

First United Methodist Church of Lompoc July 2025 Forecast

Eric Scott, Pastor

Taking the Work Year by Year, One Step at a Time

We are beginning year two together, as you have likely heard. For the current appointment year, I will be serving 50% at Lompoc compared to 25% last year. For United Methodists, our appointment year begins on July 1, and each appointment is for a single year. A pastor who has served a church for 10 years, for example, served 10 one-year appointments. This system is inherited from an older time and differentiates us from most of our church neighbors.

I will continue to be in the office on Wednesdays and will add another day each week, usually Tuesday. This will enable me to visit more of you during the week and have an opportunity to learn about what makes Lompoc tick. I know that for all of you, this is a special place, and I am just beginning to learn its secrets. I appreciate your help with that! We'll also have time to plan for the future of our ministry in this town as well as assess our strengths for that work. You will hear about that soon.

Above all else, we can be assured of God's guidance, wisdom and encouragement. God's Spirit surely moves among us to equip us for the important tasks of sharing the good news of Jesus and serving our neighbors in this critical time. You have been doing that for many years already, and I am glad to join you for another year of that joyful work.

Grace and peace, Eric

Eric's email is 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.)



In-person and live stream worship is 11am. To subscribe or be notified of new videos, previous sermons and celebrations, please click the link below: https://www.youtube.com/@lompocfirstunitedmethodist8922. Thank you.

Please Pray for our Church Family & Friends: Jack Jones asks to pray for his ex-daughter-in-law, Denise who had several surgeries last week and the prognosis is not known, for his daughter-in-law, Judy, in North Carolina who is suffering with health issues and for Jack's son, Doug, who is improving, but has COVID and has a long way to go physically; Dr. Nasr and his wife as they continue to recover from a car accident; our Bishop, Dottie Escobedo-Frank, asks to pray for our country and for law enforcement as they are faced with violence and unrest, for those who cries you hear, and for the leaders of our world, asking that they would seek peace above all and to pray for justice to prevail; Yolanda Reyes for definitive test results for a much-needed surgery as soon as possible; Greg Honnold's family friend Lalo Salazar and her continued remission; for an anonymous visitor who asked us to pray for his boldness and protection in being homeless and we also pray for all those who are without shelter; for Pastor Eric and Desiree as Desiree continues medical treatment; for Ed Barnard who had a fall, we pray for successful therapy and a full recovery; John and Phyllis Engelbosch are requesting prayers for their friend, Susan Batson, who is dealing with serious health issues, please pray for healing and a full recovery; for Barbara Dameron as she continues treatment; Em Peacock's nephew, Ken and for positive outcomes and recovery during his medical journey; for Bud LaRue as he continues his treatments; and Fran Cooper Materra for serious health issues. Jovs: We are grateful that Anne Anderson's surgery was a success and her recovery is going well.

If you want to send a card to those we pray for, please call our office for an address. If you want to be removed from our prayer list, please call or email the office. Or if you want to add a prayer or a joy you can write your comments on the back of your I Am Here card on Sundays (in the pews) or notify the office. *Please advise if you would like your requests private or your prayers removed*.

What's Happening

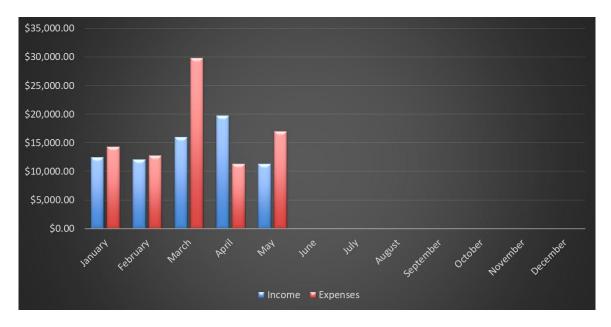
<u>Leadership Team Meetings.</u> The next Leadership Team meeting is August 13th at 4pm (there is no July meeting). For a copy of the May 14th meeting minutes, please call the office.

<u>Tenting of the Church</u>. A notice to our congregation that we will be tenting the church August 26th thru August 28th.

<u>Los Angeles Fires</u>. Have you been affected by the Fires? Do you need help or know someone who does? People still need lots of help. For more information, please click here to be guided on how to help. Thank you. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqOB5Crugv0-KFIn6F7P-ywwIGHk6ix2p5eHSnBN9T4n5Q0g/viewform?pli=1

2025 Expense Report

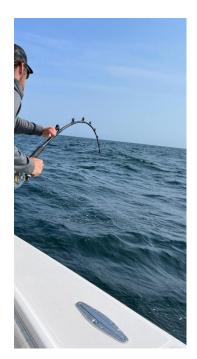
May Income: \$11,306.16 Year To Date Income: \$67,634.15 May Expenses: \$17,006.26 Year To Date Expenses: \$85,563.32



Attendance	In-Person	Live-Stream	Total
May 4 th	30	1	31
May 11 th	26	7	33
May 18 th	25	8	33
May 25 th	39	25	64

JUNE FEED THE HUNGRY

We went fishing and came up with a cheesy tuna noodle casserole for our meal on this June day for Feed the Hungry. The casserole was smothered in cheese and was fit for a king. Under all that cheese was the heart of the meal. The noodles were mixed with the tuna, sour cream, mushrooms, breadcrumbs and the seasonings. In addition to the casserole, a green salad was served along with French bread, an apple sauce cup, and water. The lunch bag that Bob put together contained the delicious peanut butter and jelly sandwich and cookies. Also, thanks to Myron, Donna, Larry and Lynda for coming out again to prepare and serve this meal to the 34 guests who gathered at St. Timothys. We had plenty of food for seconds too. We appreciate all of those who contribute to this ministry either by volunteering or donating.



Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor. Proverbs 22.9

Thank you. The Feed the Hungry Crew from Mission Outreach

Church Growth Task Force Report

Did you know that we have a Church Growth Task Force? After Christmas and with the approval of the Leadership Team, Myron Heavin started the Task Force bringing vision and new ideas to attract the community. Myron and the Task Force are always working behind the scenes to help grow our church. During this last year, the Task Force has implemented some important and interesting ideas, including the addition of a new large banner on our property on the corner of G Street and North Ave. The banner is large enough to be seen from traffic and passersby on H Street and has attracted some folks to come check us out. Also, the Task Force has been working hard on bringing better visuals to the services. With the use of PowerPoint, the Task Force can now project the music lyrics, scriptures, church activities, photographs and extracurriculars onto a large screen that sits behind the chancel for all to see. The Task Force welcomes your ideas too. A few months back, they distributed a questionnaire to ask about your preferences and hear your ideas. We are excited to say the response was positive all the way around.

Additionally, the Task Force is promoting New Pastor Sunday, which is coming up July 13th. Several flyers will be distributed to the community, and we are hoping you will invite your friends, family and neighbors. There will be a special choir during the service and an enjoyable summer picnic with lots of delicious food after worship.

The Task Force meets every other week after church and anyone is welcome to join. If you have more ideas or concerns, we would love to hear from you about ways to grow our church. Stay tuned for more activities and ideas coming from the Church Task Force.

July Sharing Tree 2025 Santa Barbara County Veterans Stand Down

2025 marks the 13th annual Veterans Stand Down in Santa Barbara County. The event is modeled after other communities that have successfully served homeless and at-risk veterans for years.

This year's event is Saturday, October 25th at the Santa Maria Fairpark (937 S. Thornburg Street). The following services are

provided: New Clothing and Towels, Hygiene Products, Haircuts, Showers, Flu Shots, Chaplain Services, Medical, Dental, Vision, Hearing Services, Social Services, Readjustment Counseling, Legal Services, Food, Employment Counseling, Pet Zone including medical, grooming, Entertainment, Transportation. Santa Barbara County Veterans Stand Down is dependent upon monetary donations and government grants to provide services to homeless and unemployed veterans at Stand Down. Funds raised from the community will go toward feeding and clothing veterans. If you are interested in making a monetary donation to Santa Barbara County Veterans Stand Down, you can give by check made out to FUMC and on the memo line write Stand Down, or you can also donate through our website at *lompocume.org* and click on the donate tab. The 2024 Stand Down served 396 veterans, 79 homeless, 59 were women veterans. There were 529 volunteers and 179 of those were active duty from Vandenberg Space Force Base. Boots and shoes were distributed to 61 veterans, 57men and 4 women. The pet zone saw 25 pets groomed, exams and vaccinations 46. This is just a few of the many services offered. The table in the Narthex has a flyer with all those services provided for 2024. The online version of this announcement also has the information attached to it. We thank you for your generous support last year and all of the sharing trees this year. Blessings to all of you.





We hope you will join us on July 13th for *New Pastor Sunday* to welcome Paster Eric Scott as our now half-time Pastor. Come join us as we celebrate our good fortune of Eric being with us another year. We hope to see you there.

CONCERTS COMING UP AT OUR CHURCH

LOMPOC CONCERT ASSOCIATION

2025-2026 SEASON





Fronted by GRAMMY Award-winning vocalist and GRAMMY-nominated composer Vanessa Ramirez, Grupo Bella elegantly expands the styles of traditional Mexican folk music. Mariachi Instrumentation is thrown for a loop with an enticing fusion of Mexican Pop, Boleros, Huasteco, and even an American Classic influence. The band's style pays homage to music of the past while pushing the boundaries of a sound with a vibrant history.

grupobella.com



Texas Guitar Quartet

Friday, November 7, 2025

Friday, September 26, 2025

The GRAMMY-nominated Texas Guitar Quartet has been hailed as "Impeccable in every respect" by Classical Guitar Magazine. Throughout the United States, Central America, Spain, and China, audiences have embraced the quartet for their daring programs, dazzling virtuosity and joyful music making. The group continues to push the boundaries of the guitar quartet medium by premiering exciting new works and creating daring arrangements of orchestral works by Mozart, Beethoven and Ravel.

txgq.net



Quarteto Nuevo

Friday, January 30, 2026

Quarteto Nuevo merges western classical, eastern European folk, Latin and jazz with an organic feel that packs a wallop! The ensemble's razor-sharp precision is enhanced by jazzy interludes, lightly rumbling percussion motifs and mesmerizing rhythms. They effectively meld the music of ancient worlds and faraway places with a contemporary groove that enchants audiences of all ages!

QuartetoNuevo.com



Mt. Lowe Chamber Players - Woodwind Quintet

Friday, April 17, 2026

The Mt. Lowe Chamber Players is a powerhouse musicians' collective whose members perform with the LA Philharmonic, the LA Opera, the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra and more. Their Woodwind Quintet brings the rhythmic and energetic sounds of clarinet, flute, oboe, bassoon, and horn vibrantly to life in their wide ranging program from classical composers to Fats Waller.

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Your tickets will be mailed 2-3 weeks prior to the opening of the 2025-2026 season

Concerts held at First United Methodist Church, 925 N. F St. ◆ Concerts 7:00pm ◆ Doors open 6:30pm For more information: 805-588-5971 ◆ lompocconcertinfo@gmail.com ◆ lompocconcert.org

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Thank you to Barbara Dameron for July's Something to Think About

Enjoy the little things in life... because one day you'll look back and realize they were the big things.

Kurt Vonnegut

Connections and Gatherings

Women's Devotional

Thursdays at 11am. We are now studying the July - August Upper Room. We meet in the Fireside Room. Hope to see you there.

Scribblers

Love to write? Scribblers meets every third Saturday at 11am with a new topic every month. Next meeting is Saturday, July 12th (changed from July 19th) and the topic is "Quirky." Fireside Room.

Paper Crafting with Cindy

The next Paper Crafting classes are Friday, July 25th at 2pm and Saturday, July 26th at 10am. Both classes are in the Fireside Room.

Weekly Bible Studies

<u>Thursdays, 7:30am</u> / Dave's Place (at the Village Inn in Vandenberg Village) ("Genesis") <u>Thursdays 7pm</u> / Myron Heavin's home and Zoom 946705080 ("1 John") <u>Sunday Morning Sunday School, 8:30am</u> / Zoom 788512597 ("Nehemiah")

Outreach to Care Facilities

<u>Sundays at 10am</u> is weekly worship at Skilled Nursing and Rehab. On the <u>2nd and 4th Tuesday at 10am</u> are hymn songs at CCC.

<u>United Methodist Men</u>: Saturday, July 5th at 9am / Tom's Restaurant. please contact Myron Heavin at <u>mgheavin@me.com</u>

July Birthdays!

Connie Juarez-Aguilera – 3rd Emily Ludden – 13th Enrique Aguilera – 16th Larry Huyck – 18th Michelle Berleue – 20th Yolanda Juarez-Aguilera – 31st





Happy Anniversary

Ehrhardt & Cheryl Lang July 6th!

July



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 29 11:00 Worship, Children's Sunday School In-Person and Live Stream	June 30	1	2	11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	Happy Fourth of July!	9:00 United Methodist Men (Tom's Restaurant)
6 11:00 Worship Holy Communion &, Children's Sunday School In-Person and Live Stream	7	8	4:00 Leadership Team (Cancelled for July)	10 11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	11	12 11:00 Scribblers Topic is "Quirky" (Fireside Room)
11:00 Worship, Children's Sunday School In-Person & Live Stream Pastor Sunday & Picnic in Fellowship Hall	14	3:00 Feed The Hungry	16	17 11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	18	19
20 11:00 Worship, Children's Sunday School In-Person & Live Stream	21	22	23	11:00 Women's Devotional (Fireside Room)	2:00 / Paper Crafting with Cindy (Fireside Room)	26 10:00 / Paper Crafting with Cindy (Fireside Room)
27 11:00 Worship, Children's Sunday School In-Person & Live Stream	28	29	30	31 11:00 Women's Devotional (Fireside Room)	August 1	August 2 9:00 United Methodist Men (Tom's Restaurant)

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We Hope to See You at Worship!

Return Service Requested

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Connie & Enrique Aquilera Buildings & Grounds

Larry Huyck & Lynn Clock, Technical Team First United Methodist Church of Lompoc

Welcome July 2025!



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