



First United Methodist Church of Lompoc

February 2026 Forecast

Eric Scott, Pastor

Jesus' Family Offers Love in Many Ways

People are part of a church family for many different reasons. Some crave the community and connection that is often missing in the modern world. Others enjoy the rhythm that takes us out of the busy world each week to rest in the presence of God's love. I know people who have discovered how to live with purpose and meaning because of the church's witness. People experience healing in the gospel, the chance to be a part of something bigger than themselves in the ritual, and the reminder that we are called to care for one another.

For me, the first answer to the question "why church?" is that the church inspires me to let go of myself so that I can live for the sake of others. I am surrounded by people who are going the extra mile to help others. That example supports me as I grow my own discipleship. I need that.

I am interested in your answer to "why church?" What is meaningful and valuable to you? Like most others who are reading this, you have invested so much of your time, energy, and love in this small part of the body of Christ. I hope you'll drop me a line or pull me aside someday to share that part of your story. I am always encouraged to hear what God is doing through the family of people who follow Jesus.

Peace,

Eric

To reach our Pastor, Eric Scott, you can email him at escott@lompocumc.org. Urgent messages are best by text message or his mobile phone. Please contact Barbara in the office if you need Eric's number. Thank You.



Worship is held on Sundays at 11am in-person and live stream (You Tube). Would you like to subscribe? For new videos, previous sermons and celebrations, please click the link below. Thank you.

<https://www.youtube.com/@lompocfirstunitedmethodist8922>.

Please Continue to Pray for our Church Family and Friends

Lynda Nuernberg-Smith is asking for prayers for her best friend's mother, Ann, who had a mini-stroke. Added to other medical issues, she's now in failing health. Please pray for God to heal her and return her to good health once again; we keep Desiree and Pastor Eric in our prayers as Desiree's medical team schedules an upcoming procedure; Glenna and Arlis are requesting prayers for their nephew, Chance, who underwent brain surgery in Colorado. Please pray that his surgery is successful and that he makes a full recovery; Please keep Janet's son-in-law John in prayer as he faces a medical procedure this month and starts the road to recovery; Lesta who is recovering after a fall; we keep Betty's family in prayer. We will keep you informed of her services here at our church in the months ahead; Colleen, as she continues to get better; for the homeless and all those without food, medical treatment or shelter; John and Phyllis are requesting prayers for their dear friend, Susan, who is dealing with serious health issues. Please pray for healing and a full recovery. We celebrate answered prayers, birthdays and joy in our lives. Shari asks us to celebrate with her in the birth of her first granddaughter! "Chloe" was born last week. Everyone is healthy and doing well.

To send a card to those we pray for or if you want to be removed from our prayers, please call our office. If you want to add a prayer or a joy, please write on the back of your Sunday I Am Here card (in the pews) or notify the office. Please let us know if you prefer your comments to be private. Thank you.

What's Going On?

Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday will be held February 18th from 12pm – 1pm in our sanctuary. Drop-ins are welcome.

Leadership Team. The next Leadership Team meeting is February 25th at 5:00pm.

Lompoc Concert Association. The Lompoc Concert Association next concert will be Friday, April 17th featuring Mt. Lowe Chamber Players – Woodwind Quintet. Doors open at 6:30pm / concert at 7:00pm. For more information please see: <https://www.lompocconcert.org>. And, about the Quintet here: <https://www.mtlowechamberplayers.com>. We hope to see you there.

2025 Expense Report

December Income: \$26,846.51
December Expenses: \$10,095.27

Year To Date Income: \$190,890.10
Year To Date Expenses: \$106,103.23



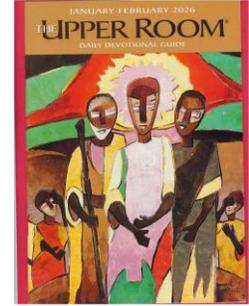
ATTENDANCE	IN-PERSON	ONLINE	TOTAL
December 7	46	43	89
December 14	37	Not Available	37
December 21	37	15	41
December 24	77	16	93
December 28	32	10	42

... and Something to Think About

Thank you, Barbara Dameron, for Something to Think About. Below is Barbara's choice for February.

**"Sometimes I just look up, smile and say,
"I know that was you. Thank you."**

Hoda Kothb



Happy Birthday to You!

Hector Arreola – Feb. 3rd

Patti Kern – Feb. 13th

Glenna Yingst – Feb. 19th

Em Peacock – Feb. 20th

Outreach to Care Facilities

Sundays at 10am is weekly worship at Skilled Nursing and Rehab.

2nd, 4th & 5th Tuesdays at 11:30 hymn songs at CCC

United Methodist Men: Saturday, February 7th at 9am / Tom's Restaurant. Please contact Myron Heavin at mgheavin@me.com

As we are in the month of Love, let's remember 1 Corinthians 13:4-13, Now - and always:

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Connections and Gatherings

Women's Devotional - Thursdays at 11am. We are studying the January - February Upper Room. Meet in the Fireside Room.

Scribblers - Love to write? Scribblers meets every second Saturday at 11am with a new topic every month. Next meeting is February 14th. Meeting in the Fireside Room.

Paper Crafting with Cindy - Next Paper Crafting is Friday, February 27th at 2:00pm and Saturday, February 28th at 10:00am. Fireside Room.

Bible Studies:
(Zoom meeting Number 946 705 060)
In Person & Zoom: Thursdays, 7:30am / Dave's Place / (Village Inn/Vandenberg Village) ("Genesis")
In-Person & Zoom: Thursdays 7pm / Myron Heavin's home ("Revelation")
Zoom only: Sunday Morning Sunday School, 8:30am ("Ezekiel")

JANUARY FEED THE HUNGRY “SOUPS ON”

As we usually do for the January Feed the Hungry we took the turkey carcasses that were in the freezer from Thanksgiving and boiled them down. With the turkey meat falling off the bones Nancy and Larry collected the meat and put it aside for inclusion in a hot soup. A bit of chicken broth was added to the turkey broth we had just made to enhance the flavor. The noodles were added to the broth, along with the turkey meat and the freshly chopped celery, carrots and onion. This was slowly cooked so all the flavors mingled. The aroma of what was cooking on the stove whiffed throughout our Fellowship Hall. While the soup was slowly



simmering away Linda was making a Cesar Salad. The sandwiches made and bagged along with cookies by Bob were ready to go. A bottle of water along with a packet of crackers for the turkey noodle with vegetables soup was also provided. We fed our guests at 5pm at St Timothys, with Nancy and Barbara handling the salad, crackers, water and the lunch bags. Linda ladled the soup into soup bowls and Larry delivered them to our guests. All together we had 38 people eating and enough food for all to get seconds. The next day we delivered soup to Jack at home and he gave it high marks. Donna and Myron were down with a cold and Lynda was recovering from a fall. We wish them a speedy and complete recovery. ***Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.***

FEBRUARY SHARING TREE



Once again, we have chosen to support Sleep in Heavenly Peace of Northern Santa Barbara County (“SHP”) as our Sharing Tree for February. SHP has begun to make a difference! Thanks to the support of so many

in our community, since it started in January 2022, over 3,000 beds have been built and delivered for children in north county and there is still a need for more. Each bed comes complete with wooden headboards and frame, new twin mattress, twin sheet set, comforter, and pillow. While the beds are provided at no cost to the family, each complete bed costs about \$250. SHP also accepts donations of twin sheets, comforters, pillows, and pillowcases. You can drop those off at the office or in the Narthex. I am sharing the following recollection: “I remember in the 40's sleeping on a cot in an old motel. My folks did the very best they could, we didn't have a place to call home. Dad was orphaned by the flu epidemic, so little formal education, as so many of his generation. It was the Depression and no job skills. Just a tremendous work ethic and the kind of pride that would never accept any kind of charity.” Another, more recent is about a “mother's son who had to sleep on a mattress on the floor after a bad divorce. She was glad to find SHP here in Lompoc. You can support this tree by writing a check to FUMC and on the memo line write “Sleep in Heavenly Peace.” Donations can also be made through our website, lompocumc.org. *Proverbs 3:24: "When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet".*

Dear Everyone,

We feel it's important to address the recent violence in Minnesota and across the rest of the nation. Please see below the announcements from Bishop Dottie Escobedo Frank, links she referred to, and an announcement from Bishop Tracy S. Malone, President, Council of Bishops, The United Methodist Church.

Thank you.

Message from Bishop Escobedo-Frank:
Lament for Violence in Minnesota and Beyond

Over the past few weeks, we have witnessed the shooting of two persons on the streets of Minneapolis by federal officers. Renee Good and Alex Pretti were doing their part to care for their neighbors by witness and by protest, when they were shot and killed. We also watched Liam Ramos, a 5-year-old child, being sent to detention. And we saw an elderly citizen, Chongly Scott Thao, removed from his home while undressed, and carted away in the middle of winter. These are the stories we see, and there are many we don't. News outlets additionally report that [eight people have died in dealings with ICE so far in 2026](#), and that [13 have been shot during immigration operations since September 2025](#). When we see these acts of cruelty and brutality on our screens, we too become witnesses for God's hurting people. We are stirred to prayer, to lament, and to action.

Below, I am sharing the official statement from The UMC Council of Bishops, released earlier this week. As one body, The UMC Bishops condemn the violence in Minnesota, and recognize that a statement is just one step, our work toward peace happens on the ground.

Grace y paz,

Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank

Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
Resident Bishop of the Los Angeles Episcopal Area

Links to Bishop Escobedo-Frank's statement above can also be found here:

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/jan/28/deaths-ice-2026->

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/ice-shootings-list-border-patrol-trump-immigration-operations-rcna254202>

United Methodist Church Bishops Condemn Violence in Minnesota

Council of Bishops
The United Methodist Church

January 26, 2026

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Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

In recent days, events in Minnesota and beyond have caused deep grief, concern, and alarm across our connection. The use of lethal force in public spaces, the detention of naturalized citizens, members of our indigenous communities, children, documented and undocumented immigrants, and the treatment of other vulnerable persons have weighed heavily on the hearts of many in our church. These actions have unsettled communities, strained trust, and intensified fear among those already living at the margins.

Scripture reminds us that “when one part of the body suffers, we all suffer with them” (I Corinthians 12:26). As a Connectional church, we are reminded that we are one body that cares for and needs each other. The whole body is suffering, right now, today! The violence being perpetrated on our streets, the loss of safety, and the inhumane treatment of God’s children, are hurting us all. We cannot stay silent in the face of the evils of our day.

The United Methodist Church deplors the use of violence, fear, separation, and intimidation as a means of creating social order. Such means do not build beloved community. We reaffirm our longstanding commitment to the sacred worth of every person and to the way of peace taught and embodied by Jesus. We stand against the separation of children from their families. We detest the inhumane, evil actions that are perpetuated by governmental authorities.

Our Social Principles are clear: “We reject governmental use of threats, extortion, unlawful detentions, extrajudicial killings, and other forms of coercion to silence political opponents and those objecting to unlawful or immoral government policies and practices.” They further affirm that the church has both the right and the responsibility to educate and equip its members to be advocates for justice in the wider world (§163D).

This is a moment that calls for prayerful courage to speak against actions that are bringing harm to our neighbors. This is our time to have an effectual faith that stands with those who are suffering. This is our faithful response to our baptismal vow that summons us into what is required of us “to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God” (Micah 6:8). We must continue to work for justice to help heal the brokenness in our communities and in the world.

We ask you to pray for peace and for justice. And we ask that we work together with our communities so that we can create a world where the sword is turned into plowshares, and the lion lays down with the lamb. May we be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, who empowered by the Holy Spirit, do our part to bring comfort, just practices, and healing for all God’s suffering people.

In Christ’s peace,



Bishop Tracy S. Malone
President, Council of Bishops
The United Methodist Church

February 2026



Art by Sharon Cummings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>11:00 Worship, Holy Communion, In-Person and Live Stream</i>	2 7:00pm Master Chorale Rehearsals	3	4	5 11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	6	7 9:00 United Methodist Men (Tom's Restaurant)
8 <i>11:00 Worship, In-Person and Live Stream</i>	9 4:00pm Youth Chorale Rehearsal 7:00pm Master Chorale Rehearsals	10	11	12 11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>
15 <i>11:00 Worship, In-Person & Live Stream</i>	16 Presidents' Day 4:00pm Youth Chorale Rehearsals 7:00pm Master Chorale Rehearsals	17 3:00 - Feed The Hungry	18	19 11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	20	21 11:00 Scribblers Fireside Room
22 <i>11:00 Worship, In-Person & Live Stream</i>	23 4:00pm Youth Chorale Rehearsals 7:00pm Master Chorale Rehearsals	24	25 5:00pm Leadership Team Meeting	26 11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	27 2:00pm Paper Crafting with Cindy (Fireside Room)	28 10:00am Paper Crafting with Cindy (Fireside Room)

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Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9am to 12pm and 12:30pm to 2:30pm