



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES



Mon	Aug 21	6:30 PM Gerry's Quilt Class--Criswell Hall.
Tue	Aug 22	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews--MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga--Criswell Hall.
Wed	Aug 23	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 9:00 AM Church Workday,
Thu	Aug 24	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 10 AM Craft Workshop--MMR, 10:30 AM SPRC--Pastor's Study.
Sun	Aug 27	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service--S, 4 PM Movie--CH
Sun	Aug 27	10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service--S, 4 PM Movie--CH.

Abbreviation Legend

CH--Criswell Hall
S--Sanctuary
K--Kitchen
L--Library
Room #123
MMR--McMillen Room #113
PS--Pastor's Study

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday August 24

Craft Workshop

10 AM-12 PM

McMillen Room

Today's Craft: *Lots of lovely shells from the beaches!*

Reprise of Decorating with Shells! Led by Gerry McGuire. All Welcome!



Next Sunday, August 27

Program Ministry Free Movie

4:00 PM Criswell Hall

"Woman in Gold" stars Helen Mirren and is a true story of a family's battle to recover their possessions seized in WW II.

Free movie and popcorn; soft drinks and candy complimentary. Plan to come!



Saturday September 16

United Women in Faith Women's Rally

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

at the home of Judie Neufeld.

Program and Barbecue. Save the date!



Staff Appreciation Sunday

--originally scheduled for Sep 17-- is being postponed to a later date. We will inform you of the date when re-scheduled.

New Event: Saturday, October 7, 10:00 AM

Getting to know our neighbors - and getting ready for Halloween.

Tour of 140-year old Arroyo Grande Cemetery led by Jim Gregory.

No charge. Sign-up at Connections Table.



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Hope, Joy & Love Rising



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8:30 AM





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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“A bend in the road is not the end of the road . . .
unless you fail to make the turn.”
---Helen Keller

- OPENING PRAISE *Revive Us Again*
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- PRAISE SONGS *Shout to the Lord
How Great is Our God
You Never Let Go*
- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
- SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Through Christ in Me*
- SCRIPTURE Genesis 45:1-15
Matthew 15:10-20
- SERMON WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
- OFFERING *On Bended Knee*
- COMMUNION *Revelation Song*
- FINAL BLESSING *Cowboy Blessing*
- *CLOSING *Detour*

*Please stand as able

Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, ‘Send everyone away from me.’ So, no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?’ But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come closer to me.’ And they came closer. He said, ‘I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So, it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that your household, and all that you have, will not come to

poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.’ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Matthew 15:10-20

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Today's Liturgist: Sharon Roemer

WEEK	ATTENDANCE					STEWARDSHIP
	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
07/23	35	52	87	24	111	\$5,076
07/30	33	65	98	28	126	\$2,152
08/06	39	66	105	52	157	\$9,966
08/13	33	68	101	n/a	n/a	\$6,851

Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

YTD Received \$40,590 YTD Budgeted \$42,266 Hawaii Fire Relief \$305

Stewardship campaign fell about \$19,000 short of what we need.

Any increased Estimates of Giving would be appreciated.

HOSPITALITY TIME

Today's Hosts:

ENDOWMENT/ELT

Next Sunday August 27

ALL CHURCH SUNDAY