



HOPE, JOY AND LOVE RISING

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First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

JULY 2022

Summer is Here!

What does summer mean to you? As a child at Covell Elementary in Grand Rapids, Michigan, we shouted out that little lyrical poem: ***“School’s out, school’s out, teacher let the fools out, no more pencils, no more books, no more teacher’s dirty looks!”*** Even if some of us went to “summer school” for “enrichment classes” or to “catch up” before being promoted to the next grade, summer meant rest and renewal in one form or another. It’s time to take on an attitude of summer!

Whether it means airplanes, airports, suitcases, and butterflies in your stomach (*depending on the ease with which you travel*), whether it’s a road trip across country or up the coast, or it is simply spending the lazy days of summer in your own garden enjoying the fruits of living on the Central Coast, summer calls for a change of pace.

Most of my best vacation memories are “*too long ago*” because I didn’t catch on soon enough, nor did I adapt to the clergy lifestyle creatively and quickly. With too much to do year-round, I deleted recreation using vacation time to get ahead of the game, and ended up like one of those lonely snobbish women in the Hallmark love movies visiting “home” who doesn’t know how to relax and unwind. My mother was right, *“The faster I go, the behinder I get!”* You can lose your soul, when you don’t take time for rest and relaxation. It’s not too late!

Create an oasis for the Spirit this summer. Make and take time to “do nothin’” or to explore a new place. Whether you enjoy beaches, warmth or the “*freedom to just be*” wherever you are, do it! Remember the **ABCs of Rest and Renewal.**

***Appreciate** moments of joy. Laugh whenever you can. Celebrate!

***Breathe** deeply. Vacate your thoughts, worries, and leave behind “to do” lists. Take an evening off, a day off or an entire week.

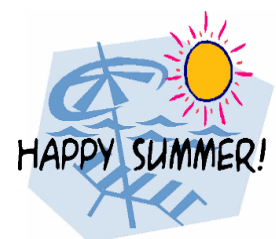
***Calendar** time for yourself and build that time in when you return from your staycation or vacation. Make dates with yourself whether it’s a 15-minute break to go for a walk, lunch alone or with a friend, or a week off. Whatever works for you, do it!

And please check in for Sunday worship and tell us about the fun you’re having! And if life’s not quite that exciting yet, bring your joys, concerns and we’ll all pray!

*Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
You’ll wish that summer could always be here.*

Here’s to three great months ahead!

Rev. Mary Bingleatis



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Program Ministry

Program Ministry has all types of activities planned for our church family and those in our local community. Check out the Program Ministry table in the Narthex for details. Please note it is important to sign up for events to ensure we have enough room, supplies and/or transportation for those interested in attending. Sometimes space is limited

Greener Pastures, Sunday, July 3rd, 2 pm, \$10 per person. We will need to carpool from church as parking is limited. Greener Pastures Farm Sanctuary is located on 5 acres in Arroyo Grande, California in San Luis Obispo County. The Sanctuary rescues, rehabilitates, and provides care for dozens of animals saved from neglect, kill pens, slaughter houses, and factory farms. At the shelter, rescued residents are given the care and attention they need to recover from abusive situations. All of the animals enjoy healthy food, clean shelter, and lots of room to roam every single day. When appropriate, needy animals are adopted to good homes.

Quilting Classes by Gerry McGuire begin on Monday, July 11th at 6 pm in Criswell Hall. The cost is \$5 per class, payable when you can come, directly to Gerry.

United Women of Faith are partnering with Program Ministry to offer a **Boutique Crafting Day once a month on Thursdays until our annual November Boutique. On Thursday, July 7th from 10 am-12 pm. Susan Thronson will be the instructor for crafting “card making”.** Hosted by Gerry McGuire.

A second **FRAUD ALERT lecture is planned for Tuesday, July 19th at 1 pm in Criswell Hall.** Hosted by Judy Atwood.

July 24th those pre-registered and signed up for the Dodger/Giants game will depart for the game.

The “Winning Team” and Red Skelton will be shown on Sunday, July 31st at 4 pm in Criswell Hall.



The “Winning Team” is a 1952 biographical film directed by Lewis Seiler. It is a fictionalized biography of the life of major league pitcher Grover Cleveland Alexander (1887–1950) starring Ronald Reagan as Alexander, Doris Day as his wife, Aimee, and Frank Lovejoy as baseball star Rogers Hornsby. Our own Mike Clark’s Dad is an actor in the film. This is a great opportunity to enjoy Program Ministry’s free movie, snacks for free (or donation), and freedom to choose your own seat!



ALSO COMING

- * An August morning at the Avila Dog Beach (dog not necessary)
- * PCPA Solvang or Melodrama event?
- * A Progressive Dinner ?
- * More surprises !



**WORSHIP
LITURGISTS**



JULY 3

8:30 a.m.—Joseph Brown
10:30 a.m.—Cristy Van Hook

JULY 10

8:30 a.m.—David Beard
10:30 a.m.—Nancy St. Laurent

JULY 17

8:30 a.m.—Joseph Brown
10:30 a.m.—Patti Melsheimer

JULY 24

8:30 a.m.—Sharon Roemer
10:30 a.m.—Rosslyn Clauson

JULY 31

8:30 a.m.—Ian Beard
10:30 a.m.—David Beaman

submitted by Jan Treat

Ushers are still needed for Worship Services at

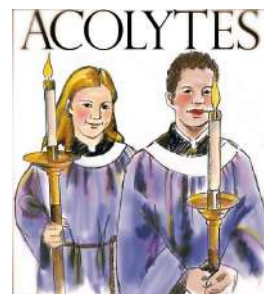


8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.! Training is offered for new or returning ushers. This is another way to extend your discipleship and support our church.

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 me at Church.

District Covenant Prayer List *from DS Rev. Melissa Mackinnon*

Prayer Week	Church/Ministry	Clergy Leader(s)
July 3	Hindi-Urdu UMM Mission	Pastor Lamuel Jacob
July 3	Simi Valley UMC	Pastor Stacy Brooks-Dickson
July 10	North District	DS Melissa MacKinnon & Pastor Mary Dennis
July 10	St. James UMC	Pastor Malyong Yi
July 17	First UMC of Arroyo Grande	Pastor Mary Birgelaitis
July 17	Korean UMC of Oxnard	Pastor Chae Hon Nam
July 24	La Canada UMC	Pastor Karin Ellis
July 24	St. Matthews UMC of Newbury Park	Pastor Jim Powell
July 31	El Buen Pastor UMC	Pastor Lupita Alonso-Redondo
July 31	Crescenta Valley UMC	Pastor Louise Fairweathre-Baxter



*submitted by Paul Holden,
President*



Some UMM members may plan to go fishing with friends and family this summer, but they didn't miss a beat and sponsored a fantastic chicken and tri-tip barbecue just before the end of the church's fiscal year. THANK YOU, UMM!

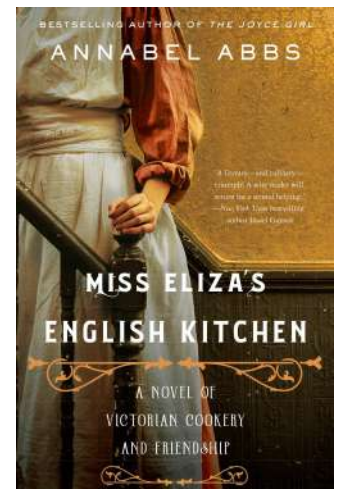


Jim, Mark & Dave tend the barbecue (above) and Bernie and Jim serve the barbecue meal to happy eaters (left)



UMW BOOK CLUB NEWS

Although the UMW Book Club will not meet in July, readers can start the August book now. You can pick up a copy of the next book, Miss Eliza's English Kitchen: A Novel of Victorian Cookery and Friendship by Annabel Abbs, from the church office. Based on a true story set in England in 1835, it portrays Eliza Acton's experiences trying to collect recipes and writing a "cookery" book. Although she has never cooked, she discovers that she has a passion for trying out recipes using the new spices and fruits showing up in England. She also develops a special friendship with her assistant, Ann Kirby, who learns to love poetry like Eliza does.



The book club will meet on Friday, August 19th at 10:30 A.M. in the church library to discuss Miss Eliza's English Kitchen. See Patti Melsheimer if you have any questions about getting a copy of the book.

submitted by Judy Leonard



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith seek 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.

Keep in mind that, though it is summer, some groups take time off (JOY Circle) and others are still meeting and welcome your presence and participation. The Mary, Martha, Esther Circle meets the fourth Wednesday of the Month in the McMillen Room at 10:00. The Sew and Sews meet every Tuesday from 10:00 to-2:00. Bring a sandwich and enjoy the company of quilters, knitters, needleworkers and ladies who crochet.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS: July 7, 10 am -12 noon, will be the first craft workshop. We will be making cards for the up-coming, Nov. 4-5, Boutique. Even if you haven't done anything like this before come and help us. We need you. We have all the supplies, just need your help. We will have Susan Thronson to get us started.

Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo Night



The time is coming up for the UMF(UMW) to cook a spaghetti dinner, and afterward to enjoy playing bingo together. The date is Saturday, July 16. Tickets go on sale June 26 for \$ 20. This includes your dinner and bingo card and prizes.



August is the time for our Old Fashioned All Church Picnic. Lots of food, games, contests, and prizes are being planned by the UWF and UMM.

We have the Elm Street Park reserved, so set the date aside right now—Saturday, August 13th. Don't forget. Tickets will be only \$10 per person. Such a deal!

submitted by Gerry McGuire

Dates to Remember

Thursday, July 7—**Craft Day, Card Making**
 Saturday, July 16—**Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo**
 Saturday, August 13—**All Church Picnic, Elm Street Park**
 Saturday, September 10—**Womens' Retreat at the Melsheimers Home**
 Saturday, October 1—**Birthday Gala**



2022-2023 ELT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM HONORS COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Everett Lee Taylor Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund was established over 30 years ago to recognize high school and college students who have been involved in our church and are enrolled in a college or trade school. During the past few years the recipients have been mainly current college students.

This year we have selected Collin Odom and Chloe Keith to receive the ELT Scholarship for the 2022-2023 school year. They will each receive a \$750 scholarship check as repeating college student recipients.



We have been pleased to offer scholarships to **Collin Odom** as he has progressed from Cuesta College to Temple University in Pennsylvania. This year he has graduated from Temple University with a Bachelors Degree in Performance Music concentrating in the bassoon. As he had planned, he applied to and has been accepted at the prestigious Juilliard School of Music in New York City. He expressed his appreciation for all the support his teachers and mentors have given him over the years. Their dedication influenced him to keep practicing and studying over his six year journey.

Chloe Keith took full advantage of learning and service opportunities during her first year at the University of Montana Western in the Natural Horsemanship Bachelor Degree Program. During the last year she and her horse, Legend, have developed a special relationship as they excelled in their horsemanship classes together. Besides earning all A's in her classes both semesters, Chloe joined the student senate where she was voted into the chair position for next year. She was also accepted into the Sales Preparation Class, a colt starting class ending with a competition and auction in April. Chloe works two part-time jobs as well as sing in the local Methodist Church choir. We continue to support her enthusiasm for learning and involvement in her school and community.



Congratulations to Collin and Chloe on their achievements and academic success.

The ELT Scholarship Committee

Judy Leonard, Chair

Nancy Gerrish

Judy Heiney

BG Perriguet

Jan Treat

EVERETT LEE TAYLOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

RECIPIENTS 1990-2022

Elizabeth Alquist	University of California, Berkeley	Chloe Keith	Cuesta College
David Anderson	University of California, Riverside		University of Montana Western
Carina Avila	Pace University	Matt Kuhns	Chapman College
David Avila	Cal Lutheran University	Charles Lang	University of California, Los Angeles
Chelsea Bailey	Sonoma State University	Beth Mahoney	Cal Poly State University
	Brandman University	Jed Moore	Cuesta College
Christina Bailey	Long Beach State University	Collin Odom	Cuesta College
Ryan Bailey	University of California, San Diego		Temple University
Kelley Ballagh	Alan Hancock College		The Juilliard School, New York City
Nick Ballagh	University of the Pacific	Ryan Odom	Cuesta College
Ben Baughman	University of California, Santa Cruz	Adrian Paredes	Cuesta College
		Rebecca Reineke	Cal Poly State University
Nicole Baughman	University of California, Los Angeles	Jenifer Richison	University of the Pacific
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Kristen Davis	University of California, Santa Cruz	Sheila Riley	Cuesta College
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Tracy Foster	University of the Pacific		
Trevor Foster	Cal Poly State University	Matthew Rohla	Chico State University
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		Mara Spalding	Cal Poly State University
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	University of California, Davis	Jeff Treat	Cornell University
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	Cal Poly State University		
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		Jenny Wineberg	Cuesta College
		Julie Wise	Cuesta College
		Tammy Wise	Cuesta College



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As we come to the end of our fiscal year, your trustees would like to THANK YOU for your support. We have taken care of many priority projects and repairs, and are still working on other important tasks. We will continue working on projects that enhance our facility, that make it safer and better. Thank you again from your trustee team.

Dave Bolterman, President

Judy Atwood, Mary Hawkins, Paul Holden, Irene Kliesch, Dick Melsheimer, Patti Melsheimer

A VISIT TO THE BUTTERFLIES IN OCEANO ! Plus much more ! On June 15th a Program Ministry-sponsored walk, hosted by Lucy Jacob, met at the Pismo

Nature Center for a tour of the Center. This was followed by a walk on the Guiton Trail, which is handicapped accessible. *Photos courtesy of Connie Clark*



News from the Mission Team

by Judy Atwood, chair

MISSION TEAM: July 2022

Judy Atwood

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

Reflection from Fawn McCallester,
Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner,
Cross Roads Ministerium, Felton, PA.

"Joy is what I find when I help at the Mason Dixon food pantry—whether it's loading groceries to give to the clients, stocking shelves or talking to the people we serve. We work for all to know joy, not for a select few. All should have hope. I pray that the small part I play shows that there are people who care about their well-being. I see the joy, when I learn from others that are different from me.

Joy is what I feel, when I see new friends who trust me enough to tell their story. How "Rose" works full time at a local school helping underserved students with their homework and finding their way. She works and still needs help in putting food on her own table. I hear the joy in her voice, as she tells me about some of the people she helps. She is a person that I wouldn't have known if not called to Mason Dixon."

NEW COVENANT MISSIONARY

The Mission Team has selected a new missionary to be our covenant missionary with John Elmore's retirement.

Florence Ogugua Mefor is a missionary with the Board of Global Ministries assigned to Mutambara, Zimbabwe, utilizing her skills as a nurse mid-wife. She is a native of Abatete, Nigeria. She is married to Dr. Emmanuel U. Mefor, also a Global Ministries Missionary. We are in contact with Florence and will share more of her story in the future.

SCHOOL SUPPLY NEEDS:

School let out just recently for the summer. Our Pre School had its promotion program in June. In planning ahead, we know that it won't be long before we will be seeing sales for school supplies for the next year. We want to help our Pre School be ready for another year.

During July we will collect items that AGUMCC Children's Center Director Maddy Quagliano has indicated are needed. We will also have a container for financial giving if you prefer to give in that way.



Some needed items include: 8 one-gallon jugs of water; 36 Elmer's white glue in 4 oz bottles; 36 Elmer's glue sticks in .21 oz; 24 Washable Large Crayola Crayons 8 pk; 24 Washable Crayola Classic Set-Markers 8 pk; 36 Clear or translucent plastic pencil boxes.

We will provide a complete list in the narthex.



So, my challenge to myself and others who wish to join me, continue to be who you are and be willing to take time to help make a change in the life of others.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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31 8th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service 4PM Movie Night—CH	<p>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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Hospitality

You are invited to join us for friendly Methodist Hospitality (formerly known as Coffee Hour) in Criswell Hall following Sunday morning worship.



In addition to enjoying the hospitality time, It is a wonderful way to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and other important occasions. Sign up on the list in the Narthex.

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's flowers for the arrangement.

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



- Collin Odom.....07/02
- Mary Whitson.....07/03
- Bud Johnson.....07/06
- Michael Rohla.....07/08
- Jim Kelly.....07/10
- Larry Baughman.....07/11
- Bernie Hawkins.....07/11
- Lexie Harrigan.....07/13
- Dick Melsheimer.....07/14
- Valerie Beard.....07/15
- Faye Cuddy.....07/15
- Enrique Quintana.....07/15
- Joel Anderson.....07/19
- Christine Ridley.....07/20
- Nancie Thompson.....07/20
- David Bolterman.....7/23



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!

Hope, Joy & Love Rising



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Children's Center Chronicle

*Join us for summer church services
in your casual, comfortable attire!*

