

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



# Cast~A~Net

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



**IMAGINE NO MORE MALARIA EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 11**

What fun it was to make one more push to STAMP OUT MALARIA and to honor our out-going bishop, MINERVA CARCAÑO.

We raised another \$700 for this important cause.  
Thank you to everyone for “Stompin In!”

**MYSTERY DINNER THEATER A SOLD-OUT SUCCESS!**



Actors left to right: Buffy Prestemon, Neil Prestemon, Lila Anderson, Dave Bauer, Bernie Hawkins, Patti Melsheimer, BG Perriguy, Joel Anderson, and Julie Burns



Live music by Dennis Eiler



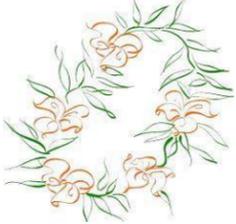
Production Director Sandy Underwood is second from left, enjoying the German meal with actors Lila, BG and Patti

The Chancel Choir and Praise Team of UMC Arroyo Grande presented a mystery dinner theater as a fundraiser for the church’s music department on September 24. The theater “took place” in Munich’s central square, known as the Marienplatz, otherwise known as Criswell Hall. A tasty and authentic German dinner was served to the patrons

while the investigation of the “Murder in Munich” unfolded. The Inspector (Joel) finally solved the crime amid many antics and much hilarity.

A huge thank you goes out to director Sandy Underwood, the talented cast of actors, the backstage techies and decorators, and the cooks and kitchen crew. **“Bravo!” all!**

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## *From the Pastor*

The **Nominating Committee** (Lay Leadership) is at work to put in place a **Finance Chairperson**. In addition to staffing Trustees, Finance and Staff-Parish, we must secure teams for Caring Congregation, Christian Education, Communications, Endowment, Scholarship Committee, Mission Team, Pre-School Board and Worship Team. All are important. **TOP PRIORITIES** are **Finance** and **Christian Education** this year. Additional pressing issues are to locate a **CHURCH TREASURER** and a **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR**. NOT TO LOCATE a treasurer for this volunteer position will mean we must fund a paid treasurer asap. Pray! Examine your skill-set! Talk to **Mary Birgelaitis, Marj Cawelti, Wayne Huggins, Judy Atwood, Betty Ashton, or Patti Melsheimer**. WE MAY BE LOOKING FOR YOU! Work with children is a community effort. See Children's Sunday School needs below. By God's grace we must find a way to do all this and more.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

#### WHAT WE HAVE:

Nursery care with **Shirley Wilmott** (teacher) and a **volunteer** (if we can get one).

Pre-K with kindergarten with **Eileen Odom** and **Leona Beerup** (teachers) alternating months  
**Adeline Bottorff** and **Eva McClure** (assistants) alternating

First grade through middle school with **Carolyn Russell** (teacher) and **volunteer** (if we can get one).

WE HAVE **4 teachers, 2 assistants** and **volunteers** (when we can get them). These **6 people** have made this program go for a long time without respite and will not continue without help. Eva McClure is no longer able to assist. As is, they cannot attend 10:30 worship and are not free to mingle with the congregation on Sunday morning. WE NEED many volunteers so that many people do a little and we do not lose people we have in place. It takes ALL OF US!

**WE MUST HAVE two adults with any group of children at all** times to protect children in compliance with our Conference SAFE GATHERINGS agreement.

#### WHAT WE NEED:

**Volunteers** who can help in nursery

A **volunteer** to take place of Eva McClure with Pre-K/Kindergarten

A **second teacher** to alternate with Carolyn with 1<sup>st</sup> grade and up, and **Volunteers** to work with Carolyn's class

**2 more teachers** and **2 volunteers**, older class needs to be split so that older children are not with first graders.

**Summary - MINIMUM NEED: 3 more teachers, 4 more volunteers.**

#### SPECIAL TASKS:

Event co-coordinator for the once-a-month special events after Sunday School during Coffee Hour

VBS director to plan and implement 2017 VBS

Christmas program coordinator to do simple children's pageant or presentation in worship with children

**WE NEED 1 to 3 people to take on these special tasks in addition to those volunteers needed above.**

**Please share this information with one another, pray and brainstorm together.**

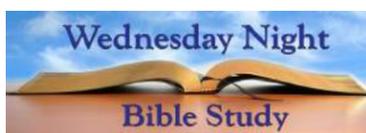
---Rev. Mary Birgelaitis



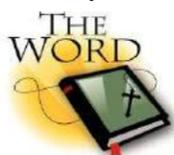

**Women's Prayer**  
**Mondays at 7 PM**  
 Women come to pray together  
 in the Sanctuary.



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



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



**OCTOBER LITURGISTS**

October 2  
 8:30 a.m.—*Joe Brown*  
 10:30 a.m.—*Cristy Van Hook*

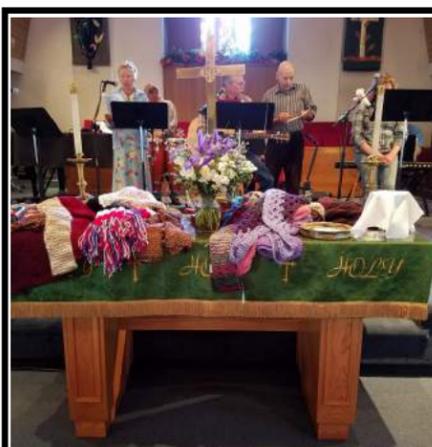
October 9  
 8:30 a.m.—*Lucy Jacob*  
 10:30 a.m.—*Roger Sperling*

October 16  
 8:30 a.m.—*Sharon Roemer*  
 10:30 a.m.—*Judy Leonard*

October 23  
 8:30 a.m.—*Judy Atwood*  
 10:30 a.m.—*Patti Melsheimer*

October 30  
 8:30 a.m.—*Joe Brown*  
 10:30 a.m.—*Rose Ann Steiner*

Dates	Topics and Schedule
<b>Sunday, October 2</b> World Communion Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</b>                      Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis                      "THE PRESUMPTION OF FAITH:                      Scripture: Luke 17:5-10</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, October 5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adult Bible Study</b>                      THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN by Max Lucado                      Session 4 of 10</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday, October 9</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 SHELTER OF GRATITUDE"                      Scripture: Luke 17:11-19</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, October 12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adult Bible Study</b>                      THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN by Max Lucado                      Session 5 of 10</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday, October 16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</b>                      Rex Miller, speaking                      "FAITH THRESHOLDS"                      Scriptures: Romans 2:21-31, James 2:14-24</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, October 19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adult Bible Study</b>                      THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN by Max Lucado                      Session 6 of 10</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday, October 23</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 OUTCOME OF HUMILITY"                      Scripture: Luke 18:9-14</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, October 26</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adult Bible Study</b>                      THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN by Max Lucado                      Session 7 of 10</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday, October 30</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 AUDACITY OF GRACE"                      Scripture: Luke 19:1-10</li> </ul>



Prayer shawls were blessed  
 at the altar last Sunday  
 and prayers were offered  
 for members of the  
 prayer shawl ministry.



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 9th  
8:30—10:30 AM, CRISWELL HALL

- Menu: Serving PANCAKES! Along with Eggs, Hash Browns & Sausage
- Tickets: Adults \$8  
Kids \$5 (12 and under)
- Purchase your tickets early!



## SAVE THE DATE !

HOLIDAY JUBILEE TALENT SHOW  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM



### October 28<sup>th</sup> UMW Book Club Selection: Miss Brenda and the Loveladies

In this true story, Brenda Spahn, a successful businesswoman, shares her inspired adventure of helping out former female inmates from one of the toughest prisons in America, the Julia Tutwiler Prison for Women in Wetumpka, Alabama. She naively thinks that she can provide a comfortable residence or “whole-way” house for these women, and everything will turn out just fine. Instead she grows to understand their heartaches and feelings of alienation from the world. Affectionately called “Miss Brenda” or Mom by the former prisoners, Brenda is transformed by her faith and belief in God’s transformational power as well as the ladies’ journey in the world.

Join the UMW Book Club at 11 A.M. in the McMillen Room on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> for a spirited discussion and fellowship.

See Patti Melsheimer to purchase a copy of Miss Brenda and the Loveladies.



*Submitted by Judy Leonard*



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*

#### **Spiritual Growth Retreat "The Bible & Human Sexuality— Claiming God's Good Gift"**

The UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat was a "growing" experience in many ways!



Jeri Roseboro helped us grow spiritually and intellectually by leading us in thoughtful discussions about "The Bible and Sexuality". We became much more aware of our own biases, the ways in which we were raised and scripture from both the Old and New

Testaments regarding men and women and their relationships, especially in the Song of Solomon and Paul's writings.

We also had a growing experience by creating succulent wreaths that turned out quite lovely. Hopefully our wreaths and our knowledge will continue to grow as we water our wreaths and continue our studies. Many thanks to all who participated in the day.

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### *Caring Congregation Committee*

#### **SOS (Service Opportunity Sign-up) Sunday is October 2, 2016**

This will be your opportunity to find interesting opportunities in which to participate in the life of our church. All committees, boards and groups have been invited to participate in this event.

This is your chance to find new ways to get acquainted with new people, help in different ways and become a truly participating member of our First United Methodist Church family!

Committees will have displays in Criswell Hall listing various opportunities for which you can sign up and take part in their activities.

**Be sure to stop by Criswell Hall at either coffee hour  
and sign up for some new adventures!**

A VISIT WITH LARRY AND NANCY BAUGHMAN,  
ACTIVE MEMBERS for 40 YEARS

*Our meaningful conversation covered accomplishments that verified this couple has pursued a very active lifestyle and has given of their time and talents to the community—DEB*

Larry graduated from Arroyo Grande High School in 1965. He attended UCLA before transferring to Sonoma State University and graduated with a double major degree in Psychology and Political Science. His Banking Management career with Mid-State Bank ran from 1972 through 2008 when he retired as Senior Vice President.

His Public Service portfolio includes Oceano Sanitation District; Oceano Community Service District; Treasurer-SLO County United Way; SLO County Water Resources Advisory Commission; SLO County Airport Land Use Commission; South SLO County Sanitation District; Elks Club-46 year member; and Arroyo Grande Rotary Club.

Other interesting organizations include: International Brotherhood of Magicians; Member of Hollywood Magic Castle; United States Chess Federation; International Chili Society. He is currently on the Board of Directors of Arroyo Grande United Methodist Church Children's Center.

Nancy grew up on a dairy farm in Nicolaus, CA and graduated from high school with her senior class of 15 students. She obtained a two year AA degree at Yuba Community College, then transferred to Sonoma State University to pursue a BA degree in Political Science. It was there that she met Larry. They married in 1974. She worked for Fred H. Schott Structural Engineering Firm in SLO as Office Manager and Bookkeeper from 1975 to 2000.

Their daughter, Nicole, was born in 1978 and son, Benjamin, was born in 1980. She earned her Teaching Credential in 1999 and taught at Oceano Elementary. She taught 6th grade in 2001 and 2002 at Prairie View Intermediate School in Hawthorne, CA and commuted weekly between Oceano and LA while living with Nicole during the week, as Nicole earned her Masters Degree at UCLA. Nancy retired in 2009 after substitute

teaching at various Lucia Mar schools. Nancy joined our church in 1975. She has served on the Board of Trustees, Staff-Parish

Relations Committee, Esther Circle, Missions Team, Chancel Choir and as Youth Education Director.

Nicole teaches AP Statistics and Algebra II at Brea Olinda High School in Orange Co. She was a protege of Tina Ballagh in our church Handbell Choir and continues playing bells at her church in Brea. Nicole also played flute in the UCLA Marching Band. Nicole is married to a Lutheran Minister.

Benjamin graduated from UC Santa Cruz. He holds an Airframe and Powerplant Certification from the FAA and U S Dept. of Transportation and is currently employed by the U S Dept. of Homeland Security in Tampa, FL. He and his wife, and two lovely children, live in nearby St. Petersburg.

Years ago, after an OK from then Pastor Ehrhardt Lang, Ben took organ lessons from Don McGuire using our church organ. One Sunday, about six months later, Ben was the "Guest Organist" playing Bach's "Tocatta and Fugue in D minor". Don McGuire was so very proud.

Larry and Nancy have traveled the country enjoying some of Larry's unique and interesting cultural pursuits and hobbies. He is an avid chili cook who has contested in many competitive cook-offs including the World's Championship in 2011 at Manchester, N.H.

During their travels, they have visited all of our nation's major art museums and galleries, many more than once. Closely resembling a "Man For All Seasons", Larry also does golf, bowling, saxophone and oil painting. Larry and Nancy both do beach walking and gardening.

*I discovered my demeanor to be upbeat and energized after our interesting conversation.*

*David E Beaman 9/2016*



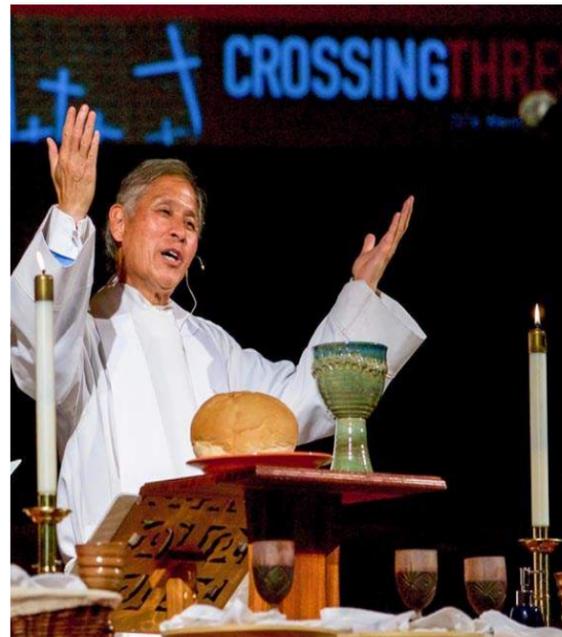


## We Welcome Bishop Grant J. Hagiya To The California-Pacific Conference

Our new bishop to the California-Pacific Conference,  
Bishop Grant J. Hagiya,  
is a graduate of Claremont School of Theology  
and Pepperdine University.

He is the author of the book, *Leadership Kaizen*,  
published by Abingdon Press in 2013.

Prior to his election to the episcopacy, he served as the  
Los Angeles District Superintendent, Executive Director  
of the Center for Leadership Excellence, and as a faculty  
member at Claremont School of Theology.



### How are Bishops Assigned?

“This question, it seems, takes on center stage each time there is a change in episcopal leadership within an annual conference. It is no different this year after it was announced at the Western Jurisdictional Conference meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona July 13-16 that Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño is being assigned to the San Francisco Episcopal Area (California-Nevada Conference) and succeeding her place in the Los Angeles Episcopal Area is Bishop Grant Hagiya, who is no stranger to the California-Pacific Conference. Bishops are assigned by their jurisdiction or central conference to serve a geographical area for a four-year term. There are 46 episcopal areas in the United States and 20 episcopal areas outside of the United States. New bishops may not be assigned to the area where they were a clergy member for at least four years after their election, however, the Book of Discipline allows for this restriction to be ignored by a two-thirds vote of both the jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy and the jurisdictional conference.

Bishops may be assigned to the same area for up to three quadrennia. Assignments take effect September 1. A newly elected bishop may not be assigned to the episcopal area in which he or she holds membership unless two-thirds of the committee on episcopacy members decide to ignore that restriction. In rare cases, an Inter-jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, elected by General Conference delegates, can transfer bishops across jurisdictional lines if the bishops and the jurisdictions agree.

After the election of new bishops, each jurisdictional committee on episcopacy recommends to the jurisdictional conferences the assignment of bishops to their episcopal areas. New bishops are consecrated, not ordained. They remain elders in the denomination, but they become ordained members of the Council of Bishops instead of an annual conference.

For further reading, please read the [FAQ's on the Council of Bishops and "How Are Bishops Assigned?"](#)

Rev. N. Adiel A. DePano  
Chair, Committee on Episcopacy  
California-Pacific Conference



### REPORT FROM THE TREASURER...

As of the end of August, Stewardship is running better than budgeted. Part of this is because some contributors gave their years estimated giving at the start of our fiscal year in July. That helps our cash flow, but we must keep in mind that the funds have to last throughout the year. Expenses are running slightly ahead of budget, but not enough yet to be a concern. Overall, we ran a modest surplus for the first two months of the fiscal year. We received good news that our Apportionments for the 2017 calendar year will be going down slightly more than expected. Though money is still very tight, we are in better fiscal shape than we have been over the past few years.

*Joel Anderson, Acting Treasurer*

### Rex Miller in the Pulpit, October 16th



Rex Miller, valued member of the choir, has been engaged in the life of our congregation while serving as Resident Manager of Camp Arroyo Grande. Recently, Rex spoke to our United Methodist Men sharing his own faith journey as the speaker at the UMM Breakfast at Coco's. As they met, I heard someone say, "Is there any chance that more of the congregation can hear you before you move on?". That was my cue! I thought it was a wonderful idea. Rex has an interesting, informative and inspiring faith journey behind him, presently, and ahead. Next stop? Nigeria! Since his time as a "local" is short (leaving the area at year-end), I invited Rex to fill the pulpit on October 16th so that, indeed, our whole community can be a part. So, be in worship October 16th to hear "FAITH THRESHOLDS" pivoting around the scripture from Romans 2:21-31 and James 2:14-24. I find the faith journey Rex has made to be incredibly inspiring. Rex has trusted God over the long haul, and been a part of exciting ministry along the way. So, don't miss church on October 16th.

—Rev. Mary B.

### 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 list 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

- Aurora Flores born to Ashley and Miguel Flores on 9/10/16, great granddaughter of Jan Herber, great granddaughter of Chuck and Betty Ashton, granddaughter of Mike & Linda Herber
- Gloria and Mike Johnson celebrated their 48th anniversary
- One more new teacher hired for the Children's Center
- Helen and Don Gugeler's great granddaughter Aubrey celebrated her first birthday
- Bobbie Merris's granddaughter hired as assistant basketball coach at AGHS
- Blessed by our new prayer shawl ministry
- Great appreciation expressed for all who made the Dinner Theater a success. You did great!
- Betty and Bud Johnson celebrated 61 years of marriage

~ Judy Atwood



# News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, *chair*

## October 2016

### MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. [Imagine No Malaria Event Results](#)
2. [World Communion Offering](#)
3. [Mission Fest Potluck Oct.30](#)
4. [Holiday Giving to Our Community](#)
5. [Special Giving Totals](#)

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

#### 1. IMAGINE NO MALARIA EVENT RESULTS

I want to thank you for the wonderful response for our one more push for "Imagine No Malaria". We will forward a check in the amount of \$700 to the Annual Conference. If you didn't have a chance to respond yet, you may mark your gift "No Malaria" and it will also be sent. This is in appreciation of the leadership provided by Bishop Minerva Carcaño.

#### 2. WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

What would it look like if the church imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those at the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving provides scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

3. MISSION FEST POTLUCK On Oct.30 we will have a Mission Fest Potluck following the second service.

Mission Team will provide Turkey and Ham; you are invited to bring your favorites to share. We want to celebrate the joy of being part of this congregation.

#### 4. HOLIDAY GIVING TO OUR COMMUNITY

As we look toward the holidays, we are planning ahead to support 5 Cities Christian Women and our own Give Away which will both happen in December with our coat/blanket drive. As you see items new or gently

used that can have a new home for those in our community, please begin to collect them. We will let you know **WHEN AND WHERE TO BRING THEM TO CHURCH** at a later date.

*Many hands continue to do many things.*



#### 5. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2016

Covenant Relationship	1,600.00
ELT	8,750.00
Haiti Scholarships	1,000.00
Heifer International (noisy offering)	1,000.00
Human Relations Sunday	288.00
Imagine No Malaria	700.00
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	1,205.26
People's Kitchen Misc.	7,960.00
Pet Mobility Project	500.00
South County Food Bank	394.33
VBS	240.00
<b>8 MONTHS TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$24,923.59</b>

*Thank you for your second mile gifts*

**A THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION.  
DON'T ASK GOD TO GUIDE YOUR FOOTSTEPS,  
IF YOUR NOT WILLING TO MOVE YOUR FEET.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p><b>2</b></p> <p>World Communion Sunday</p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service</p> <p><b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Endowment / ELT</p> <p>S.O.S. Service Opportunity Sign-Up (CH)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry (CH)</p> <p><b>5:45 PM</b> Quilting Class-G McGuire(CH)</p> <p><b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p><b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews + Knitters (MMR)</p> <p><b>11 AM</b> UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH)</p> <p><b>5 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm)</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p><b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day</p> <p><b>10 AM</b> Nominating (PS)</p> <p><b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner (CH)</p> <p><b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Bible Study (CH)</p> <p><b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>8 AM</b> People's Kitchen Prep—Leave to Serve 11:15 AM</p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p><b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L)</p> <p><b>5 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm)</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Worship Team (MMR)</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Spirit Day at AGUM CC</p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L)</p> <p><b>2 PM</b> Set Up Pancake Breakfast (CH,K)</p> <p><b>3:30 PM</b> AGUM CC Closed</p> <p><b>3:30 PM</b> AGUM CC Staff Development (MMR)</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Worship Team (MMR)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>8 AM</b> AGUM CC Family Fun Day Set Up</p> <p><b>11 AM—1:30 PM</b> Family Fun Day Event Time (CH, K, Parking Lot)</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service</p> <p><b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service</p> <p><b>8:30—10:30 AM</b> UMM Pancake Breakfast (CH)</p> <p><b>11:45 AM</b> Caring Congregation Committee (L)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry (CH)</p> <p><b>5:45 PM</b> Quilting Class-G McGuire(CH)</p> <p><b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p><b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews + Knitters (MMR)</p> <p><b>9:30 AM</b> UMW Steering (L)</p> <p><b>11 AM</b> UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH)</p> <p><b>5 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p><b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day</p> <p><b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner (CH)</p> <p><b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Bible Study (CH)</p> <p><b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p><b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L)</p> <p><b>5 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L)</p> <p><b>12 Noon</b> Deadline for newsletter articles (Church Office)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service</p> <p><b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Mary-Martha-Esther Circle</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry (CH)</p> <p><b>5:45 PM</b> Quilting Class- G McGuire (CH)</p> <p><b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p><b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews + Knitters (MMR)</p> <p><b>11 AM</b> UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH)</p> <p>Preschool Board (MMR)</p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b> Open Session</p> <p><b>2 PM</b> Endowment (PS)???</p> <p><b>2:30 PM</b> Closed Session</p> <p><b>5:30 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm)</p> <p><b>7 PM</b> Joy Circle (Home)</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p><b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day</p> <p><b>10 AM</b> Communications Meeting (L)</p> <p><b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner (CH)</p> <p><b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Bible Study (CH)</p> <p><b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p><b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L)</p> <p><b>11 AM</b> Finance (PS)</p> <p><b>5 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>9 AM</b> Trumpet Alliance Rehearsal (S)</p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service</p> <p><b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Trustees</p> <p><b>2:00 PM</b> Cuesta College Trumpet Alliance Concert (S)</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry (CH)</p> <p><b>5:45 PM</b> Quilting Class—G McGuire (CH)</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Central Coast Mission Area#2 Charge Conference, at St. Andrew UMC, Santa Maria</p> <p><b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p><b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews + Knitters (MMR)</p> <p><b>11 AM</b> UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH)</p> <p><b>5 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p><b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day</p> <p><b>10 AM</b> Mary-Martha-Esther (MMR)</p> <p><b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner CH)</p> <p><b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Bible Study (CH)</p> <p><b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH)</p> <p><b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L)</p> <p><b>5 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L)</p> <p><b>11 AM</b> UMW Book Club (MMR)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service</p> <p><b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service</p> <p><b>11:30 AM</b> Mission Fest Potluck (CH)</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry (CH)</p> <p><b>5:45 PM</b> Quilting Class—G McGuire CH)</p> <p><b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p>					



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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

President, Paul Holden



Latest from the Trustees— September 2016

- An issue with the Children's Center's new heating and air conditioning system was resolved.
- The Church's Building Use Fee schedules are under review by Rev. Mary, who will present recommendations at our next meeting in October.
- Trustees received a bid from Coverall Cleaning Services to provide for the Church's cleaning needs. The sub-committee made up of Paul, Mike J., Mary H. and Rev. Mary are reviewing the bid and comparing it to the cost and services provided now by Executive Janitorial. The sub-committee will be providing a recommendation to Trustees in October.
- A leak that impacted the preschool lawn was discovered and fixed. The lawn will be replaced by the Children's Center.
- A rent increase for Scot's Handyman's storage yard usage from \$250 monthly to \$350 monthly was put in place.
- A Service Opportunity Sign-up (SOS) will take place on Sunday October 2 and Trustees will have a table with displays and handouts soliciting helpers for Trustees' projects.

### First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande



#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

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

#### THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN

by Max Lucado (10 sessions)

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Mary Hawkins.....	10/31

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**GROUP CHARGE CONFERENCE  
CENTRAL COAST MISSION AREA #2  
Monday, October 24, 2016, 6:30 PM  
St. Andrew UMC, Santa Maria, CA**

*Our annual Church/Charge Conferences are times to celebrate the blessings we have brought to our communities. It is also a time of grace and accountability. The work of each congregation will be recognized and the shared ministries of each Mission Area will be lifted up as we celebrate what we are doing individually and together.*

*We will gather with Bethel Korean Mission Church, Christ UMC, First UMC of Lompoc, St. Andrew UMC, Santa Maria First UMC.*

**Let's gather at our church parking lot at 5:45 PM to carpool to Santa Maria!**



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# Family Fun Day

Tri Tip Barbecue  
Carnival Games, Trike-A-Thon,  
Free Car Seat Safety Check  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016**  
**11 AM TO 1:30 PM**

**ARROYO GRANDE**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S CENTER**  
275 North Halcyon Road  
*Face Painting, Bounce Houses, Pumpkin Patch*  
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