



THIS WEEK'S calendar



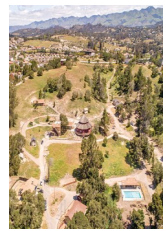
Mon	Sep 2	LABOR DAY FEDERAL HOLIDAY Church Office Closed
Tue	Sep 3	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews-MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH, 1:00 PM Bible Study-CH, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR, 7:00 PM Board of Trustees-McMillen Room.
Wed	Sep 4	9:00 AM Church Work Morning-CH, 10:00 AM Fellowship Team-L, 6:30 PM Worship Team-Pastor's Study.
Thu	Sep 5	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Craft Workshop-MMR, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR, 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary.
Sun	Sep 8	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service-Sanctuary. 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary.

Abbreviation Legend

CH--Criswell Hall
S--Sanctuary
K--Kitchen
L--Library---
Room #123
MMR--McMillen
Room #113
PS--Pastor's Study
HR--Handbell
Room #115



Thursdays, 6:30 PM Church Chancel Choir Rehearsals From Julia Burns, Choir Director: "Summer is over and choir is starting. Please come join us! Our first rehearsal is Sept 5th at 6:30 in the sanctuary. First Sunday in the chancel will be Sept 15th."



Wednesday, Sep 11 9:30 AM Camp Arroyo Grande Discovery Hike and Tour. Meet at the church at 9:15 AM to carpool. The camp was originally founded & operated by the Methodist Church. It is also the location of our 140th Anniversary Celebration.

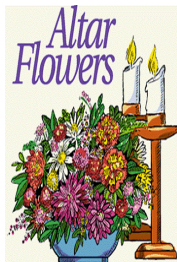
Saturday, Sep 28 10 AM AG Harvest Festival Parade To be a part of the church's participation in the parade, go to the Connections Desk in the Narthex for details and sign up to join the fun!



**Sunday, Oct 20th 4:00 PM
140th Anniversary Celebration
in the Tabernacle at Camp Arroyo Grande**



Save the date and invite your friends and family to this fun and historic event!



*Today's Altar Flowers
In honor of my dear mother
who was born in Bancroft,
Nebraska in 1919*

From Pam Garza



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September 1, 2024

10:30 AM

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *As the Deer/Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Mark Hayes

PRAISE SET *Come Now Is the Time To Worship
Oceans
My Sisters and Brothers*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The voice of God is calling.
Christ calls us here.
The voice of love is calling.
Our hearts answer with joy.
Come, worship the Holy One.

*OPENING HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* No. 139

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

**Glorious God,
Guide us on this path of faith,
that we might honor you with our lives.
Grant us courage to live your teachings
and to work for your justice.
Help us to be known as your disciples
by love that comes from within.
Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Jesus, Name Above All Names* TFWS #2071
 Prayer/Lord's Prayer
 Choral Response *Jesus, Name Above All Names* TFWS #2071

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:5-14
 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

HYMN *(remain seated)* *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* No. 526

SERMON HEAVEN ON EARTH Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
 Offertory *We Are an Offering* Dwight Liles
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the Source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal, page 15
 Sharing the Bread and Cup
 Communion Music *I Love You Lord* Laurie Klein/arr. Mark Hayes

*CLOSING HYMN *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name* No. 663

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *May You Run and Not Be Weary* TFWS #2281
*May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song.
 And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.
 And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy!
 And may the road you travel always lead you home.*

POSTLUDE *With Joyous Praise* Chester Nordman

*Please stand as able.

Music Director: Julia Burns Praise Team Leader: Mike Clark Piano: Dennis Eiler Organ: Brad Bettencourt

Today's Scripture

MATTHEW 6:5-14

'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

'Pray then in this way:
 Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
 Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtor

And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.
 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with

defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Today's Liturgist: Judy Leonard

ATTENDANCE						GIVING
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
08/04	35	49	84	51	135	\$ 9,495
08/11	37	57	94	17	111	\$ 3,685
08/18	38	53	91	21	112	\$ 2,340
08/25	38	43	81	4	85	\$12,935
Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,231 STEWARDSHIP REPORT: YTD Received: \$49,732 YTD Needed: \$ 49,848						

HoSPITALITY Time
Today Hosted
by
WORSHIP TEAM

Next Sunday
September 8

UNITED WOMEN
IN FAITH