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First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande NOVEMBER 2022

Greetings!

Last week I mentioned "Dream This Dream", a piece of prose written by Ernest Cadman "Pomp" Colwell who was President of Claremont School of Theology from 1957-1968. I pull it out this time of year as the passages about the "lion lying down with the lamb" come up in our seasonal lectionary, and themes of justice and peace come to the fore. I am pleased to share the piece with you.

You may also enjoy reading about Colwell on-line. He was a remarkable man who left the comfort of his study, books, students, and his work in Chicago to come to California to build our United Methodist Theological School at Claremont.

Dream This Dream

*The lion and the lamb shall lie down together;
The kid and the panther shall play in the sun;
No one shall know the strange word "soldier";
And war shall be a shameful deed that long ago was done.*

*And rest for the weary, and food for the hungry,
And peace for the comfortless shall not be far to seek;
And beauty in labor, and beauty in laughter,
And beauty in loving shall come to the meek.*

*Mountain calls to mountain top -
Sinai unto Calvary;
Whispers rise from ancient fields -
They push up through the sod;*

*"Tell all the children
To tell their children's children
To dream this dream for God."*

Ernest Cadman "Pomp" Colwell
President, Claremont School of Theology (1957 - 1968)

Rev. Mary Biegelbach



TREASURER'S REPORT

Acting Treasurer's Report

The Acting Treasurer is getting nervous. Our fiscal year starts July 1. Regular tithes and offerings tend to decrease in August and September, probably because so many folks are traveling. Contributions usually start to pick up in October and continue strong for the rest of the calendar year. This year contributions DECREASED in October. As of the end of October we were over \$28,000 below what is needed. We need EVERYONE to continue their generous support so that our church may continue to serve its members and our local community.

Giving can be done during regular worship services, checks mailed to or dropped off at the office, or e-giving through our website WorshipWeekly.com. On-line e-giving can be a one-time contribution or can be set up for weekly or monthly contributions on whatever date you choose. Gifts can be done directly from your bank account or using your VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express card. Setting up regular e-giving makes contributing easy and convenient, especially for those that are frequently out of town.

There can be significant tax advantages to giving appreciated stock directly to our Church rather than selling the stock and paying capital gains. Those that are required to make a minimum required distribution from an IRA, a distribution made directly to a charitable organization such as our church can have significant tax advantages. The person pays NO tax on a charitable rollover distribution and the gift does NOT become part of the normal limitations on charitable deductions. Gifts to the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande may be applied to your annual giving, designated for a specific purpose, or put into the Endowment funds, depending on your wishes. Some members have already taken advantage of these tax saving options to make contributions to our church. Please consult your tax advisor for further details.

Joel Anderson
Acting Treasurer



**WORSHIP
LITURGISTS**



NOVEMBER 6

8:30 a.m.-----Lucy Jacob

10:30 a.m.—BG Perriguy

NOVEMBER 20

8:30 a.m. ——Joseph Brown

10:30 a.m. ——Rose Ann Steiner

NOVEMBER 13

8:30 a.m.----- Ian Beard

10:30 a.m.—Rosslyn Clauson

NOVEMBER 27

8:30 a.m. —David Beard

10:30 a.m. —Barbara Reineke

submitted by Jan Treat

Ushers are needed for Worship Services

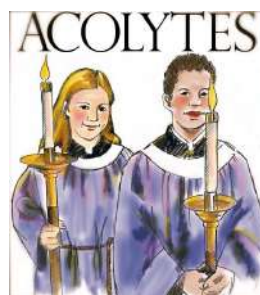


at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.! Training is offered for new or returning ushers. This is another way to extend your discipleship and support our church.

Call or talk with Kerren Brown at church for more information. See church directory for contact information.

submitted by Kerren Brown

Hey, all you kids ages 8 to 18!



If you would like to serve your Church as an Acolyte, call Lorie Ford or see Lorie at Church.

District Covenant Prayer List

from DS Rev. Melissa Mackinnon

Prayer week

Church/Ministry

Clergy Leader(s)

November 6
November 6

Knollwood UMC
Grace Korean UMC

Pastor Kalesita Tu'ifua
Pastor Jim Ho Han

November 13
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Glendale First UMC
First UMC of San Fernando

Pastor Kris Tate & Pastor Stephanie Rice
Pastor Paul Tangonan

November 20
November 20

First UMC of Paso Robles
First UMC of North Hollywood

Pastor Josh Zuleta
Pastor Steve Peralta

November 27
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First German UMC
Estero Bay UMC

Pastor Kurt Poland
Pastor Steven Poteete-Marshall

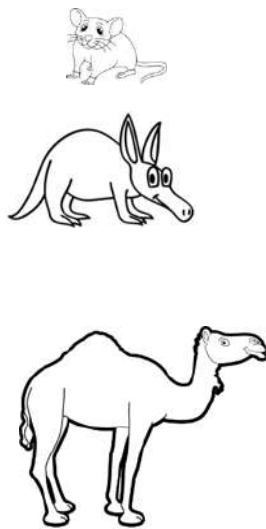
NOAH'S NARTHEX FLOOD FUNDRAISER UPDATE



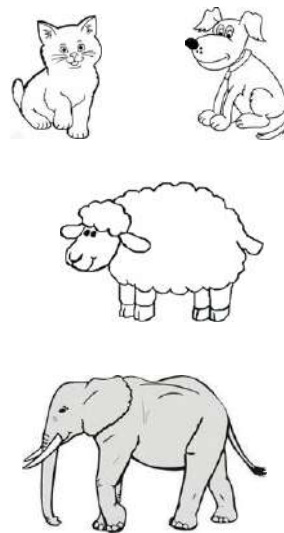
We had a flood in the Narthex! We need to raise \$10,000 to cover the costs of the repairs and remediation that are not covered by insurance. **So far, we have raised \$6,120.** That is enough for 6 cats, 7 dogs, 2 aardvarks, 2 sheep, 3 moose, 3 giraffes and a hippopotamus for our Narthex ark. We need your help to cover the rest of the costs.

Your contribution will help put more animals on Noah's Narthex Ark and help us cover the cost off the repairs.

HERE IS HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTION CAN HELP FILL NOAH'S NARTHEX ARK:



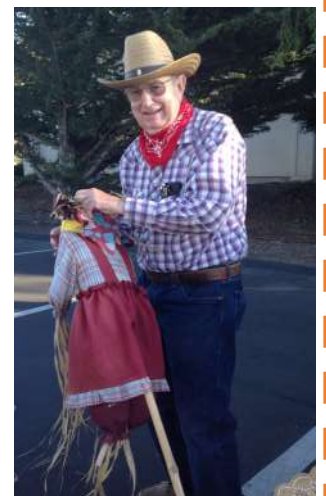
- \$5 puts a mouse on our ark
- \$20 for a dog or cat
- \$50 for an aardvark
- \$75 for a wolverine
- \$100 for sheep
- \$200 for a moose
- \$500 for a camel
- \$750 for a kangaroo
- \$1000 for a giraffe
- \$2000 for a hippopotamus
- \$5000 for an elephant



Please mark your contribution "FLOOD" or specify the critter of your choice on your check or offering envelope.

Contributions may be put in offering plate or mailed to the church office.

FUN TRUNK OR TREAT PHOTOS MORE ON BACK COVER...





United Women in Faith ^T

Castanet UWF November 2022

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.

What a great Boutique! Thank you to so many wonderful people helping to sew, glue, bake, donate items, and arrange the tables of a multitude of crafted items. And then, thanks to all the community and congregation that came out to shop, we took in over \$4,750.

We haven't cleared all the expenses yet, but they will be minimal and we will be able to support our UWF mission organizations. We just can't thank all of you enough. Our success is because of all of you that helped. It takes so many. We all worked together and look what we accomplished.

The Christmas season is upon us. The Christmas Creche Collections on Display was a favorite event last year. This year, we have decided to include Christmas themed collections. If you have a special collection and would like to share it by displaying it during the Hospitality time please contact Gerry McGuire so we can schedule your display.

submitted by Gerry McGuire

Dates to Remember

- ✓ November 27 through December 18:
Sundays in Advent, Christmas Collections



Nov. 29, Dec 6, 13, 20 (4 sessions)
1:00 PM in Criswell Hall



Prepare to receive Christ this Advent with the message of John the Baptist and best-selling author and pastor Adam

Hamilton in *Prepare The Way for the Lord*.

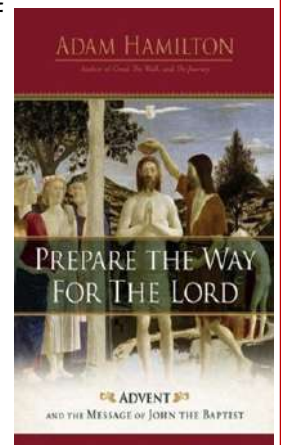
For two thousand years, Christians have turned to the story and message of John the Baptist in the weeks leading up to Christmas. In *Prepare the Way for the Lord Advent and the Message of John the Baptist*, best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton explores the Advent themes of John's life and ministry, and how John calls followers of Jesus to prepare their hearts for his coming.

In each of the Gospels, the story of Jesus is intertwined with that of his cousin John, the one whom the prophets foretold would come to "prepare the way of the Lord." When we hear the message of John the Baptist, it encourages us to be ready to receive Christ at Christmas.

Chapter topics include:

1. A People Prepared for the Lord
2. God Is Gracious
3. The Fruit of Repentance
4. Witnesses Testifying to the Light

If you haven't participated before, please know you are welcome to join us in this study. If you want a book to read on your own, let Judy Atwood know.



Save the Date

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3
CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA
CRISWELL HALL 1:00-3:00 PM**

The Angel Tree

The Department of Social Services contacted me in October to ask if our church would again provide gifts for needy children for Christmas. They also told me that there was a change in the time line for the delivery of the gifts. **All gifts are to be delivered no later than Friday, December 16, 2022.** So, our Angel Tree will go up earlier this year.

The Angel Tree will be set up in Criswell Hall on **November 19**. The gift tags will be available starting **Sunday, November 20** before or after the church services. I will be picking up the gifts each week after the church services. You may also bring your gift(s) to the church office after contacting the church secretary.

There will be two tags for each gift. The original tag is the one you take and **return attached** to the gift that you purchase. **The duplicate tag stays attached on the**



tree, and please write your name on the duplicate tag.

The duplicate tag is used in case your original tag is lost, and it also helps me to contact persons who may not have turned in their gift for the child.

All gifts must be turned into the church office or left under the

Angel Tree in Criswell Hall **no later than Monday, December 12, 2022 by noon.**

Thank you for your continued support to help needy children in our county. Your gifts do make a difference in these children's lives.

If you have any questions you may contact me. My phone number is listed in the church directory.

Thank you and blessings to all.

submitted by Jan Treat



November UWF Book Club:

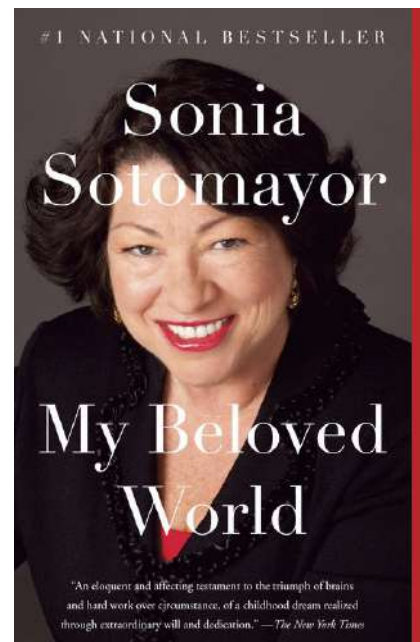
My Beloved World

November UWF Book Club: My Beloved World

In her memoir My Beloved World, Sonia Sotomayor shares her story of growing up in a Bronx housing project with an alcoholic father and an unreliable mother. As the first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the Supreme Court, she reflects on her journey to overcome many obstacles and to emerge as stellar judge. She has become a model of resiliency and determination that continues to inspire those who know her story.

If you would like to join in a discussion of My Beloved World, please come to the church library on Friday, November 18th at 10:30 A.M. Patti Melsheimer has left some copies of the book in the church office. We welcome you to be a part of our discussion!

submitted by Judy Leonard



AGUMCC is kicking off our "Friends of the Children's Center Year End Giving Campaign for 2022".

Please help make a difference in a child's life each day in the new year of 2023 by becoming or continuing to support the "Friends of the Children's Center. You or someone you know can give a one-time donation or become a monthly sponsor by visiting www.agumcc.org and clicking the **GIVE NOW Button.**

Thank you to the First United Methodist Church Congregation and Friends of AGUMCC, who contributed during this campaign last year and through 2022. Your contributions have allowed AGUMCC to stay open during the COVID Pandemic and continue our wonderful ministry.

Sincerely,
Ms. Maddy

Madrigale Quaglino, Director
Arroyo Grande United Methodist
Children's Center



SEE'S CANDIES FUNDRAISER

Help Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center turn candy into cash.

Order SEE'S CANDIES by NOVEMBER 30, 2022

Orders over \$65 receive FREE Delivery anywhere in the United States

Don't stand in the long lines at the store
Placing an order couldn't be easier!

1. You can pick up a See's Candies order form in the church narthex.
2. You can use the QR code on the See's Candies flier in the church narthex.
3. You can order online by using the link https://www.yumraising.com/secure/agumcc_agumcc4/Madagu6035/candy

Please share this fundraiser with family, friends, and businesses. Money raised will be used for supplies and materials for the children. Thank you for your support!

Shell Beach UMC Stained Glass Windows

In the time before (Covid), I was tasked with storing away Christmas decorations into a small storage room the other side of the McMillen room. There I discovered two flat crates, each one about three and a half feet wide and five feet long, but only four inches high. They each held a stained glass window that certainly didn't belong in a dark storage room!

But where did they come from? Patti Melsheimer directed me to Bob Underwood and he was able to shed some light on them. The stained glass came from the old Shell Beach UMC. According to Bob, the church was built in the early 1940's with eight sanctuary windows, six of which were stained glass by the famed Judson Studio in Los Angeles. Under Pastor Robert Underwood's leadership, the two remaining windows, also from the Judson Studio, were installed in 1978. The Shell Beach UMC closed in 2006, with six of the stained glass windows being returned to the donor families. The two remaining windows were sent to our church. In addition to receiving the stained glass windows from Shell Beach UMC, our church also received a number of its former members, including **Margaret Coombs** and **Del Hollinger**.

These windows needed to see the light of day and people needed to be able to see them! So I told **Dave Bolterman** my ideas and he jumped on board. We took the glass to Melissa Campbell of Glass Designs by Melissa, she's just around the corner on Grand Avenue, to do some repairs and cleaning. Then we needed to build frames to hold the glass, so we brought on our own Joseph the carpenter, **Joseph Brown**. And we also needed painters so **Bob Underwood** and **Mark Moore** volunteered.

We're not quite finished with the frames, but we wanted to unveil the stained glass for all to see before we mounted them in the transept windows.

We have the honor of displaying windows numbers one and five:



The miracle of the five loaves and two fish

Behold, I stand at the door and knock

Window number one depicts *the miracle of the five loaves and two fish* and was dedicated in the honor of Henry and Myrtle Streese, 50th wedding anniversary 1-12-1971.

Window number five depicts *Behold, I stand at the door and knock* and was dedicated in memory of Jeanie Brown, 1883 – 1962.

submitted by Jim Alquist

The Team: Dave B., Jim A., Joe B., Del H., Bob U.



News from the Mission Team

by Judy Atwood, chair

MISSION TEAM: November 2022

Judy Atwood

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

Reflection this month comes from Tijuana Moore Irons. She works at Susana Wesley House, Baltimore, MD. "Thanksgiving is an expression of gratitude---readiness to show appreciation for kindness and to return kindness."

FUTURE ACTION:

Penny Time for Turkeys:

Our Children's Center is reaching out again to ask for our help in helping them help our community's food challenged. They are collecting pennies for TURKEYS for the 5Cities Christian Women for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. They have a goal of \$500. Their display is in the narthex. They will be collecting until Nov. 20th. **Every dollar is worth \$10 to the pantry.**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Remember as you do your preparations for Thanksgiving the food drive for the 5Cities Christian Women. This can be actual staples or a financial donation in the container in the narthex. This is a way we can also help those who are food challenged.

TRUNK OR TREAT: We want to thank all of you who helped make the event a success again this year. Photos of this event are on page 5 and the back cover.

HOSPITALITY:

On October 23rd, we shared a meal around the tables in Criswell Hall (our Harvest Meal) to celebrate all of the great ministries that have happened since the beginning of the pandemic. We were amazed to see what happened in spite of the difficult times of separation from our regular schedule of activities. The group was especially grateful to the staff and congregational leaders who helped us to continue to feel connected with special drive thru opportunities, that often provided ministries to the community as well, and the weekly letters that helped us feel we were still working together. Blessings to all for your participation over the long haul.

Photos of Harvest Meal by Rob Isakson



November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 AM Senior Exercise—CH 10:00 AM Sew n Sews—MMR 11:00 AM UMW Chair Yoga—CH 5 PM Bell Practice—HR	2 No Senior Exercise Today	3 No Senior Exercise Today 10 AM Boutique Setup--CH 5 PM Bell Practice—HR 6:30 PM-Choir Practice-S	4 9 AM-1 PM UMW Holiday Boutique--HR 	5 9 AM-1 PM UMW Holiday Boutique--HR 
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20 Christ the King Sunday 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service	21 6:00 PM Quilt Class, Gerry—CH	22 9:00 AM Senior Exercise—CH 10:00 AM Sew n Sews—MMR 11:00 AM UMW Chair Yoga—CH No Bible Study today 5 PM Bell Practice—HR	23 9:00 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9:00 AM Trustees Workday—CH	24 	25	26
27 First Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service	28 6:00 PM Quilt Class, Gerry—CH	29 9 AM Sr Exercise-CH 10:00 AM Sew n Sews—MMR 11 AM-Deliver meal to People's Kitchen 11 AM Chair Yoga—CH 1 PM Bible Study-CH 5 PM Bell Practice—HR	30 9:00 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9:00 AM Trustees Workday—CH	<p style="text-align: center;">Abbreviation Legend</p> <p>CH—Criswell Hall S—Sanctuary K—Kitchen L—Library Room #123 MMR—McMillen Room #113 PL—Parking Lot PS— Pastor's Study HR—Handbell Room #115</p>		

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PROGRAM MINISTRIES AND MEMBERSHIP CARE

FORUM IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2023

Program Ministries and Membership Care are pairing together to provide a forum of local expert speakers to talk to us about "Preparing for Life Crisis".

These stressful times come to all of us and it is so helpful if we are prepared instead of being taken by surprise. This forum will meet weekly on Thursday afternoon beginning **January 12, 2023 through February 2, 2023.**

These sessions will be informative only. The purpose of this forum is to clarify purpose and terminology, local resources, and answer questions.

The topics to be covered are Wills and Trusts, Fiduciary Services, Meaning of the Different Levels of Care, Support Services for Dependent Living at Home, Funeral Services and Grief.

submitted by Kerren Brown

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Joy Collins.....11/02

RoseMary MacKeen.....11/16

Helen Gugeler.....11/21

Marcia Sommermeyer.....11/22

Christina Cuddy.....11/23

Victoria Harrington.....11/23

Adrian Paredes.....11/23

Larry Wiemers.....11/28

Del Hollinger.....11/29



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

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ORDER FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP?

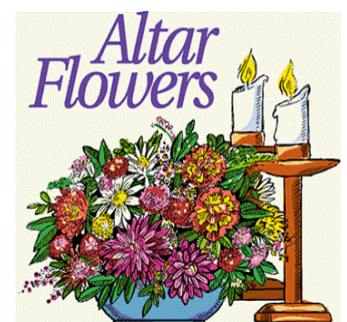
There are dates available for Sunday morning flower dedications in upcoming months. Contact the church office.

Your floral tribute will be placed on the altar for both services on Sunday and recorded in the video for that week. After the services you can pick up the arrangement or we will get it to you.

Please note that due to the higher cost of fresh flowers, the new cost for altar flowers is \$30.

Orders can be made from the Grand Bouquet which we will do upon your request. Orders can also be placed to have Brad Bettencourt create an arrangement using Trader Joe flowers.

Please contact Frances in the Church Office. She is the liaison with both Grand Bouquet and Brad.



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Come ye thankful
People come...

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