



HOPE, JOY AND LOVE RISING

Cast~A~Net

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande APRIL 2024

What is your church story?



As part of our 140th anniversary celebration the Communications Committee is asking everyone to tell their church story. These will be collected and published as part our celebrations. See page 4 of the March Cast-A-Net where Peg Gallop and Peggy Bridges told their story of their memories of this church.



Easter flowers for Pat Wiemers

Your story can be how you found this or another church, recollections of past events or pastors, what you love about church, memorable events that may be happy, funny, inspirational or embarrassing that you laugh about now.

Everyone probably has at least one story.

Please drop them off, or send by post or email to the office, or drop in a box in the Narthex.

So what is YOUR story?



APRIL EVENTS

- Sat. Apr 6** Fellowship Ministry visit to Tiber Canyon Olive Oil Ranch for a tasting at 3:00 PM Carpool at 2:30.
- Tue Apr 16** Bible Study class begins new book: Matthew: The Gospel of Promised Blessings by Matthew L. Skinner Nancy St. Laurent is facilitator. 1:00 PM Criswell Hall
- Sat Apr 27** ALL-CHURCH WORKDAY 9:30-11:30 AM Many small jobs around the church that can be done by volunteers young and old. (noon pizza a rumor?)
- Sun April 28** 4:00 PM Criswell Hall Oscar nominee "NYAD" is about the dream of an athlete to swim from Cuba to Florida, over 100 miles of open ocean. Movie is free, popcorn is free, soda & candy are complimentary.
- Sun May 5** UMM Cinco de Mayo Taco Bar after second service

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

- Sunday Church Services
 - 8:30 AM Contemporary Service
 - 10:30 AM Traditional Service
- United Methodist Men
- UWF / UMW and Circle Groups
 - Sew n Sews, JOY Circle, Book Club,
 - Mary-Martha-Esther
- Wednesday Church Work Day
- Music Groups
 - Chancel Choir
 - Handbell Choir
- Gerry's Quilt Class
- Exercise Classes
 - Senior Exercise Tue, Wed, Thu 9 AM
 - Chair Yoga Tue 11:00 AM

**Welcome
to the
GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER!**

Easter Sunday's dawn, March 31st, is the beginning of FIFTY DAYS OF JOY! Easter is the most important feast of the Christian year. It continues through the Ascension of Our Lord to Pentecost. That's seven full weeks of Easter Joy!

Be with us in worship as we rejoice, focus on the good, cultivate our gratitude, and give thanks. Celebrate the season by encouraging others, praying prayers of thanksgiving and asking for God's Blessing year 'round!

If you are one who tends to see the cup as half empty and joy doesn't come naturally, ask God to grant you joy. In Psalm 51:12 David prayed, **"Restore to me the joy of your salvation."** Let this be your anchoring prayer during this season. Join the 50 days of Joy Challenge. Rejoice in the resurrection and ask God to fill you with a Spirit of Joy.



April 7th, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion
WALKING IN THE LIGHT: Beyond Grief
Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 1:1-2:2

April 14th, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter
Native American Ministries Special Offering
WALKING IN THE LIGHT: By Faith
Acts 3:12-19, 1 John 3:1-7

April 21st, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter
WALKING IN THE LIGHT: Beyond Fear
Acts 4:5-12, 1 John 3:16-24

April 28th, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter
WALKING IN THE LIGHT: With God
1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

May 5th, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter
WALKING IN THE LIGHT: With Friends
1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

May 12th, 2024
ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Festival of the Christian Home
WALKING IN THE LIGHT: With Family
Acts 1:1-11, John 17:6-11

May 19th, 2024
PENTECOST
WALKING IN THE LIGHT: With the Spirit
Acts 2:1-21

May 26th, 2024
TRINITY SUNDAY
Peace with Justice Offering
WALKING IN THE LIGHT: With Hope
Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

**WORSHIP
LITURGISTS**



APRIL 7

8:30 a.m.-----Joseph Brown
10:30 a.m.----Barbara Reineke

APRIL 21

8:30 a.m.-----Sharon Roemer
10:30 a.m.-----Roz Clauson

APRIL 14

8:30 a.m.-----Lucy Jacob
10:30 a.m.-----BG Perrigey

APRIL 28

8:30 a.m.-----John Emery
10:30 a.m.-----Priscilla Alquist
~ submitted by Jan Treat

USHERS



There is an urgent need for ushers to participate in our 2nd service! Several of our steadfast ushers of many years have asked to retire from this service. We are so grateful for their time, welcoming hands and friendship. In honoring their request, we must rebuild our faithful Team of Ushers this year. I ask as you go about your weekly schedule that you include in your prayers consideration of joining the Team of Ushers. Both men and

women, also couples, are encouraged to give it a try. This is a great opportunity to greet and assist ALL who enter our doors. We are a "Welcoming Church" with many opportunities for worship, fellowship and service. Our ushers are the first ones that people meet as they enter our church. Please see Kerren Brown, who is usually in the Narthex each Sunday morning, to explore joining our Team of Ushers.



~submitted by Kerren Brown

NORTH DISTRICT WEEKLY COVENANT PRAYER LIST FOR MARCH 31, 2024 - June 23, 2024

Pray for the continued vision of the UMC in the California-Pacific Conference

| Prayer week begins on: | Church/Ministry | Clergy Leader(s) |
|------------------------|--|---|
| 3/31/24 | Bishop First UMC Camarillo Korean UMC | Pastor Kate Hunter Pastor Sang Lee |
| 4/7/24 | Atascadero UMC Bethel Korean Mission Church | Pastor Michelle Park Pastor Kisung Narn |
| 4/14/24 | First UMC of Pasadena First UMC of Pasadena | Pastor Amy Aitken Pastor Mina Nau-Mahe |
| 4/21/24 | First UMC of Reseda First UMC of Canoga Park | Pastor Christian Jung Pastor Elaine Shin-Paull |
| 4/28/24 | Thousand Oaks UMC Lancaster UMC | Pastor Anna Mulford Pastor Gregory Pittman |
| 5/5/24 | Scott UMC Magnolia Park UMC | Pastor Alma Johnson-Hawkins Pastor Rich Garner |
| 5/12/24 | First UMC of Lompoc First UMC of Lompoc | Pastor Terry Fisher Pastor Pamela Fisher |
| 5/19/24 | St. Mark UMC of Santa Barbara St. Mark UMC of Santa Barbara | Pastor Robb Fuesler Pastor Liz Aguilar |
| 5/26/24 | St Paul's UMC of Oxnard Korean UMC of Oxnard | Pastor Rachel deboss-Haigler Pastor Chae Hon Nam |
| 6/2/24 | First UMC of Ventura First UMC of Ventura | Pastor Diane Rehfield Pastor Cindy Huskey |
| 6/9/24 | Ridgecrest UMC Chatsworth West UMC | Pastor Wesley Elmore Pastor Eric Iki |
| 6/16/24 | North Hills Hispanic Mission St. Andrew UMC | Pastor Ervin Aguilon Pastor Eric Scott |
| 6/23/24 | Santa Maria First UMC Sherman Oaks UMC | Pastor Neil Platon III Pastor Garth Gilliam |

Trustees' Report

March 2024

The Trustees have been hard at work this month! The heater gave us all some “chilling” moments! But it is now fixed and everything should be nice and warm in the sanctuary on Sunday!

The women’s bathroom in Criswell Hall should be finished by the time you receive this newsletter. Please pop in and admire the new paint and fixtures. Many thanks to Irene Kliesch for designing and painting and to Jim Alquist for assisting her in the installation of the light fixture and automatic switch.

The Trustees are awaiting bids for the installation of ADA approved ramps for the entrances from the parking lot into the Children’s Center and McMillen room. This will make the building easily accessible to all.

The Trustees have planned an **“All Church Workday” for Saturday, April 27, 9:30 – 11:30**. There are many small jobs that need to be attended to and can be done easily by

BOARD OF Trustees' MEETING

volunteers young and old. Such things as painting the various pipes on the outside of the buildings so that they blend into the walls, removing old gutter leaf guards, replacing and/or repairing the various signs in the parking lot, cleaning and painting the cross facing the parking lot, cleaning the refrigerators and freezer in the kitchen. You are invited to join the Trustees for this energizing morning! There is a rumor that **pizza** will be served at noon for all the hard-working volunteers!

~Dick Melsheimer, chair

P.S. We are still in need of additional members for the Trustees. If you would like to join this hard working and energetic group, contact a member of the Nominating Committee!



TACO BAR on CINCO DE MAYO, SUNDAY MAY 5th

The United Methodist Men will be putting on a Taco Bar on Cinco de Mayo Sunday after the 2nd service. Eat in or Take out. Only \$10. Tickets available starting after service on Sunday April 14th. ~ Paul Holden, President





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.

APRIL 2024

Spring is awakening, and we have been celebrating Easter with our many planned services.



Our circles and groups are meeting, and our Steering Committee is busy planning a

Spring Luncheon

on **Saturday, May 11th**. Get out your spring hats and pick out your prettiest dress or pant suit, etc.

Oh, just come and join us!

Tickets will go on sale April 21.

CIRCLES AND GROUPS

All women are invited to attend.

Mary, Martha, Esther Circle meets the last Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the McMillen Room. Come join us; we'd love to have you! Contact Mary Thronson.

JOY Circle meets the third Tuesday of each month in members' homes at 3:30 PM. This first meeting in homes will be at Priscilla Alquist's house. Contact Kerren Brown.

UWF Book Club meets on the third Friday in the Library at 10:30 AM. Contact Judy Leonard for a book.

Sew and Sews meet every Tuesday in the McMillen Room from 10 AM to 2 PM. Bring a sandwich if you want to stay for lunch. We encourage all interested in quilting, crocheting, knitting and just plain visiting and sharing to attend.

~submitted by Gerry McGuire, President



UWF Book Club To Finish House Rules Discussion

In March the UWF Book Club met to discuss the first half of Jodi Picoult's book, House Rules, a riveting story about a young man with Asperger's Syndrome who is implicated in the murder of his tutor. Since Jacob has always been intrigued by criminal cases, he actually tampers with evidence to cover up for someone he thinks might have been involved. Unfortunately he becomes the main suspect in the case. Being in jail is especially traumatic for someone with Asperger's who has trouble with anything out of the ordinary.

On Friday, April 19th, book club members will discuss the second half of the book. Be sure to join us on the 19th at 10:30 A.M. to see what happens to Jacob and learn more about Asperger's Syndrome.

If you would like to borrow a book to read the entire book, see Judy Leonard for a library copy of House Rules.



~submitted by Judy Leonard

Some notes on the history of the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande by Joel Anderson

As we celebrate our 140th anniversary I thought it might be fun to explore a few of the items that were brought from our old church in the Village of Arroyo Grande when we moved to the present location in 1960. They are still here!

The brass cross on the altar has been the focus of worship in our church for a very long time. It was the altar cross when our church was in the Village of Arroyo Grande. The "IHS" on the cross is a common Christogram, derived from the first three letters of the Greek name for Jesus: iota-eta-sigma.



Behind the altar at the old church was the copy of the picture *Christ in Gethsemane* that is now in the McMillen Room. It was presented to the church by the Japanese Community on Mother's Day, May 6, 1936. For many years the church had a close connection to the local Japanese community. The picture and connection to the Japanese community have faded over the many years. The original painting was done by German painter Heinrich Hofmann in 1886. It is one of the most widely reproduced paintings in the world and is still available on-line today! The original is on display at Riverside Church in New York.



The altar cross and picture of Jesus can be seen in this picture of the wedding of James Dickens and Sally Dixon on Sept 5, 1954 in the old church



This old stand that is sometimes used for Holy Communion or holding flowers also came from the old church in the village. It is battered and ugly from many years of use, and was almost tossed out until Lorie Ford pointed out its historic significance.

On the parking lot side of the education wing is the cross that once sat atop of our church in the village. The odd holes in the cross indicate that at one time it probably held either some sort of decoration or electric lights, both of which were popular before World War II.



Our bell tower houses the bell that was used by our church in the village. The bell originally came from the Cienega School in Oceano. In January 1920 the Arroyo Grande School District

(now Lucia Mar) faced a sudden influx of children, but had insufficient classroom space. The school district traded the bell for use of a room at the Methodist Church. The church was delighted to receive the bell as it had no bell for its bell tower, and the school district acquired a badly needed classroom. The bell sat in the open for many years after being moved from the old church. The new bell tower was built and dedicated Sunday February 6, 2000.



2024 ELT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE COMING SOON

Everett Lee Taylor Scholarship applications for the 2024-2025 school year are now available! Undergraduate students may apply for this scholarship more than once provided they have maintained a minimum 2.5 GPA in their college work and will be full-time students. Repeating college students do not need letters of recommendation but must attach a current college transcript to their application. High school seniors need to include the recommendation letters and high school transcript with their application.

Everett Lee Taylor Scholarship applications and instructions are available on-line (www.worshipweekly.com) and in the church office. Only students who have been active participants in the Arroyo Grande First United Methodist Church may apply. The completed application with required

attachments must be turned in or mailed to the church office by May 15th. Scholarship checks will be sent to recipients upon proof of registration in Fall, 2024 college classes.

Donations towards ELT Scholarships may be made at any time. You can do so by making out a check to the church noting ELT Scholarships on the memo line. Drop it in the offering plate or mail to the church office.



Please encourage any eligible students to apply for our scholarship.

~submitted by Judy Leonard

SCAM ALERTS

More Scams

Scammers are creating imposter Facebook pages and using Facebook Messenger to send out Friend Requests. It happened to me. Someone created an imposter Facebook page using my name and my Facebook picture. They then used Messenger to send out Friend requests. A member of our church texted me and two of my customers emailed me asking about it. I assured them it was not me.

A while back I even got a Facebook Friend Request from my dead father. Since I doubt Facebook exists in heaven (though I would not be surprised if it existed in that other place) I ignored it. If you get suspicious Facebook Friend requests it never hurts to check through other channels. I am not sure what the imposter is trying to accomplish, but I don't think it is for the good of humanity.

Another scam is the wrong number text. Malicious individuals send innocent texts addressed to someone else about a party, medical appointment or business meeting. Once you've texted the person back with a message like "Sorry, wrong number," the scammer tries to pull you into a friendly conversation. They prey on your friendliness and slowly but surely lure you into some sort of scam. If you get a such a text do not reply, just delete it.

Joel Anderson
Communications Team



Church Council Report
March 2024

Several people have asked me, “What is the Church Council and what does it do?”

The Book of Discipline says, “the church council is the executive agency of the charge conference.” This means that between meetings of the charge conference, the church council is the group of leaders that guides and furthers the ministry of the congregation! The work of the church council is to “envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate a congregation’s ministry and mission.”

That is a big responsibility. Our church council,

consisting of the team leaders (chairs) of each of our committees, meets each month to carry out these responsibilities. Ours is an active and energetic group! Leaders of each of the various teams (or committees) meet with their members each month and then bring a report of their plans and activities to the church council. This month we discussed plans for Easter, outreach activities of the Mission team, facility improvement plans of the Trustees, communication and publicity activities of the Communications team, as well as the accomplishments of each team and their plans for the coming months.

A list of the various committees and the chair of each one is posted on the bulletin board in Criswell Hall. Take a look and see if you would like to be involved in one of these teams. There is a lot going on and I’m sure you want to be a part of it! Please contact me if you would like additional information.

~Patti Melsheimer, chair

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

The Fellowship Ministry committee just became aware of an interesting place, real close by, for us to go to visit! It is the Tiber Canyon Olive Oil Ranch. Olive oil tasting is on the schedule. Join us on **Saturday, April 6th**, at 280 W. Ormonde Road (take Oak Park, which turns into Noyes, then turn left onto W. Ormonde Road.) Meet there at 3:00 PM, or at 2:30 PM at the church to carpool. Sign up at the Connections table. Walker friendly and no charge, but you might find yourself buying a bottle of olive oil to take home when you taste it and see how good it is.

The movie this month, **Sunday, April 28th at 4:00 PM**, is Oscar nominee, NYAD. In the movie, athlete Diana Nyad (Annette Benning) sets out, at age 60 to achieve a nearly impossible lifelong dream. She wanted to swim from Cuba to Florida, across more than 100 miles of open ocean, all the while being coached by her life long friend, Bonnie (Jodie Foster). Sign up at the Connections table.

June 1st we are planning Sweet Springs Nature Walk & Lunch with Connie Clark in Los Osos.

Leave at 9:30 AM to carpool from the church for 10:00 a.m. walk.

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, June 22nd**, when we go to the home and garden of Scott Trees.

Please sign up at the Connection table in the Narthex for any or all of these appealing events .





News from the Mission Team

New Organization to Receive our Donations of Children's Clothing

Your Mission Team has been hard at work as 2024 unfolds, renewing continuing projects and searching out new ways to serve our community and the world. Imagine the surprise we felt when we contacted the Nome Community UMC in Nome, Alaska and discovered that the layette ministry we have supported for many years had been disbanded! Unfortunately, the lady who had headed that program and distributed our donated hand-knit baby blankets, hats, booties and other layette clothing had left the program, which then closed its operation.

Our own Jan Treat reached out to her contacts at Social Services and helped us connect to a wonderful local organization, Children's Resource Network of the Central Coast. It is a very successful 501c3 organization that provides new and gently used resources such as clothing, shoes, blankets, backpacks school supplies and more to help meet the personal basic needs of socioeconomically compromised children in our area and throughout California.

Drop off bins located at local schools collect donations which are picked up by volunteers and sorted for local distribution. Do check out their website; impressive!

We recently shared our information about the changes in Nome and our discovery of the Children's Resource Network of the Central Coast with our church's Sew & Sews group. They were very happy that such a wonderful local organization had been found to take their hand-made donations. In turn, your Mission Team presented this new organization to Church Council in February and it was accepted in place of the Nome, Alaska project.

Donations of infant and children's clothing, birth through high school, will be ongoing and will be collected in a basket in Criswell Hall next to the Mission bulletin board. What a blessing to our needy local children!






Sew n Sew members, from top: Edna Irons, Mary Thronson, Janice Moore, Gerry McGuire.



Native American Ministries Sunday

April 14 is Native American Ministries Special Giving Sunday this year. Did you know there are more than 20,000 Native Americans within our United Methodist denomination? However, there is a serious shortage of American Indian pastors and trained professionals. This special offering helps develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the Annual Conferences and reservations and provides scholarships to theology students.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | 1 6:00 PM Gerry's Quilt Class-CH | 2 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH 10 AM Sew Sews-MMR No Chair Yoga today 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR | 3 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH 9:00 AM Church Work Morning, everyone invited-CH 10:00 AM Fellowship Ministry Team-L | 4 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal--S | 5 | 6 9-11 AM Children's Ctr pancake breakfast in Avila Beach at Custom House 3:00 PM Fellowship tour for Tiber Cyn Olive Oil Tasting. To carpool lv at 2:45 from church. |
| 7 8:30 AM Contemporary Service with Praise Band 10:30 AM Traditional Service with Chancel Choir | 8 6:00 PM Gerry's Quilt Class-CH | 9 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH 10 AM Sew Sews-MMR 11 AM Chair Yoga-CH 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR 7:00 PM Trustees-MMR | 10 9:00 AM Sr Exercise-CH 9:00 AM Church Work Morning, everyone invited-CH 10:00 AM UWF Steering Committee-L 1:30 Mission Team-MMR | 11 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH 1:30 PM Finance-L 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-S | 12 | 13 |
| 14 8:30 AM Contemporary Service with Praise Band and Handbells 10:30 AM Traditional Service with Chancel Choir and Handbells Native American Ministries Sunday Staff Appreciation Sunday | 15 6:00 PM Gerry's Quilt Class-CH | 16 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH 10:00 AM Sew and Sews-MMR 11 AM Chair Yoga-CH 1 PM Bible Study-CH 3:00 PM Endowment-L 3:30 PM JOY Circle-member's home 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR | 17 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH 9:00 AM Church Work Morning, everyone invited-CH 2:00 PM Church Council-MMR | 18 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH 10:30 AM Staff Parish--PS 4:00 PM Children's Ctr Board--MMR 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-S | 19 10:30 AM UWF Book Club-L | 20 |
| 21 8:30 AM Contemporary Service with Praise Band 10:30 AM Traditional Service with Chancel Choir | 22 6:00 PM Gerry's Quilt Class-CH | 23 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH 10:00 AM Sew and Sews--MMR 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH 1 PM Bible Study-CH 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR | 24 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH 9:00 AM Church Work Morning, everyone invited-CH 10:00 AM Mary-Martha-Esther Circle-MMR | 25 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-S 4:30 PM Communications-L | 26 | 27 9:30 to 11:30 All Church Workday |
| 28 8:30 AM Contemporary Service with Praise Team 10:30 AM Traditional Service with Chancel Choir 4:00 PM Free movie "NYAD"-CH | 29 1:30 PM People's Kitchen Food Prep-CH 6:00 PM Gerry's Quilt Class-CH | 30 PK Food Serving Day 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH 10:00 AM Sew and Sews--MMR 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH 1:00 PM Bible Study-CH 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR | <p>Abbreviation Legend</p> <p>CH-Criswell Hall S-Sanctuary K-Kitchen L-Library Room #123 MMR-McMillen Room #113 PS-Pastor's Study PL-Parking Lot HR-Handbell Room #115</p> | | | |

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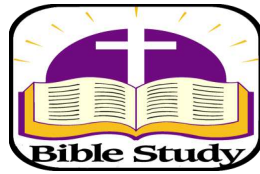
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TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Matthew: The Gospel of Promised Blessings

by Matthew L. Skinner
Facilitated by Nancy St. Laurent

The study of this book will begin on

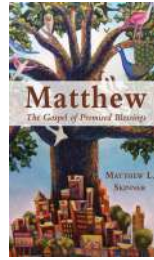
Tuesday, April 16th.

Books available from Nancy.

Tuesdays 1:00 p.m.

Criswell Hall

*This is an enthusiastic group
that welcomes all to join!*



WOULD YOU LIKE TO ORDER FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP?

Do you enjoy the beautiful flower arrangements placed on the altar on Sundays? Dates are available for Sunday morning flower dedications in upcoming months. Your floral tributes are welcomed and will be placed on the altar for both services on Sunday. You can pick up your arrangement after the second service. Just let us know.

The cost for altar flowers is \$30.

Orders can be made from the Grand Bouquet on 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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|------------------|-------|
| Jack Cuddy | 04/01 |
| Paul Holden | 04/04 |
| Patti Melsheimer | 04/06 |
| Grant Cuddy | 04/08 |
| Shirley Werling | 04/08 |
| Don Gugeler | 04/11 |
| Mary Jorstad | 04/15 |
| Ryan Odom | 04/24 |



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!

HOSPITALITY SNACKS

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|---------------|-------------------|
| <u>APR 7</u> | Fellowship |
| <u>APR 14</u> | Staff-Parish |
| <u>APR 21</u> | Communications |
| <u>APR 28</u> | Children's Center |
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| <u>MAY 12</u> | UWF |
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| <u>MAY 26</u> | Staff-Parish |

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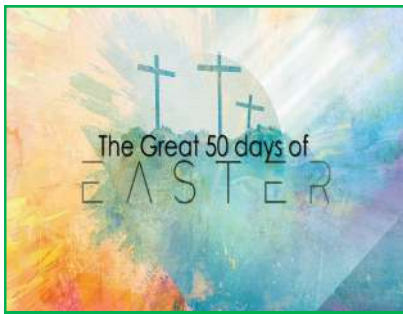
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Introducing New Worship Video Editor Susan Thronson



My name is Susan Thronson and I am your new video editor! I also make the upcoming events slides shown in the Narthex and before first service as well as maintaining the Church's Facebook page. Many of you know me as I've been a part of this church for over 20 years. I grew up in the central valley and moved to the central coast in 1998. I have worked as a preschool teacher and director, fourth grade teacher, travel agent, special education paraprofessional, and am currently a special education teacher at Oceano Elementary School. When I'm not working, I enjoy spending time with my parents, reading, traveling (when I can), and doing crafts. I am excited about this new position at church and hope that you all enjoy the videos!