

UMC Choir Cluster Festival hosted at First UMC of AG on May 6. Seven churches in our area joined for joyful music. Participating in the combined selections were over 150 musicians. Featured in photo is the hosting choir.



 FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ARROYO GRANDE

 PARKING LOT

 SATURDAY June 9th

 11 AM TO 2 PM

 BACKPACKS

Skipping Bags
Backpacks

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HELPING THOSE IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

Everything is FREE including coffee and donuts for our guests! Volunteers are always needed to help—check with the Ashtons

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From the Pastor

Many thanks for the prayers, cards and well wishes during my recent absence for surgery. Thanks, too, for not asking too many questions! Some of us play "closer to the vest" when it comes to health and other matters. I am "one of those". To speak that kind of truth over and over multiplies my anxiety, unlike others for whom talking about it is comforting. So, again thank you!

The outcome was great. This was an endometrial cancer caught as early as possible, that was removed, with no further treatment needed. I simply have to recover from surgery. It is frustratingly slow in my book, with too much fatigue, but all is well. I am ever so grateful for the outcome. I was a little panicked at the thought that my time here might be shortened or impeded by further treatment that might make retirement a logical choice. So, thank God, we have time to continue to move the church ahead together.

The 34th Session of Annual Conference is right around the corner. The dates are Wednesday June 13th through Sunday June 16th and the theme is THIRST NO MORE. The Conference, once again, is in Redlands, California. Our Lay Delegates are Patti Melsheimer and Judy Atwood.

As we head into this summer season, let's not "take a vacation", but do some planning and begin implementing the new.

Thanks be to God for you!

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

34th SESSSION OF CAL-PAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018 JUNE 13th—16th Redlands, California

Lay Delegates: Patti Melsheimer and Judy Atwood





Mondays at 7 PM Women come to pray together in the Sanctuary.



Adult Bible Study at 5:45 PM FREE Fellowship Meal at 5 PM



Fridays at 8:30 AM Join us in the Library for Bible Study, discussion, coffee, & friends!



JUNE 2018 PAGE 3 Dates **Topics and Schedule** Sunday, June 3 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services **Choir Sunday** Meditation by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "IN A PERFECT WORLD" Communion 1 Corinthians 13 • 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study REVIVAL: Faith as Wesley Lived It by Adam Hamilton Wednesday, June 6 Session 4 of 6 Sunday, June 10 • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "AND HE PRAYED" Mark 1:29-39 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study REVIVAL: Faith as Wesley Lived It by Adam Hamilton Wednesday, June 13 Session 5 of 6 Sunday, June 17 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Father's Day Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "TO DREAM THIS DREAM FOR GOD" Proverbs 4:1-11 • 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study Wednesday , June 20 REVIVAL: Faith as Wesley Lived It by Adam Hamilton Session 6 of 6 Sunday, June 24 • 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis "MADE VISIBLE IN JESUS"

Wednesday, June 27 • 5:45 PM Adult Bible Study on Summer Break

John 1:1-18

	JUNE 3
8:30 a.m.—	———-Lucy Jacob
10:30 a.m.—	—Nancy St. Laurent
J	UNE 10
8:30 a.m.—	———-David Beard
10:30 a.m.—	——-David Beaman

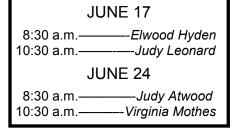
WEDNESDAY STUDY CLASSES ~ MAY 16 TO JUNE 20 REVIVAL: FAITH AS WESLEY LIVED IT

by Adam Hamilton



Wesley's message and faith continues to speak to 21stcentury Christians—calling for a revival of hearts and souls that our world might be changed. Join Hamilton for a six-week journey as he travels to England, follow-

Classes in Criswell Hall 5:45 PM

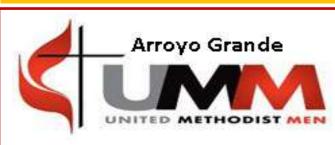


FAITH AS
WESLEYing the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining
characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. Wesley's story
is our story. It defines our faith and it challenges us to
rediscover our spiritual passion.Please Join Us!

Books are available for \$10 from Judy Atwood/Church Office.



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Val McClure, publicity

JUNE IS UMM BBQ MONTH

You can sit in Church on **Sunday, June 10th** and smell barbecued chicken and beef tri-tips cooking on the grill as the UMM presents the Annual All Church BBQ right after the second service. This event is in its 45th year, and even though it is a big undertaking for the UMM it is felt it's well worth the effort.



NOTE: SOMETHING NEW! Many people have made the comment that they would like <u>BOTH</u> chicken and beef. This year you will be able to purchase a "COMBO PLATE" with smaller portions of both yummy items. The price is the same as a single larger portion. Make your choice when you purchase tickets.

This year's offering includes chicken, tri-tips, cole slaw, BBQ beans, garlic bread, and cupcakes, (with lemonade, coffee, tea and hot chocolate for those eating in Criswell Hall—no take-out drinks.) **COST:** Adults \$12 – Youth \$5 - under 10 years free **Tickets are available in Criswell Hall** starting May 27th. A few tickets will be available at the door the day of the event. **Take home sign–ups** available at time of ticket purchase.

COFFEE N'ART READY TO GO

Get ready for a great Art Show after the second service on **Sunday**, **June 3rd**. Over 10 Artists will show their works, including some works from the children in our own



Children's Center. Some yummy goodies will be available while you view the art. Don't miss this once a year event!

JUNE 18th IS WRAP-UP TIME FOR UMM

The UMM Cabinet will meet for the final time in its program year on June 18th.

They will be discussing up-coming programs for 2018-2019. Do you have any advice for the UMM Cabinet? If so there will be a **SURVEY SHEET** in the Narthex the next few Sundays. Make your

comments and turn them in to Chuck Ashton, UMM President. And – Many Thanks.

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United Methodist Women

" The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose Purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ'; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation FAITH . HOPE . LOVE IN ACTION IN the global ministries of the church."



THE MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

held on Saturday, May 12th was a wonderful, fun-filled event. The attendees were served a chicken salad croissant along with a spinach salad topped with bacon pieces and sliced hard boiled egg. Dessert was a delicious slice of a cheesecake filling with a chocolate wafer crust. Dennis Eiler on keyboard and Don Gugeler on the clarinet accompanied and sang for our background musical entertainment.

After lunch, we were treated to a fashion show called "Crazy Retro" in which the women from UMW served as the models Their imagination and ingenuity resulted in an astonishing array of costumes. It has been suggested that we make a calendar featuring their outfits and make that a new fundraiser. After the fashion show, ten of the UMW ladies who called themselves the "Rocking Walkers" performed an entertaining "dance" with their walkers. Can't wait to see what next year will inspire. It'll be hard to top what they did this year.



Classy mood music during the luncheon was provided by Dennis and Don. More photos of the luncheon are on the next page (page 6).

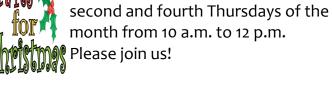
A NEW FUNDRAISER is being contemplated—a silent auction. Donations for this will be from July 8 through July 29. After July, all items will be displayed and bids received. More to come regarding details on this enterprise.

UMW CRAFT WORKSHOP

Classes for making goods for the November Boutique are still ongoing. This is UMW's biggest fundraiser of all and presents the perfect time of year for your holiday decorating and gift giving.



The craft workshop continues to meet in the McMillen Room on the



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UMW LUNCHEON THROUGH PHOTOS



UMW Chef Du Jour TINA preparing delicious croissant chicken sandwiches. A very special thank you to Tina and her sous chefs, Gloria and Shirley.

Entertainment continued with the UMW Dancers (led by UMW President Mary) and their mesmerizing moves--Gerry, Sally, Mary, Carolyn, Patti, Helen & B.G.

The Opening Act of the entertainment was the Crazy Retro Fashion Show. Rose Ann wrote and presented the clever commentary. Gerry models the timeless "Sack" dress and "Pill Box" hat.









The fantastic "Rockin' Walkers" Dance Troupe performed the Grand Finale.

> All photos courtesy of Judy Atwood

Our heroes were the servers-Dick, Paul, Ray, Bernie, Peter, Jim

Thank you to the UMW and their amazing supporters for this grand event!



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FROM YOUR LAY LEADER

~ Patti Melsheimer

I found this report very interesting. It gives us some food for thought as we begin to launch new programs this year

A new survey reported by the United Methodist Communications about spiritual "seekers" finds that the top motivators for considering a church are knowing that everyone will be welcomed (32%), making friends and nurturing friendships (29%), support during difficult times (28%) and learning more about God (27%). Less motivating are opportunities for Bible study, volunteer opportunities, discussions of issues and topics and the provision of child care.

The survey, conducted by the Barna Group on behalf of United Methodist Communications, included people aged 25-49 who consider themselves spiritual, socially conscious and seeking meaning in their lives, but who are not affiliated with a church.

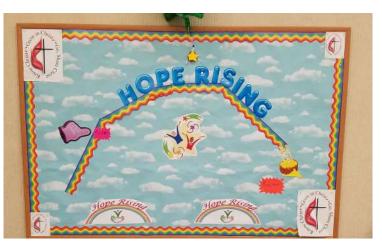
"The findings point to a desire for genuine community," said Dan Krause, general secretary of United Methodist Communications. "About three-quarters of those who might visit a church said that <u>having friendly and welcoming people might cause them to continue attending."</u>

Among survey respondents, women were more interested in being welcomed into a church and the relationships that might develop, while men were relatively more interested in knowledge about God. About one in three said they do not believe church has anything to offer them.

Enjoyable sermons and insightful teaching rank high as attractive church characteristics among both men and women, and were twice as likely to be named as a motivator than the worship experience.

"This data provides insights into how and where churches can connect with people who may be looking for a faith community where they can belong," said Krause. If you would like to read the full report go to folio.umc.org and scroll down the page entitled "UMNS Daily Digest" to Press releases and find the article entitled "Survey: What seekers want in a church"

By keeping watch on the bulletin board in Criswell Hall you can see how the congregation is progressing with HOPE RISING!



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Caring Congregation Committee

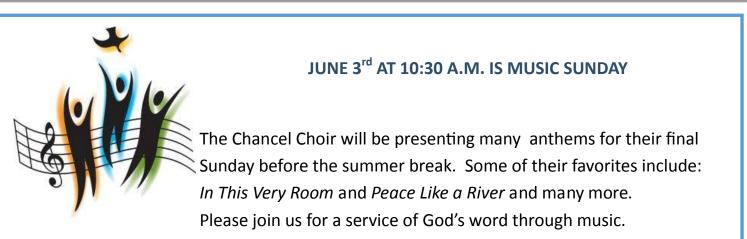


June is time for new beginnings—not just vacation travel, gardening, beach time, summer concerts and BBQs but also OUR <u>NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON</u>.

The **entire congregation** is invited to attend the luncheon after second service on June 24st in Criswell Hall. **It's FREE! It's FUN! It's FAMILY time (with your church family)!** It's your chance to not only get acquainted with our new members but also other folks from both services.

Please sign up in Criswell Hall at the Caring Congregation table by June 10th. We want to order enough food and have table space for everyone. We sure could use your help in setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Sign-up sheets will be available for these service opportunities, too. For more information, stop by the table to chat.

~ Pat Wiemers



We are looking for small music groups, soloists, instrumentalists to participate this summer for our 10:30 service. If God leads you to share your talent, please see Julie for a calendar date.

It's been a wonderful year and we look forward to the 2018/19 year after our break. The Chancel Choir will return to the 10:30 a.m. worship service on September 9th.

Julie Burns, Chancel Choir Director

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is from the Missi By Judy Atwood, chair

MISSION TEAM: JUNE 2018

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1. Mission Around the World with UMCOR
- 2. Mission Giving in 2017
- 3. Special Giving Totals for 2018

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE ... IN ACTION

2. GIVING IN 2017 1.MISSION AROUND THE WORLD WITH UMCOR

Ever wonder what about all the places UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) goes on our behalf and how our support makes a difference to people around the world?

- + In 2017, United Methodists, through UMCOR, implemented projects that made a difference in the lives of nearly 323,000 people worldwide. UMCOR grants for U.S. and International Disaster response and international development work were made possible through the generous giving of United Methodists across the denomination.
- In 2017, because of the generous giving of United Methodists around the world, UMCOR International Disaster Response responded to 20 different disasters. UMCOR:
 - Implemented 37 International Disaster Response grants;
 - * Worked with 25 different organizations to implement programs;
 - Awarded \$2,490,552 in relief and recovery grants;
 - These grants targeted 288,904 vulnerable people in need.
- Thanks to you, UMCOR responded to 44

* Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, Haiti, Dominican Republic, and Virgin Islands totaling \$15 million.

Evacuation due to Hurricane Maria in New York and Florida - \$400,000.

* Wildfires in California, Washington, and Montana - totaling \$250,000.

These gifts to Mission are represented by individuals giving online or through the mail, by churches through their conferences or directly, and by foundations or trusts and other kinds of funds.

> * U.S. Disaster Response Advance #901670 Total: \$39,550,605.

* International Disaster Response Advance #982450 Total: \$2,087,466.

- Global Mission Fellows Total; \$64,917.
- Sustainable Development Total: \$948,527.
- Missionary Support Total: \$3,392,396.
- * **Evangelism and Church Building Total:**
- \$735,459.
- Abundant Health Total: \$306,128.

Many hands continue to do many things.



3. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2018

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watch as the totals grow during t	ne year!
People's Kitchen Misc.	\$ 6,570.00
People's Kitchen Food	166.77
South County Food Bank	166.76
UMCOR—Fire Relief	1,150.00
UMCOR—Human Relations Sunday	53.00
UMCOR Sunday	967.00
UMCOR—Native American Ministri	es 250.00

different U.S. disasters in 2017.

* <u>Hurricane</u> <u>Harvey</u> in Texas and Louisiana – <u>4 MONTHS TOTAL</u>:

5 grants totaling over \$3 million.

* <u>Hurricane Irma</u> in Florida, South Georgia, and South Carolina – 3 grants totaling \$1,060,300.

A THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION. DON'T ASK GOD TO GUIDE YOUR FOOTSTEPS, IF YOU'RE NOT WILLING TO MOVE YOUR FEET.

<u>\$ 9,323.53</u>

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8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Music Sunday 11:30 AM UMM Art Show— Coffee and Art—CH Coffee Hour: Worship Committee	11 AM UMM Cabinet Meeting—L 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry—CH 5:45 PM G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH 7 PM Women of Prayer-S	8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus knitters—MMR 11 AM Chair Yoga on break 5PM Handbells—HR	8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Church Work Day 5 PM Free Dinner—CH 5:45 PM Adult Study Group—CH 7 PM No Chancel Choir summer break	8:00 AM People's Kitchen Prep—Leave to Serve 11:15 AM—K 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 10 AM Intercessory Prayer—L 5 PM Handbells —HR	8:00 AM Giveaway Setup—8 AM to 9 PM—K,CH,N 8:30 AM Bible Study—L	8:00 AM Parking Lot Giveaway— Setup 9 AM, Event 11 AM to 2 PM—K,CH,N, Parking Lot 9:00 AM AGUMC Golf Fundraiser a Monarch Dunes 11:30 AM Lunch at Golf Fundraise
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Coffee Hour: Mission Team	7 PM Women of Prayer-S	11 AM Chair Yoga on break	10 AM Intercessory Prayer—L		
11:30 AM New Member Recognition Luncheon— Caring Congregation					



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Throughout the summer months the Praise Team at FUMCAG will continue to provide music at the first worship service on Sunday mornings. Praise Team leader Mike Clark extends the invitation to come learn some contemporary Christian worship music with them.

The handbells, under the direction of Leonard Lutz, play on the third Sundays of the month at both worship



services at FUMCAG. They will be ringing their last Sunday for the summer on **June 17th** and then be on break until early September.



Have we missed your

June

Neil Prestemon	06/01
Mike Reineke	06/04
James Steiner	06/05
Ray Douglas	06/07
Sadie Krovious	06/08
Doug Craig	06/11
Bill Weitkamp	06/11
Lili Bauske	06/14
Chet Keilan	06/15
Dennis Eiler	06/16
Evelyn Greene	06/16
George Stewart	
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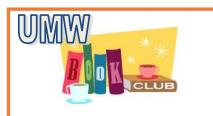
birthday? If so, it is not listed on our data base. Please contact the church office and we will be glad to add your birth date to our monthly birthday list! Connie Clark......06/19 Gloria Johnson.....06/19 BG Perriguey.....06/20 Sandy Underwood.....06/23 Victoria Paredes.....06/24 Bobbi Merris.....06/28



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The UMW Book Club is going to take a break for the summer. At the May meeting members discussed several possible books that they might read for the September meeting. Patti Melsheimer will confirm the selected book in August. Everyone is invited to join the group on September 28th at 11 A.M.

~ Judy Leonard

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Third Annual AGUMCC Golf Tournament at the Monarch Dunes Challenge Course Saturday, June 9, 2018.

Help the Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center raise \$10,000 to improve outdoor play and early childhood education, while playing golf.

We are still looking for golfers! Individual Registration for golfers is \$75. Team Registration is \$300. The cost includes a golf cart, door prize tickets and tri tip lunch at the Butterfly Grill. There will also be prizes and a silent auction at the event.

Lunch tickets can be purchased for non-golfers



United Methodist Children's Center



at \$25. Come to see the fun and participate in the Silent Auction.

For more information call Maddy Quaglino, Children's Center Director, at 481-2223. Registration form available at <u>www.agumcc.org</u> or in Criswell Hall on the Children's Center Board.