

HOPE, JOY AND LOVE RISING!



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First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

JUNE 2019

CARING CONGREGATION COMMITTEE HOSTS NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON TO WELCOME 17 NEW MEMBERS



New member Ray with sponsor Bernie



Entertainment Quartet includes two new members David and Gary



Smiling new members Marcia and Bordena



New member Stacy visits with Praise Team leader Mike



A bright array of Welcome Gifts



UMC AG members Bob and Betty attend to welcome new members

Photos by Joe Brown

2019-2020 STEWARDSHIP — LOVE RISING

- ♥ Please return your Estimates of Giving on or before Sunday, June 9.
- ♥ Please prayerfully consider taking a STEP-UP in your giving.
- ♥ We need EVERYONE'S Estimate of Giving in order to prepare our budget for the fiscal year starting July 1.



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THE NEW AGFUMC LOGO!

In 2016 our Stewardship Campaign theme was "ALL OF US". The next year rolled around quickly. Our church does not yet have a designated "Stewardship Team" and the responsibility for the annual stewardship drive was taken on by the Finance Committee. This is unusual for most churches. We need to develop a team that lifts up all kinds of stewardship all year long---time, talent, service and all the rest. Nevertheless, Joel and I had to come up with something to highlight our spring effort to encourage givers to give. So, in 2016 the theme became HOPE RISING! We liked it. In some back and forth via e-mail we chose symbols---hands, a sprout, the covenant rainbow from Genesis, a symbol of hope and the fulfillment of God's promise to the people. I loved the sprout because our campaign is "post Easter" and the symbol suggests Jesus rising. Resurrection!

In 2017, we decided on JOY RISING and claimed another sign of resurrection, reminiscent of Easter's Dawn. And I jokingly said, "Let's save ourselves some anxiety next year and make 2018 LOVE RISING." So, we did! The sun shining became a heart, with Jesus in the middle---Jesus, sent from the heart of God.



You can see how the new mission statement was born. The new logo followed suit, combining the logos of 2016, 2017 and 2018. Why change it up? It's good to "change it up" from time to time---the look, the feel, the message. If you browse church websites you can see how even a mission statement and logo become dated. It's important to grow it forward and keep it looking fresh and new. We hope you enjoy this one. We love God, we believe in Jesus, we are empowered by the Spirit and HOPE, JOY & LOVE RISING is an easy invitation to others to join us as we worship God.

Blessings & Peace to You,

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

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Adult Christian Education



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



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

JUNE LITURGISTS

JUNE 2

8:30 a.m.-----Joseph Brown
10:30 a.m.-----B.G. Perriguet

JUNE 9

8:30 a.m.-----Sharon Roemer
10:30 a.m.-----Cristy Van Hook

JUNE 16

8:30 a.m.-----Joel Anderson
10:30 a.m.-----Carolyn Eaton

JUNE 23

8:30 a.m.-----Larry Baughman
10:30 a.m.-----Barbara Reineke

JUNE 30

8:30 a.m.-----Susan Thronson
10:30 a.m.-----Nancy St. Laurent



Dates	Topics and Schedule
Sunday, June 2, 2019 7th Sunday of Easter Music Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis LOVE RISING: Lydia Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67
Wednesday, June 5, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Adult Bible Study on break until Fall
Sunday, June 9, 2019 PENTECOST — Celebrating Our Stewardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis LOVE RISING: All of Us Acts 2:1-21
Wednesday, June 12, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Adult Bible Study on break until Fall
Sunday, June 16, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
Wednesday, June 19, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Adult Bible Study on break until Fall
Sunday, June 23, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
Wednesday, June 26, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Adult Bible Study on break until Fall
Sunday, June 30, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

**35th SESSION OF
CAL-PAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018
JUNE 13th—15th
Redlands, California
Lay Delegates:
Patti Melsheimer and Judy Atwood**



THE UMM HAS GONE FISHING FOR THE SUMMER!



UMM ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME IN THE FALL

Photos of the UMW Luncheon—aboard the fantasy cruise ship





United
Methodist
Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

“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 in the global ministries of the church.”

UMW is alive and strong!

If you are a woman, you might consider the many opportunities to participate, meet other women and socialize in a Christian organization. Join one of our Circle Meetings:

JOY Circle meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7 PM in the home of one of its members.

Mary Martha Esther Circle meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 10 AM in the McMillen Room.

SEW ‘n’ SEWS meets every Tuesday from 9:15 AM to 12 noon in the McMillen Room. The group works on Quilting, Knitting and Crocheting, making projects for the UMW mission project and Prayer Shawl ministry.

On the fourth Friday of the month the **UMW Book Club** meets, choosing a book from the UMW reading program.

Starting again in June, there is a **Craft Group** meeting **every Thursday, 9:30 AM to 12 noon**, in the McMillen Room. Gifts and projects for the Christmas Boutique in November are made. We need all your talents!

Don’t forget to look ahead to the Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Party, August 14, in Criswell Hall.

And looking back to the **Ladies Luncheon**, which was successful by all accounts, we want to thank all the wonderful helpers—kitchen chefs, decorators, and entertainment including the young dancers.



Please enjoy the photos taken at the “fantasy cruise ship” luncheon on both this and the previous page.

submitted by Gerry McGuire



Mary with the children and piñata



“Captain Bob” of the fantasy cruise ship

Gerry, organizer & costume maker

PROGRAM MINISTRY DATES and ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 11:00 a.m.—1 :00 p.m.

BIRTHDAY GALA AND LUNCHEON

Age 80 and older are FREE! And for those of you who thought the cost would be \$5 for others—**It is now free to all!** Everyone Is Welcome!



TUESDAY, JUNE 11,
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TALLEY WINERY PICNIC

Van transportation provided. Limit is 15 adults. Cost p/p: \$10. Bring your picnic.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19
**HARMONY HEADLANDS
HIKING TRAIL**



Meet at church at 9 a.m. to carpool. Bring your picnic.

FOR ALL PROGRAM MINISTRY ACTIVITIES, SIGNUPS ARE TAKEN ON THE CLIPBOARDS IN THE NARTHEX

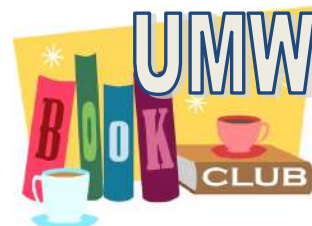
COME CHECK OUT THE DETAILS AND DATES FOR FUTURE EVENTS

In Memory and Honor
of Virginia Mothes

The Endowment Board is offering an opportunity for the church family to make donations for a LEAF on the TREE OF LIFE in the Narthex.



Please write a check to the church, and note "In memory of Virginia Mothes".



UMW Book Club on Summer Break

The UMW Book Club has finished another season of reading and discussing a variety of fiction and non-fiction books.

Since it's almost summer vacation time, the group will take a break for a couple months.

During the summer we will read a classic, To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee. This story of prejudice and injustice has inspired countless readers over the years. Copies are readily available in used book stores.

The book discussion will take place at our August 23rd meeting at 11 A.M. in the McMillen Room.

submitted by Judy Leonard

MUSIC NOTES



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.

PRAISE TEAM

HANDBELLS

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 16th** and then be on break until early September.



CHANCEL CHOIR

June 2nd, 2019 at 10:30 will be Music Sunday this year. We will be doing some fun and spirited songs with a few of our favorites from the past year. Hard to believe it's time for our summer break already, but we will return with an even bigger choir for our first rehearsal August 28th - new time to be announced.

We are looking for small music groups, soloists, instrumentalists to participate this summer for our 10:30 service. Hoping for a lively summer music program, so if you have something fun and different to offer, submit your possibility to Julie.

As we start preparing ourselves for our exciting trip to New York to sing at Carnegie Hall at the end of this year, we are planning a few great fundraisers that you won't want to miss. Save the first date of **July 12th, Friday evening, from 5:30 – 8:30 at Black Lake Golf Course Clubhouse for An Evening with Burns & Eiler & Friends**. Plus a live auction with some amazing auction items, appetizers, drink and entertainment.

~Julie Burns, Director

FROM YOUR LAY LEADER

Patti Melsheimer

“Happiness & Joy”

Have you noticed how many articles, books, write-ups and sayings there are about Happiness and Joy? One of our UMW circles read **The Book of JOY** by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The UMW book club also read it. The best selling book **The Life-changing Magic of Tidying Up** recommends keeping only those things that “give you joy”. While I was waiting for my prescriptions to be filled yesterday, I checked out the magazines – one was titled **“The Happiness Formula – How to find Joy and Live Your Best Life - New Scientific Discoveries”**. (Of course, I couldn’t resist buying it!) And the city of San Luis Obispo held the title of “Happiest Town” for a while.

What is all this fascination with “Happiness & Joy”? From the magazine – **“The Happiness Formula”**, a quote: **“Happiness: It’s the thing most of us feel we should have more of.”** Their research says... **“happy people tend to live longer, exhibit fewer or less severe mental health issues, have more friends and perform better at work.”** Kristin Layous, Ph.D.

In her studies, Layous compared the effects of trying to make someone else happier to the effects of trying to make oneself happier. She found subjects who exerted more effort trying to brighten others’ days felt happier than those who tried to brighten their own. She went on to state that **“there’s more and more evidence accumulating that focusing on others makes us much happier than focusing on ourselves.”**

In **The Book of Joy**, Archbishop Tutu states, **“I mean simply to say that ultimately our greatest joy is when we seek to do good for others. We are wired to be caring for the other and generous to one another. We shrivel when we are not able to interact.”** But the archbishop reminds us that the goal is not just to create joy for ourselves but, **“to be a reservoir of joy, an oasis of peace, a pool of serenity that can ripple out to all those around you.”**

For many of us the **Bible** is the first book to which we look to on how to find JOY. Although it does not use the word “joy” specifically we are directed to take care of others first. In Matthew 7:12 Jesus says **“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.”** And in Philippians 2:3-5 we find **“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.”**

Maybe we can all find a bit more joy and happiness as we proceed through life by reaching out to others each day. Give it a try!

MISSIONARY JOHN ELMORE’S VISIT ON APRIL 30, 2019



News from the Mission Team

by Judy Atwood, chair

MISSION TEAM: June 2019

Judy Atwood

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. [Camp in the Woods](#) 2. [Special Giving Totals for 2019](#)

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

1. CAMP IN THE WOODS

John Elmore, a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries, is one of our covenant missionaries. He was here and spoke to a couple groups in April. He is starting a three year adventure to rehabilitate camp Campamento el Bosque---Camp in the Woods. He is raising funds to make this possible.

The Mission Team will be making a decision on giving funds from our Mission money when we meet next. Our Church Council has approved opening this up to the congregation to help support this work. If you would like to help make this venture possible, please mark your check in the memo with JOHN ELMORE. You can place it in the offering or the container on the mission table in the hall.

The Campamento el Bosque has 22 acres of land. The purpose of the camp is to create an environment where children and adults can learn of the responsibility that we all have in taking care of this earth. God created the earth and we have a responsibility to maintain it. The mission of the camp is to maintain the natural beauty of the Chilean Native Flora along with the trees that were planted years ago by the early missionaries that started this Camp in the Woods. The summer camp will be able to reach kids from the area that do not know Jesus Christ and teach them through love and example of what it means to be a Child of God.

Many hands made much possible!







2. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2019!

People's Kitchen Misc.	\$3,495.00
People's Kitchen Food	275.44
South County Food Coalition	275.44
UMCOR-Human Relation Day	145.00
UMCOR Sunday	472.00
UMCOR-Native American Sun	195.00
Mission...Haiti	<u>500.00</u>
4 MONTH TOTAL	\$5,357.88

Thank you for your second mile gifts

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 11 AM to 1 PM Program Ministry Birthday Gala & Luncheon—CH
2 MUSIC SUNDAY 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: JOY Circle	3 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry—CH 5:45 PM G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH 7 PM Women of Prayer-S	4 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR 11 AM UMW Chair Yoga Class—CH 5 PM Handbells—HR	5 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Church Work Day 5:30 PM Adult Study on Break until Fall	6 8 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 6 PM Worship Team— PS	7 AGUMCC Spirit Day 8:30 AM Bible Study—L 3:30 PM AGUMCC closed 3:30 PM AGUMCC Staff Development- MMR	8
9 PENTECOST/ STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: United Methodist Men	10 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	11 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR 11 AM UMW Chair Yoga Class—CH 11 AM-2 PM Program Ministry Talley Winery Picnic 5 PM Handbells—HR 7 PM Trustees—PS	12 Deadline for ELT Scholarship Applications 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Church Work Day 9:30 AM UMW Steering—L 11:30 AM Program Ministry —L 5:30 PM Adult Study on Break until Fall	13 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 10 AM Intercessory Prayer—L 5 PM Handbells—HR CAL PAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE, REDLANDS, JUNE 13-15	14 Parking Lot Giveaway Setup 8:30 AM Bible Study—L 	15 8 AM Giveaway Setup 11 AM—2 PM Parking Lot Giveaway CH,K, N
16 FATHERS DAY ELT SUNDAY PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: Mission Team	17 9 AM Deadline Newsletter Articles—Office 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry—CH 5:45 PM G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH 7 PM Women of Prayer-S	18 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR 11 AM UMW Chair Yoga Class—CH Preschool Board—MMR 4:30 PM —Open session 5:00 PM —Closed session 5:00 PM Handbells—HR 7:00 PM Joy Circle— Member's home	19 8:30 AM --Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM —Program Ministry Harmony Hike, Headlands Trail, bring picnic 9 AM Church Work Day 10 AM Communications—PS 10 AM Mary-Martha- Esther—MMR 5:30 PM Study Group on Break until Fall	20 8:30 AM --Senior Exercise—CH 10 AM Intercessory Prayer—L 1:30 PM Writing Class—MMR 5 PM Handbells—HR	21 8:30 AM Bible Study—L 	22
23 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: Caring Congregation	24 11 AM UMM Cabinet Meet- ing—L 1 PM Emergency Food Pantry—CH 5:45 PM G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH 7 PM Women of Prayer-S	25 8:30 AM Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR 11 AM UMW Chair Yoga Class—CH 5 PM Handbells—HR	26 8:30 AM --Senior Exercise—CH 9 AM Church Work Day 5:30 PM Study Group on Break until Fall	27 8:30 AM --Senior Exercise—CH 10 AM Intercessory Prayer—L 5 PM Handbells—HR	28 8:30 AM Bible Study—L	29
30 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service Coffee Hour: Patti Melsheimer	<i>July Begins Today</i>	Abbreviation Legend CH—Criswell Hall HR—Handbell Room #115 K—Kitchen L—Library Room #123 MMR—McMillen Room #113 PL—Parking Lot PS—Pastor's Study S—Sanctuary				

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Monday, June 17
in the morning

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INTRODUCING NEW CHURCH VISITORS



Lucy Jacob and Elwood Hyden have volunteered to be visitors.

Lucy is a native Californian and has been coming to our church since moving here with her late husband and two children. Lucy feels the church has been important to her faith and well being. She often sits in church by her brother Joel Anderson.

Elwood Hyden started coming to our church in 2007 while working in Diablo Canyon. As a contract instructor, he would come every few years and spend time here. Elwood calls Chattanooga, Tennessee home. In January 2018 Elwood returned for another rotation at Diablo and asked Lucy if she wanted to go for a beach walk. What a walk that was.

Now a little over a year later Lucy and Elwood were married at the church and feel extremely blessed. Lucy and Elwood will start by visiting our shut ins and then go from there. Do you want to have a visit or to be a visitor? Let them know by calling Frances in the church office.



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 birth date to our monthly birthday list!

June

Mike Reineke	06/04
James Steiner	06/05
Ray Douglas	06/07
Sadie Krovious	06/08
Doug Craig	06/11
Bill Weitkamp	06/11
Lilly Bauske	06/14
Chet Keilan	06/15
Janice Moore	06/15
Dennis Eiler	06/16
Evelyn Green	06/16
George Stewart	06/17
Pauline Castillo	06/18
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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**PARKING LOT
SATURDAY June 15th
11 AM TO 2 PM**



- SOCKS
- CLOTHING
- BACKPACKS
- SLEEPING BAGS
- TOILETRIES
- BLANKETS



*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**