



Homecoming Herald

“Rock Founded, Christ Centered, Faith Sustained”

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center

March 2009

MEET MISS PIGGY

a-k-a “The Very Greedy Big Pig”

On Sunday, February 15, *Miss Piggy* made her “debut” in both the contemporary and traditional services. It might be said that the performance by Larry Wiemers and Pastor David was a bit of hogwash, but the point was made. We really need to roll the coins we feed the big pig in order to avoid a surcharge at the bank and/or to get receipts for our contributions. Those of you who are familiar with the farm may recall the terminology—slop the hogs. We are hoping for a more orderly, neat process in getting our savings from our little piggy banks into the fund for the 125th anniversary. There was an instruction sheet in the bulletin explaining the options for her first feeding experience, and coin wrappers were made available.

For those of you who missed church the options are:

1. Roll your coins and feed the rolled coins to

Miss Piggy on **Feed the Big Pig Sundays** (and receive a receipt for your contribution).

2. Write a check to the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande and mark it for the 125th Anniversary Celebration and place it in the “pig basket” beside *Miss Piggy*. It will be notated on your record of giving statement.
3. Dump in the change you have if you don't have enough to roll, and start over. (No receipt due to time constraints.)
4. OR—just keep on feeding your little pig until the next **FEED THE BIG PIG SUNDAY**.

This time **FEED THE BIG PIG SUNDAY** happened to coincide with the Youth Spudtacular on February 22nd. It may be a real contest to determine who truly is the Big Greedy Pig of the day. Watch the Cast-a-Net next month for the results.

Bible Sunday

March 29, 2009—You are invited to share your special Bible and/or Bibles! Bring your special Bibles to Criswell Hall between 8:00am and 9:30am on Sunday morning the 29th of March. We'll have tables available to put your Bible on display. This display of Bibles will then be available for viewing between services, 9:30am to 10:30am, on that same day. You may leave your Bible out for display after the second service as well if you wish. Take your Bible with you when you go home.

If you can, provide a little write-up to sit next to your Bible describing what makes it special to you, its history, what's notable, etc. It will be helpful if the write-ups are brief. Using large print also helps. And, bring an extra favorite Bible to have with you during the worship service!

We'll be honoring Bibles in the following categories: Oldest, Newest, Most Used, Most Unusual Language(s), Most Unusual English version, and Best Illuminated or Illustrated.



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COMMITTEE CORNER

At the February 8th meeting of the 125th Anniversary Committee we discussed how to contact former members who have left the area. We are asking members of the congregation who are still in contact with these folks to bring their names and current addresses to church this month and leave them in the "piggy basket" in the narthex. Pauline Castillo and her committee have been working on a contact list for members still on the roll. Heather Jensen has agreed to help compile this additional list so we can reach out to our former members and affiliates.

We also decided to have Bible Sunday to display and share our special Bibles. Jamie Foster is chairing this event which will be held in Criswell Hall between services on March 29.

Homecoming Calendar

March

22nd UMM Pancake Breakfast

April

12th Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt

19th AG UM Children's Center Sunday

Music For A Sunday Afternoon

26th Family Fun Day & BBQ @ the Wiemers

May

3rd Cluster Choir Festival

17th UMM Pancake Breakfast

31st Special Worship Service and picnic

at Camp AG Tabernacle

...and so much more!!!