Our Big Pig
Still Needs
Feeding!

You will have the opportunity to feed our big pig throughout the month of May. The big pig and the “pig-o-meter” are located on the piano in Criswell Hall. When you make your donation to the big pig from your little red pig, be sure to read the “pig-o-meter”. It is currently at $903.45 as of this printing but you may want to check and see how much higher it has risen. If you would like to write a check for your pig donation instead of bringing the coins, be sure to write “125th” in the memo line of your check.

In case you haven’t heard, we are feeding the pig to underwrite some of the costs of our ongoing celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Methodist Church in Arroyo Grande. Some of these costs include covering the costs for some special guests, photography expenses, use of the Regional Center for our Celebration dinner in September, and the use of the campground.

SLO COUNTY BAND
14th Annual Spring Concert
Celebrating 135 years of Music

This 40 piece band delighted a packed audience in our United Methodist sanctuary with a wide ranging variety of musical pieces on Sunday April 19. The band and the audience were well represented by members of our congregation. The Conductor of the band is our own Leonard Lutz and Don Gugeler plays the clarinet as a member of the band. It was a special treat to enjoy the World Premiere performance of a march written by Don McGuire, our organist.

The concert was celebrating the Band’s 135th anniversary. Gary Thompson was the special guest Conductor. The concert was dedicated to the memory of Francis Fink who had been a member of the band for over 62 years.

If you were so unfortunate as to miss the concert, you still have an opportunity to enjoy their concerts in San Luis Obispo’s Mitchell Park. The programs begin at 1:00pm on Sundays, June 21, July 19, August 16, and September 20. Go and enjoy the fun.

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Bible Sunday

This was the day to share many special Bibles! Approximately 80 Bibles were displayed in Criswell Hall. In addition to English, we saw Bibles in Welsh, High Dutch, Spanish, German, Italian, Greek, and Hebrew. Most notably, the oldest Bible was 309 years old, and written in "High Dutch". It was brought by Richard De Bruyn. "High Dutch" was a reference to areas of the Rhein which are mostly German today. Germany didn’t exist in the 1700s; it was a collection of over 400 independent states of various sizes, and the English used the term "high Dutch" to describe this collection of states.

The ribbon for Most Used Bible went to Pastor David’s grandparents’ Bible. Nancy St. Laurent’s was the Best Illuminated. Tom Egan’s Catholic Bible and Sally Weltkamp's Bible were also among the Best Illuminated. The Newest Bible, brought by Jamie Foster, was printed in 1999, in Spanish. The Most Unusual English Bible was brought by Gary Hughes. It was a Parallel edition which included columns in King James, Modern Language, Living Bible, and Revised Standard versions. A Welsh Bible of 1865 was the Most Unusual Language.

Charlie Sloan and Alex Paredes were presented with a Bible by Pastor David during the service.

Thanks to everyone who shared their treasured Bibles and to Jamie Foster for organizing this very successful display!
Family Fun Day
A huge success!

What a wonderful time everyone had at the Wiemer's ranch on Sunday, April 26th so ably hosted by Pat and Larry Wiemers. This was a superb way to continue the celebration of our church's 125th Anniversary! The weather was warm and sunny and beautiful views were enjoyed as well as the many activities throughout the grounds. The music was great and to think that much of it was provided by our very own very talented members and their friends made it all the better. The delicious Santa Maria BBQ was prepared by many of Pat and Larry’s friends who also assisted in the traffic direction and registration. A big “Thank You” is extended to them.

In addition to all the good fun and fellowship, $663 was raised to assist in paying for other 125th anniversary events still to come. Approximately 190 people attended the BBQ. Pat Wiemers said her goal was to have everyone talk to at least five people that they didn’t know before. Did you meet anyone new as you chatted with fellow pic-