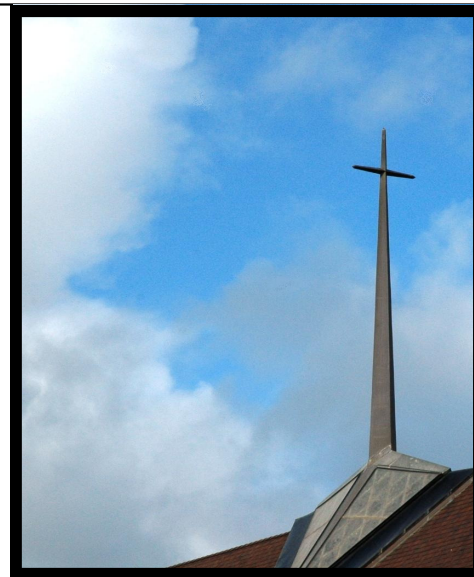


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Sunday, May 1
Cantata Special Service
10:30 a.m.—Sanctuary

Saturday, May 7
United Methodist Men
Breakfast Meeting
9:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall
Christian Writer's Group
11:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall



Sunday, May 8
Mother's Day
Special Sunday Service
10:30 a.m. —Sanctuary



Thursday, May 12
Vacation Bible Study Planning
Meeting & Potluck
7:00 p.m.— Fireside Room



Saturday, May 14
Trustee's Work Day
9:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 21
Family Ministries
Movie Night
5:30 p.m.—Fellowship Hall



Be sure to mark your calendar for these special
1st UMC events.

MAY SERMON SCHEDULE

May 1, Second Sunday of Easter
Easter Cantata "Come Walk With Me"
Prayers of the People by
Lay Leader, John Halfhill

May 8, Third Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day-UMM will honor mothers
Pastoral Prayer by Erhardt Lang

May 15, Fourth Sunday of Easter *
"The Door of the Sheep"

May 22 Fifth Sunday of Easter *
"The Seed of the Church"

May 29 Sixth Sunday of Easter*
To Be Announced

*Rev. Gilbert Stones preaching Sundays at
10:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays at 9 a.m.

Adult Bible Study, Fireside Room

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Worship/Sunday School/Nursery/
Youth Bible Study (2nd & 4th Sunday)

Sundays at 5 p.m.

Methodist Youth Fellowship,
Fireside Room

May 2011

Dear Friends,



Easter DIY:

By the time you read this the world will have moved on and you will probably have left Easter far behind you, but at the time of writing this I am up to my chest in Holy Week and Easter. Besides, the church provides “the Great Fifty Days” to celebrate Easter, so it’s not really over. Since I’ve already written about the meaning of Easter in my “Times and Seasons” column last month and my Easter letter, I’d like to share some thoughts on Easter candy.

Like many of you, I’m (just) old enough to be from a time when candy was as seasonal as watermelon or persimmons. There was a small amount of candy available through the year, but my plan was to stock up on the holidays. Holidays were a sure thing when it came to candy.

We got to have as much Halloween candy as we could extort from friendly neighbors. My sister tended to eat her candy in a week or so, but I would hoard my Halloween candy. I carefully rationed it through Thanksgiving and added some of the less perishable Christmas candy to the stash. I made it stretch as far as I could toward the next bright spot – Easter.

Easter was the last candy bonanza until my birthday in late summer. There was always a (hollow) chocolate Easter Bunny which had to be hidden by Easter night before my mother could bite off its ears. There were Peeps which also had to be eaten quickly. There were malted “robin’s eggs” and foil wrapped chocolate eggs. Of course there were jelly beans which would last the duration....

And then, there were those hard shelled coconut nougat/fondant eggs. I’m sure that most of you remember them... larger than jelly beans but smaller than chocolate covered marshmallow eggs. I’ve been obsessing about those for the past week and a half because I suggested to Rachel that we serve some at our open house. She remarked that she hadn’t seen any but would look. So far, there aren’t any to be found. I’ve gone online to search for them but no combination of words has yielded a result: it’s as if they have dropped from the face of the earth or perhaps never even were.

Now here is the odd thing. When I was a child I detested those coconut eggs. Every kid I knew detested them. Every kid I had ever heard of detested them. They were there *every* year but we *never* ate them. They were hard to bite, hard to chew, and coconut is not really a kid flavor.

Maybe they were just filler for the basket, but I always suspected their real purpose was more sinister. A liberal sprinkling of coconut eggs was a way for parents to give their children candy that only the parents themselves would eat. For days after Easter, when all our candy had been eaten or hidden away, those coconut eggs would be sitting on the Easter grass, slowly being consumed by parents and grandparents.

And now, for some reason, I want some coconut eggs. I guess the past just isn’t what it used to be and, “you don’t know what you’ve got ‘till it’s gone.” There is a spiritual application here – in fact I can think of three – but this is the do-it-yourself “DIY” paragraph, so I’m going to let you do your own spiritual applications. I’ll give you two hints for possible applications. My current Easter favorites are Cadbury Eggs which (as far as I know and certainly at our house) didn’t exist when I was a boy. Also, while there are no coconut eggs I still like the chocolate covered marshmallow eggs.

See you in Church,

COMMITTEE REPORTS . . .

LAY MINISTRY COMMITTEE

The Lay Ministry Committee held a Lay Pastor Training Session on Saturday, March 26, 2011, in which 9 people participated. Those who attended felt that the workshop was worthwhile, with helpful information for current, as well as new, Lay Pastors.

We are very pleased to inform you that, as a result of this training, two new Lay Pastors have joined in service to our congregations members in need. Welcome to **Alexa Langdon** and **Jack Jones!** Their commitment brings our total of Lay Pastors at First United Methodist Church to 16.

Thanks be to God for all of the dedicated people who serve in the Lay Ministry of First United Methodist Church of Lompoc!

We are now in our third year of service and we continue to grow with each passing year. We ask that you would pray this prayer with all of our Lay Pastors as they do God's work:

Gracious and loving God, we look to you for guidance as we open our minds and our hearts to those in need. Teach us to care for our brothers and sisters who are hurting. Help us to find hurt where it exists and comfort those whose pain goes beyond the physical, emotional, and social. Work within us during this time that we put into practice your teachings and equip us to do your bidding. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

From Christian Caregiving, A Way of Life, by Kenneth C. Haugk and William J. McKay.

Anne Anderson, Lay Ministry Committee Chair

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Please mark your calendars for June 5th for our annual Music Appreciation Sunday. Please join us after church for a cake reception honoring our wonderful organist, pianist, choir director and choir! We are so lucky to have these amazingly talented people share with us each week and this is our special time to say thanks to all of them!



EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Why Me? Why Now? Many of the trials and problems lead us to question God, but also lead us straight to His Arms. He holds us up with His mighty right hand and we discover more about God and ourselves in the process. The devotion below explores those ideas:

Three Places to Look

"Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word." Psalm 119:67

"A medical research study analyzed post-traumatic responses of cancer patients, one of which was found to be 'stronger faith in God.' One participant in the study said, "I am a Christian, believing that everything that God has allowed to happen in my life has a purpose. Since I was diagnosed with cancer, I was at first very confused and sad as to why it should happen to me. But I can only do what I can control and surrender the rest to God. Since then I really experience the real-meaning of knowing how much He loves me and makes me worthy in His eyes." (Ephesians 3:17-19)

"There are only three places to look in life; inward, outward, and upward. And trials can help us (cause us) to look in all three directions. Looking inward, we can check our response to the trial. Looking outward, we can see how our response is impacting others. And looking upward, we can renew our faith in the One who uses all things to work together for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28)

"If you are going through a trial or test, look in all three directions. What you discover may become a blessing, or possibly a correction, you hadn't anticipated." David Jeremiah "Turning Point", March 14, 2011.

It's always good to write down what you learned and discovered about God in this time, because before long another person will cross your path in your same situation and now you can comfort them as God has comforted you. Now, when you are blue or discouraged, you can look back and remember how God was there for you.

Our next Education and Spiritual Growth Committee meeting will be on Thursday May 12th at 6:00 p.m., followed by our first Vacation Bible Study organization meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Noah's Ark room.

COMMITTEE REPORTS *continued...*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A review of our computer use policy for FUMC employees will be on hold until the new trustees are seated. Creation of a task force committee was approved to oversee computer maintenance issues.

The purchase of a shop-vac for our new custodians was approved along with the new utensils for the kitchen.

A spring workday is planned for Saturday, May 14th at 9:00 a.m. Our custodians will be needing help cleaning and de-webbing the outside windows and screens of the office through Fireside room area.

Families, please bring Windex glass cleaner, rags, old brooms, paper towels, buckets, etc.

Please show you support and help out!

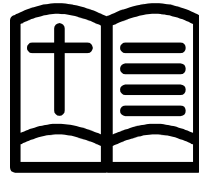
Gary Berleue, Vice Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

There will be an Inquirer's Class after worship service at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, May 22nd. This class is open not only to new members, but any current member who wishes to learn more about the United Methodist Church. The class is held in the Fireside Room at 11:45 a.m. We will have lunch, and then Pastor G will lead us in the Inquirer's Class. We are asking established members only for a small donation to help defray the cost of the lunch. Please sign up in the Narthex or call the church office (736-1271) to register your interest in attending.

Other important sign up sheets are for Cookie Sunday, Greeter or Guest Book person. Please check the Birthday/Anniversaries calendar and add your families birthdays and anniversaries for the current month .

Sandy Montgomery, Chair



May Adult Bible Studies By John Halfhill

May 1 *The Christ Hymn*—*Philippians 2:1-11*

PURPOSE: To discover how to worship Jesus Christ completely and reshape our lives and purpose.

May 8 *Heavenly Worship*—*Revelation: 4*

PURPOSE: To recognize how steeped Christian worship is in the stories of Israel and the earth church.

May 16 *Thankful Worship*—*Revelation 7:9-17*

PURPOSE: To celebrate with joy that not even tribulation can separate us from God's saving presence in Christ Jesus.

May 22 *All Things New*—*Revelation 21*

PURPOSE: How worship enables believers to be impacted by the new heaven and earth yet to come.

John's class meets every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

**Feed the Hungry on
Tuesday, May 17th at
4:00 p.m. from the loving hands of the
Adult Bible Study Group.**

May 1st Sunday Service

The FUMC Choir will be performing a Cantata (Choir and Orchestra), "Come Walk With Me" about Christ's journey to the cross and his Resurrection; and asking all to "Walk With Me Into This World".

May 1st is also our Cluster Choir Festival in Atascadero at 4:00 p.m. (our Choir members need to be there at 3:00 p.m.).



THANKS & TID-BITS

The Madson family would like to thank our Church Family for their cards, phone calls, gifts of food, etc. and especially for coming together to make Bill's Funeral Service and the reception a very beautiful and memorable experience. So many people, including Pastor "G", put forth extra, extra effort. Thank You All.

Also, we would like to thank everyone for their prayers for our granddaughter, Elizabeth Caudle, Her nose surgery has been declared a success and the tests on the lump on her nose were found to benign. Prayers Were Answered!!

Hi Everyone,

Sunday School has been going great. On Easter Sunday, we had 18 children. Cera Mitchell and I will be planning a Spring Family Picnic for our Sunday School children and their families. The picnic will take place towards the end of May and we will be sending out invitations soon. Cera and I found a bunch of craft material in our cupboards and are trying to use it up, so look for new and exciting stuff soon. These children we have the privilege of teaching every Sunday are truly a blessing to us. Every child has something unique to offer.

May God Bless us all,

A Note From Sarah Brems' Senior Project Baby Bottle Drive

There is a brown wicker basket in the Narthex for early return baby bottles for the baby bottle drive. The due date for the bottles is on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th, when the total amount will be counted and proceeds will be donated to the Pregnancy Support Center in Lompoc. Checks are made out to Change for Life. On Sunday, May 15th, the total amount raised will be announced.

The public is invited to Cabrillo's High School Open House on Wednesday, May 11th from 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. to see all of the senior projects on display and what they accomplished.

Thank you for your support.

Due to space limitations, we failed to mention Bob Bowser's Birthday on April 26th!

May Birthday's

- 6 – Doris Carmen
- 9 – Wil Krauth
- 11 – Kara Dierkens
- 14 – Leo Mose
- 14 – Nathaniel Kisner
- 17 – Joyce Barker
- 17 – Debbie Richards
- 18 – Jackie Brodhecker
- 18 – Cindy McCall
- 19 – Suzanne "Sam" de St. Jean
- 20 – Sharlyn Kisner
- 22 – Betty Pfau
- 25 – Linda Bailey
- 27 – Gene Friis



Happy Birthday to all!

Happy Anniversary to:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| John & Phyllis Engelbosch | 5/1/1967 (44 years) |
| Henry & Sylvia Aguilera | 5/1/2003 (7 years) |
| Wally & Kris Rogers | 5/10/1975 (35 years) |
| Carleen & Guy Talbot | 5/13/1945 (66 years) |

Bill Ulmer needs King, Queen or Full size top sheets. White, tan or gold would be greatly appreciated. For more information please contact Bill at 736-0331.

FUMC Website: Quarterly Reports are now available under reports on our website as well as our past and current newsletters, events, sermons and other great information.

Please visit us at www.lompocumc.org.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

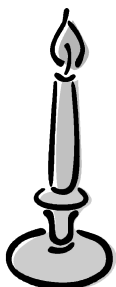


CIRCLES - All meetings on Tuesday, May 10

Susanna Wesley Circle - Carrows Restaurant at 9:30 AM
Sarah Circle - Fellowship Hall at 12:30 PM
Friendship Circle - the home of Anne Anderson at 7 PM

MAY GENERAL MEETING: MAY 19, 2011 10:00 AM FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Lompoc Public Library is more than a place to check out books and use a computer. Come hear the message of Adult Services Manager Ashlee Chavez as she shares some of the other activities and services provided by our local library. Sarah Circle will hostess this meeting. Mark your calendar now to join in this time of Christian fellowship. The next General Meeting will be in September.



UMW HONORS: *Phyllis Smith *Marion Schuster *Elaine Thompson

At the General Meetings in March and April, the membership voted to recognize these three women who gave generously of their time and talents to our local UMW unit. This recognition, a Candle of Commitment, is submitted to the Santa Barbara District in honor or memory of a woman from the local UMW unit who has supported women, children, and youth. The candle will burn at a District meeting. Presently, the cost for each candle is \$31.47 which is the amount it costs to support missions for one minute.

SAVE THE DATE!



Sunday, August 7, 2011
UMW Annual Salad Luncheon
and Basket Sale



UNITED METHODIST MEN



The UMM discussed their very successful Parking Lot Sale (profit of over \$2,200!) at the April 4 dinner meeting. A committee was formed to discuss possible contributions that can be made and develop a proposal for membership approval at the next meeting.

A breakfast prepared by Jack Jones and Ed Key will highlight the next meeting, to be held in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 7th. All men of the church are welcome to attend. Please sign up in the Narthex.

There will be a special "Mother's Day" worship service on Sunday, May 8th in the Sanctuary honoring all mothers. Please join us for this extra special occasion and enjoy a cake reception following in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcomed to attend!

Dick Kline, Secretary

What is the Foundation?

It has become apparent that many people at FUMC aren't familiar with the "Foundation" or what it does. This article will attempt to enlighten some of the features and projects of the "Foundation". The full name of the "Foundation" is the First United Methodist Foundation of Lompoc. It is a California Non-Profit Religious Corporation and is registered with the Secretary of State in California. The Foundation is independent of FUMC; but at least two thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors must be FUMC members and the FUMC pastor serves as an ex-officio director without vote. The corporation was organized and is operated for religious and charitable purposes within the definition of the Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).

Gifts to the Foundation may be made payable to "First United Methodist Foundation" or simply "Methodist Foundation".

Three Funds are established and managed by the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

- 1. General Endowment Fund (GEF):** The GEF was established November 12, 2008 when the assets of the "old" Endowment Trust Fund (ETF) were transferred to the Foundation. The gifts in the GEF are never spent or given away, but are held in perpetuity for investment purposes. Funds in excess of the initial value of gifts to the Foundation, may be made available for distribution for authorized projects. Distribution will be made to Christian educational and charitable work with special emphasis on projects at FUMC. Gifts to the GEF are welcome at any time. Donors of \$500.00 or more are eligible to have an inscribed Gold Leaf mounted on the "Giving Tree". The inscription may be chosen to honor persons or events of their choice. Checks should include a note in the "Memo" box "General Endowment Fund" or simply "GEF". Applications for distributions are accepted any time. Distributions are made annually if the surplus funds are sufficient.
- 2. Scholarship Fund (SF):** The SF holds assets that are to be given to graduating high school seniors or graduate equivalent degree recipients to assist in their college or trade school education. The \$5000.00 which was given originally to establish the fund can not be distributed. Other gifts as well as their investment earnings can be distributed to worthy students. Gifts to the SF should include a note in the check memo box "Scholarship Fund" to assure the donor that it will be spent as he/she intends.
- 3. Memorial Fund (MF):** The MF funds and its' earnings are to be spent on a project named by the donor that is consistent with the Foundation's purpose. The gifts to the MF are to be given in memory of a person, event or organization. Checks should include a note in the memo box indicating "MF", the person being honored and the project to which the gift is to be sent. If no project is specified, the gift will be spent on projects as the Board sees a need.

Endowment Trust Fund brochures are located by our Giving Tree display near Fellowship Hall.

PLEASE HELP!

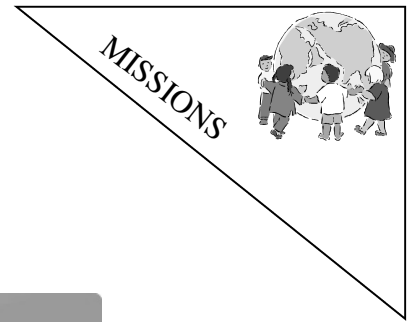
The Foundation is in need of a 2 - drawer lockable file cabinet. If anyone has a "surplus" cabinet of this type that they are willing to donate to the Foundation, please call the church office.

Thank you!



May Sharing Tree

B-WAP (Backpacks With A Purpose)



This month First UMC of Lompoc is joining hands with the Lompoc Ministerial Association and 16+ Lompoc churches to provide needy children in Lompoc with a sturdy backpack and school supplies for the coming school year. This cooperation between churches will send a powerful and positive message to the community. We are all the body of Christ regardless of the building we worship in or the denomination with which we are affiliated.

The Ministerial Association has committed to providing 800 Lompoc school children with a backpack. Each church has committed, in varying degrees, to help reach this goal. The larger churches (like ours) have committed to providing 100 backpacks. Each backpack is filled with school supplies and costs \$20. If you're quick with Math, you've figured out that we need to raise \$2000 to fulfill our commitment. Two thousand dollars may seem like a large amount but when you consider that the backpack is filled with school supplies, \$20 is a small investment in a child's future. It costs less to educate a child than it does to incarcerate an adult.

Social service agencies in Lompoc will submit the names of needy children whose education would benefit from having school supplies and a backpack. The backpacks will be purchased from B-WAP and distributed by the Ministerial Association.

B-WAP was founded on the principle that we all were created to have a purpose. Through the giving of a backpack, a child is encouraged to dream bigger, to recognize potential and to find their purpose. B-WAP has distributed over 600,000 backpacks to nonprofits serving youth in the United States, South America and Africa.

There are many ways to fight the war on poverty, but one of the best and most successful ways is through education. So, if you are a child, have a child or grandchild, or ever were a child please support this important Sharing Tree.

Please make your checks payable to First UMC and on the memo line designate your gift to B-WAP. Thank you for your generous support of the Sharing Trees. Without YOU they would not be possible. Together, we are changing the world for Christ. ~ Mission Outreach

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

'Growth and Change', by DCE Helen

I am still focused on how stories, particularly the stories of Jesus, can guide us, especially through times of growth and change. What greater changes do we face in our lives than during adolescence and puberty? Those of us who are older can easily forget how profound and disturbing these changes can feel. When there are also a lot of changes in the world around us, in our immediate environment, our relationships with family, friends, and church, what then? What stability is there?

We are fortunate as Christians to have a community of faith to which we belong. This is the greatest gift that we as a congregation are giving to our youth. They and their parents are grateful, and so am I, both as a staff member, and as a parent.

Over the past month, members of MYF have participated in our church community in lots of ways. They have served Communion, ushered, led and assisted in Sunday School, sung in the choir, prayed and played together. Over the coming months we will be planning for Vacation Bible School, to be held July 11th – 15th. We will be beginning to work with some new study materials such as "Green Church", published by Abingdon Press. These stories, especially Jesus' parables, are helping us to embrace growth and change and thereby to discover who God made us to be.

Nathaniel Kisner serving Communion on the First Sunday of April.

Helen Tye Talkin, Director of Christian Education, Cera Mitchell, Sunday School Teacher, Lili Talkin her assistant, and members of the Sunday School on Palm Sunday.



Photos courtesy of Pat Nuernberg

Family Ministries would like to give a big THANK YOU for all who came for our "Pot Luck and Game Night, and for those who attended the Easter Brunch. A special thanks to all who helped with these events.

Upcoming Event: May 21, 2011 at 5:30p.m. Dinner and a Movie "**The Final Season.**"

True story of Kent Stock, who in the early 90's, gives up a job and ditches his wedding plans to take over as head coach as the Norway High School baseball team. Kent must win over his players and convince them and himself that he can fill their former coach's shoes and that they can go out winners. In the summer of 1991 Norway High's baseball tradition ended on a triumphant but somber note.

Written by ackerfan

We will be serving: hamburgers, hot dogs, baked potato with chili, drinks and dessert.

(Please see the flyer in Narthex for more information on this movie and put your name on the Sign up sheet also in Narthex)



ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

DO YOU ENJOY WRITING?

Bill Greene and Ehrhardt Lang are starting a Christian Writer's Group in our church. This is for anyone who enjoys creative writing. Whether you write poems or prayers, fiction or non-fiction, memoirs or special experiences, children's stories or fantasy, essays or humor, songs or science fiction, book reviews or nature-observations, "top-ten" lists or "how-to" articles, etc., etc...you are invited to be part of our group. No previous experience required. Beginners welcome. This is not a college class.

All ages are welcome. No assignments, no deadlines. Just sharing in the joy of writing with the gift and thoughts God has given you. Distribution of your writings to the group will be optional but always appreciated. No criticisms will be given (unless requested), but plenty of encouragements. If you like to write, why don't you give the group a try. What you write may bless your family and friends. A meeting for all persons interested in being a part of the group will be held on Saturday, May 7th, at 11:00 a.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall. (Please use the back entrance and parking lot.)

PRAYERS FROM THE HEART....



John and Kay Halfhill's great-granddaughter, Penny Gorman finally received a heart from a 21-month old boy named Alexis Solis Araujo, who choked to death on a pill on March 29, 2011. The infant son's parents Alicia and Norato Araujo, along with their daughter, Monserrat met Penney and her parents Jina, Steve Gorman for the first time in Tucson, AZ. The meeting took place at a mobile home where Alexis, his twin brother Alan and family lived. Shortly after their son passed away, the Araujos' moved out.

The current owner let the family use the home so the Gormans who are from Mesa, AZ and their families could see where Alexis lived until tragedy led to his tiny heart being transplanted into Penny. The little girl, then 2 years old, had lived with an experimental Berlin heart for 329 days after a virus attacked her heart. The Araujo's who only speak Spanish and the Gorman's who only speak English were able to communicate with each other using a translator.

Both parents commented that it seems that Penny, has now taken on Alexis's personality and traits. "Where did all this come from?" Steve Gorman said he has wondered of the traits Penny has taken on. He said he has heard the unexplained phenomenon of transplant recipients picking up the traits of their donors is true. "Is it possible?" he asked.

Although they speak different languages and come from different backgrounds, they share a common bond. Solis said he's even more proud of his son than he was when Alexis was alive, and that it would make him very happy to continue to meet with the Gormans, who plan to make many more trips to Tucson. "Now," his father said, "Alexis can live in other people." "They are such a loving family," Steve Gorman said. "They've given the greatest gift you can give."

*Condensed from the Arizona Daily Star Newspaper posted March 27, 2010-<http://azstar.net.com>.
For more information on Penny, please "Google" Penny Gorman.*

NEW STUFF: Every other weekend on the back of our announcement bulletins, we will feature "Kids Corner" and "Adult Bible Studies." Kids Corner notes the times, location and informational items for Sunday School, MYF and Youth Bible Study. Bible Study Groups will highlight current studies for that week or month.

Monthly Calendar is different this month. We are trying to do the calendar as an insert so that you can hang it up on your refrigerator, bulletin board, doors, etc. (Sorry no cute magnets, push pins or tape provided). Let us know what you think, please email office@lompocumc.org or call Sam at the church office 736-1271. Thank you!

Prayer List



Current Prayer List

Richard "Dick" Tootle, who was diagnosed with heart arrhythmia.

Emma Owen, who needed a pain refill pump and two epidurals.

Emma Owen's niece, Alyssa, who continues to have stomach pains and is being referred to a neurologist and will undergo a CT scan for her bladder.

Family and friends of Elaine Thompson, who recently passed away.

Family and friends of Jerry Godden, who recently passed away.

Jim Owen Sr., who had successful cataract surgery in both eyes.

Jim Owen, Jr., who is in need of employment.

Emma's Owen's granddaughter, Alyssa who was diagnosed with mononucleosis.

Pat Nuernberg and her daughter's friends, Leslie and Dean Johnson. Leslie's mother, Gay Pridgen will soon start a new chemotherapy medication. Dean's father, Robert Johnson is now in hospice. Please pray for the Johnson family.

Family and friends of Dick Madison who passed away in Sonoma, CA. Dick and his family were former members of our church.

Jack Jones nephew, Lon Christensen, who is in a Portland Hospital with a brain tumor and Jack's grandson, David Jones who is in the military and has gone overseas.

Family and friends of Aiden Aguilar, who was diagnosed with MECP3 Duplication Syndrome and continues to have health problems.

Glenna Yinst's 91 year of aunt, Erbie McCullough who is in ICU in Springdale AR due to a stroke.

Mae Mose who was diagnosed with a staph infection.

Steve-Schuler-Jones, who recently had knee replacement surgery on his left knee.

Roswitha Carabella who is experiencing pain due to her third spinal compression fracture.

Family and friends of Bryan Durksen. He was the husband of a former co-worker and friend of Phyllis Engelbosch. Bryan was only 51 years old and passed away on Good Friday after being diagnosed last week with Stage 4 Melanoma which had already spread to his spine, liver, lungs, lymph nodes and brain.

Ed Key, who has Stage 4 prostate cancer and is currently in a clinical trial in Los Angeles..

Carl Welliver has been fighting cancer for 7 years and is the son of Barbara and William Welliver.

Our Church Family and Friends Serving in the Military Abroad

Daniel Vorenkampt; Caryn Clements; Brett Grossini; Kevin Toms; Robert Smith; John Sterling; Daniel Flaherty; Michael R. Williams; Ed Horvath; Nathan Parrish;

In Extended Care (call the office for facility information)

Guy Tabot; Scott Byham; Tobi Schuler; Marian Christensen

Thank you for your prayers for our church family and community in time of need.

REMINDER: if you are not currently on our email prayer chain and would like to be included, please call the office at **736-1271** and have Sam add your email address to the list.

Also, for those of you who do not own computers, but would like to receive prayer requests, a telephone prayer chain has been established using the 'Prayer Circle' system. When a prayer request comes in, Sam will telephone the first person in the telephone 'Prayer Circle' chain with the information. That person would then call the next person on the list, and so on, until everyone had been called with the prayer request. Each person will only need to make one phone call. If you would like to be included in this telephone 'Prayer Circle', please call the church office and give Sam your phone number, so that a phone list may be created as soon as possible.

May God Bless You All,
Anne Anderson, Lay Ministry Chair

May Newsletter of



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Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.

Sunday School
10:30 a.m.

*Mission of 1st UMC:
"Helping People Discover
their Life in Christ"*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDIES

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.
See Page 4 in Forecast for May's Lessons.



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

The 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10:30 a.m., after Children's Time. Led by Penny Lee.

WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Linda Bailey.

Lesson Study is "Belonging Evangelism" and will only meet on May 16th and May 23rd.
Study Group will not meet during the summer

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Nursery care available
May's Lesson is Chapter 5, the Book of Genesis. Study Group will not meet during the summer..

HOME BIBLE STUDY

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month, from 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Starting on May 18th will be the study of the Books of Acts (Acts of the Apostles).
For details, call Don Montgomery at 733-1902.

New members are welcome at all Bible studies listed above.

Dates, times and locations are subject to change.

Please check your Sunday announcement bulletins for more information.