

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

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



**“We Are Blessed by God”
Annual Community
Thanksgiving
Worship Service**

Tuesday, November 22, 7 PM
hosted this year at
Nipomo Community Presbyterian Church

PLEASE NOTE: This is on TUESDAY EVENING,
NOT Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve

Sponsoring churches are St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, United Methodist of Arroyo Grande, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, St. John’s Lutheran Church, and Nipomo Community Presbyterian.

Please bring a canned or dry good or two that will go to the food pantry, and the worship offering to be shared.

**UPcoming
EVENTS**

UMW VIRTUAL TEA FUNDRAISER—
Begins November 5

ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY—November 6

UMM BREAKFAST MEETING—Sat. Nov. 19, 9 AM, Coco’s

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE— Tue. Nov 22 , 7 PM

HANGING OF THE GREENS—Sat. Nov. 26,
10:30 AM

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—Nov. 27

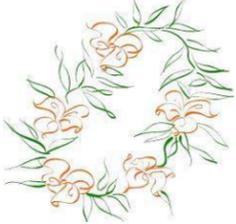
ADVENT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS—Wed. Nov. 30 *See page 3 for complete schedule*

CHRISTMAS PARKING LOT GIVEAWAY—
Sat. Dec. 10,11-2pm

5 CITIES FOOD BASKETS—Sat. Dec. 17

CHRISTMAS JUBILEE & SHOW—
Sat. Dec. 17, 7 PM

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From the Pastor

All Saints' Celebration – November 6, 2016

In Christian community we celebrate All Saints' Sunday. This year as we gather in worship on November 6th, 2016 we will lift up the names of our departed friends in faith who were members of the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande and those whose memorial services were held in our sanctuary as well. Some of our members had memorial services here in Arroyo Grande and others across the country where they had moved to be closer to family.

In the church All Saints' is a "Christian Memorial Day". It is celebrated on November 1st, or the first Sunday in November and "it is a day on which we acknowledge the solidarity of the living and the dead in Christ, the 'communion of saints' in every time and place."

This year at First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande we will remember, with the lighting of candles, those whose names you see printed here, and we will remember in our hearts other friends and family members who have died since All Saints' last year, and over the years as well.

With gratitude for the privilege of having known them, we give thanks to God for their lives:

Kenneth Charles Hubbard November 19th, 2015
Arthur Moore December 19, 2015
Hilde Lore Hollinger December 24, 2015
Michael Bernard Jacob January 24, 2016
Mitzi Ikeda February 20, 2016
JoAnn Dobbs Wizemann February 25, 2016
Betty Jean Davies David March 8, 2016
John Neel March 13, 2016
Jerry Edward Smith May 13, 2016
Bob Lowry May 15, 2016
Jean Hubbard May 18, 2016
Al Harvey January 4, 2016
Richard Gainer February 25, 2016
Luella M. Hendricks April 22, 2016
Iris Marilyn Truesdale Caldon September 23, 2016

Be with us on Sunday November 6th, 2016 in worship as we honor these lives and stand alongside family members who will be in worship to remember them.

---Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

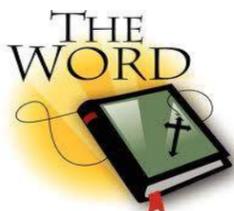

Adult Christian Education

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

NOVEMBER LITURGISTS
November 6

 8:30 a.m.—*Sharon Roemer*
 10:30 a.m.—*Nancy St. Laurent*
November 13

 8:30 a.m.—*Larry Baughman*
 10:30 a.m.—*Bernie Hawkins*
November 20

 8:20 a.m.—*Joe Brown*
 10:30 a.m.—*Judy Atwood*
November 27

 8:30 a.m.—*Jan Treat*
 10:30 a.m.—*RoseAnn Steiner*

| Dates | Topics and Schedule |
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| Wednesday, November 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Bible Study THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN by Max Lucado Session 8 of 10 |
| Sunday, November 6 All Saints' Sunday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU" Scripture: 1 John 3:1-3, John 14:1-3, 15-21, 27 |
| Wednesday, November 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Bible Study THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN by Max Lucado Session 9 of 10 |
| Sunday, November 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Mary Birgelaitis "IN ALL THINGS" Scriptures: Romans 8:18-21, 28, 35, 37-39 |
| Wednesday, November 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Bible Study THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN by Max Lucado Session 10 of 10 |
| Sunday, November 20 Laity Sunday / Thanksgiving Sunday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services |
| Tuesday, November 22 Nipomo Community Presbyterian Church | Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7:00 PM "We Are Blessed by God" |
| Wednesday, November 23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Bible Study on Break |
| Sunday, November 27 Advent I | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "GIFTS FROM GOD: Awakening Hope" Scripture: Matthew 24:36-44 |
| Wednesday, November 30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Bible Study THE UNCLUTTERED HEART by Beth Richardson |

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE CHURCH?
 MAYBE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th
 IS THE TIME FOR YOU!

Let the pastor know you are wishing to join,
 and we will officially welcome you into
 the congregation in November.

You may e-mail revmaryb@fumcag.org, call 805 746-3480 or
 leave a message with Frances in the office at 805 481-2692.





Christmas JUBILEE & Variety Show

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17th, 7 PM

Bernie Hawkins, Chairman for the 2016 Jubilee Extravaganza, is lining up acts to perform at the talent show to be held in Criswell Hall.

SAVE THE DATE !

UNITED METHODIST MEN BREAKFAST MEETING

- Saturday, Nov 19th, 9 am
- Coco's Restaurant
(order from menu)
- Guest Speaker is
John Lindsey, local PG&E
weatherman
- All men invited



ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS

Artists in our church are invited to participate in a **"Coffee and Art Show"** to be held in Criswell Hall this coming **Spring of 2017**. The showing of the good works of our talented congregation will be held during coffee hour right after the first and second services on **March 19th**.



Works can be in any media, oil, water color, etc. Artists must furnish their own table or floor easels and must set up on Saturday the 18th.

All set up must be taken down after Coffee Hour the day of the event. A table will be furnished for each artist and some live greenery will be available.

Why the early announcement? Simply to give artists the time to finish any paintings they are currently working on.

Want to sell any of your art? You may make arrangements with the Chairman of the event—50% would go to the Church general funds, 50% to the artist.

For further information, contact Val McClure, Chairman of the 2017 "Coffee and Art Show". He will be available with a sign-up sheet before and after the 2nd service or give him a call.





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."

UMW VIRTUAL TEA FUNDRAISER

Our United Methodist Women will have their final fundraiser for the year this November. We will be having a Virtual Tea this year rather than our Christmas Boutique, which demands yearlong craft making. Look for your invitation to relax with a cup of tea and to support our effort to help others through our mission giving.



United Methodist



Women's Circle Notes

Mary Martha Esther Circle will not be meeting during the months of November and December. The circle ladies decided last June to continue meeting during the summer months and to take their hiatus during November and December, when winter holidays keep so many of the members busy with other commitments. They will resume their meetings January 25th, the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m.

Joy Circle will continue meeting in November and December and will take their hiatus during the summer months of July and August.



Caring Congregation Committee

Did you know that **you** (yes, YOU!!!) are the Caring Congregation Committee? Those of us who serve officially on this committee are really just the E.E.E. –that is we are the Encouragers, the Enablers, and the Expeditors. We recently sponsored the SOS day—Service Opportunities Sign-up. A number of you signed up to share your time and talents to help members of your church family, and that's wonderful. Our small group is a steering committee with many sub-committees under our umbrella. One of our members, Shirley Werling, started the Prayer Shawl Ministry which has had such a positive impact on folks needing prayer, comfort, and the love of the church family. Many thanks to some very **caring members of our congregation** who have volunteered to serve in Shirley's absence. If you have questions you may ask Janice Moore, Betty Ashton, Helen Gugeler, or Gerry McGuire. The request forms for shawls will be out on the CCC table

On SOS Sunday there were eight clipboards out on the CCC table with different opportunities for you to get involved.

Thank you for signing up. We know there are many more folks who regularly volunteer to serve our church family. Believe it or not, there are even more ways you can help. This month we are asking you to do two things. Stop by the CCC table if you know of a member who should be on the list of recipients for poinsettias. We need to have the list completed by mid-November so we can place the order. Also we will be having people sign up to deliver the poinsettias to one of our shut-in members during the week of December 11-16.

Don't be surprised if you are ENCOURAGED by one of the CCC (or EEE) members to join in with your church family on other special projects or events. For the record, the members are: Patti Melsheimer, chair; Eva McClure, secretary; Lucy Jacobs; Buffy Prestemon; Judie Neufeld; Shirley Werling / Janice Moore; Marj Wolters; Toni Harvey; Pat Wiemers; and Pastor Mary. Feel free to make suggestions to any of us about ways we ALL can care for our church family.

Submitted by Pat Wiemers

THE CLARK RANCH VISIT

What a wonderful time we had one recent Monday morning while we discussed the lives of Michael and Connie Clark! The hospitality was exceptionally nice as we became acquainted while eating cookies and drinking hot tea and coffee.

Mike and Connie bought their large, 23 acre property in 2002, which has new buildings that replaced the run down, original structures—all done by Mike, with some hired and relatives' help. By Mike's design, every area on the ranch has a specific function to support as part of his "big picture" plan. They have pasture lots, fenced garden, chicken pens, horse pens, horse riding rings, bonfire provisions, bunkhouse, access roads, live shrubbery wind breaks, outdoor class facility, a paved road to the home area, arts and crafts facilities, riding trails and stream crossings. A big part of their business is providing horse boarding for their clients on the ranch.

All of these above features are the result of their impressive careers before "retirement". They met, and graduated college together, at Cal State Northridge; both studied Liberal Arts and obtained Teaching Credentials. They were married at Lake Tahoe in 1979. Connie taught First Grade for 26 years at Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District. Mike taught bilingual Spanish and English to 5th and 6th grade classes in the inner City of Los Angeles for 6 years. He pursued a second career of Financial Planning for School Teachers, for 25 years. They were attracted to the Central Coast because they wanted horse property close to the ocean which gave them the opportunity to have horseback riding, fishing, and scuba diving all close by. They referred to themselves as "Commuting Weekend Warriors from Los Angeles" who worked on their new property before moving to Arroyo Grande.

This background contributes to their business of providing children / students with opportunity to learn to care for all of the animals, ride the horses, sing Cowboy songs, listen to Cowboy Poetry, perform puppet shows, do arts and crafts, clean the animal pens, make new friendships, practice good manners, shoot archery, attend Cowboy Church, collect eggs, accomplish camp assignments, build self esteem and practice good citizenship. They provide a variety of programs to meet requirements of different age groups, including Summer Camp; Ranch Camp; Day Camp; Adventure Camp; Overnight Camp. The participants come away

with positive attitudes to last their lifetime. They gain experience, confidence, responsibility, patience and friendships.

Mike and Connie display the perfect attributes for running the classes from their

years of professional teaching experience, their patience, and their kind temperament.

Connie serves as a Volunteer Member of the Mounted Patrol at Oceano State Park. She supplements the work of the Park Rangers by monitoring dogs on leash, monitoring the 15 mph speed limit, and issuing her report of the public compliance.

Both Mike and Connie are original members of our 8:30 am Sunday service Praise Team at FUMCAG. Mike is a very accomplished guitarist who chooses the music and leads the songs performed by the team and the congregation. Connie and Mike consider their ranch programs to be a form of serious Christian Ministry to the children they train. They purposely bring the children / students on horseback to the Cowboy Church Cross to pray for "Keep Us Safe" as they do their camp events. Their facility is a full time venue for horses and kids and they enjoy referring to their retirement as a "Working Vacation".

Mike and Connie want to highlight one of their students, Chloe Keith, who is an example of their teaching and is fondly referred to as their adopted grandchild. Chloe has been entrusted to care for the horses when Connie and Mike must be away for short periods, she has learned to sing "on the trail" and play guitar, sings with the Praise Team, helps with all the camp programs and for her 16th birthday organized a "Horseback Birthday Party" with her friends. She is a student at Arroyo Grande High School. Mike credits Chloe with "being able to do anything and everything at the ranch".

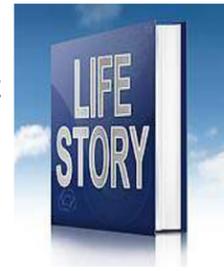
I am very pleased to have met, and to know, Connie and Mike and their most interesting lives.

—David Beaman 9/2016



Writing Your Life Stories

We are starting a new class designed to help you write about your life--one short story at a time. Roger Sperling will facilitate the monthly sessions. We will write short stories about our life experiences based on "triggers" suggested in the lesson plans. Come to the church and join us in the McMillen Room on Thursday, November 10th at 1:30 p.m. to find out more.



THE FIVE CITIES CHRISTIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

On December 17th the Five Cities Christian Women (FCCW) will be handing out Christmas food boxes to 60 families. The boxes will contain food for a typical Christmas dinner. We would appreciate donations of these canned items: pumpkin, evaporated milk, cranberry sauce, gravy, corn, green beans, and olives. We also need celery, boxes of stuffing dressing mix and 1 pound boxes of sugar. Monetary donations are needed to buy turkeys, potatoes, onions, dinner rolls and carrots. You may leave these items in our wicker basket in the narthex or bring them to our pantry at 192 South 9th Street, Bldg. B, Grover Beach during weekdays 8-9 a.m. or 2-4 p.m.

Monetary donations may be mailed to Five Cities Christian Women, P.O. Box 756, Grover Beach 93483. Mark donations for Christmas boxes.

Checks may be made out to 5CCW. A receipt will be mailed upon request.

Sign-up for the boxes will be taken on Nov. 19th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Central Coast Baptist Church social hall. We serve Pismo Beach, Grover Beach, Arroyo Grande, Oceano, and Nipomo.

Any questions? Ask Patti Melsheimer or Bennie Duffin.

You may also donate blankets or money for them. They will be given out with our boxes and also given to the People's Kitchen for their parking lot giveaway. Please give these items to Judy Atwood who will divide them between the two organizations.



The Angel Tree

The Angel Tree returns again this year with gift tags on the tree to aid foster children and other children in need. The Angel Tree will be set up during the Hanging of the Greens on November 26, 2016.

Please take the original tag from the tree and then sign your name on the duplicate tag and leave it on the tree. I make the duplicate tags in case you lose your original tag. You must attach the original on your UNWRAPPED GIFT (or gifts) and bring them to church on Sundays in December or you can bring the UNWRAPPED GIFTS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. You can use the duplicate tag on your UNWRAPPED gift (or gifts) if you lose the original tag.

All gifts must be brought to church no later than December 19, 2016. If you have any questions, you may contact Jan Treat.

Thank you for your generous giving spirit to help these children in need.

Blessings, Jan Treat

AGUMCC Community Service Project 2016

PENNIES FOR TURKEYS DRIVE

It's time to collect your pennies and spare change to help the needy families in our community.



Did you know that for every \$1 you give it has a value of \$10 at the Food Pantry?

You will find a collection container in the church narthex for the "AGUMCC Pennies for Turkeys Drive". Bring your spare change by **Sunday, November 20**. The money will be given to the **Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry**. Our goal this year is to raise \$200.



Maddy Zuaglino,

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center, Director



UMW Book Club Completing a Year of Good Reads

During 2016 the UMW Book Club members have been reading and discussing a variety of books selected from the 2016 UMW Suggested Reading List as well as personal choices. These books, both fiction and non-fiction, represent the areas of Mission, Social Action, Leadership Development, Spiritual Growth, and Nurturing for Community. We even included former AGHS history teacher, Jim Gregory, as our featured hometown author; he shared intimate memories of World War II Arroyo Grande residents.

The next book club meeting date has not been set due to the holidays. More information about the next meeting and book selection will be provided through the Church Bulletin.



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

- * Jan Herber and Betty and Chuck Ashton have a new great granddaughter, Aurora, born to Ashley and Miguel Flores
- * Peggy Bridges's daughter Kaity is doing well following her accident
- * The Women's Retreat was a wonderful event
- * Mike and Gloria Johnson celebrated their 48th anniversary
- * The preschool has new teachers
- * The Prayer Shawl has been a blessing
- * The Dinner Theater was a wonderful evening...thanks to all
- * Bob Pierson celebrated his 91st birthday
- * Family Fun Day was a great success... thanks to all who participated
- * Rain!
- * Niki Rodriguez doing well following surgery
- A joy—latest labs show white platelets in normal range for first time in almost 3 years. Praise the Lord!
Ann Wilson

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: November 2016

Judy Atwood

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Reverse Advent Calendar
2. Giving Tree Nov. 29
3. Holiday Giving to Our Community
4. Special Giving Totals

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

1. REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Do you have a family tradition using an Advent Calendar? I would like to challenge you to a reverse **Advent Calendar**. Instead of opening up something each day, why not put an item in a basket or container that we can donate to the Give Away on Dec. 10. So we really need to start this before Advent...I am suggesting **Nov. 6** when Daylight Savings time ends...this gives us time to do the needed days, bring them by **Dec. 4** to provide time to organize the items for the Give Away. Helpful items could be hygiene items, socks, stocking stuffers, etc. I would challenge you to do this as families, or groups in the church.

2. GIVE LIGHT, LOVE, LIFE NOV. 29

SAVE THE DATE: UMC #GIVINGTUESDAY, NOV. 29

On Nov. 29, United Methodists will come together to support the work of Advance missionaries and projects on UMC #GivingTuesday. Last year, more than 770

Advance missionaries and projects received 8,757 gifts through the Advance, the denomination's designated giving channel.

The theme for UMC Giving Tuesday 2016 is "Give Light, Give Love, Give Life." Every day, you give God's light, love, and life through your faithful work, prayers, and gifts.

This year, consider giving a gift to a project you care about. Gifts made through The Advance make a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve. Also, look



out for more information and resources coming soon at www.umcgivingtuesday.org.

3. HOLIDAY GIVING TO OUR COMMUNITY

As we look towards the holidays, we want to plan ahead to support 5 Cities Christian Women and our own Give Away which will both happen in December with our coat/blanket drive. So as you see items new or gently used that can have a new home for those in our community who need them begin to collect them. We ask that you begin bringing them Nov. 6th so we will be ready to dedicate them on Sunday, Nov. 20th.

Many hands continue to do many things.



4. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2016

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 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 |
| 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 | 1,252.31 |
| People's Kitchen Misc. | 8,409.00 |
| Pet Mobility Project | 500.00 |
| South County Food Bank | 394.33 |
| VBS | 240.00 |
| 9 MONTHS TOTAL: | \$25,419.64 |

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 |
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| <h1>November</h1>  | | | | |  | |
|  | | <p>1 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews + Knitters (MMR) 11 AM UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH) 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm)</p> | <p>2 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study (CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p> | <p>3 8 AM People's Kitchen Prep—Leave to Serve 11:15 AM 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm) 6:00 PM Worship Team (MMR)</p> | <p>4 Spirit Day at AGUM CC 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 3:30 PM AGUM CC Closed 3:30 PM AGUM CC Staff Development (MMR)</p> | <p>5 UMW Virtual Tea </p> |
| <p>6 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service  Coffee Hour—Church Council</p> | <p>7 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 5:45 PM Quilting Class—G McGuire(CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p> | <p>8 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews + Knitters (MMR) 9:30 AM UMW Steering (L) 11 AM UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH) 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm)</p> | <p>9 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study (CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p> | <p>10 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 1:30 PM Writing Life Stories (MMR) 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm)</p> | <p>11 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) 12 Noon Deadline for newsletter articles (Church Office) </p> | <p>12</p> |
| <p>13 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour—UMC Children's Center</p> | <p>14 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 5:45 PM Quilting Class— G McGuire (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p> | <p>15 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews + Knitters (MMR) 11 AM UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH) Preschool Board (MMR) 1:30 PM Open Session 2:30 PM Closed Session 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm) 7 PM Joy Circle (Home of Member)</p> | <p>16 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 10 AM Communications Meeting (L) 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study (CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p> | <p>17 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 10 AM Intercessory Prayer (L) 11 AM Finance (PS) 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm) 7 PM Church Council (MMR) ??</p> | <p>18 8:30 AM Bible Study (L)</p> | <p>19 9 AM UMM Breakfast (Coco's) Guest Speaker: John Lindsey</p> |
| <p>20 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour—Mission Team</p> | <p>21 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 5:45 PM Quilting Class—G McGuire (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p> | <p>22 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews + Knitters (MMR) 11 AM UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH) 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room) 7 PM Community Thanksgiving Service</p> | <p>23 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p> | <p>24  Church Office Closed</p> | <p>25 8:30 AM Bible Study (L) Church Office Closed</p> | <p>26 10:30 AM Hanging of the Greens </p> |
| <p>27 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Coffee Hour—Caring Congregation</p> | <p>28 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry (CH) 5:45 PM Quilting Class—G McGuire (CH) 7 PM Women of Prayer (S)</p> | <p>29 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews + Knitters (MMR) 11 AM UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH) 5 PM Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room)</p> | <p>30 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) 9 AM Church Work Day 5 PM Free Dinner (CH) 5:45 PM Adult Advent Study (CH) 7 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p> |  | | |

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 edit articles to meet space limitations.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
President, Paul Holden



October 2016 Latest from the Trustees

- The storage yard's new gate for Bennett Street access will be installed before the end of October.
- Rev. Mary presented the board with a draft Building Use Application Package update for review and comment at our Nov. board meeting.
- Mary H., Rev. Mary and Paul met with Marsha, the owner of Executive Janitorial, and walked the Church's rooms reviewing what cleaning they were doing. Mary H. will be e-mailing Marsha with our concerns and expectations. She will also follow up by check out how well their cleaning performance goes from here.
- Our option to go with Coverall building maintenance services will remain open dependent on how well Executive performs in the coming month.
- Paul will look into getting credit cards for Church use from Rabobank.
- Paul cut back on some of the parking lot's lights to save on electrical use.
- Paul is looking into saving money on the Church's phone and Internet bills.
- Trustees made a request of the men's Wednesday crew that the batteries need to be replaced in the Criswell Hall bathrooms, and air fresheners and a new air freshener be placed in the women's bathroom off the Narthex.

**First United Methodist Church
 of Arroyo Grande**



WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

September 14th through November 16th
THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN
 by Max Lucado (10 sessions)

November 30th through December 28th
THE UNCLUTTERED HEART
 By Beth Richardson (5 sessions)

Study of THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN will be concluding on Wednesday, November 16th. After a break during the Thanksgiving Week, THE UNCLUTTERED HEART study will begin on November 30th.

Advent is the season when we prepare our lives— hearts, minds, and spirits—for the coming of the Christ child. We sweep out the corners of our hearts, cleaning up the clutter, to make space for God's hope, peace, joy, love and presence. Join us for this four week study and remember God as you enjoy this delightful book that focuses your heart on mind, on scripture, reflection and prayer as you prepare for the coming of Christmas.

Flyers with schedule through May 2017 available in office



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| Joy Collins..... | 11/02 |
| Bill Cross..... | 11/05 |
| Harold Headrick..... | 11/08 |
| Bonnie Swafford..... | 11/13 |
| Rosemary MacKeen..... | 11/16 |
| Carol Ferrari..... | 11/18 |
| Lynn Foster..... | 11/21 |
| Helen Gugeler..... | 11/21 |
| Christina Cuddy..... | 11/23 |
| Adrian Paredes..... | 11/23 |
| Jessica Williams..... | 11/25 |
| Mike Albertson..... | 11/26 |
| David Burgeson..... | 11/26 |
| Larry Wiemers..... | 11/28 |
| Del Hollinger..... | 11/29 |

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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CHRISTMAS PARKING LOT GIVEAWAY

Saturday, December 10th
 11:00 AM — 2:00 PM



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**NEW SOCKS WARM CLOTHES JACKETS
 BLANKETS CHRISTMAS GIFTS MUCH MORE !!**

**Helping those in need and the
 homeless of our Community**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*We can use gently used clothing, socks, jackets, linens, and wrapped gifts
 for children, women and men (marked as what they are).*

*PLEASE, only leave donations on Sundays or when Ashtons are present;
 donations cannot be left outside at the shed.*