

# CHANGING TIDES    DECEMBER 2009

Estero Bay United Methodist Church 3000 Hemlock Ave. Morro Bay, CA 93442



## WAVELENGTHS

... prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Isaiah 40:3

With Thanksgiving behind us, the push is on toward Christmas. Time to get the lights out of the attic, get a tree decorated, and get cookies made. And don't forget the lists: what is on the Christmas wish list and the gifts-to-buy list - then there is the wrapping of presents. There is much anticipation for what will be waiting for us under the Christmas tree.

In our rush toward Christmas we forget that there is a time set aside to prepare ourselves for Christmas. This season is not about shopping or baking, it is about waiting, and in our waiting we reflect and prepare ourselves for the greatest gift of all, Emmanuel, God with Us.

During the four Sundays of Advent we light purple or indigo candles in anticipation of lighting the white candle on Christmas Eve, the Christ candle. And in our waiting we are to take the time to reflect on the meaning of Christmas - what are we truly expecting? Each Sunday in Advent offers us a gift to open and to share with each other. There is the gift of hope. Hope for the one who comes to change the world, hope for a better world. There is the gift of peace, a peace that starts within and spreads throughout the world. Joy is the third gift. There is joy in knowing our wait is not in vain. There is joy in knowing what is to come and the possibilities that are before us. Our fourth gift is love. God's love for each of us, a love to be shared by all of us.

This year, consider adding a wrapped present each Sunday to your holiday decorations – nothing large, for good things do come in small packages. Label the packages one for hope, one for peace, one for joy and one for love.

And in so doing, let us remember to take the time to wait and prepare in hopeful anticipation for the Prince of Peace who brings the gift of joy and shares the message of God's love for all humanity.

Let every heart prepare, let every heart make room for Emmanuel.

Shalom,

Pastor Paula

### **Annual Charge Conference All Church Meeting Saturday, Dec. 5 at 11 a.m. with Catie Coots, District Superintendent**

Each of you is asked to join us as we share our joys and our hopes and attend to the annual business of the church. We will approve the budget for 2010 and approve team members for the various committees/task forces in the life of the church. If you have a passion to serve in a certain area or would like to serve but are not sure where you might best fit in, please see Pastor Paula or a member of the Leadership Team.

*Sincerity ~ intentionally opening  
our hearts and minds and lives  
to the Spirit of God.*



**Dec. 3**

**Community Potluck**

6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall  
an evening of fellowship at EBUMC  
Potluck supper, singing and crafts  
Please bring a dish to serve 12-24 people  
Place settings and beverages will be provided  
Last names A-G bring main dish,  
H-O side dish, P-Z dessert



**Dec. 16**

**UMCC Holiday Program**

6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
All are invited to celebrate the Holidays  
with our young friends and the staff from  
the Children's Center  
6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
fellowship and refreshments



**Dec. 20**

**Community Caroling**

12:00 noon  
All-church Christmas Caroling at Spencer's  
Market after church, coordinated by Melinda  
Elster -watch the Sunday Bulletin for details.



**Dec. 24**

**Christmas Eve**

7p.m. in the Sanctuary  
Carols, Candles, Communion  
7p.m. in the Sanctuary  
All children, young and old, are welcome to  
join us in our living nativity



From the Children's Center....

Dear Families and Friends of UMCC:

Here at UMCC we try our best to celebrate the joys of being a child! The holiday season is filled with joy, happiness and great memories, yet this is also a very difficult and trying time for many. This month marks the highest number of requests for scholarship assistance we have ever seen at UMCC -the average request for scholarship assistance is \$180 per child per month - and requests have totaled more than \$2100.00 per month. This year we are offering an "Angel Tree" to brighten our lives and to assist those in need. The Tree will be in the Narthex at the church from Nov. 29 - Jan. 4. Your gift of **\$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or \$500** will help to provide scholarship assistance for a child. Please choose an ornament from the tree (hand-made by UMCC children) to keep as our gift to you, and put your donation in the gift box provided. Make checks to UMCC - your contributions are tax deductible. Thank you for helping the Morro Bay UMCC continue to provide quality child care to all children and families in our community.



Peace and Joy, UMCC

Children's Center closed Dec. 18-Jan. 4, 2010  
Winter Recess Program from Dec. 18 - Dec. 23 for children and siblings enrolled in UMCC. Call Christy for details 772-7897.



**United Methodist Women**

What makes a successful Bazaar?  
Beautiful hand-made, embroidered,

knitted, crocheted or sewn articles, paintings, mouthwatering baked goods, exotic homemade preserves and condiments, lush plants, hearty soups and sandwiches, and all kinds of decorator items. Most of all, a successful bazaar needs women and men with energy, strength, endurance and lots of enthusiasm. Every member of our United Methodist Women who was able worked very hard to make this annual fundraiser the best ever, AND IT WAS. We raised \$3075.75! Congratulations to each of you, and grateful thanks. Thank you, too, to our willing men - Mike, Wayne, Peter, Bill, Ian and Roly – for performing the heavy lifting and transporting. You are such good sports.

Thanks be to God!

Eleanore Walt

Service ~ Putting our faith into action

## 'Tis the Season for Poinsettias

*Bring the beauty of Christmas poinsettias from the Cal Poly nursery to our sanctuary in celebration of this season of joy, hope and promise. Order forms are in the green box on the table in the narthex. Thanks to Janice Low-Moore for coordinating the sale. Plants will be delivered in time for the Sunday, Dec. 20 Service.*


**Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

The Church Mouse says...



What hustle, what bustle, oh how good it makes this little mouse feel to see such industry in our church home. The United Methodist Women worked all year long getting ready for the Bazaar, and ready they were on Nov. 7. You just knew that something good would result from this sale. Lovely smells came from the kitchen and bakery, pies galore, jams, jellies and condiments by the dozens and all manner of baked goods were attractively displayed by smiling helpers. Beautiful hand-made items were piled high, there was something for everyone – you had to see it to believe it! Green thumbs were tempted by sturdy plants ready to go to new homes.



You may wonder just who this rodent is and what this is all about? Ministers aren't the only ones who get moved around in the Methodist world – Church Mice get transferred, too. Occasionally I will feel compelled to make note of something that needs doing or to ladle out thanks for jobs well done...meanwhile....  
God Bless Us All. 

January

Coming in

**Methodism 101**

**We are taking a break in December, and will reconvene in January. All are welcome to these introductory classes led by Pastor Paula Hulet.**

- Jan 9 - **Basic Beliefs: The General Rules: Three to Live By**
- Jan 16 - **History: How we got to where we are today: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly**
- Jan 23 - **Polity: The Whole is a Sum of the Parts: Connectionalism**
- Jan 29 - **Faith Alive: Means of Grace**
- Feb 6 - **Faith Alive: Worship and Sacraments**

**Lectionary Study and Prayer Group**

Wednesdays 10am – 11am

Scripture and conversation; applying the word to our daily lives. Drop in as you are able - NO CLASS on December 30.

**December 6, 2009**

Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79  
Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

**December 13, 2009**

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

**December 20, 2009**

Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46b-55  
Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45

**December 24, 2009**

Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-20

**December 27, 2009**

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148  
Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52

Study~ Growing in our love and understanding of God through bible study classes, reading, prayer and worship



**We hold these members, friends, and families in our prayers**

- Nicole Davis
- Evelyn and David Dabritz's daughter Dorothy
- Laurel Staats
- Gwenn Krossa's niece Presley
- Mickie Hooks
- Daisy Enoch's son Richard
- Harvey Neuman
- Wyatt and Kristal - family of Ed & Margie Perry
- Muriel Henderson
- Mary Eppstein's friend Barbara Spigler
- Jane Rhine's family member mark Kaney
- The Henry Jones Family
- Celebration of remission for Elinor Naify

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

At our November meeting the committee and staff worked to develop a budget for 2010 that would

support our fiscal and spiritual needs. This is a forward-thinking, lean budget that will require each of us working as partners and teams to share the tasks and keep fresh ideas flowing.

It is "our turn" to build on the devotion and efforts of past members to bring to our church the work that God has laid out for this generation of Estero Bay United Methodists. We have all learned lessons from the Depression of long ago and the Depression currently affecting us. We must use the wisdom we have gained to strengthen ourselves and our church, to reach out to those in need in the local community, and to pay our fair share of obligations (Apportionments) for the Church world-wide. We can do it!

Carolyn Neuman, chair

<b>Financial Report to the Congregation</b>	
<b>10/27/09-11/23/09</b>	
Contributions and Pledges received	\$9800.
Budgeted Expenses	\$13,991.
from the Finance Committee, Carolyn Neuman, Chair	

Ahoy there! The Finance Committee needs a few dedicated people to help count each week. We will provide TLT (Tender Loving Training) and you can choose the Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning or afternoon that best fits your schedule. We'll match you with a partner if needed. Please call Carolyn to schedule training at 771-0297 or [hcneuman@charter.net](mailto:hcneuman@charter.net).

Simple Living ~ living on what we need and giving the rest to those in need



into membership...



Suzi Dobyns Jerry Dobyns Jeanette Mossinger

Suzi Dobyns was born in Chicago, moved at a very early age to Los Angeles and spent her growing-up-years in Whittier, CA. She attended Fullerton Junior College, worked at a variety of jobs, and ultimately became a Licensed Practical Nurse. In 1979 she married Jerry – his employment took them to Portland, OR for 10 years, then they made a brief stop in Cayucos on their way to Oxnard where Suzi has a wonderful job working and traveling for Pleasant Hawaiian Holidays, a wholesale tour operator. She retired in April, 2008 and she and Jerry returned to Cayucos in June, 2008.

Jerry Dobyns was born in San Diego. His father was in the Navy and the family lived in Japan, Germany, Colorado and Augusta GA where Jerry graduated from High School. The military then took the family to Alaska for three years, after which Jerry went to live with his brother in Orange County, CA. He met “the love of his life, Suzi” in 1978”. See Suzi’s bio, above, for the rest of their story!

Jeanette Mossinger was born in Jamestown, ND, the fourth and last child in the family. Her mother was a nurse and her father a pharmacist. She writes “we were a happy family and attended the Presbyterian Church pretty regularly”. Jeanette graduated from college in Fargo, ND, taught school there for three years before moving to southern CA where she met and married Ed Mossinger. Jeanette and Ed lived in Bellflower for 20 years before moving to Cayucos. Jeanette visited several churches after Ed passed away, and feels very comfortable here at Estero Bay where she has made friends and enjoys the choir and the Sunday sermons.



Ian Baldwin

Ian was born and brought up in a small town 35 miles north of London called Bishop’s Stortford. After school he joined the Ordnance Survey (the British government’s national mapping agency). He worked as a surveyor and spent the next 28 years updating the maps of East England. Ian came to the United States in March of 2008 after obtaining his green card. He left behind in England his mother, sister and many friends. His hobbies are photography and railways, and he is in the process of making a small model railway. He was and is a “keen badminton player”, and he enjoys walking the beaches of Estero Bay with Paula. Rounding out Ian’s many talents is his love of music – he played in the Praise Band at West LA UMC, and played bass guitar in a band called “All of a Sudden” for 11 years.

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Sunday Childcare – Anke Young/Sarah Siverling

The Church Office will have reduced hours Dec. 28 – Jan. 1 st. Please call to make sure we are here before you come over. The newsletter deadline is moved up to December 18!

## Sunday Worship at 9:45 a.m. ~ Childcare and Bible Enrichment at 10:15 a.m.

Event	Day and Date	Time	Location
AA Meeting	Tuesday 1,8,15,22,29	8:00 p.m.	Social Hall
Lectionary Study Group	Wednesday 2,9,16,23	10 -11 a.m.	Social Hall
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday 2,9,16,23,30	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
Holiday Celebration Potluck	Thursday Dec 3.	6:00 p.m.	Social Hall
SPRC Meeting	Saturday Dec. 5	10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Charge Conference	Saturday Dec. 5	10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Finance Committee	Tuesday, Dec.8	10:00 a.m.	Pastor's office
UMW Executive Board	Thursday Dec. 10	10:30 a.m.	Social Hall
UMW Unit Meeting	Thursday Dec. 10	12:00 noon	Social Hall
UMCC Christmas Program	Wednesday Dec. 16	6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
January Newsletter Deadline	Friday Dec. 18	9:00 a.m.	Church Office
Caroling at Spencer's Market	Sunday Dec. 20	12:00 noon	Spencer's Market
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	December 24	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Church office closed	Thursday Dec. 24 Friday Dec. 25 Monday Dec. 28	All day	

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