



Autumn Artisans Faire

Friday, November 12th, 7PM-9:30PM Preview Party
Saturday, November 13th, 10AM-4PM, 2010

THE ARTISANS' FAIRE IS COMING SOON!

Friday, 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM is the **Preview Party**, and the **Faire** will be **Saturday**, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Great artists, wonderful entertainment and our always popular Bistro.

We still have things to do and **YOU** can volunteer!

- **Auction items:** We need as many quality items as we can get. The silent auction is a major part of our weekend and we look forward to having the best ever. Contact Sheila @ 662-8908 if you have something to offer.
- **Volunteering:** We will be setting up on Thursday, November 11th, and there are lots of tasks to do. Kay Willcox and Dan Burklund are coordinating volunteers. When they ask for your help just say “Yes, and what else can I do?”
- **Door Hangers:** We will have door hangers to invite our neighbors to the Faire. We will need people willing to go door-to-door to put these on the door knobs. This shouldn't take more than a couple of hours the week before our Faire.
- **Soups and Desserts:** Our Bistro is one of our most popular features. A nice cordial staff offers our guests an amazing array of home-made soups and wonderful desserts. Kathleen Houglund will be calling to see if you have a special family recipe to offer.

See you at the Faire!

FINE LINES *Notes from Pastor Pam*

Dear ones,

I read an article in *Christian Century* magazine recently by the wonderful writer/preacher, Barbara Brown Taylor. It was called “When the Well Runs Dry” and it began with a story about a Thanksgiving when she had lots of company at her country home and the well did, indeed, run dry. So all the folks in the house began finding ways to get along with less water until the well was “wet” again. One person drove to town and bought 5-gallon jugs of water for drinking and cooking. Others toted water from the nearby creek to use for flushing toilets. Everyone learned how to brush their teeth with 4 tablespoons of water (from the jugs) each. For a few weeks afterward, Barbara took the family's wash to the laundromat. And while she waited for the clothes to tumble and spin, she found herself joking with strangers and playing with toddlers as moms folded their things. She enjoyed it so much that even after the well was productive again, she continued to go to the Laundromat. And her observation about these events – both at home and at the Laundromat? That scarcity creates community.

It's true, isn't it? When we have plenty – or more than plenty – we become increasingly able and committed to having “our own.” Our own car. Our own home. Our own yard and pool. Our

own DVDs and books. But when, for one reason or another, we can't each have our own, we share. We take buses or we carpool. We live with parents or friends. We use the public pool and the city park. We share movies at theaters and get our books from the library.

I wonder if this is at least part of what Jesus had in mind when he said “blessed are the poor.” Community. Because the “poorer” we are, the more we need each other. And the more we seem to need God. Some claim that what Jesus really said (or meant) was, “blessed are the poor in *spirit*.” But the same thing applies there, too, doesn't it? When our spirits are low, we need others to help us up, to hold us together. And we pray more.

The traditional Thanksgiving story, of pilgrims staving off privation with the help of the native people, is also such a story. People needing each other and helping each other. Wouldn't it be good in this fractious time in our country, with both an election and a holiday on the horizon, if we could return to these roots and these values? Perhaps we have a role as the church in this? Let's talk!

And in the meantime, have a blessed Thanksgiving!

FINANCIAL REPORT – September 2010

	Monthly Actual	Monthly Budgeted	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted
Income	\$24,059	\$18,799	\$164,059	\$169,187
Expenses	\$18,956	\$19,166	\$172,173	\$182,038
Difference	\$ 5,103	(\$ 318)	(\$ 8,116)	(\$ 12,851)

Please bring your pledges up to date!!

Average Attendance in Sunday Worship: 81

Aptos United Methodists Tour Second Harvest Food Bank



On October 1st, a dozen members of the ACUMC congregation took a tour of the operating facilities of the Second Harvest Food Bank. ACUMC has been associated with Second Harvest for about seven years by packaging bags for distribution twice per year.

Second Harvest Food Bank began in 1972 by distributing food from a parking lot in Santa Cruz to groups operating the Breakfast for Kids programs. Today, Second Harvest distributes 7.2 million pounds of food per year to local hungry families, children, individuals and seniors in our community through over 180 agencies and programs. The mission of Second Harvest is to end hunger and malnutrition by educating and involving the community. Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County was the first food bank in California and is the second oldest in the nation (taken from their website <http://www.thefoodbank.org/help-end-hunger/>).

Our tour guide was Willy Elliott-McCrea who is founder and Executive Director of Second Harvest. We saw an incredibly well run organization that has a ministry much larger than distributing food. In

order to provide a nutritional, healthy diet, Second Harvest distributes food, teaches nutritional classes, holds cooking classes, and refers people to other service organization as needed. We heard that the cooking classes are necessary because over the last two generations, people have stopped cooking meals from raw ingredients and are now mostly using prepackaged foods that can be less nutritious.

One surprising comment was from Danny Keith, the Chief Development Officer. He shared with us that the most generous gift that they receive is not food, but money. Because of their purchasing power and their program of distributing food to their agencies at great discounts, every dollar they receive creates four dollar's value in food to a person in need. He also mentioned that not all donated foods are of the nutritional value that Second Harvest promotes. Second Harvest does not distribute any sodas or cookies/snacks. He stressed that food donations are welcome, but the biggest "bang" comes from a financial contribution.

The staff of Second Harvest is truly in ministry with our local community. We thank Willy, Danny, and Reva for their hospitality and energy during our tour. They even posted pictures of our tour on their Facebook page!



Aptos Community UMC CROP Hunger Walkers Raise \$2,500 For Church World Service and Second Harvest Food Bank

ACUMC made a huge impact on this year's local CROP hunger walk. Seventeen walkers and three drivers from ACUMC participated in the October 16th event and raised approximately \$2,500. This is more than the entire amount raised last year from the walk. A great big thank you to all the walkers, drivers and contributors.

Walking were Bob and Laurel Blaney, Marcia Burns, Amanda Favorite, Pastor Pam Fine, Dave Frazier, Pharis Harvey, Kathleen Hoaglund, Roger Houston, Ruth Landmann, Shannon Lindahl, Joe and Lee MacDonell, Rosemary Rydin, Anne and David Scott and Kate Sutherland. Dan Burklund, Dan Frazier and Ken McElroy drove back-up cars to pick up walkers.

All CROP hunger walk money will go to Church World Service to assist in projects to eliminate hunger around the world and to the Second Harvest Food Bank in Watsonville to help local families. The three-and-a-half-mile walk began and ended at the food bank facility. Approximately 120 persons participated, ranging in age from babies in strollers pushed by their parents to senior citizens (including several from ACUMC). The Santa Cruz Sentinel featured a picture showing Aptos church members walking.

This was the first year that ACUMC has participated in the Pajaro Valley CROP hunger walk but participants already are talking about making this an annual mission outreach event for the church.

Thanksgiving For All!

We have been invited by the Rebele Homeless Shelter to help them provide Thanksgiving dinner for all their guests. And a few of us – without even checking with anyone! – have agreed! In particular, we will be cooking and serving a meal for the 60 residents of their Family Center. The food will need to be prepared ahead and brought to the Shelter for dinner at 11:30 AM. So far about six of us have “signed on” to help. We'll have an “organizational” meeting at 10:00 AM on Saturday, November 20th (location to be announced). If you'd like to help, too, please let Pastor Pam know.

New Church Group to Focus on Mission Outreach

A new church missions committee is being formed, and you are encouraged to become a part of this outreach. The committee will explore mission opportunities locally and worldwide and choose mission projects to introduce to the entire church community. Recent examples of successful mission projects completed by ACUMC include the school backpack project and the CROP Hunger Walk. The new missions committee will provide opportunities for all church members to learn about mission projects through study, speakers and field trips. If you would like to be a part of this group, contact Joe MacDonnell, 685-1948, email joemacdonell@hotmail.com or Pastor Pam Fine.

UM Missionary Katherine Parker Helps Cambodians Provide Clean Water, Raise Pigs, and Build Rice Banks

Missionary Katherine Parker gave a fascinating description of her work in Cambodia when she spoke Tuesday evening, October 19th at ACUMC. There were 22 church members who greeted her, heard and saw her presentation and participated in a question/answer follow-up. Katherine is a missionary with the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church and serves as part of the Community Health and Agricultural Development (CHAD) Initiative of the Methodist Mission in Cambodia. She began by describing how the worldwide Methodist church serves in Cambodia. She works with missionaries from the Philippines, South Korea, and Zimbabwe among other countries, and the CHAD program draws a third of its financial support from the United Methodist Church of Finland.

Katherine explained that she works with individual Cambodian church communities to assist them in determining what their villages need. After the villagers have decided on what they need, CHAD resources are used to assist in the project.

Projects have including testing and providing clean water, establishing a bank to provide loans to start small businesses such as raising pigs or chickens, building a church or a parsonage, and establishing rice banks. Katherine showed slides to illustrate these projects and explained why each was vital to improving the lives of the Cambodians.

Katherine is back in the United States for two months to visit United Methodist Churches across the country and share her story. She is financially supported by the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries but is expected to establish a network of churches that have covenant relationships with her. Churches may form a covenant relationship with her and participate in the work that she is doing through the exchange of emails, study programs, Katherine's annual visits and other outreach activities. For large churches an annual covenant relationship is \$2,500 while small churches may covenant for \$5 a member. For Aptos Community UMC a covenant relationship would be approximately \$1,000.

ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE Sunday, November 21st after church

Every year in the fall, our United Methodist Churches each hold an all church conference to conduct certain business as well as to celebrate our life together. Our All Church Conference will be held after worship on Sunday, November 21st. You will receive more information as the time grows near, but we would like everyone to be there – so please mark your calendar now!



Adopt-a-Family for Christmas

This year the Church and Society Committee is sponsoring our Adopt-a-Family for Christmas program. The agency we've decided to support in this is Above the Line, which is headquartered here in Aptos.

Above the Line suggests these guidelines when buying for children:

- For teenagers: \$100 gift certificates from The Mall, this allows them to shop for what they need.
- For younger children: Provide a complete outfit (shirt, pants, socks, shoes, winter jacket).

These gifts are most likely going to be the major part of each child's holiday.

There are two families we've decided to adopt. Here are the details of what each family needs/wants:

Family #1

- **Philip:** age 1 year; size 2 clothing, size 5 shoes; toys: anything Elmo and other age appropriate toys.
- **Abigail:** age 3; size 4 clothing, size 9 shoes; toys: purses, dress up, baby dolls
- **Cristos:** age 2; size 2-3 clothes, size 5 shoes; toys: cars that make noise, balls, age appropriate toys
- **The Family:** movie tickets, restaurant gift certificate, Kohl's gift card

Family #2

- **Denise:** age 16; mall gift card
- **Madelyn:** age 2; size 2-3 clothing; size 9 shoes; age appropriate toys
- **The Family:** movie tickets, restaurant gift certificates, Kohl's gift card.

In December we'll have a Christmas tree or giant decorated box with tags you can pull off to claim which child or family you wish to help provide with a wonderful Christmas. These foster families do a lot to provide safe, secure environments for children whose lives have been in crisis. Thank you for your help and generosity.

(Isn't it terrific to belong to a church that cares for the less fortunate!!!)

CHRISTMAS PROJECT FOR THE WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER

UMW members are inviting church members to join us in providing needed items for the Women's Crisis Center as a holiday gift. These items include: toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand soap, shampoo, hair conditioner, socks, hand lotion, pocket-size sewing kits. Please bring them to the church on December 5th (or before). Any and all donations are much appreciated by those at the Crisis Center. If you have any questions, call Barbara Symons at 439-9390.



BICYCLE PROJECT

Our local UMM group (United Methodist Men) is joining with the Watsonville Head Start program in an effort to provide bikes to every child who would like one.

We are soliciting donations of bikes--new or used and in reasonable condition--to help meet this need. We can accept bikes in need of minor repairs to pedals, tires, and seats; we will repair them ourselves before passing them along.

We also would be happy to accept donations of bike helmets that are still in usable condition.

We will take any size bike, from training wheeled to adult, and all contributions are tax deductible.

If you would like further information or have a bike to donate, please call **Dan & Dave Frazier at 688-4486.**

ADVENT CLASS

Russ Menk, our Student Pastor, will be facilitating an Advent class using the curriculum of "Advent Conspiracy."

From the class material: "The story of Christ's birth is a story of promise, hope, and a revolutionary love. So, what happened? What was once a time to celebrate the birth of a savior has somehow turned into a season of stress, traffic jams, and shopping lists. And when it's all over, many of us are left with presents to return, looming debt that will take months to pay off, and this empty feeling of missed purpose. Is this what we really want out of Christmas? What if Christmas became a world-changing event again?"

We'll share stories, watch a short video, discuss the ideas presented in class, and hopefully have fun while wrestling with a serious challenge about the meaning of Christmas.

If you are interested in participating, please stop by the office or sign on the clipboard which will be circulated during church in upcoming Sundays. Possible meeting times are Sundays after church, Monday afternoons, Tuesday afternoons. Please check off your preferred times on the form in the office.

Now is the time to re-think our role in the meaning of Christmas. "Christmas can (still) change the world. This year, Give Presence."

If you have any questions, please contact Russ Menk (russ@aptosumc.org)



IT'S NOT TOO EARLY ...

...to start planning for Christmas! We hope you and your family will plan to stay after worship on Sunday, December 5th, for an early Christmas party. We'll have a pot-luck luncheon, and then - with Connie Moore's able assistance - we'll make our own Christmas wreaths. And probably sing some Christmas carols, too! Look for more details next month, but please mark your calendar now!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November Birthdays

- 1 Sarah Hancock
- 1 Rob Langhorne
- 4 Noelle Harvey
- 5 John Jackson
- 6 Deb Aaron
- 8 Darin Dailey
- 9 Gary Williamson
- 11 Jon Fiorovich
- 14 Debra Gail Martin
- 15 Ruth Landmann
- 15 Paul Treffkorn
- 16 Don Baldwin
- 16 DeAnne Hart
- 19 Brenna Dyson

- 19 Lillian Wilson
- 22 Pat Doolittle
- 24 Dan McCourt
- 26 Dave Aaron
- 28 Christopher Martin

November Anniversaries

- 20 Sue & Mike Sampson
- 21 Netha & Jerry Thacker



Book Club Plans



Monday, November 15th

“Half Broke Horses”

By
Jeannette Walls

Hosted by Susan Weeks

The Aptos UMC Book Club meets at 2:00 PM on the third Monday of every month. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Susan Weeks for more information.

Time Change



Daylight Savings Time ends on the first weekend of November! **That’s Sunday, November 7th at 2:00 AM**

We get an extra hour of sleep if we “Fall Back!” We get to church an hour early on Sunday if we don’t!

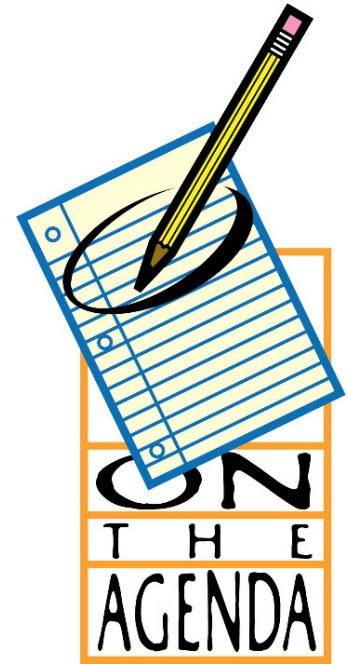
November Worship Schedule

November 7th Communion
Helene Milner will preach

November 14th
Russ Menk will preach
Theme: Zombies

November 21st Thanksgiving
Text: Jeremiah 18: 1-6
Theme: Being Shaped by God

November 28th First Sunday of Advent
Text: Isaiah 11: 1-10
Theme: Jesse's Tree



Pastor Pam Will Be Away

Pastor Pam will be on vacation from Thursday, November 4th through Wednesday, November 10th. Your preacher for November 7th will be our lovely new member (well, she can't really be a member since she is a UMC Elder and they don't belong to churches ... it's a long story!) – Helene Milner. Pastor Pam knows you will welcome Helene graciously in this role! Pastor Pam will also be away Monday, November 14th through Wednesday, November 17th at a clergy retreat, but will be nearby and available if needed.

Meetings

UMM is meeting Sat November 6th, at 8:00 AM with a program by Mike Sampson on their Africa trip.

UMW meets November 4th at 11:30 AM.

Trustees meet November 8th at 6:00 PM.

Church & Society will meet Tuesday, November 9th at 6:30 PM.

PACT will meet November 9th & 23rd at 11:30 AM.



Please keep in your prayers this month: **Nancy Moody, Marcia Burns, Carl Perkins & family on the loss of our beloved Dossie, Vicki Sweet, Hannah Lyn Edwards, Judith Shook, Michele Rossi's young friend Emilie, Ruthie Nichols' nephew Brett Ditler, Deb Eaton's friend Robin Rose, Jane Hull Harvey, Peggy Roll.**

The Prayer Chain is an important part of our ministry, whose members pray for those in need throughout the week. If you would like to add a name to the list or to join this quiet yet powerful ministry, please contact the Church Office, 831-688-2210.

***In memory of John Dodson's son,
Mark Dodson***

A scholarship is being created in Mark's name with the Orvis School of Nursing in Reno. Please make checks payable to:
University of Nevada Reno Foundation
send to: **University of Nevada Reno
Reno, NV 89557.**

On the memo line write:
"Mark Dodson Scholarship."

This item appeared in the October 2010 "Days of Grace," the newsletter of the Retired Clergy Association of California-Nevada Annual Conference.

A NOTE OF THANKS!

I am so grateful for all the notes and prayers sent my way since the death of Mark, my oldest son. Mark took his own life after 30 some years of struggle and heartbreak. He suffered from the disease of alcoholism and other addictions. The out pouring of love has been overwhelming and deeply supportive. Friends count when the chips are down! It has been challenging for our family, but we are growing stronger from this experience. The wedding of Erin, Mark's oldest daughter, was on October 30 and I was blessed to perform the ceremony. It took place in the Disneyland Hotel, a dream of Erin's since she was a little girl. We will miss Mark, but it is also reassuring that he is no longer suffering. It was just too much for him to bear. Life goes on and we are doing the best to live it well and in memory of Mark who achieved his RN from Orvis School of Nursing. He became one of the most capable and loving of nurses. Your thoughts and prayers were appreciated.

With love, John



***An Amazing Memorial
for an Amazing Lady!***

If you missed the fabulous memorial service on October 16 for our beloved Dossie Perkins, the service is online at this address:

<http://aptosumc.org/audiopages/2dossie101610.html>



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Church School at 10:30 AM

Child Care Available 10:15 – 11:45 AM

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The Tide

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The Church Office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Pastor Pam is in the office Tuesday thru Friday. (Monday is her day off.)

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