, Maine, where she was a college dean at Colby College. She moved to California to be near her daughter, Staci, and family.

We look forward to seeing you at this retreat. We will share fellowship, creativity, and thought provoking discussion.

The cost of the day is \$25. This includes morning refreshments, lunch, and craft supplies to create a "succulent" wreath. Reservations may be made by completing a reservation form available in the church bulletin or church office or by contacting Barbara Reineke. Invite a friend to join you this day.

*The deadline for registrations is September 14th.  
Turn in your reservation soon!*



### *A Special Thank You*

*To all the contributors and proofreaders for their diligent, creative, and timely work on the Cast-a-Net; the newsletter could not exist without you!*

*From The Editor*

### **TOM TAYLOR'S LIFE AND EXPERIENCES DURING WW II WITH THE BRITISH NAVY**

Tom was born in London, England in 1926. As an infant he suffered from meningitis, a serious inflammation that has dangerous effects with brain function. His mother carefully nursed him to preserve his health.

He entered school at age 5. At that time, school only lasted through age 14; plus war had come to Great Britain since the Battle of Dunkirk in 1940. German incendiary bombs fell on Great Britain and food was scarce. The nation was in a dire state, and he, like many others, volunteered to serve.

At age 17, in 1943, with his parents' permission, he volunteered to enter the Royal Navy. After Basic Training he was assigned to "HMS Indomitable", an Aircraft Carrier with 2 hangers, 75 aircraft, and weighed 26,000 tons. The planes were US-made "Hellcat" fighters and "Avenger" bombers. His ship joined the fleet in the Burma Campaign after Japan had taken over Singapore. They bombed roads for 8 months to prevent transport of oil over land and had to battle Japanese "Zero" attacks.

Later, the ship sailed to Sydney, Australia to do modifications to prepare for the attack on Okinawa, one of the biggest battles of WWII. The Australians took British sailors into their homes while repairs were in process. His ship convoyed with 1 Cruiser, 1 Battleship, 3 other Carriers and 32 Destroyers. They remained at sea 4 months and were restocked with food and equipment by supply ships. The worst fighting they endured was from Kamikaze attacks which were effective and devastating.

In 1946, after the end of the war, Tom sailed from the UK to Brooklyn Navy Yard on an LST vessel. It just so happened that the crew appeared while sight-seeing on some of the earliest television broadcasts from Radio City Music Hall. Tom was sent to Victoria, BC and then returned to Scotland where he ended his 4 year Royal Navy enlistment in 1947.

He lived with his mother at her home along the English Channel while attending Carpentry school. Employment was scarce because jobs were not available. He left Europe and crossed to Canada for employment and was hired by Crown Zellerbach Paper to work in a paper pulp mill. He married his first wife and found his dreams for adequate work to be less than optimistic; housing was substandard, roads were poorly maintained, and he felt lost in a "new country". He decided to leave Canada and moved to Anaheim, CA.

Tom developed a pro-active plan to prepare for reliable employment by studying Electronics and Electrical Installation and Repairing. He was hired by the Nipomo Oil Refinery, on the mesa, and he and his wife lived close by in their home with 5 acres of property. Sadly, his wife died suddenly from a brain aneurysm. He married a second time but suffered a very sad setback when his second wife died of cancer. He was persistent in pursuit of new and better opportunities and found a new position with the State of California Department of Corrections at the SLO Men's Colony. He supervised a crew of 20 inmates who maintained all of the electrical equipment at the institution. Tom retired at age 69. Counting his military service, he had a 52 year working life.

Tom and his companion, Jutta, graciously invited me into their lovely home to prepare this article. We did several sessions together to organize the many events of Tom's life. His wartime experiences remain unique and unforgettable to him and he is proud to have served with the Allied Nations.

Tom and Jutta recently became AGUMC members and are regular attenders of our church. They are interesting conversationalists and truly enjoy interacting with their fellow members.



*David E Beaman, August 2016*



Dear Churches of the North District,

It has only been a few months since Annual Conference in Redlands. Much has happened since then and many blessings have come from God through you as well. So many people have stepped up to meet the challenge given in June to raise money for the transportation needs of Bishop Unda and his Eastern Congo Annual Conferences. Covering the same square miles as the Eastern United States, the Eastern Congo three Annual Conferences have met (8-day Conferences each) and the needs are many. Bishop Unda needs to travel difficult trails to nearby villages, even as the dangers of terrorism, malaria, and difficult terrain continue to be a part of his journey.

The pictures included show the type of dual-purpose motorcycles that can traverse the roads, trails, and jungles in the Bishop's immediate territory. They also come with complete tool kits so he and his assistants are not stranded. The motorcycle model has been upgraded to handle the jungles and each motorcycle is closer to \$3,500 (USD).



Matching my initial \$500.00 gift were several \$500 gifts. Since then, many churches have been holding fundraisers and sharing the stories about Bishop Unda and the ministries with our brothers and sisters in these war-torn countries. The goal was to be reached by Christmas but I underestimated your generosity! We have raised \$5,585 to date. Please continue to send what has been committed to the motorcycle but know that we are now shifting to raise money for the much needed Women's Center.



It is with a very heavy heart that I share a message we received from Bishop Unda today about a terrorist attack in the city Beni on August 13-14<sup>th</sup>. A group of terrorists allied to Daesch attacked the city of Beni and killed over 40 people with machetes and knives, burnt houses, raped women and young girls, and looted the flock of the natives. His District Superintendent, Rev. Ezechiel Mathe lost two of his sisters. Rev. Mathe was also wounded and is in the hospital. It is Rev. Mathe's estimate that the number of deaths will exceed 60 persons, the majority being women and children. According to the Bishop, this is not the first time Beni is victim to such a slaughter.

He is asking for us to prayer for the Eastern Congo but we can do more! There are millions of women who have suffered death, abuse, torture, and loss of hope. There are so many, many more who lack education, medical attention, and hope. The needs are overwhelming but God is faithful and we can help. More information about the Women's Center will be coming. In the meantime, let us think about how we can respond and, of course, pray!

Bishop Unda has expressed to me personally his deep gratitude for your love and generosity as the North District raises money for his ministry. He stays committed to personally reach the churches in his care. He is also looking forward to working with us on building a much needed Women's Center.

Thank you for your continued support of these family members we have yet to meet...

Pastor Jim

**Rev. James R. Powell, North District Superintendent**  
 California-Pacific Annual Conference  
 The United Methodist Church  
 818.882.8005 office



Welcome to Sunday School



Hello,

September is upon us! The kids have gone back to school. They are in their new classes, getting to know new teachers, and are making new friends and learning new things. Our Sunday school children will be stepping up in their new classes, as well. On Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup>, our children will advance into their new classes! We look forward to that!

We start Fall season with the story of Joseph and his journey. The Deep Blue kids—Asia, Edgar, and Kat—will lead the children through the Bible using animated videos that tell the story. From telling about the mistrustfulness of his brothers, children will learn about jealousy and how to cope



during tough times. Tough times followed Joseph as he was sold as a slave in Egypt. Children will learn to always trust God, through good times and through the bad times, as Joseph's adventures go from bad to worse. The next story is about how Joseph saved the day, by using his gifts. God is always

with you. Trust in Him and things will always work out. The following Sunday, children will learn that Joseph's family was reunited, in a great story about forgiveness. They will learn that God always protects them. God's plans and purposes are far greater than our own! We can always grow and change in God's love if we give him our trust.

We hope this school year is fun for all, and we hope our Sunday school will thrive and continue to provide powerful nourishment for our youngsters! We always need volunteers to help teach (and to give our loyal teachers a break), and to help us maintain our Safe Sanctuary by providing two people per classroom. Look into your hearts and volunteer once a month. We need you!



Thank you to all who volunteer. You have truly made the program successful with our children.

**Thank you, thank you!**

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Russell  
Children's Education Director



## FIRST UMC OF ARROYO GRANDE JOY JAR

### ALL TOGETHER WE CAN SHARE OUR JOYS!

The JOY JAR remains in the Narthex for you to place your listing of Joys. Now that we are back into fall schedules, don't forget to recognize your JOYS. 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

- Cowboy Church was enjoyed by the community. Thanks, Connie and Mike.
- Gugelers celebrated son-in-law's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Family joy as Jordan Henderson is coming home this Wednesday
- Joel's daughter Grace is home safely from Turkey
- The Ashton's granddaughter, Ashley's pregnancy is going well
- Victoria Gandy is out of care center and with David and Sarah
- Caitlyn Herber has been hired into a full time position
- Good to see the children excited about VBS — Thanks, Carolyn and crew
- Chuck Ashton's brother, George, now at home with home health care and doing well
- Connie and Mike Clark were glad to have Hannah and Caleb to visit and help with horse camps
- Tom Taylor is celebrating 90 years young!

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



~ Judy Atwood

# News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, *chair*

## MISSION TEAM: September 2016

Judy Atwood

### MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. [Imagine No Malaria Event: Sept. 11](#)
2. [New Missionaries Commissioned](#)
3. [Structure of Global Ministries](#)
4. [Special Giving Totals](#)

### GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

#### 1. IMAGINE NO MALARIA EVENT:

We are planning some fun for Sept. 11 to help stamp out malaria. In June, at the Cal-Pac Annual Conference, we were challenged to help reach a God-sized goal of \$3 million dollars. It was suggested that we might raise funds for this goal to be added to the \$1.7 million already raised in appreciation for the leadership provided by our bishop. Bishop Carcaño is being assigned to California-Nevada Conference beginning Sept. 1, 2016. Come join in the fun prepared to make a donation and learn more facts about Malaria.

#### 2. NEW MISSIONARIES COMMISSIONED

DURING GENERAL CONFERENCE: During the 2016 General Conference, 29 new Global Ministries missionaries were commissioned for service. These persons will serve as community developers, chaplains, teachers, health practitioners or administrators, agricultural specialist and youth workers. Four will engage in ministries with migrants and four will serve church and community workers in economically urban and rural communities in the United States.

3. STRUCTURE OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES The Board of Global Ministries is moving headquarters to Atlanta, GA and also setting up regional offices in Seoul, South Korea; Buenos Aires, Argentina;

Pärnu, Estonia; and one to be named in Africa. A presence will also be maintained in New York City through a United Nations Liaison office. We also have Mission Initiatives in Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Honduras, Laos, Mongolia, Senegal, Thailand, and Vietnam. Our UMCOR Country Offices include Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, South Sudan, Sudan, and Zimbabwe.

*Many hands continue to do many things.*



#### 4. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2016

Covenant Relationship	1,600.00
ELT Scholarships	8,750.00
Haiti Scholarships	1,000.00
Heifer International (noisy offering)	1,000.00
Human Relations Sunday	288.00
Kits for Kids	270.00
Native American Sunday	267.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	511.00
Peace with Justice Sunday	238.00
People's Kitchen food	1,158.21
People's Kitchen Misc.	7,511.00
Pet Mobility Project	500.00
South County Food Bank	347.28
VBS	240.00
<b>8 MONTHS TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$23,680.49</b>

*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
				<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>8 AM</b> People's Kitchen Prep—Leave to Serve 11:15 AM  <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L)  <b>5:30 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm)  <b>6 PM</b> Dinner Theater Rehearsal (CH)  <b>6 PM</b> Worship Team (MMR)</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Spirit Day at AG UM CC  <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L)  <b>3:30 PM</b> AGUMCC Closed  <b>4 PM</b> AGUMCC Staff Development (MMR)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>5:30 PM</b> Praise Team Set Up (S)  <b>6:30 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal (S)</p>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service                  Coffee Hour: Joy Circle</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>  <b>Labor Day</b>                  Church Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday                  Emergency Food Pantry Closed Resumes next week</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters (MMR)  <b>11 AM</b> UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH)  <b>5:30 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm)  <b>6 PM</b> Dinner Theater Rehearsal (CH)</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day  <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner (CH)  <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Bible Study (CH)  <b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L)  <b>10 AM</b> Goal Meeting (PS)  <b>5:30 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm)  <b>6 PM</b> Dinner Theater Rehearsal (CH)  <b>6:30 PM</b> AGUMCC Family Fun Planning Mtg (MMR)</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>9:30 AM</b> UMM Fall Meeting with Rex Miller as speaker—Coco's Restaurant</p> <p></p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service                  Coffee Hour: Staff-Parish  <b>11:45 AM</b> Caring Congregation Committee (L)  <b>11:45 AM</b> Imagine No Malaria Event (CH)</p> <p><b>PATRIOT 9-11 DAY</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry (CH)  <b>5:45 PM</b> Quilting Class—G McGuire(CH)  <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters (MMR)  <b>10 AM</b> Nominating (PS)  <b>11 AM</b> UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH)  <b>5:30 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm)  <b>6 PM</b> Dinner Theater Rehearsal (CH)  <b>7 PM</b> Board of Trustees (MMR)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day  <b>9:30 AM</b> UMW Steering Comm (L)  <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner (CH)  <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Bible Study (CH)  <b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L)  <b>5:30 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm)  <b>6 PM</b> Dinner Theater Rehearsal (CH)</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L)  <b>12 Noon</b> Deadline for newsletter articles (Church Office)</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat (Member Home)</p> <p></p> <p><b>5:30 PM</b> Praise Team Set Up (S)  <b>6:30 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal (S)</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service                  Coffee Hour: UMC Children's Center</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry (CH)  <b>5:45 PM</b> Quilting Class— G McGuire (CH)  <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters (MMR)  <b>11 AM</b> UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH)                  Preschool Board (MMR)  <b>1:30 PM</b> Open Session  <b>2:30 PM</b> Closed Session  <b>5:30 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm)  <b>6 PM</b> Dinner Theater Rehearsal (CH)  <b>7 PM</b> Joy Circle (Home)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day  <b>10 AM</b> Communications Meeting (L)  <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner (CH)  <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Bible Study (CH)  <b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L)  <b>11 AM</b> Finance (PS)  <b>1 PM</b> Mission Team (L)  <b>5:30 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm)  <b>6 PM</b> Dinner Theater Rehearsal (CH)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L)  <b>11 AM</b> UMW Book Club (CH) set up at 10:15 AM</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>3 PM</b> Dinner Theater Set up (CH)</p> <p></p> <p><b>Dinner Theater 5 to 7 pm</b></p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service                  Coffee Hour: Worship Committee  <b>11:45 AM</b> SPRC Meeting—PS</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry (CH)  <b>5:45 PM</b> Quilting Class—G McGuire (CH)  <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters (MMR)  <b>11 AM</b> UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH)  <b>5:30 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day  <b>11 AM</b> Mary-Martha-Esther (MMR)  <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner (CH)  <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Bible Study (CH)  <b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)  <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L)  <b>5:30 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm)  <b>6:30 PM</b> AGUMCC Family Fun Planning Mtg (112)  <b>7 PM</b> Church Council (MMR)</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L)</p>	<p></p> <p><i>Fall</i></p>

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



Although the Trustees did not meet in August, there is good news to report on their behalf:

- Exploration of bids for essential services are underway.
- Thank you to Bernie Hawkins, Mike Takenaka, Buffy Prestemon and Paul Holden for painting the music room, made possible by Dennis Eiler procuring generous donations of paint and materials from Orchard Supply.
- Due to our new solar panels already paying dividends, our recent PG&E bill was \$11.82—*yea!*—It would have been \$630!

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES**  
**September through November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE**

Brief DVD segments  
 by Adam Hamilton

Making Sense of the Old Testament  
 Making Sense of the New Testament  
 Questions about the Nature of Scripture  
 The Bible and Science

Violence, Suffering, and Other Troubling Issues  
 Wrestling with Issues of Sexuality  
 and Relationships

**September 14<sup>th</sup> through November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN**

by Max Lucado (10 sessions)

A joy that can't be quenched? A peace that can't be broken? A happiness that can't be threatened? There is such a joy. It is a sacred delight, a holy gladness. You can't open your Bible without reading about it. You can't live a satisfying life without it. And it is nearer than you think. Jesus describes that sacred delight in the astonishing mountain message we now call the Beatitudes. Max Lucado, in this classic exploration of enduring joy, shows you how this familiar but revolutionary prescription for living can bless your life beyond your wildest imagining. Join us in this 10 week study of THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN.



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- Jan Treat.....Sep 18
- Peg Gallop.....Sep 21
- Glen Werling.....Sep 24
- Judy Atwood.....Sep 26
- Jeanne Stephenson....Sep 28
- Claire Jacob.....Sep 29



Have we missed **your** birthday? If so, it is not listed on our computer. Please contact the church office and we will be glad to add your birth date to our monthly birthday list!



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*New*



**Choir Members  
Welcome!**

**Chancel Choir Rehearsals  
Wednesdays at 7 PM  
in the Sanctuary**

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

Contact Julie Burns, Choir Director.  
Chancel Choir will return singing at  
10:30 AM worship on Sep 11.

*New Members Invited !*

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### FUMCAG Dinner Theater

Brought to you by the Praise Team  
and the Chancel Choir  
Tell your friends,  
Tell your Neighbors !

**Saturday, September 24 !**

Deadline for tickets is September 15

- **Both the mystery theater performance and the dinner have a German theme!**
- **Tickets to this special event are \$20 each**
- **Tickets available from choir members or at church office—and are selling fast**
- **Location: Criswell Hall, 275 N. Halcyon Road First United Methodist Church, Arroyo Grande**
- **Time: 5:00 PM–7 PM**

Will you recognize "Fritz" or "Wolfgang"?