



First United Methodist Church of Lompoc

May 2026 Forecast

Eric Scott, Pastor

Encouragement Is the Excellent Way

As I was growing up, I taught myself to be a contrarian. I developed this annoying (especially to my parents!) habit of arguing for the opposite whenever somebody said anything. “I don’t think so,” “that’s not right” and “no” became well used in my conversations. Strangely enough, people were likely to become frustrated as they “exchanged ideas” with me.

Thanks to the grace of God, I am not quite the same person that I was. In spite of myself, I started to discover there is another way, a “more excellent way,” as Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12:31. That way, defined by faith, hope and love, brings us into closer community and relationship. In the last couple of decades, I have actively been trying to turn from contrarian to encourager.

The more I practice encouraging and supporting people in simple ways, the more I discover how joyful it can be. As I develop this habit, my friendships are deepening, and my acquaintances are more likely to turn into true friends. Joy shoulders out frustration in my relationships. Oh, I can still be a grump, but I am experiencing lasting change in my own life.

The church—the body of Christ—is built for community. I am pleased that so many of you are natural (or learned!) encouragers. That helps me progress. Thank you. As we progress together, that excellent way of faith, hope and love spills out into the world. Jesus is present!

Grace and peace,
Eric

To reach our Pastor, Eric Scott, you can email him at eric.saumc@gmail.com. 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>.

Prayers. Please pray for Hector’s daughter, Abigail who collapsed at work and was taken by ambulance to the hospital. Please keep her and her family in your prayers at this time; Penny is in the hospital and experiencing severe pain. She is not ready for visitors at this time. Rex, Jr. will keep us posted. Please keep Penny in your prayers; Arlis is still in skilled nursing and is now having physical therapy. He is anxious to return home. The family appreciates your support and asks to continue your prayers for his recovery; we keep Lesta's great granddaughter-in-law Stacey in our prayers. Doctors are monitoring her health; we also continue prayers for Glenna and Arlis's nephew, Chance, who is home now and facing a long road to recovery. We pray for Arlis, Glenna, Amy, Chance and all the family; Tucker asks to keep his brother in prayer for a full recovery as he continues his treatments; please keep Desiree and the family in your prayers as we continue prayers for her health; Jack Jones’ great-granddaughter Sydney's surgery went well. She is home now. Please continue to pray for healing and for Sydney to make a full recovery; JoDee reports she is doing better but still appreciates all your prayers; Janet Shiers’ sister, Anita, is home and in hospice. Please pray for Anita, Janet and the family; we continue prayers for Colleen and her health; we pray for the homeless and all those without food, medical treatment or shelter. We pray all find a strong belief in Jesus as their savior; John and Phyllis let us know Susan’s cancer is under control and she's feeling well, but she asks us to please continue praying for her; we pray for all those in the world who are suffering and experiencing great pain. **Joys.** Barbara has let us know that her daughter-in-law Tara will be moved from Los Angeles to Oxnard and will be closer to her son. The new home is very nice. If you have new joys in your life, please let us know. We would love to share good news with everyone. Please contact the church office for needed prayers or to remove your prayers from our announcements. *Please let us know if you prefer your comments to be private. Thank you.*

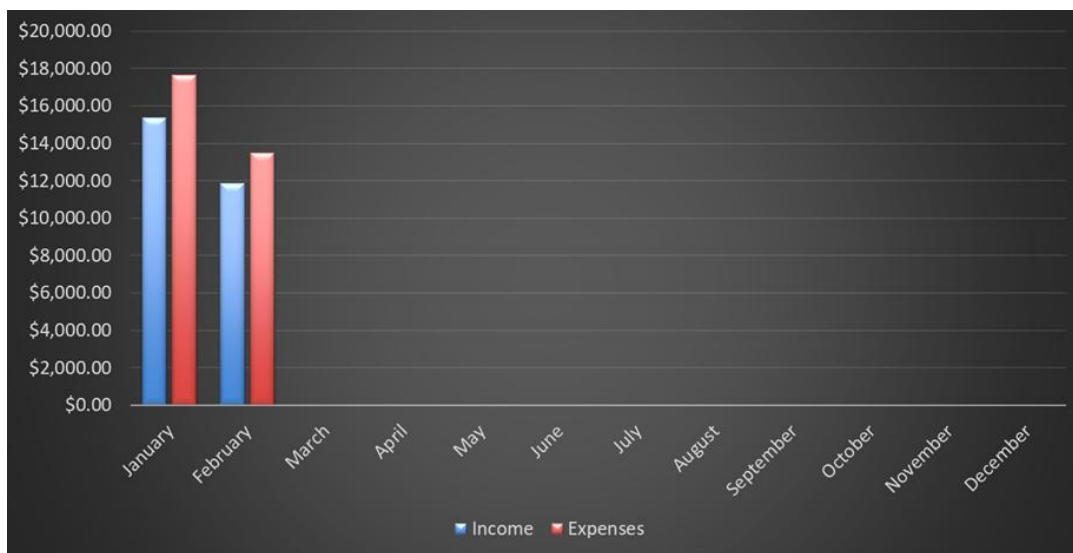
What’s Going On?

Leadership Team. The next Leadership Team meeting is May 20th at 5:00pm.

2026 Expense Report

February Income: \$11,870.80
February Expenses: \$13,468.98

Year To Date Income: \$27,244.00
Year To Date Expenses: \$31,350.79



Attendance	In-Person	Online	Total
February 1	42	11	53
February 8	33	27	60
February 15	36	14	50
February 22	31	12	43

Thank you Barbara Dameron for May Something to Think About.

“My father said there were two kinds of people in the world: givers and takers. The takers may eat better, but the givers sleep better.”

Marlo Thomas

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May Birthdays</u></p> <p>Betty Pfau – May 22nd Greg Honnold – May 27th Tucker Petersen – May 29th</p> <p>And, Happy Anniversary to You!</p> <p>John & Phyllis Engelbosch - 5/1/1967 Tim & Mandy Griffith – 5/26/1984</p> <p><u>Outreach to Care Facilities</u> <u>Sundays at 10am</u> is weekly worship at Skilled Nursing and Rehab.</p> <p><u>2nd, 4th & 5th Tuesdays/11:30</u> hymn songs CCC</p> <p><u>United Methodist Men:</u> Saturday, May 2nd at 9am / Tom’s Restaurant. Please contact Myron Heavin at mgheavin@me.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Connections and Gatherings</p> <p>Women’s Devotional - Thursdays at 11am. We are studying the May - June Upper Room. Meet in the Fireside Room.</p> <p>Scribblers - Love to write? Scribblers meets every third Saturday at 11am with a new topic every month. Next meeting is May 16th. Meet us in the Fireside Room.</p> <p>Paper Crafting with Cindy - Next Paper Crafting is Friday, May 22nd at 2:00pm and Saturday, May 23rd at 10:00am. Fireside Room.</p> <p>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”)</p>
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Thank you Penny Lee for your Encouragement Signs. Penny made these bright and beautiful signs and with the help of Lynda and Jennifer hung these on the windows of Eric’s office. They add a heartfelt and welcoming message to all those passing by. Thanks Penny! We love them!

New Directories

It’s that time again. Barbara is working on new directories. They should be ready by mid-May. If you would like a new directory, please contact the office. Thank you.

Bulletin Board Decorations

Do you know a teacher? Are you a teacher? We have some bulletin board decorations we are not using. Come on by the church office and have a look. 😊



APRIL FEED THE HUNGRY CHEESEY CASSEROLE

This month the Feed the Hungry crew met to prepare a hearty meal for those in Lompoc that need a helping hand. A hot meal helps to fit the bill. A spaghetti meal, but not just any spaghetti



meal, it was a spaghetti casserole. Kathleen, Myron, Donna and Larry met in the Fellowship Hall kitchen to prepare this popular dish. After browning the ground turkey and mixing in the sauteed onions and garlic, it was added to a pot of spaghetti sauce and let simmer until the spaghetti was cooked to al dente then the layering began. A bed of spaghetti, then sauce on top of that plus a layer of frozen peas and finally cheese, lots of cheese. Another layer of spaghetti, sauce and cheese was added to complete the casserole. Baked until bubbly and hot took about 40 minutes. Meanwhile on the counter the salad was being prepared which consisted of chopped romaine, shredded carrots, tomatoes, cucumbers and chick peas (you many know those as garbanzo beans.) In the morning Bob prepared the lunch bags with a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and cookies.

The meal was served ,which also included a bottle of water, at Saint Timothys to 43 guests.

***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.

MAY SHARING TREE

THE BRIDGE HOUSE



The Sharing Tree for May 2026 is the Bridge House. The local transitional housing and shelter is for those who are un-housed in Lompoc. The Bridge House came into existence in 2006 and has been provided services since.

The Bridge House has 90 beds available in two buildings

houses which have been moved onto the property. Each structure, made of aluminum and composite is equipped with beds, lighting, electricity and with bedding and toiletries provided. Inside the shelter, meals and showers also are offered.



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The Farm Project is located on 12 acres and endeavors to "Grow Hope" by providing fresh produce to shelter residents in Lompoc and Santa Maria as well as introducing "vital skills and knowledge to help them attain jobs within the agricultural field."

The BridgeHouse is under the management of Good Samaritan Shelter in partnership with the County of Santa Barbara. The Bridge House provides case management to each individual client and referrals for clients to seek necessary financial, medical and other supportive services on an as-needed basis. You can support this sharing tree by making a check out to FUMC and write BridgeHouse on the memo line. Thank you for your support of all of our Sharing Trees.

Looking Ahead - We start out on May 10th wishing all mothers, grandmothers and others we know Happy Mother's Day. On May 17th, we celebrate new life with New Baby Sunday. On May 24th, we will celebrate the 60th Birthday of our church with a Church Anniversary Slideshow. Then on May 31st, we will celebrate with our scholarship recipients for Graduation Sunday.

New Baby Sunday!

*Come celebrate with us for New Baby Sunday on **May 17th** at our regular 11am worship service. Your help is needed to gather names of babies born to friends, family members, and neighbors in the past year. We will rejoice in the new life in our midst and share a blessing with the new babies and their families. If you would like to add a child to the list, please pass on the name, names of parents, birth date, place of birth, and photo (electronic versions are best) to Pastor Eric or the church office by May 10th. Thank you.*



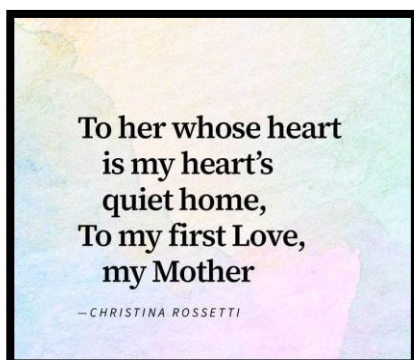
Hey Everyone. Did you know? The first worship service held in our new sanctuary was on May 29, 1966. Please join us on **Sunday, May 24th** as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of our beautiful church. We thank you all for the ministry you gave to our church during the time that you served.

Rev. F.A. Ruder	July 1957
Rev. Chester Nelson Associate Minister	June 1967
Rev. Robert Montgomery	July 1970
Rev. Murray Gibbons	July 1973
Rev. Edwin Womack	July 1977
Rev. Paul Scherer	July 1985
Rev. James Butler	July 1991
Rev. David Horning	July 2005
Rev. Samuel Cruz Hispanic Minister	
Rev. Steve Petty	July 2007
Rev. Gilbert Stones	July 2010
Rev. Kathleen Puntar	July 2015
Rev. Joy Price	July 2019
Rev. Terry Fisher and Rev. Pam Fisher	July 2023
Rev. Eric Scott	July 2024

Graduation Sunday is May 31st

It's that time of year again when students and families are celebrating achievements and graduations. We are grateful to be a part of the journey of helping where we can. We thank our Foundation for their giving of these special gifts of scholarships. We are honored to have had so many applications this year and we wish all applicants a successful and happy future.

Congratulations!



Happy Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all our mom's, grandmothers, daughters and friends. We wish you a very beautiful day.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 26 11:00 Worship, <i>In-Person and Live Stream</i>	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30 11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	1	2 9:00 United Methodist Men (Tom's Restaurant)
3 11:00 Worship, Holy Communion, <i>In- Person and Live Stream</i>	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7 11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	8	9
10 11:00 Worship, <i>In-Person & Live Stream</i> <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>	11	12	13	14 11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	15	16 11:00 Scribblers Fireside Room
17 11:00 Worship, <i>In-Person & Live Stream</i> New Baby Sunday	18	19 3:00 - Feed The Hungry	20 5:00pm Leadership Team Meeting	21 11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	22 2:00pm Paper Crafting with Cindy (Fireside Room)	23 10:00am Paper Crafting with Cindy (Fireside Room)
24 11:00 Worship, <i>In-Person & Live Stream</i> 60-year anniversary slideshow	25 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	26	27	28 11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	29	30
31 11:00 Worship, <i>In-Person & Live Stream</i> Graduation Sunday	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4 11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	June 5	June 6 9:00 United Methodist Men (Tom's Restaurant)

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We Hope to See You at Church

Return Service Requested

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