First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande
Founded September 18, 1884

125th Anniversary Celebration
September 19, 2009

125th Anniversary Homecoming Dinner
September 19, 2009
At the South County Regional Center

1887-1960
1960-present
1897-present
With Us This Evening

**UMC Officials**
Mary Ann Swenson, Bishop
Catie Coots, District Superintendent
David Burgeson, Pastor
Harold Headrick, Minister of Visitation

**Former Pastors**
William (Bill) Black
Kenneth (Ken) Criswell
Alan (Al) Gorsline
Ehrhardt Lang
Robert (Bob) Underwood

**Former Associate Pastors**
Diana Brady
Son Hye Kim

**Covenant Missionary**
Judy Atwood

**Local Dignitaries**
Sam Blakeslee, CA State Assemblyman
Katcho Achadjian, Supervisor, SLO County
Joe Costello, Mayor Pro Tem, City of AG

Thank You!
Many thanks to these fine establishments for their support of this 125th Anniversary Homecoming Dinner. Won't you stop by and thank them in person some time...

Brisco's Mill & Lumber Yard
Jocko's Steakhouse
F. McLintocks
Tonight’s Agenda

4:00pm to 5:00pm - Social Hour

Entertainment
Jim and Mary Johnson

Slide Show - Jamie Foster

5:00pm to 6:00pm - Dinner

Welcome, Introductions, and Invocation
Pastor David Burgeson

6:00pm to 6:30pm - Program

Brief Remarks
Mary Ann Swenson, Bishop
Catie Coots, D.S.
Former Pastors
Judy Atwood, Missionary

Proclamations and Resolutions
Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee
Supervisor Katcho Achadjian
Mayor Pro Tem Joe Costello

Video: Reflections on Our History
Heidi Carpenter, Sean Lehman

Every Member in Service
Jamie Foster

Blessing
Pastor David Burgeson
Acknowledgements

125th Anniversary Celebration Committee Chairpersons
Co-Chairpersons: Pat and Larry Wiemers
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Kick-Off Sunday: Pat and Larry Wiemers
  Potluck: Linda and Mike Herber, Hilary Henderson
  Archives: Jean Hubbard
  Poster Displays: Adeline Bottorf
  Video: Caitlin Herber
Bible Sunday: Jamie Foster
Family Fun Day & BBQ: Pat and Larry Wiemers
  Entertainment: Connie and Mike Clark
  Sound system: Mike Coho
Tabernacle Sunday: Val McClure
  125th Anniversary Choir Cantata: Julie Walters, Jamie Foster
Music for a Sunday Afternoon: Don Gugeler
Cross Sunday: Jamie Foster
Evensong: Julie Walters, Jamie Foster
Charter Sunday: Pastor David Burgeson
  Ringing of the Bell: Tom Egan
  Reception: Fern Farmer

125th Anniversary Homecoming Dinner
Chairpersons: Bette Mankins, Cyndee Rohla
Food: Bette Mankins
Hospitality: Cyndee Rohla
Decorating: Bette Mankins, Arla Sloan
Program/Emcee: Jamie Foster
Set-up: Mike Herber
Clean-up: Bill Paulsen
Archive displays: Leona Beerup, Adeline Bottorf
Photo displays: Val McClure
Photography/video: Gary Hughes and Heidi Carpentier
A/V Technician: Mike Coho
Reservations: Wayne Huggins, Sarah Barber

Book: First United Methodist Church Arroyo Grande California: Celebrating 125 years - 1884-2009
  Jean Hubbard, author. Assisted by Kathleen Ballagh, Pat Wiemers, Sarah Barber
125th Commemorative Pictorial Directory: Nancy St. Laurent, Pastor David Burgeson
CD Production of Choir Albums: Mike Coho

With many thanks to all members of the congregation who served on these committees. Without everyone’s help this year of celebration would not have come together.