



First United Methodist Church of Lompoc

November 2025 Forecast

Eric Scott, Pastor

What I Haven't Seen

I walked by an apartment complex recently, and in the doorway of one of the units, a person stood, yelling at another person who was walking away. I didn't hear many of the words, but I did catch the emotions—anger and frustration. I wondered at their dispute and the kind of life they shared on the other side of that door. Soon, I was thinking about all the other lives and experiences of the people who lived in those apartments.

Almost everything that happens in that complex is invisible to me. Yet it is all very real to someone else. The hopes, fears, joys, worries, and pain and pleasure of life are important to those other, “invisible” people. It was a reminder to me that my own experience of the world is a microscopic slice of the whole. How presumptuous of me to imagine that my view of things embodies the totality of reality.

If I were to spend some time living within the walls of the homes of my unknown neighbors, I might learn some important lessons about life. They could teach me some lessons about human nature and goodness and compassion. That is, I suppose, the danger of seeing a broader view of the world from other perspectives, that we might fall prey to empathy and compassion.

It might also mean that we become imitators of God, who sees the whole of creation. God sees and understands it all and so loves the world and counts every hair on every head. The God who sees us all also loves us all. It is certain that we cannot see the world as completely as God does, but we can learn to have love, empathy and compassion for our neighbors as God does. God already sees, knows and loves my invisible neighbors, so perhaps I can make more of an effort to see them, too.

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.



Worship is held on Sundays at 11am in-person and live stream (You Tube). To subscribe or be notified of new videos, previous sermons and celebrations, please click the link below. Thank you.

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

Please Pray for our Church Family and Friends. Enrique and Connie's son Henry. Henry was transported to Cottage for surgery. The family appreciates your prayers; the family of Norman Scott, Eric's uncle, who died last week; Donna's granddaughter Kristin, who is dealing with many health issues; Anne's sister, Phyllis who had a fall and is experiencing pain; for strength and healing for Teri's ex-husband Charles, who experienced a medical emergency; Lezlee's continued recovery and for Lezlee's godson, Daniel, as he faces cancer recurrence; Patti and her continued physical therapy; Yolanda as she continues to recover from a difficult surgery; Colleen as she recovers from surgery; for Greg's family friend Lalo and his continued remission;

Jack’s son, Doug, who is slowly improving; the homeless and all those without food, medical treatment or shelter; and for Susan, who is dealing with serious health issues. We pray for strength, courage and healing for everyone. *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.*

Of Special Interest

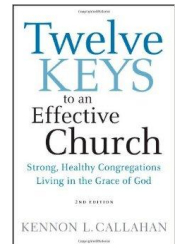
Veteran’s Day. Thank you to our members, friends and family for your service to our country.

Annual Charge Conference. Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30 PM on Zoom. A link will be provided soon.

Leadership Team. The next Leadership Team meeting is November 12th at 4pm.

Greening of the Church. Want to get into the spirit of Christmas? Please join us for Greening of the Church, Saturday, November 29th at 10am. This is a fun event with everyone helping to decorate our beautiful sanctuary for the upcoming Christmas season.

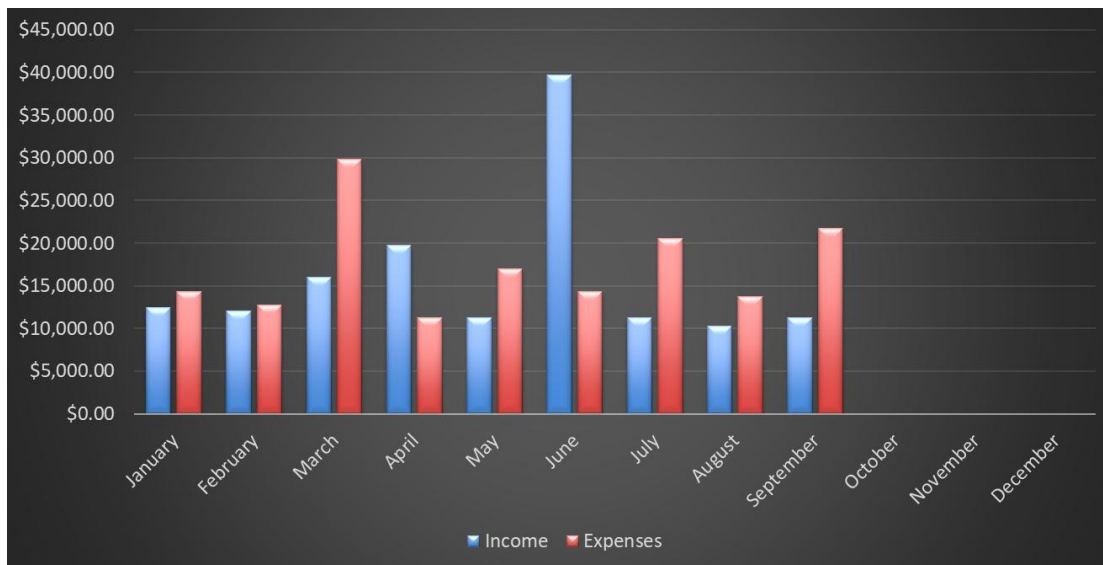
Community Conversations. As promised at our Community Conversation August 17, there will be a 3-session book study of Kennon Callahan's Twelve Keys to an Effective Church (second edition). We are still working on dates and times. We still have copies in the church office so please feel free to come on by to get one (or pick up on Sunday). Please contact Pastor Eric if you are interested in attending. The Callahan principles will be foundational for the church goals and plans we develop together. Thank you.



2025 Expense Report

September Income: \$11,259.63
September Expenses: \$21,732.07

Year To Date Income: \$140,209.30
Year To Date Expenses: \$155,797.15



<i>ATTENDANCE</i>	<i>IN-PERSON</i>	<i>ONLINE</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
September 7	35	11	46
September 14	35	9	44
September 21	38	12	50
September 28	46	18	64

OUR PASTOR'S CHOICE FOR NOVEMBER SHARING TREE:

ALTADENA UMC FIRE RECOVERY

The Eaton Fire swept through much of Altadena in January of this year. Nineteen people died, and more than 9,000 buildings were destroyed. Among the buildings lost was the Altadena UMC. The Altadena church family is living in hope in the aftermath. For a while, the congregation shared the Scott UMC facility in Pasadena, and has now moved into the former San Gabriel UMC building. Altadena, however, has been the church's home community for more than a hundred years, and they plan to rebuild and recover there.

Your gifts to the November Sharing Tree will assist the congregation's recovery effort. Churches in our own North District have been praying for and donating to our brothers and sisters in Altadena, and your gifts add to that support. To date, the land on which the church building was located has been cleared and is ready for the next phase. Rev Andre Wilson, the church's pastor, whose own home in Altadena survived the fire, expressed gratitude for assistance from North District leaders with the many logistical challenges, what he described as "a very intense process."

You can help the Altadena UMC family recover with a powerful sense of hope and faith. The church's chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Antonio Watson, lost his home in the fire, but says confidently, "God will provide." You can help. Thank you.



MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC!

UPCOMING CONCERTS AT FUMC

LOMPOC CONCERT ASSOCIATION



Texas Guitar Quartet

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

Friday, November 7, 2025



Quarteto Nuevo

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

Friday, January 30, 2026



Mt. Lowe Chamber Players - Woodwind Quintet

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. mtlowechamberplayers.com

Friday, April 17, 2026

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 ♦ lompoconcertinfo@gmail.com ♦ lompoconcert.org

Donor Opportunity Levels:

— Concert Sponsors \$2000+
— Maestros \$1000-\$1999
— Concert Masters \$500-\$999
— Principal Players \$100-\$499
— Soloists \$50-\$99
— Patrons Up to \$49

REGULAR SEASON TICKET PRICES - after May 31

— Adult \$75 — Active Military Adult \$60
— Family \$165 — Active Military Family \$150

Total \$ _____

**Students always
\$5 per concert at
the door with
student ID**

**Tickets can also
be purchased at
lompoconcert.org**

Please consider making a donation with your ticket purchase.

EARLY BIRD OPPORTUNITY - DISCOUNTED SEASON TICKET PRICES - March 15 to May 31, 2025

— Adult \$60 — Family \$150 TOTAL \$ _____ Regular season ticket prices apply after May 31-Thank you!

Name(s): _____
(Please include names of adults & minor children for family tickets)

Address: _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____

**Please complete &
mail check to:
Lompoc Concert Association
Post Office Box 1557
Lompoc, CA 93438**

Lompoc Pops

Master Chorale & Youth Chorale Rehearsals

Do you *love* to sing? Come sing your heart out with Master Chorale. Rehearsals at 7:00pm and Youth Chorale rehearsals at 4:00pm. If you know anyone interested in joining the Master Chorale or the Youth Chorale, please call us and we can pass on the information. For more information: <https://www.lvmasterchorale.org/>. It's fun for everyone and the community loves the concerts. We hope you can join in.

Lompoc Pops ORCHESTRA
For the Love of Music
BRIAN ASTER, ALMADEY
Artistic Director & Conductor

Presents:
A Lompoc Holiday!

featuring
Kathryn Loomis, Soprano and
the Herman Family Singers
with special appearances by
Santa Claus
& Frosty the Snowman!

SUNDAY & NOVEMBER 30, 2025 @ 7:00 PM
First United Methodist Church • 925 North F Street
GENERAL ADMISSION \$25 • STUDENTS WITH ID \$5
Children 12 & Under FREE • For more info call (805) 733-1796
Ticket Outlets: The Box Shop • Lompoc Valley Florist... and at the door of the concert!
www.LompocPopsOrchestra.net • 501 c3 Non-profit ID 77-0503272

Sponsors: Village Inn, INKLING'S PRINTING CO., Mechanics Bank, Lompoc Valley Florist, RECORD, E. HERRICK'S

... and Something to Think About

Thank you to Barbara Dameron for Something to Think About. Barbara sent her favorite sayings to us in advance and we are fortunate to have some of her quotes in advance. Below is Barbara's choice for November.

"If you never try, you'll never know what you're capable of."

John Barrow

OCTOBER FEED THE HUNGRY TACO BELL

The October meal that was prepared for the monthly meal for Feed the Hungry at St. Timothy's was not quite a Taco Bell taco, but it had the flavoring of one with the added topping of Bisquick. It contained ground turkey and onion cooked together before mixing in the taco seasoning packet, tomato sauce, whole kernel corn, and sliced olives. This mixture was spooned into the baking dish and topped with a liberal amount of shredded cheese, then topped with the Bisquick batter. It reminded me of the tamale pie my Mom used to make.



We paired this with a romaine salad, with tomatoes, cubed cheese, and olives and lightly tossed with ranch dressing. A bag of chips and milk completed the meal. The brown lunch bags contained a peanut butter sandwich and cookies. In addition, Lynda made Halloween treat bags for all the children that attended.

Lynda, Carolina, Myron, Donna, Bob and Larry fed 40 guests.

Our next meal will be our big Thanksgiving meal that we prepare every year. This is on the third Tuesday of the month, November 18th.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Lompoc Alpha Club who donated \$500 to our Feed the Hungry program. Just in time for that Thanksgiving meal.

Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? James 2:15-16

**Thank you for your support.
Feed the Hungry**

November Birthdays

1st – Jane Kehret
10th – Phyllis Engelbosch
12th – Mandy Griffith
12th – Ehrhardt Lang
22nd – Chris Woods
23rd – Bobbie Woods



And a very special congratulations to Enrique & Connie Aguilera, who are celebrating their anniversary on November 23rd!

Connections and Gatherings

Women's Devotional

Thursdays at 11am. We are now studying the November - December Upper Room. We meet in the Fireside Room. We will not be meeting on Thursday, November 27th. Thank you.

Scribblers

Love to write? Scribblers meets every second Saturday at 11am with a new topic every month. Next meeting is November 8th and the topic will be "Thanksgiving." We meet in the Fireside Room.

Paper Crafting with Cindy

The next Paper Crafting classes are Friday, November 21st at 2:00pm and Saturday, November 22nd at 10:00am. Both classes are in the 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 (we are currently studying the minor prophets)

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, November 1st at 9am / Tom's Restaurant. Please contact Myron Heavin at mgheavin@me.com

San Luis United Methodist Church Women's Retreat coming up January 10, 2026.

Registration is limited to 60 participants so early registration is suggested. Registration includes personal journal, snacks, crafts & a catered lunch. Earlybird registration is \$50, due before November 15th. Regular registration is then \$60, due no later than December 15th. For more information on how to sign-up here: <https://www.sloumc.com/contact-us>, or call San Luis Methodist Church.

*San Luis United Methodist Church
Women's Retreat - January 10, 2026
Spend a fulfilling day of Spiritual
Growth and Renewal with Pastor
Paula Hulet*



*2026 Women's Retreat
Spend a fulfilling day of
Spiritual Growth and Renewal
with Pastor Paula Hulet discovering how
the Book of Ruth
relates to our lives in today's World.
January 10, 2026 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Thriving in the Not So Circular Circle of Life
PS 94:17-19 CEB*

If the Lord hadn't helped me, I would live instantly in total silence.
Whenever I feel my footings slipping, your faith love steadies me,
Lord. When my anxieties multiply, your comforting calms me down.

The Circle of Life is Not a Smooth Circle



What WE Hope



What WE Expect



What Is...

Ruth - As Our Guide



Pastor Paula Hulet

After 30+ years in real estate finance, along with 20+ years as a Sunday School teacher for children, youth and adults, the long-ignored call was finally heeded. Paula enrolled in the MDiv program at Claremont School of Theology in 2001. Having served churches in Orange and LA Counties she was then assigned to Estero Bay UMC in Morro Bay, retiring in 2019. Today she is working part time as an associate pastor/retired at the San Luis Obispo UMC, filling in as pulpit supply, and helping in the kitchen at a friend's wine shop. Her free time is spent walking the dog, gardening, making mosaics, and kayaking. Paula lives in Morro Bay with her crazy husky, Freyda.

November 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 26 11:00 Worship, Children's Sunday School In-Person and Live Stream	October 27 4:00pm Youth Chorale Rehearsal 7:00pm Master Chorale Rehearsal	October 28	October 29	October 30 11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	October 31 	1 All Saints Day 9:00 United Methodist Men (Tom's Restaurant) 1:00pm Barbara Dameron Celebration of Life
2 All Saint's Sunday 11:00 Worship, Holy Communion &, Children's Sunday School - In-Person and Live Stream Turn clocks back one hour	3 4:00 - Youth Chorale Rehearsal 7:00 - Master Chorale Rehearsal	4 Election Day	5	6 11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fellowship Hall)	7 7:00 Lompoc Concert Association Presents: Texas Guitar Quartet	8 11:00 Scribblers (Fireside Room)
9 Caregiver Sunday 11:00 Worship, Children's Sunday School In-Person & Live Stream	10 4:00 - Youth Chorale Rehearsal 7:00 - Master Chorale Rehearsal	11 Veteran's Day	12 4:00 Leadership Team	13 11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fellowship Hall)	14	15
16 11:00 Worship, Children's Sunday School In-Person & Live Stream	17 4:00 - Youth Chorale Rehearsal 7:00 - Master Chorale Rehearsal	18 3:00 - Feed The Hungry	19	20 11:00 Women's Devotional (Fireside Room)	21 2:00 / Paper Crafting with Cindy (Fireside Room)	22 10:00 / Paper Crafting with Cindy (Fireside Room)
23 11:00 Worship, Children's Sunday School In-Person & Live Stream	24 4:00 - Youth Chorale Rehearsal 7:00 - Master Chorale Rehearsal	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28 Thanksgiving	29 Greening of the Church
30 11:00 Worship, Children's Sunday School In-Person & Live Stream 7:00 – Pops Concert “Lompoc Holiday”	December 1 4:00 - Youth Chorale Rehearsal 7:00 - Master Chorale Rehearsal	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6 9:00 United Methodist Men (Tom's Restaurant) 3pm Master Chorale Concert

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Newsletter

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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