

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



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First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande JANUARY 2017

CHRISTMAS  
JUBILEE FUN



For January



January 8 Renewal of Baptismal Vows

January 15 Rev. Sing Yue, guest preacher

January 20 UMM Breakfast Meeting  
Quarterdeck Restaurant  
*See page 3 for more details*

January 22 Rev. Rich Bolin, guest preacher

January 29 UMM Pancake Breakfast  
8:30-10:30 AM, Criswell Hall

January 29 UMW Sunday celebrated at  
both worship services



For February

February 5 UMW Super Chili Bowl  
Take Home—11:30 AM

February 13 UMM Annual Sweetheart Breakfast  
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, Criswell Hall

February 26 District Superintendent, Rev. Jim Powell,  
preaching in both services



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## *From the Pastor*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The season of HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE breaks forth into the Christmas celebration of GOD-WITH-US. We move ahead to celebrate Christ the Light during the season of Epiphany. January 6<sup>th</sup> is the Day of Epiphany. On January 1<sup>st</sup> we will celebrate HOLY COMMUNION to usher in 2017.

The second Sunday of January lifts up the Baptism of Jesus. On that day the congregation is given the opportunity to renew baptismal vows in worship. It's a great way to re-focus, re-commit and re-energize for the year ahead. You can see January's worship highlights below:

### 2017 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 1<sup>st</sup> – NEW YEARS' DAY

Sacrament of Holy Communion – Epiphany Sunday

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis Preaching

“BATTERIES NOT INCLUDED”

Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12

January 8<sup>th</sup> – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Renewal of Baptismal Vows – First Sunday after the Epiphany

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis Preaching

“A NAME TO GROW INTO”

Matthew 3:13-17

January 15<sup>th</sup> – GUEST PREACHER

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Rev. Sing C. Yue Preaching

January 22<sup>nd</sup> – GUEST PREACHER

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Rev. Rich Bolin Preaching

“HEALING THE WORLD ONE STORY AT A TIME”

Isaiah 9:1-4, Matthew 4:12-23

January 29<sup>th</sup> – UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Mele Maka Preaching

START THE YEAR WELL IN WORSHIP

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017!

*Rev. Mary Birgelaitis*



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



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



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



**JANUARY LITURGISTS**

- January 1**  
 8:30 a.m.—*Lucy Jacob*  
 10:30 a.m.—*David Beaman*
- January 8**  
 8:30 a.m.—*Bob Thronson*  
 10:30 a.m.—*Judy Atwood*
- January 15**  
 8:30 a.m.—*Joel Anderson*  
 10:30 a.m.—*Roger Sperling*
- January 22**  
 8:30 a.m.—*Larry Baughman*  
 10:30 a.m.—*BG Perriguy*
- January 29**  
 8:30 a.m.—*Cristy Van Hook*  
 10:30 a.m.—*Cristy Van HoOk*



Dates	Topics and Schedule
Sunday, January 1 Epiphany Sunday Sacrament of Communion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services-Epiphany</b>                      Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis— <i>"BATTERIES NOT INCLUDED"</i>                      Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12</li> </ul>
Wednesday, January 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>5:45 PM Adult Bible Study</b>  <i>Anchoring Your Well-Being</i> by Howard Clinebell, Ph.D.</li> </ul>
Sunday, January 8 First Sunday after the Epiphany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services –Baptism of the Lord</b>                      Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis— <i>"A NAME TO GROW INTO:"</i>                      Matthew 3:1-17</li> </ul>
Wednesday, January 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>5:45 PM Adult Bible Study</b>  <i>Anchoring Your Well-Being</i> by Howard Clinebell, Ph.D.</li> </ul>
Sunday, January 15 Second Sunday after the Epiphany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services-Human Relations Day</b>                      Guest Preacher, Rev. Sing C. Yue</li> </ul>
Wednesday, January 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>5:45 PM Adult Bible Study</b>  <i>Anchoring Your Well-Being</i> by Howard Clinebell, Ph.D.</li> </ul>
Sunday, January 22 Third Sunday after the Epiphany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</b>                      Guest Preacher, Rev. Rich Bolin—  <i>"HEALING THE WORLD ONE STORY AT A TIME"</i>                      Isaiah 9:1-4, Matthew 4:123-23</li> </ul>
Wednesday, January 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>5:45 PM Adult Bible Study</b>  <i>Anchoring Your Well-Being</i> by Howard Clinebell, Ph.D.</li> </ul>
Sunday, January 29 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</b>                      United Methodist Women Sunday                      Guest Preacher, Mele Maka</li> </ul>

**Wednesday Evening Classes—January 4<sup>th</sup> through February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Criswell Hall 5:45 PM 8 Sessions**

**ANCHORING YOUR WELL-BEING** by Howard Clinebell, Ph.D.

"Anchor your well-being" in Christian faith. In a warm and engaging way Howard Clinebell offers insights into seven dimensions of life. Based on his reading of the Bible and our human condition, Clinebell identifies these areas of well-being as spiritual, mental, physical, relationship, work and play, crises and loss, and environmental well-being. Jesus highlighted the purpose of his ministry when he said: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly (John 10:10). Let this small-group study guide you on the path to experiencing life in all its fullness.



## REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*December 2016*  
*President, Paul Holden*

- We performed a final review of the updated Church Facilities Use Package for non-church groups and approved that it be implemented. Forwarded to Church Council for final adoption.
- It was reported that our janitorial service is working with us and doing a good job.
- A completed application for new credit cards from Rabobank for Trustees' use in purchasing needed items was submitted.
- Trustees are waiting to receive installation documents from Charter for new Internet and phone service.
- The Church van sold, and the Trustees will use the proceeds to purchase new couches for the Narthex.
- Lifeline Screening has submitted an application to use the social hall and narthex next year. Decision pending further discussion.
- It has been five years since the church last had the church keys changed. Two Trustees will research the current key situation and come back to the Trustees with a recommendation next month.



## UMM BREAKFAST MEETING FRIDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 9 AM QUARTERDECK RESTAURANT

Guest speaker is Col. Nichole Balliet from Camp Roberts to speak on Camp Roberts and modern Army training. Her story includes two tours of duty in the Far East. Order Breakfast from Menu ~ Ladies are Invited



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**IT'S PANCAKE TIME AGAIN!**  
The first pancake breakfast of the year will be held on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

## ARTISTS WANTED

Have you ever done any painting in any media? If so, you are invited to sign up with Val McClure for the "Coffee N' Art" Show to be held on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> during coffee hour after the first and second service.

Each Artist will have their own table for display, and the room will be decorated for the event. Artists who wish to sell items will agree to 50% to the Church General Fund. See Val McClure after second service or give him a call.



The Beard Family with Pastor Mary when they transferred their church membership to FUMC AG in November.

## Meet the Beard Family

David and Valerie Beard met at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. After they graduated, they were fortunate to find jobs keeping them in the area and have been here ever since. They will be celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary next July. David works at Caltrans; Ian is 12 and a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Shell Beach Elementary. The family comes from a Lutheran background and is happy to have found a home at First United Methodist.



**United Methodist Women**  
 FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

*in the global ministries of the church."*

Sally Weitkamp, Publicity

*"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*

**2016 was a good year!**

The UMW this past year earned \$8,286 in their fundraising projects.

60% went to the National UMW:	\$4,792
40% was for local missions:	\$3,000
\$750 for Five Cities Homeless Coalition	\$750 for Captive Hearts
\$750 for Grover Beach Elementary	\$750 for People's Kitchen



From the United Methodist Women to all for contributing to these projects and making these donations possible. MANY BLESSINGS TO YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!

*Here's to the blessing of the year,  
 Here's to the friends we hold so dear,  
 To peace on earth,  
 both far and near.*

**UMW CALENDAR FOR 2016**

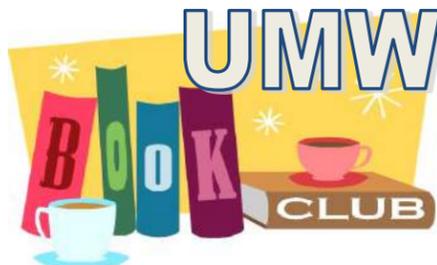
*Please save these dates*

UMW SUNDAY	JANUARY 29 <sup>TH</sup>
CHILI SUPER BOWL SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 5 <sup>TH</sup>
MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON	MAY 13 <sup>TH</sup>
HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE	NOVEMBER 4 <sup>TH</sup>

**JANUARY 29 UMW SUNDAY**  
 UMW Members will participate in the worship services with Installation of Officers during the second service. Guest Speaker is Mele Maka.

**January UMW Book Club To Discuss Sally Ride**

The UMW Book Club will return to its regular meeting schedule (4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month) on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 A.M. in the McMillen Room. This month's book selection is Sally Ride: America's First Woman in Space by Lynn Sherr. Sally Ride beat out thousands of applicants for a chance to become an astronaut. This well-written biography serves as an inspiration for all of us to break down barriers and pursue our dreams.



Join us for a lively discussion on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Patti Melsheimer will order books for interested readers.

A few copies are also available on loan through the library system. Be sure to read the book by Lynn Sherr as there are others also written about Sally Ride.

submitted by Judy Leonard

### Jim David's Story of Humble Beginnings, Perseverance, and Long Life

Jim was born in Pioneer, TX in 1923. His father was an accountant for an oil company, and the family lived in camps and housing provided by the owners. The oil industry was in the early stages of its development, and families had to frequently relocate when companies merged or failed so they had to move to Oklahoma City, OK, then to Independence, KS in 1928. *The Stock Market* crashed in 1929, and the depression caused job reductions, poverty and loss of family assets. His father got a break to move his family to Tulsa, OK for a secure job, but for less salary. The family with 4 children had food to eat but had to live with meager belongings and a sometimes bleak existence. When Jim was 14, he got a job delivering *The Tulsa-World* newspapers and was finally able to buy extra clothing and go to movies. His mother sold handmade costumes she made to have money for ballroom dance lessons for her children to have the opportunity to socialize and thereby learn to practice good manners and refinement.

When he was a junior in high school, Jim's older brother took him on his first airplane flight. Jim was determined to join the Air Corps after finishing college. He enrolled in the University of Tulsa and got a part time job in a petroleum laboratory analyzing oil well formation cores. By this time in 1942, WW II was a year old, and his parents gave permission for him to enlist in the Army Air Corps. A good friend gave him advice to not join Army, but to join the Navy Air Corps for better training. He was sent to the University of Texas in Austin for Navigation and Physical Conditioning then to Baylor University at Waco, TX, where Flight Training started with *Piper Cub* and *TaylorCraft* airplanes and civilian instructors. The next stage was several days by train for Pre Flight Training at Del Monte, CA. Here they lived a life of rigorous physical activity including calisthenics, obstacle courses, boxing, wrestling, swimming, soccer, football, basketball, track, marksmanship, celestial navigation, Morse Code, flight, aircraft and gunnery, all done by hand (no computers) and patterned after Naval Academy life. In 1944 his next assignment was Norman, OK where he finally got to fly REAL training aircraft in Stearman and TIMM planes and was sent to Corpus Christi for the final phases of pilot training. He received his Ensign Commission and Naval Aviator Wings after 2 years of training and preparation.

He flew PB5 Seaplanes and PB4Y Patrol Bombers. In March, 1945 Jim met Betty Davies, a Student Nurse, in Hutchinson KS and they were married in May, 1945. Facing overseas assignment they moved to several areas for final training and chose Tulsa for Betty to live while Jim was deployed. As it happened, the bombing of *Hiroshima* and *Nagasaki* brought the end of the war. Grateful for the end of wartime, Jim was sent to Hawaii on an aircraft carrier. He served in several areas of the South Pacific and eventually finished his military service in July, 1946. He is very proud of his gold "Navy Wings" that represent his success to persevere and qualify as a Naval Aviator.

Jim returned to the University of Tulsa in September, 1946, to study Petroleum Engineering. Being a military veteran, he had earned the GI Bill benefits of free government coverage of college

expenses. While Jim attended school, Betty worked jobs, with long hours, in doctors' offices to support them. They lived in a third floor apartment, with no elevator (at \$37.50 per month), used bus transportation to school and work, and were thrilled to have their own privacy because rental apartments were very hard to find. They had dinner with Jim's parents every Sunday. The Univ. of Tulsa had grown much larger than when he had first enrolled mainly because of so many returning war veterans. Jim attended year round and took the maximum courses allowed to earn his degree in Petroleum Engineering in 1949. He had chosen the correct science to study because there was highly competitive, trained engineer demand in the oil business.

Jim's employment and professional career created opportunities to live in Dallas, Corpus Christi, Mc Allen, San Antonio, and Los Angeles. His portfolio of work history includes Engineering Trainee, Junior Engineer, Area Engineer, Regional Reservoir Engineer, Division Reservoir Engineer, Chief Reservoir Engineer, Assist. Mgr. Exploration and Production, Petroleum Consultant-Partner, Mgr. Economics and Evaluations, Vice President Economics and Evaluation, Vice President Production and Engineering. His climb "up the ladder" resulted from his education, self confidence from his military training, and abilities which are perpetuated by his dedication to doing a thorough and honest job.

As they moved into establishing their career life after college was finished, so did their family grow with the arrival of son James, son William and daughter Susan. Betty and Jim were married for over 70 years. Besides caring for the family, the centerpiece of Betty's life was volunteering. She taught Sunday School, served on church boards, and organizations, was a Girl Scout leader, worked with Red Cross, served as a counselor at the kid's high school, promoted higher education through P. E. O. scholarship programs, was a Stephen Minister, and a "minister to ministers". She is remembered for her humor, hospitality and compassionate heart. She was quick to make friends and equally enjoyed the company of aristocrats as well as immigrants new to this country. She loved her seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Betty and Jim moved to Nipomo in 1988. They were active members of our church. VERY SADLY, Betty passed away on March 8, 2016.

*I have definitely benefitted from learning to know Jim David better through his life story and his gracious hospitality.*



David E. Beaman  
December 2016

### **January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Rev. Sing Yue Preaching**

On January 15<sup>th</sup>, we welcome to the pulpit the Reverend Sing Yue. Sing and his wife Jeannette worship among us regularly, and I invite you to get to know them better. Rev. Sing Yue has degrees in Graphic Design from Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, a Master of Communication Arts from the University of Baltimore in Maryland and a Master of Divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theology Seminary in Louisiana.

Sing Yue brings the richness of his experience of over 13 years in chaplaincy work. As a hospital chaplain, Rev. Sing C. Yue is currently engaged in providing spiritual care and support for patients, families and staff as the Lead Chaplain at Dignity Health Memorial Hospital in Bakersfield, California. His ministry involves crisis intervention, spiritual counseling to help people deal with death and dying and ethical issues surrounding medical care. His current emphasis is in palliative care, Oncology, and ER-Trauma. Rev. Sing is involved in a multicultural and inter-faith ministry. He is fluent in both Cantonese and Mandarin languages, and his holistic ministry engages the healing visual arts, music and literature.

From 1992 to 2003, Rev. Sing Yue served as a certified addiction counselor in drug treatment centers in Florida and Oregon, and has also worked as a clinical director in the Florida State Prison system. Rev. Sing Yue is an internationally certified Dual Diagnosis Counselor in psychiatric in-patient treatment and, in his journey, has offered empathetic listening, assessment, and in-depth process therapy services to felons and ex-convicts. He is certified as a drug and alcohol counselor.

We welcome Rev. Yue to the pulpit, and we welcome to worship his wife of 21 years, Jeanette who is an excellent elementary school teacher. Though Sing and Jeanette do not have children of their own, she is wonderful with children and excels in offering her giftedness in this way. Sing enjoys spending his time off traveling in and outside the country visiting relatives and friends from Canada to China.

P.S. January 22<sup>nd</sup> Rev. Rich Bolin will preach. See his bio in our Sunday morning inserts.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE JOY!**

We are grateful that over 175 people attended our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. This was a huge increase over 2015 and with so many of our members off to visit friends and family for the holiday, we were pleasantly surprised. There were many, many visitors and friends we haven't seen lately in our midst. If you saw someone you've been missing, reach out and express our joy that they shared this blessed Christmas Eve with us. We had 176 on Christmas Eve and 44 for our early Christmas Day Service at 8:30 AM. Thanks to Mike Clark and the Praise Team for leading us.

Next year Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, oh boy! Another challenging scheduling day as we think ahead!

**Happy New Year!  
Got Resolutions? Let the Church Help!**

We commit to Christ all year long, and for us the New Year actually begins with Advent. Nevertheless, let's join the culture's self-improvement parade come January and set goals that enrich life---health, mind, body, emotional and spiritual well-being. The opportunities are here. Join in!

If it's physical jumpstart you need this January join the on-going exercise group with Wayne Huggins and friends. It's just right. It isn't overwhelming or incredibly difficult. It doesn't cost money and it will improve your health as you work your own pace in the company of others. Or come to Chair Yoga on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. with Nicola and the gang. It's gently do-able, yet makes an incredible difference in flexibility, strength and mobility too, not to mention the good it does your heart, soul and mind to be with others intentionally focusing energy in a positive direction. You don't need to wait for a Silver Sneakers discount to a pricey gym. Move! Right where you are.

Do you want have fun and meet new people? Come quilt or make shawls, together with Sew 'n' Sews. Join the choir, it's a great option with wonderful camaraderie--- Julie, Dennis and all our singers! Meet with the men at United Methodist Men this year or the women in UMW. There's always something to look forward to. Happy anticipation of time with people will improve your life.

Bible study? Book study? Prayer? Opportunities abound, and we will create more. You can join a small morning group, come eat on Wednesday night and jump into an excellent study called ANCHORING YOUR WELL-BEING this January. There are opportunities to pray alone or with others, and we'd like to start more prayers groups on the premises.

Ways to jumpstart your life come January abound, right here at church! So don't spend your money on planners and organizers, treadmills, games or gimmicks, just set a goal to "move more" and "do it". RESULTS = RESULTS. RESULTS DO NOT EQUAL NO RESULTS PLUS EXCUSES!

The most excellent resolve for all of us is to increase "sanctuary time". Pause to pray in our sanctuary as you come and go for other events, and get yourself to worship as often as you can. Anchor your year in God Almighty, and keep coming to church, lest your resolves "Peter out!"

**FIRST UMC OF ARROYO GRANDE**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
AMAZING GENEROSITY**

A heartfelt thank you for the  
amazing generosity of this congregation  
and visitors in both the  
THANKSGIVING and  
CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

—*MBB*

**SPRC NEWS**

SPRC would like you to know our pastor, Rev. Mary Birgelaitis, will be on vacation for two weeks beginning Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be another pastor on call for emergencies. Please call Frances Robertson in the church office at 481-2692, and she will guide you to the help you need.

**ANTICIPATING FEBRUARY**

In February the pastor will do a 2-week series of sermons on THE GIFTS OF PRAYER. Such gifts include: comfort, courage and charity, direction and disconnect, communion and community. Join the journey as we consider prayer in worship.

**FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> —  
SUPERLATIVE PREACHING**

Be in worship as we welcome our District Superintendent, Rev. Jim Powell, as he offers the sermon at both services.

# News from the Mission Team

By Judy Atwood, *chair*

## MISSION TEAM: January 2017

Judy Atwood

### MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. [Holiday Giving To Our Community](#)
2. [Giving Outside Our Community Nov. 29](#)
3. [Special Giving Totals](#)

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

#### 1. HOLIDAY GIVING TO OUR COMMUNITY

I want us to celebrate how many hands continue to do many things as we come to the end of another calendar year. Give yourselves, friends and families a high five! You are wonderful.

\*We just completed a very successful CHRISTMAS GIVE AWAY to one of our largest number of families, if not the largest. Folks were able to get bedding, clothing, hygiene items, new socks, toys, miscellaneous household items, visit Santa and his helpers among other things.

\*FIVE CITIES CHRISTIAN WOMEN finished the year with a distribution of gifts and food and blankets (provided by our congregation) for 65 families. Our facilities were used for this ministry.

\*THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY provides food to families Monday afternoons between 1 and 3. The casseroles which many of you fix are also provided according to availability.

\*The first Thursday of the month, our congregation is scheduled to serve the PEOPLE'S KITCHEN noon meal. Again our casseroles are key to this success.

\*REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR Thank you for those of you who provided extra hygiene items, socks, and stocking stuffers. hygiene items, socks, stocking stuffers, etc.

\*GIVING TREE response is one of the favorites. I understand all the tags were taken. At the time of this writing, many of them have already returned attached to their gifts. You have helped make many children happier this Christmas.

#### 2. GIVING OUTSIDE OUR COMMUNITY

Thanks to you and thousands of donors like you, UMC #GivingTuesday 2016 was a huge success! 156 United Methodist missionaries and 446 United Methodist-related projects will receive \$853,909.78 raised in one day as we celebrated generosity together on Giving Tuesday. And every one of those dollars is going exactly where its donor specified it should go.

*Many hands continue to do many things.*



#### 3. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2016

Covenant Relationship	1,600.00
ELT Scholarships	2,250.00
Ehrhardt Lang Fund	600.00
Haiti Scholarships	1,000.00
Heifer International—noisy offering	1,000.00
Human Relations Sunday	288.00
Imagine No Malaria	1,420.00
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	1,288.03
People's Kitchen Misc.	9,464.00
Pet Mobility Project	500.00
South County Food Bank	430.04
VBS	240.00
<b>11 MONTHS TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$21,802.43</b>

*Thank you for your second mile gifts*

**A THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION.  
DON'T ASK GOD TO GUIDE YOUR FOOTSTEPS, IF YOU  
ARE UNWILLING TO MOVE YOUR FEET.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<b>1 EPIPHANY</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service Coffee Hour: Finance Team	<b>2 Church Office</b> <b>Closed</b> <b>1 PM</b> No Emergency Food Pantry Today-Open Jan 9 <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)	<b>3</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH) <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews + Knitters (MMR) <b>11 AM</b> UMW "Chair Yoga (CH) <b>5 PM</b> Grande Ringers (Handbell Room)	<b>4</b> <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)	<b>5</b> <b>8AM</b> People's Kitchen Prep - Leave to Serve <b>11:15 AM</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH) <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L) <b>5 PM</b> Grande Ringers (Handbell Room)	<b>6 Spirit Day at AGUMCC</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L) <b>4 PM</b> AGUMCC Staff Development (MMR)	<b>7</b> <b>10 AM</b> "Unhanging" of the Greens
<b>8</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service Coffee Hour: Church Council	<b>9</b> <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry <b>5:45 PM</b> Quilting Class-Gerry McGuire (CH) <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)	<b>10</b> 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH) <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews + Knitters (MMR) <b>9:30 AM</b> UMW Steering (L) <b>11 AM</b> Chair Yoga C (CH) <b>5PM</b> Grande Ringers	<b>11</b> <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)	<b>12</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH) <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L) <b>1 PM</b> Writing Class (MMR) <b>5 PM</b> Grande Ringers (Handbell Room)	<b>13</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L) <b>Noon</b> Deadline Newsletter Articles (Office)	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service Rev. Sing Yue, preaching Human Relations Sunday Special Offering  Coffee Hour: Mary-Martha-Esther Circle	<b>16 OFFICE CLOSED ML KING HOLIDAY</b> <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry (CH) <b>5:45 PM</b> Quilting Class-Gerry McGuire (CH)  <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)	<b>17</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH) <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews + Knitters (MMR) <b>11 AM</b> UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH) <b>1:30 PM</b> Preschool Board - open session (MMR) <b>2:30 PM</b> Preschool Board - closed session (MMR) <b>5 PM</b> Grande Ringers (Handbell Room) <b>7 PM</b> JOY Circle ( member's home)	<b>18</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH) <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day <b>10 AM</b> Communications Committee (L) <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner (CH) <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Bible Study (CH) <b>7PM</b> Chancel Choir (S)	<b>19</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH) <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L) <b>11 AM</b> Finance (PS) <b>5 PM</b> Grande Ringers (Handbell Room)	<b>20</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L) <b>9 AM</b> UMM Breakfast Meeting (Quarterdeck Restaurant)	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service Rev. Rick Bolin, guest preacher  Coffee Hour: Communications Team	<b>23</b> <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry (CH) <b>5:45 PM</b> Quilting Class-Gerry McGuire (CH)  <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)	<b>24</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH) <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews (MMR) <b>11 AM</b> UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH) <b>5 PM</b> Grande Ringers (Handbell Room)	<b>25</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH) <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day <b>9:30 AM</b> Mary-Martha (MMR) <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner (CH) <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Bible Study (CH) <b>7PM</b> Chancel Choir (S)	<b>26</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH) <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer (L) <b>1 PM</b> Mission Team (MMR) <b>5 PM</b> Grande Ringers (Handbell Room)	<b>27</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study (L) <b>11 AM</b> UMW Book Club (MMR)	<b>28</b> <b>6:30PM-8 PM</b> Preschool Parent Night Out (Set up 4:30 PM)
<b>29 UMW Sunday</b> Mele Maka, preaching <b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service UMM Pancake Breakfast	<b>30</b> <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry (CH) <b>5:45 PM</b> Quilting Class-Gerry McGuire (CH) <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer (S)	<b>31</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise (CH) <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews + Knitters (MMR) <b>11 AM</b> UMW "Chair Yoga Class" (CH) <b>5 PM</b> Grande Ringers (Handbell Room)				

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### The Angel Tree

A big thank you to our congregation for being so giving with our Angel Tree. Social Services is very grateful for our continuing support, which makes Christmas "special" for these foster children and other needy children. This year we supplied 55 gifts!

Our congregation has "huge hearts" and is always willing to help others.

*Blessings, and thank you to all. ~ Jan Treat*



### Celebrating a



### January Birthdays

Lynda Mahaffey	01/04
Alex Paredes	01/04
Ella Craig	01/06
Norm Henderson	01/07
Carolyn Russell	01/15
Nancy Baughman	01/17
Caitlin Herber	01/17
Jim Alquist	01/20
Judy Leonard	01/22
Violet Bauske	01/25
Mary Birgelaitis	01/25
Lynn Stewart	01/27
Barbara Zilkoff	01/28
Jordan Henderson	01/29
Eileen Odom	01/29
Mary Thronson	01/29

**Did we miss a birthday?**

Contact our church office...we need you to fill out an information form for you and your family.





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*A Fabulous CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY  
Was Held on December 10th*

