

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Mon	Sep 18	6:00 PM Gerry's Quilt ClassMcMillen Room.				
		9:00 AM Senior ExerciseCH,10:00 AM Sew n SewsMMR,				
		11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH,11 AM Rancho Burro Visit, 1 PM				
Tue	Sep 19	Bible StudyCH, 2 PM FinancePS, 6:30 PM Joy CircleMMR				
		9:00 AM Senior ExerciseCH, 9:00 AM Church Workday,				
Wed	Sep 20	10 AM UWF Steering-L, 2:00 PM Church CouncilMMR.				
		9:00 AM Senior ExerciseCH, 10 AM Craft WorkshopMMR,				
Thu	Sep 21	10:30 AM SPRCPS, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir RehearsalS.				
Sat	Sep 23	First Day of Fall				
Sun	Sep 24	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship ServiceSanctuary.				
Sun	Sep 24	10:30 AM Traditional Worship ServiceSanctuary.				

Abbreviation Legend

CH--Criswell Hall
S--Sanctuary
K--Kitchen
L--Library
Room #123
MMR--McMillen
Room #113
PS--Pastor's
Study

TODAY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17 *** INQUIRER'S CLASS ***

Would you like to transfer your membership from a previous church home to this church in Arroyo Grande? Are you making a decision to join a church for the first time? Wherever you are on your faith journey you are welcome to come to this gathering and bring your questions.

2:00 PM today in the Pastor's Study for the second of two sessions.

Thank you for worshiping with us. ---Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

TODAY we welcome back Leonard Lutz and the handbell ringers. They play special handbell music for both the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM worship services the third Sundays of the month from September through June.



Tuesday September 19, Visit to Rancho Burro Donkey Sanctuary 10:30 AM to carpool from church, 11:00 AM at site.



Sunday, September 24 Movie Night 4:00 PM Criswell Hall. "Champions" starring Woody Harrelson. Movie & popcorn are free, soft drinks & candy are complimentary. Program Ministry-Sign up at Connections in Narthex.



Saturday October 7, 10:00 AM Tour of 140 year old Arroyo Grande Cemetery led by Jim Gregory.

No charge. Sign up at Connections in the Narthex. Getting to know our neighbors

SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- Sunday, October 29--Watch for Trunk or Treat!
- Fri, Sat & Sun, November 3, 4, & 5
 UWF Holiday Boutique
- Saturday and Sunday, November 18 and 19
 Mark Hayes composer workshop

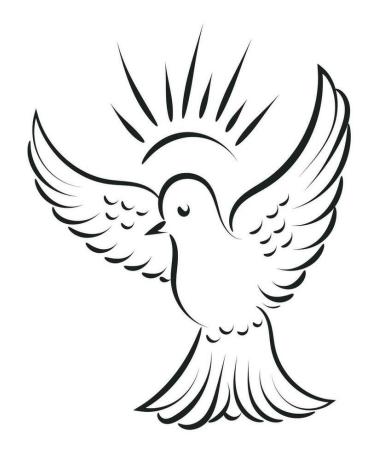


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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

---Ephesians 4:32

HANDBELL CHOIR Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Joyously Resound

arr. Douglas Wagner Lauren Delancy

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONGS Here I Am to Worship

Be the Strength of My Life Lord I Want to Be a Christian

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG OF ILLUMINATION Create in Me a Clean Heart

SCRIPTURE Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON THE GOOD LIFE: Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

Non-Judgment

OFFERING Have Thine Own Way

COMMUNION Arms of Love

FINAL BLESSING God is So Good

*CLOSING Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of guarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also, those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do vou despise vour brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Today's Liturgist: Lucy Jacob

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church' sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So, the slave fell on his knees before him. saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So, my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

ALL CHURCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TIME is last Sunday of each month.

	STEWARDSHIP					
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
08/20	33	71	104	19	123	\$3,017
08/27	33	69	102	33	135	\$3,682
09/03	33	66	99	10	109	\$9,248
09/10	32	58	90	n/a	n/a	\$7,282

Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038 STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

YTD Received \$63,909 YTD Budgeted \$62,962 Hawaii Fire Relief \$1,495

HOSPITALITY
TIME
Today's Hosts:
TRUSTEES
Hosts next
Sunday
September 24:
ALL CHURCH