

# Cast-A-Net

"The kingdom of God is like a net that was cast into the sea" -- Matthew 13:47

**JANUARY 2025**

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## Happy New Year!



I hope you had a great year this past year and look forward to an even better one this coming year. This year, on the first Sunday of the new year, we will have a Wesley Covenant Service. The Wesley Covenant Service is a significant Methodist tradition focused on the renewal of our commitment to God. John Wesley first introduced the service in 1755. It is a spiritual exercise designed to help people and communities take inventory of the past year and rededicate their lives to Christ. You will find many Methodist churches that have the service yearly, and many more that are rediscovering this gem started by John Wesley.

The core purpose and meaning are threefold. First, a renewal of covenant vows. The service is a way to remember and reaffirm the promise made at baptism. It is a means of grace, a way for God to work in the believer's life. Second, while similar to a New Year's resolution, it is deeper and more personal. It focuses on our relationship with God rather than self-improvement. And finally, the central theme is surrender. Surrender of our will to God's will. It is an acknowledgement that we are not our own self-made person, but we belong to God.

The service is most traditionally held on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, and as such, it has often been called how do first or last Sunday of the year. As mentioned, it contains self-examination and confession. A time to reflect on the past year, acknowledge sin, and seek forgiveness. The service involves scripture readings, hymns, and a specific call-response liturgy where members of the congregation declare their faith. The most powerful moment is the Wesley Covenant Prayer, and then the service most often concludes with the Eucharist.

The Covenant Prayer is the heart of the service. It defines a life of total devotion to God's mission.

The service offers a fresh start. It reminds participants that being a Christian is a way of life rather than just a set of beliefs. It emphasizes self-giving love and service to others. I hope that you come participate and enjoy the beauty of this service, and let it impact you and give you a jump start to the New Year!

### **The Wesley Covenant Prayer**

I am no longer my own, but yours.  
Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,  
Praised for you or criticized for you.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and fully surrender all things  
To your glory and service.  
And now, O wonderful and holy God,  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
You are mine, and I am yours.  
So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
Let it also be made in heaven.  
Amen.

# CHILDREN'S CENTER CLOSING



It is with sadness I report that at the last meeting of the Church Council it was decided to accept the recommendation of the Children's Center Board to close the United Methodist Children's Center as of January 2, 2026. This was a decision not made lightly. Our church has sponsored the Children's Center for over 20 years, but we had to face reality. For several years, the school has struggled to enroll enough children. As you may have noticed, we don't see many young couples moving to this area. New residents seem to be those who have moved here to retire! Lucia Mar Unified School District is experiencing the same challenge. We are also experiencing a decline in students in the Children's Center because the state of California recently began a program to enroll four-year olds for. Transitional Kindergarten, which is free. We lost several students to that.

Second, we have struggled to retain teachers. You may not realize but early childhood teachers have very specific educational requirements. We are not able to offer any incentives like health insurance. Consequently, teachers find better opportunities and move on.

Thirdly, our enrollment charges do not pay for the whole program. We have depended more and more on fundraisers and donations from many in this congregation. We have had to dip into the reserves each month to keep going. Maddy and her team have worked very hard to overcome these challenges but at some point, we must face reality.

The parents and the teachers were given notice that we will close on January 2, 2026. This is a sad time for all. We wish things could be different. I hope you will express your appreciation to Maddy and her staff.

Patti Melsheimer  
Chair, Church Council

Dear FUMC Family,

A message of faith inspired a vision and led to the opening of the Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center in July 2005. Thanks to this incredible ministry, it flourished and provided a safe, loving, and nurturing place where families entrusted their children to the staff. This program offered more than essential academic and social-emotional skills. It fostered a profound love for learning, for one another, and for God. These invaluable experiences will enrich children's lives now and in the future! Over the years, we were deeply blessed by the generous contributions of our community, families in our programs and this remarkable congregation. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for sharing your time, talents and unwavering support. Your kindness has enabled us to provide a high-quality Christian ministry that truly blesses families in our community. Throughout my time here, we've achieved so much, fueled by the dedication of incredible volunteers, supporters, and generous donations, several projects were completed. In September 2007, we revitalized the backyard playground, which created a safe, enjoyable outdoor space. A special thanks to the Eagle Scouts who built two beautiful pergolas for sun protection, installed a welcoming sign on Bennett Street and in the Children's Center parking lot and created seating areas at the front of the school. We also made significant updates to our classrooms, including enhancements to room 108. We removed the glass wall, added storage cabinets, and installed new flooring in several rooms. These improvements have truly transformed our learning environment. Overall, these projects improved facilities and experiences for children, their families and staff. As I reflect on the remarkable 20 years of service by the Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center, I am filled with cherished memories as its director. This program has set a standard for quality care and will always be remembered for its profound impact on countless families and individuals. Though we will miss it dearly, the legacy of love and growth will endure. With gratitude and excitement for the future,



Maddy Quaglin, Director of AGUMC

## MEET KELLI STEIN



Kelli Stein is a critical, but rarely seen, staff member of our church. Kelli has been the bookkeeper for both the Church and the Children's Center since 2014. She writes checks, does the payroll, makes sure bills are paid on time and keeps the books in

proper order. You can usually find her in the Finance Office on Tuesday and Thursday in the late afternoon.

Kelli loves animals and originally planned to be a veterinarian. Her first job working for a veterinarian was caring and feeding of animals at Edna Valley Veterinary and Equine Center. All was well until she was invited to become involved in a surgical procedure. After turning green and becoming sick during the procedure, she decided maybe that was not the best career choice and started working with the bookkeeper at the organization. Later she got a job doing QuickBooks for a non-profit organization. She then began to take on other clients. She continued her training through the Cal Poly Certified Bookkeeper Program, and later became a Certified

QuickBooks Pro Advisor. Some of her jobs have included work for San Luis Obispo County and working with attorneys to help investigate a \$10 million dollar fraud case. She enjoys figuring out complicated bookkeeping situations (hopefully we do not give her any). She currently has about six regular bookkeeping clients.

She also works with her husband Kurt in their family business: C & S Shower Door in Grover Beach. The family owned, third generation glass shop does far more than just glass shower doors. They do a wide variety of custom and standard glass, including cabinet glass, mirrors, table tops, shelves, wardrobe doors, room dividers, glass railings and even glass wine rooms. They provide fast turnarounds for custom projects as they do shop drawings and breakdowns right in their own office.

Kelli and Kurt have two adult children, one grandchild and another one on the way. Their daughter recently graduated from beauty school. The family likes taking exotic vacations together. Recent destinations have included Belize, Bora Bora and Moorea. She continues her love of animals. She is active in the Feline Network of the Central Coast and works with their Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. She is currently caring for about 18 abandoned or feral cats. She enjoys roller skating. Watch for her zooming down the Bob Jones Trail.

If you have a payroll question or need help on a church related payment or accounting issue you can contact Kelli by leaving a message with the church office or with Church Treasurer Joel Anderson.



## WELCOME TERRY CARVER

Please extend a warm welcome to our new member Terry Carver. Terry was born in Orange County, California, but has lived in the Five Cities area most of her life. She has one son from a previous marriage who is a college instructor in Cambodia. Her daughter-in-law is a physical therapist.

She worked for Mid State Bank for 20 years before returning to Riverside, California where she worked in the mortgage business. Her husband Mike was originally from Marin County. When they retired, they moved back to the Central Coast as soon as possible!

For fun she reads detective novels. And, of course, they walk on the beach and visit wineries.

Terry says "I feel so blessed to be a member of this church and have loved meeting so many great people."

We will introduce other recent members in future months.



**HAPPY 57<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
BOB AND MARY JORSTADT!**



## *Our Angel Tree*



December Youth group included a progressive dinner and white elephant gift exchange. A fun evening was enjoyed by all. Youth group meets first Saturday of the month. Adult training at 3pm, youth meeting is 4pm, followed by dinner at 5pm.

Our Angel Tree helped make a joyful Christmas for the children of 50 families in our area. Thank you everyone for your continued support!



**CHRISTMAS  
EXTRAVAGANZA  
December 13**





# Advent Crafts Workshop





# United Women in Faith

**United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.**

The Holiday Boutique was a rousing success. Final total as everything is counted is \$6,540.50. We will send checks to 5 cities Homeless Coalition, Captive Hearts and Oceano School. January will find us celebrating UWF Sunday.

**Circles and groups:** All women are invited to attend the circles and groups of your choice. Just come!

Mary, Martha Esther Circle meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 10 am in the McMillen Room.

Joy Circle, meets on the third Tuesday of the month, 3-5 pm in members' homes. Check with Kerren Brown for more information.

Daughters of Grace meets in the McMillen Room at 6:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. They are reading a book on the Women of the Bible. Contact Susan Thronson.

Sew And Sews meets every Tuesday in the McMillen Room from 10 until 2. Bring a sandwich if you want to stay for lunch. We encourage those interested in quilting, crocheting, knitting and just plain visiting and sharing. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is resuming, but we need knitters and crocheters.

Book Club meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, in the library, at 10:30. Contact Judy Leonard or Patti Melsheimer for a book if interested.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerry McGuire

## MISSION TEAM REPORT

The Mission Team wishes the congregation a Happy New Year, filled with love and blessings. Thanks to all for the help and support. We just completed our last feeding for People's Kitchen in December and have scheduled our next feeding for March 2026.

## FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

The Advent workshop was enjoyed by about 30 people. It was fun and a great opportunity to get to know people. We made beautiful wreaths, decorated cookies, and made some fun tree ornaments as we readied ourselves for Christmas. If you missed it, set the time aside next year for sure.

The Extravaganza was so fun. Who knew we had so many talented people? Larry Baughman is an amazing magician. Makiyah did a beautiful piano solo. Deb, Bob, Mike, Connie, Dennis and Tricia delighted us with songs and musical comedy. There were reindeer spreading their cheer. Mary, Bernie and Jack did a humorous skit. We made Santa proud as we cleaned up the delicious array of sweets and desserts.

The Movie for the end of the month, Sunday, January 25, will be **Wonka** (2023). This movie tells the story of Willy Wonka and the adventures he encounters in starting up his chocolate factory. Armed with a hatful of dreams, Willy Wonka, a young chocolatier manages to change the world one bite at a time. Timothee Chalamet stars as Willy. Come join us at 4PM for the free movie (we promise to have chocolate).

The next Fellowship Ministry field trip will be February 25, when we go on a tour of the **Melsheimer Business, Melfred Borzall Factory**. You will need to sign up for this one for sure, as there are a limited number of places. We leave church at 9:20. Check out the connection table.

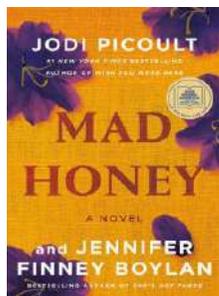
Submitted by, Gerry McGuire

# JANUARY

**SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURADAY**

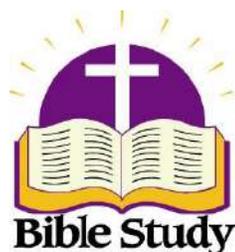
<b>Abbreviation Legend</b> CH-Criswell Hall HR-Handbell Room #115 K-Kitchen L-Library Room #123 MMR-McMillen Room #113 PL-Parking Lot PS-Pastor's Study S-Sanctuary				<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 8:30AM Informal Worship Service  10:30AM Traditional Worship Service  Wesleyan Covenant Service at both services	<b>5</b> 6PM Gerry's Quilting CH	<b>6</b> 9AM Senior Exercise CH 10AM Sew' N Sews MMR 11AM Chair Yoga CH 5PM Bell Choir HB 7:00PM Trustees MMR 7:30 PM Big Band CH	<b>7</b> 9AM Church Work Morning 10AM Fellowship Ministry, L 5:30 Worship Team PS 6:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, S	<b>8</b> 9AM Senior Exercise CH 11AM Chair Yoga CH 5PM Bell choir HR	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10AM Unhanging of the Greens, S
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## January UWF Book Club Selection:



Our January book, Mad Honey, written by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan, is a complicated story about people who have secrets that possibly endanger those they love. Olivia and her son, Asher, find themselves back in a small New Hampshire town taking over a beekeeping business. Asher meets Lily there and finds a kindred spirit. Soon everything changes. This novel is full of suspense and exploration of the risks that people have to take in loving relationships. If you are interested in reading Mad Honey for the book club discussion, you can contact Judy Leonard or Mary Whitson. A few copies from the library system are available. Or you can purchase a used book online or a new book at a local bookstore. We meet on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M. in the church library. We welcome you to come join us!

## TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY



Facilitated by Nancy St. Laurent  
Meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm  
in Criswell Hall

The Group is currently studying  
"Breaking The Code"  
by Bruce Metzger  
Books are available from Nancy.  
All are welcome to join us!

## Liturgists

Date	8:30	10:30
Jan. 04	Sharon Romer	Carolyn Anderson
Jan. 11	Joe Brown	Priscilla Alquist
Jan. 18	Mary Thronson	Joyce Singleman
Jan. 25	Susan Thronson	Michelle Richardson

## Library News

The library is open on Sundays from 9:30 to 12:00. Come in to browse, check out a book or just chat with me. Our shelves are filled with some wonderful books!

This month's highlight is the Mitford series by Jan Karan, very heartwarming and fun to read! A special new addition to our library is the Mitford Snowmen, a Christmas story.

Joyce Singelman

### The Communications Committee

is starting work on a new

## PHOTO DIRECTORY

Pictures will be taken between services and following 2nd service.

Signup for photos will be available at the Connections Table starting in January. Drop-ins will be available as time allows.

Or submit your favorite picture on-line at [FUMCAGCommunications@gmail.com](mailto:FUMCAGCommunications@gmail.com) Please include your names, address, phone numbers and e-mails.

We need additional photographers following 2nd service. Contact Joel Anderson

## Prayer & Praise List

Dear Heavenly Father, I come before You seeking Your divine intervention against sickness. Lord, I ask that you pour out your healing power upon me and restore me to full health, in Jesus name.

### Please pray for:

Colton, Ann, Mike, Tiffany Tracy, Carmen, Rosario, Nallo, Ernest, Willy, Jason, John, Mark, Harper, Desmond, Nathan, Lee, Elaine, Mark, Harper, Frank, Barbara and Irene

# Thank you to everyone who donated Poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary

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## THE POINSETTIA STORY

Poinsettia is the quintessential Christmas flower. It is native to Mexico and Central American countries such as Guatemala. The Aztecs cultivated it for medicinal use. It is naturalized to the Central Coast.



"The Little Drummer Boy" song is about a sincere, simple act of love towards baby Jesus. Similarly, the poinsettia's association with Christmas originates from a Mexican legend in which a poor girl gathers wild poinsettias as a gift for Baby Jesus. When placed on the altar, the plants miraculously bloomed into beautiful, red flowers. Her heartfelt, humble act became glorious.

In the Spanish language, the poinsettia is called "la flor de Nochebuena", or simply "nochebuena". Nochebuena literally translates as "the Good Night." More importantly, Nochebuena is how Spanish-speaking people worldwide refer to Christmas Eve.

The star-shaped leaves symbolize the Star of Bethlehem. The bright, red color represents Jesus's sacrifice. Historically, monks in Mexico used the poinsettias in nativity ceremonies.

The poinsettia was introduced into the United States by the first U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, Joel Roberts Poinsett in the 1920s. Throughout the 1900s, the Ecke family popularized the poinsettia as the Christmas star, e.g., by gifting them to the White House for Christmas. The Ecke Ranch in Encinitas, California became the global leader in poinsettia production. Huell Howser did a lovely California's Gold episode about the Ecke Ranch.

The red, pink or white "flowers" are actually modified leaves called bracts. These leaves turn color depending upon light exposure, a process called photoperiodism. The flower is the tiny yellow cluster. Poinsettias bring beauty and joy during Advent, Christmastide and the New Year!

Contrary to popular belief, they are only mildly toxic to people, dogs and cats. That said, exercise caution with poinsettias and other plants.

## BRING THE ADVENT ANIMALS TO BABY JESUS



The Bring the Animals to Baby Jesus Advent/Christmas offering exceeded expectations! We had 32 doves, 7 cats, 2 dogs, 1 skunk, 4 donkeys, 9 sheep, 2 cows, 3 camels, 1 llama, 1 colt, 1 elephant and 3 angels all coming to the Manger to worship Baby Jesus.

There was an additional \$1,017 of unspecified gifts. In all our Advent/Christmas offering raised \$9,749.50. Thank you everyone for your generous contributions!

# Meet Our CHURCH STAFF

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## HOSPITALITY HOSTS

Jan 04 Endowment /ELT

Jan 11 Finance

Jan 18 Joy Circle

Jan 25 Mary, Martha, Esther

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO HONOR A LOVED ONE WITH FLOWERS



Do you enjoy the beautiful flower arrangements placed on the altar on Sunday? Dates are available for flower dedications in upcoming months. Your floral tributes will be placed on the altar for both Sunday morning services and can be picked up after the second service or on Monday during office hours.

**The cost for altar flowers is \$30.**

Contact Blanca in the Church Office



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01/29 Jordan Henderson  
01/29 Eileen Odom  
01/29 Mary Thronson

**Did we miss your birthday?  
If so, please contact the  
church office and we will be  
glad to add your birthday to  
our monthly birthday list.**

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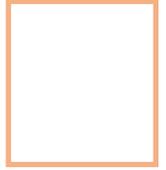
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## **Upcoming Events**

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| San. | Jan. 3  | Youth Group: 3pm Adult training, 4pm youth group, 5pm dinner |
| Sun. | Jan. 4  | Wesleyan Covenant Service, both services.                    |
| Sat. | Jan. 10 | Unhanging of the Greens, 10am, Sanctuary                     |
| Wed. | Jan. 14 | Daughters of Grace Women's Circle, 6:30pm, McMillan Room     |
| Tue. | Jan. 20 | Joy Circle 3:00, member's home                               |
| Sun. | Jan 25: | Free Movie 4pm   |
| Wed. | Jan 28  | Mary, Martha, Esther Circle, 10am, McMillan Room             |
| Wed. | Feb 25  | Melfred Borzall Factory Tour, leave church 9:20am            |

## **Mission Statement of the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande**

The First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande is a joyful, active and fun-loving faith community. We worship on Sunday mornings and offer opportunities for Christian growth, fellowship, health and increased well-being all week long. Members represent a wide range of theological and political views and commit to treating each other with love and respect in the midst of differences. We nurture spiritual growth and a deeper understanding of God's love in Christ as we work together to spread the love of God in our community and in the world.