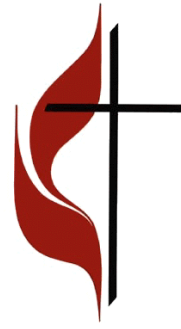


# OCTOBER 2009

## CHANGING TIDES

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



### WAVELENGTHS



*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Ephesians 4: 6-7*

Several of you have asked me to expand on what I mean when I say I am working on ordination. I know that many of you think that as your pastor I am fully ordained. But in the Methodist system, ordination is a many-leveled process. The steps are 1) inquiring candidate, 2) certified candidate, 3) probationary or provisional candidate, and then finally, 4) full connection or ordination. I am at step 3. Step 3 means that I have written papers for and been interviewed by the Board of Ordained Ministry (BOM, affectionately pronounced boom). Provisional candidates have been recognized by the California Pacific Annual Conference and are assigned by the Bishop to serve in churches through out the Conference. Those in step 3 have the same responsibilities and obligations to their church as ordained clergy do.

At the time I was approved as a Probationary or Provisional member of the Conference it was required that candidates complete 8 RIM or Resident in Ministry courses in a minimum of 3 years. These classes are designed to help enhance our leadership skills and provide information on the practical, everyday side of ministry that seminary does not cover. When you receive this I will be at my last required RIM class. The minimum 3 years is to help us put these skills to work and test our effectiveness in ministry.

The next step is to write 3 papers – totaling 65-70 pages that cover Theology, Care of Self, Community and Congregation, and Proclamation and Invitation that is worship and education. These papers are due December 1, including a CD of a worship service (that's why you will see a video camera occasionally in worship) and a critique of a completed bible study.

Assuming my papers are deemed acceptable by BOM, I will then have the privilege of an interview (actually three interviews one for each paper topic) in either February or March. If the interviews go well then I will be recommended for full connection or ordination at next June's Annual Conference.

Of course there are no guarantees that I will be successful in this process. Recommendation is not automatic. Many candidates are recommended to spend an additional year or so honing their skills before repeating the paper submission and interview process.

So I ask for your prayers as I take on this endeavor. And I also ask for your prayers as we continue to grow together in our ministry here at Morro Bay.

Shalom

**Pastor Paula**

**A Time for Witness** How wonderful it is that God works in our lives in many different ways. Are you open to sharing how God has been present in your life, in this community of faith? Looking for articles for the newsletter and for those who will share during worship. See Pastor Paula.

# Methodism 101

What does it mean to be a Methodist? What do Methodists believe? This 5 part series will be held on Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the Social Hall on Oct 17, 24 & 31, Nov 14 and 21. Sign up in the narthex. Topics to be covered:

1. History: The Wesley Boys: Who, What, When
2. Basic Beliefs: Its Not Geometry: 3s and 4s; The Trinity
3. Basic Beliefs: Its Not Geometry: 3s and 4s; The Quadrilateral
4. Basic Beliefs: Grace and Forgiveness: More Than a Prayer, More Than Saying I'm Sorry
5. Basic Beliefs : Social Principles: Our Role in the World



## News and Notes

### Children's Center Preschool Readers Wanted

Opportunities are available for adults to come to the preschool (1130 Napa Ave. in Morro Bay) to read a story to the children (they will pick the book)– either in the morning or the afternoon. This is a great way to get to see our preschool in

action, get to know the children we serve and help be a presence to this important mission of the church. A signup sheet is on a clipboard in the narthex.

### Blessing of Food for Salvation Army and Those in Need

We all know that the current economic situation is impacting more and more families. As part of our Sunday offering we will also bless our offering of food for those in need. Bring your canned goods and place them in the basket. The ushers will bring up the food along with our tithes during worship.

### Computer Help

Several people have commented that they like having scripture on Powerpoint and want to know when we will add the hymns. Well, once we have all of the music licenses in place (we are working on this) we will need someone to help with the computer. First off, we need help to build the Powerpoint slides. Secondly, we need someone to run the computer on Sunday mornings. If you have any interest in either, please contact the office.

### Coffee with the Pastor

Have you signed up for coffee, tea or lunch with Pastor Paula? Don't delay! Call the office now to reserve a time.

### From the Church Office

- **"Request for Payment Forms"** are located next to the mailboxes in the church office. If you need reimbursement for expenditures on behalf of the church, please attach receipts to the completed form and turn it in to Kate in the office.
- **A reminder to leaders** of PPRC, Trustees, Leadership Council, Memorial Fund, and Finance Committee: please check your mailboxes regularly (located on the wall just inside the office door) - thanks.
- **\*\*The Church Office will be closed Friday, October 9, 2009.\*\***
- Please check the sign-up board in the narthex frequently to indicate your interest in particular events and classes.



## United Methodist Women

The October UMW Unit Meeting will be held Thursday, October 8 at 12:00 noon. The Program on "World Thank Offering" will be presented by Wanda Bybee and Melinda Elster, who remind you to bring your offering on that day! Luncheon hostesses are Melinda Elster and Carolyn Neuman. UMW All are welcome! Executive Board meets at 10:30 a.m.

The World Thank Offering is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance of grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. God's care is felt in many ways: in life, in joy at a special event, in strength in times of sorrow, in community, in God's world, in God's promises, in God's gift of Jesus Christ. The World Thank Offering allows people to share a portion of God's blessings with others. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission carried on through the Women's Division--mission in the United States and around the world.

## Holiday Bazaar



### November 7

*UMW members and friends are busy as bees preparing for the Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.. Bring your donations of exceptional items for the "Déjà vu" table (jewelry, ceramics and glassware collectibles,*

*vintage hats and purses, original art work, etc.) to the church by October 25. Donations of plants, baked goods and preserves should be delivered on Friday, Nov. 6 or early on Nov.7. Thank you!*

## HUNGER WALK



and  
for  
Walk

Join Pastor Paula EBUMC members the SLO Food Bank Coalition Hunger on Sunday,

October 11, 2009 in Cayucos. 75% of the funds raised will stay in our communities (Morro Bay, Cayucos, Cambria) . – if you sign up to be a walker, or make a direct donation, you can designate an agency to receive your money. Some of the local agencies are: Morro Bay Seniors, Cayucos Seniors, Salvation Army, Cayucos Food Bank, and YMCA (Cambria). A complete list is posted on the bulletin Board in the narthex.

Walkers should gather by 1:30 p.m. at the Community Church in Cayucos (Ocean Ave. & 3<sup>rd</sup> St.) for the three-mile walk. To contribute directly please make your check out to "The Food Bank" The need is greater than ever before – every \$10.00 donated to the Food Bank purchases enough food for \$170.00 meals!

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Accompanist – Jane Rhine

Choir Director – Laurel Staats

Sunday Childcare – Anke Young

## Wednesday Lectionary Study and Prayer Group

This group meets weekly on Wednesdays in the Social Hall from 10 -11 a.m. We will look at one or two scriptures from the lectionary reader and spend time in discussion. Drop in as you can.

### OCTOBER LECTIONARY

#### October 4, 2009

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Psalm 26 or Psalm 25 (UMH 756)

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

#### October 18, 2009

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c (UMH 826)

Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

#### October 11, 2009

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalm 22:1-15 (UMH 752)

Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

#### October 25, 2009


Acts 2: 42-47

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22) (UMH 769)

Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52



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

Donna Focht and family

Ed & Margie Perry's friend Elinor Naify

Limon Family

Nicole Davis

Betty Winholtz and family

James Moore's family

Vi Jones' family

Laurel Staats

Dabritz Family

Mickie & Dave Hooks' son David Hooks, Jr.,

Gwenn Krossa's niece Presley

Alexandra Stinebaugh,

c/o San Diego Center for Children, Bedrock

3002 Armstrong St., San Diego, CA 92

### Financial Report to the Congregation

#### Contributions and Pledges received

August 1-Sept. 25, 2009 \$15,268.00

#### Budgeted Expenses

August 1-Sept. 25, 2009 \$24,150.00

from the Finance Committee,  
Carolyn Neuman, Chair

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

#### Children's Center

Keedon Y. 6

Will H. 11

Emma H. 26



#### EBUMC

Mike Armstrong 2

Thelma Gillmore 3

Claudia Kenney 5

Mary Eppstein 8

Bill Moore 10

James Moore 14

Brad White 15

Liam Limon 21

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know and we'll be sure to add you to the list!

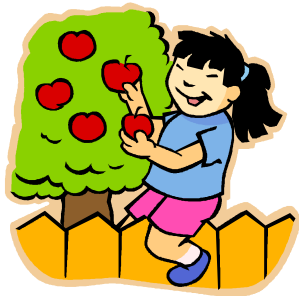
**Thanks**

*to Tina Lau for volunteering to help with the EBUMC website. The September newsletter is now posted, and all of the information on our website is up to date and eye-catching! Check it out!*

[www.morrobayumc.com](http://www.morrobayumc.com)

## **United Methodist Children's Center**

Fall is one of our favorite times of year at the Children's Center. We'll be celebrating the Fall harvest with arts,



food, and science exploration. The After-school program has been exploring and celebrating our great community. Come check out our version of bubble-gum alley (brave teachers!), and a re-creation of the estuary. You'll feel like

you're underwater when you view our beautiful seaweed prints, and you'll love the awesome surfboards that the children have designed – Cowabunga, Dude!

Thanks to our friends in the community garden (Susan Heineman, Johannah Varland and Noah Smuckler) the After School kids will be busy watching their strawberries, broccoli and carrots grow. We'll be learning more about organic gardening and learning about chickens. The Community Garden has created an amazing chicken coop – soon we'll incubate eggs and hopefully enjoy our own fresh eggs from new chickens.

It is an exciting time at the Preschool. With 37 three-and- four- year-olds, the days at pre-school are filled with smiles, hugs and adventures. We are learning to take turns and share, and have perfected our Super Hero snack prayer (ask a pre-schooler to demonstrate). We've learned a lot about each other, including our names, what our names mean, our families, our homes and some things we want to learn in pre-school. My favorite from one ambitions preschooler is "learn to drive" – watch out, world! We have a dynamic group of eager learners. This month we'll start working on our ABC's and 123's skills through fun games and activities. We'll be doing some delicious cooking projects with apples – apple pie, apple sauce and more.

Thanks to all of you for providing cooking supplies, and thank you for all the wonderful snacks - snack time is one of our favorite times of day – YUM.

Peace and love,  
Christy

**United Methodist Children's Center 772-7897**

## **Heifer International**

These inspiring words are from the World Ark magazine:

Join our worldwide circle of giving.

Birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, bar or bat mitzvahs ... a gift to Heifer International is perfect for any occasion.

Your gift will provide families with animals and training that help sustainable livelihoods. And because recipients agree to Pass on the Gift to another family in need, your gift to Heifer will keep on giving for years to come.

The Heifer International table will be available in the Narthex from October 11th through November 8 for you to bring your list of holiday giving. Chickens, rabbits, heifers, goats, sheep -- giving a share or a whole animal is indeed a wonderful gift in honor of a family member.

For more info call Beth Cook 772-7655 or Ann Limon 772-2177.



## **Good News from the Community Garden**

The Estero Community Garden has increased its size to over 40 plots, thanks to help from the Summer Corp of the CA Conservation Corp. Fall is the perfect time to start planting cool season vegetables that thrive in Morro Bay's marine climate. There are still a few new plots for rent - sign up today for yours! The plots are \$65 per year. Please call Johannah Varland, Head Gardener, at 772-9580 to reserve your 15'x15' garden plot.

## **New Missions Task Force Forming**

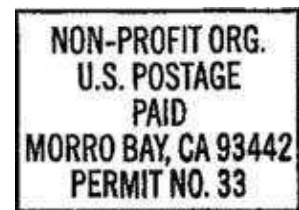
Have an interest in Missions – local and afar? Are you interested in learning of ways to serve our church and community? Contact Beth Cook or leave your name at the office.

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

**Sunday Worship begins at 9:45 a.m.**  
**Childcare and Bible Enrichment at 10:15 a.m.**

| <b>OCTOBER 2009 CALENDAR</b>                       |                          |                  |  |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|--|
| <b>Event</b>                                       | <b>Day/Date</b>          | <b>Time</b>      | <b>Location</b>                            |
| AA   | Tues. 6,13,20, 27        | 8:00 p.m.        | Social Hall                                |
| Hunger Walk  | Sunday, Oct. 11          | 1:30 p.m.        | Ocean Ave. & 3 <sup>rd</sup> St. - Cayucos |
| Finance Committee                                  | Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> | 10:00 a.m.       | Pastor's office                            |
| Lectionary Study and Prayer Group                  | Wednes. 7,14,21,28       | 10 -11 a.m.      | Sanctuary                                  |
| Choir  | Wednes. 7,14,21,28       | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary                                  |
| UMW Exec. Board                                    | Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> | 10:30 a.m.       | Social Hall                                |
| UMW Luncheon                                       | Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> | 12:00 noon       | Social Hall                                |
| Church Office Closed                               | Friday 9th               | All day          |  |
| Methodism 101                                      | Saturday 17, 24,31       | 10- 11:30 a.m.   | Social Hall                                |
| Deadline for November Newsletter                   | Thursday, Oct. 22        |                  | Church office                              |
| UMCC Teacher Workday<br>(Children's Center closed) | Friday, Oct. 30          | All day          | UMCC – Morro Bay                           |

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