



First United Methodist Church of Lompoc

October 2025 Forecast

Eric Scott, Pastor

On the Folly of Choosing Teams

At my house this time of year, the television is often turned into sports. The World Series is coming soon. The football season begins. I am typically celebrating with or agonizing over “my” team. This is mildly amusing because none of the players or staff of “my” team know me or care about me. Nevertheless, I am invested in their collective performance on the field. My team typically has an opponent of the day and one or more significant rival teams. I am often rooting for their downfall. Let’s simply refer to my emotional investment in these games as “spirited.”

This isn’t limited to my experience or to sports. We all see opponents and rivals everywhere. In sports, yes, but also at work and school; in politics; and between towns, regions and countries. We are really good at dividing ourselves up into teams, sometimes over the most ridiculously tiny matters.

Over the past few months, we have seen the terrible lengths to which people will go in order to protect the interests of their own team. Political violence has taken an awful toll, and it never actually solves any problems. It just makes them worse. Imagine, for a moment, that there were a voice telling us to care about the members of the other team. Not just that, but love. Love the other team’s pitcher. Love your rival’s linebacker. Put in those terms, it almost seems silly. Almost. What if someone said, “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you”? What an amazingly nonsensical way to think about our most bitter rivals.

Then again, not only did Jesus say that (Luke 6:27-28), but he lived it, too. And thus, he changed the world. I wonder if we could change the world.

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.

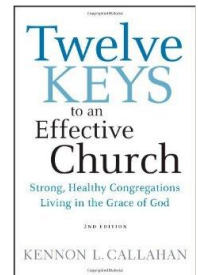
Please Pray for our Church Family & Friends: Please pray for Anne Anderson’s sister, Phyllis, who had a fall and is experiencing pain. Please pray for her body to heal and the pain to subside; it is with a heavy heart that we share the news of the passing of our dear long-time friend, Barbara Dameron. Barbara was a long-time member with us and she is deeply missed. Barbara was at peace and surrounded by family. Please pray for her family as they mourn her loss. A memorial

service at the church will be held on November 1st; Lezlee Hurtado and her continued recovery. We also pray for Lezlee's godson, Daniel, as he faces cancer recurrence; Patti Kern and her continued physical therapy; we keep Yolanda in our prayers as she recovers from a complicated surgery; Colleen needs our prayers and support as she moves through recovery and future surgery; please pray for the Diller Family as they mourn the loss of the beloved Paul; Betty Staight as she recovers from a foot injury; we pray for Tina Aubin as she mourns the loss of her brother, Richard. We also continue prayers for Tina's mother; Carolyn asks to pray for her son and her husband who is seeking employment; Greg asks to pray for his family friend Lalo and his continued remission; Jack's son, Doug, who is slowly improving; for the homeless and all those without food, medical treatment or shelter; John and Phyllis Engelbosch request prayers for their dear friend, Susan, who is dealing with serious health issues; and for Teri Nuernberg's ex-husband Charles, who is experiencing a medical emergency. Thank you everyone for your prayers. *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

Leadership Team Meetings. The next Leadership Team meeting is October 15th at 4pm.

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). Dates and times are still to be announced. There are several copies in the church office. Please come get one (or pick up on Sunday) or 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.



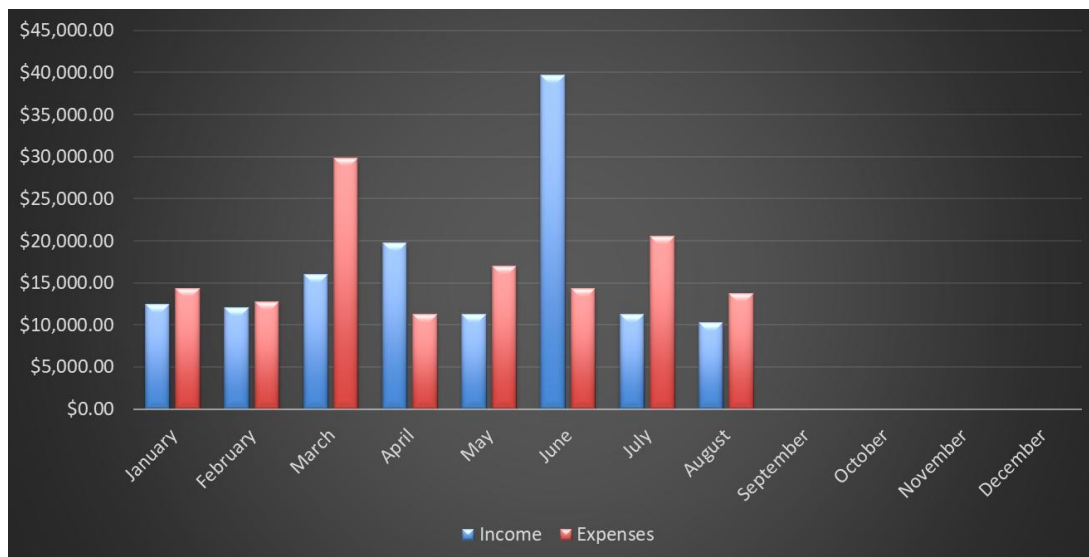
2025 Expense Report

August Income: \$10,261.18

August Expenses: \$13,744.27

Year To Date Income: \$128,949.67

Year To Date Expenses: \$134,065.07



<i>Attendance</i>	<i>In-Person</i>	<i>Online</i>	<i>Total</i>
August 3	46	11	57
August 10	36	5	41
August 17	43	5	48
August 24	33	9	42
August 31	32	10	42

Feed the Hungry September Chicken Delight

The Feed the Hungry crew had to change things up a bit as we did all the cooking in the Fireside Room because the gas line to the Fellowship Hall kitchen was being replaced. We were able to accomplish our task as we prepared chicken thighs, and a pasta salad, with sides of apple sauce, a roll, apple juice, a hard boiled egg, and a lunch bag with sandwiches and cookies (which were prepared by Bob.) Thanks to Linda for providing the eggs from her very own chickens. (No, the chicken thighs were from another source.)



After having made several trips back to the Fellowship Hall to get items we needed, the meal was completed. Donna, Myron, Lynda, Carolina and Larry were there to help prepare the meal and serve it at St Timothys. We fed 43 guests on this day.

"He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry".

Psalm 146:7

Thank You. Feed the Hungry crew.

October Sharing Tree



Since 1982 when Angel Tree was founded as part of Prison Fellowship, innocent suffering children have been given a Christmas present from incarcerated parents with the Good News that Jesus loves them.

About 1.5 million children in America have at least one parent in prison, and they are everywhere, especially in Lompoc where we have a prison close-by. Angel Tree's goal this year is to deliver more than 275,000 gifts nationwide to a lot of these boys and girls.

These gifts not only bring joy to the children, but help them maintain contact between prisoners and their families who need the hope that one day they may be reunited.

Either you can donate with money, or make out a check to FUMC with the memo that it is for Angel Tree. You will help heal broken hearts and restore broken relationships through the love which comes from our Savior, Jesus Christ.

PS: We have learned that our donations may be matched!!

CONCERTS COMING UP AT OUR CHURCH

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

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

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Lompoc School of Music

Hey everyone! We hope you can join us for the annual Lompoc School of Music Recital. These are always fun for the family and not to be missed. Hope to see you there. For more information on Lompoc School of Music please visit their website here: <http://www.lompocschoolofmusic.com/>



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, please call us and we can pass on the information. And for more information: <https://www.lvmasterchorale.org/>. It's fun for everyone and the community loves the concerts. We hope you can join in.

As we mourn the loss of our dear friend, Mrs. Barbara Dameron, we would like to continue her Something To Think About. Barbara sent many of her favorite sayings to us in advance during her illness and we are fortunate to have some of her beautiful quotes for some months to come.

This is Barbara's choice for October

"If ever there is a tomorrow when we're not together, there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think. But the most important thing is, even if we're apart... I'll always be with you."

Pooh's Grand Adventures

**In Memoriam of
Mrs. Barbara
Dameron**

Memorial Service will be
November 1st at 1:00pm.
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October Birthdays

3rd – Rollin Bailey

7th – Jack Jones

17th – Jon Mello

24th – Anne Anderson

25th – Donna Wood

29th – Anne Marie Chait

31st – Larry Li

**A Special Birthday Honor to our Senior Member
Mr. Jack Jones**

We would like to extend a special birthday wish to our senior member, Mr. Jack Jones. Jack will be turning 98 on the 7th. Jack became a member with us in 1968 after moving to Lompoc from Ventura (our church was built in 1966). Always wondering what brings people to Lompoc, Jack said his employer, Western Electric transferred him to VAFB on a government contract. When Jack first arrived to Lompoc he remembers it was quite different. He said there was not much else north of us on H Street, mostly fields and agriculture; and Ocean Ave. was not built up like it is today.

Jack has served as trustee here with us several times and was a member of the church choir singing bass. Jack recalls the first time he attended a trustee meeting, he was elected as head trustee and was in that role several times. He was nominated as volunteer of the year by Pastor Steve Petty (Plaque is in the Narthex) and helped with church maintenance over the years. Recently, there was a question: "What kind of metal is the cross on our building?" Of course, Jack knew the answer - it's copper. Jack also knows where the blueprints are and how every screw, bolt and beam was put together, moved or altered - and if Lynn and LaVelda don't know the answer - Jack is their go-to. Jack's birthday plans include spending time with his family who are traveling from out of town and a barbeque is in the works. We here are going to be having Jack's favorite cake - chocolate with vanilla filling and whipped cream frosting. We hope can join in the celebration of Jack's 98th birthday. Happy Birthday Jack!!!!



Connections and Gatherings

Women's Devotional

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

Scribblers

Love to write? Scribblers meets every second Saturday at 11am with a new topic every month. Next meeting is October 11th. Every month is a new topic. Fireside Room.

Paper Crafting with Cindy

The next Paper Crafting classes are Friday, October 24th at 2:00pm and Saturday, October 25th 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, October 4th at 9am / Tom's Restaurant. Please contact Myron Heavin at mgheavin@mc.com



Generosity Sunday Is Coming October 19

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial gifts as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes. We have selected Herb Miller's Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year. It is based on the philosophy of the giver who gives for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we see people as followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. The program encourages people to proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During worship on Generosity Sunday, October 19, we invite attendees to make an estimate of their 2026 giving to our church's ministries in this community and around the world. Everyone who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Generosity Sunday. Please attend even if you do not plan to complete a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one will be singled out for not filling out a card. We will not ask people to complete cards prior to worship on October 19. Instead, during morning worship we will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration followed by members sharing their estimates as a confidential act of worship. We will encourage participation in Generosity Sunday events through the Generosity Sunday team and Leadership Team members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to invite everyone to attend Generosity Sunday worship. Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Generosity Sunday events.

October 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 28 11:00 Worship, Children's Sunday School In-Person and Live Stream	September 29 4:00pm Youth Chorale Rehearsal 7:00pm Master Chorale Rehearsal	September 30	1	2 11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	3	4 9:00 United Methodist Men (Tom's Restaurant)
5 11:00 Worship, Holy Communion & Children's Sunday School In-Person and Live Stream	6 4:00pm Youth Chorale Rehearsal 7:00pm Master Chorale Rehearsal	7	8	9 11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	10	11 11:00 Scribblers (Fireside Room)
12 11:00 Worship, Children's Sunday School In-Person & Live Stream	13 Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day 4:00pm Youth Chorale Rehearsal 7:00pm Master Chorale Rehearsal	14	15 4:00 Leadership Team	16 11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	17	18
19 Consecration Sunday 11:00 Worship, Children's Sunday School In-Person & Live Stream	20 4:00pm Youth Chorale Rehearsal 7:00pm Master Chorale Rehearsal	21 3:00 Feed The Hungry	22	23 11:00 Women's Devotional (Fireside Room)	24 2:00 / Paper Crafting with Cindy (Fireside Room)	25 10:00 / Paper Crafting with Cindy (Fireside Room) 1:30 Lompoc School of Music
26 11:00 Worship, Children's Sunday School In-Person & Live Stream	27 4:00pm Youth Chorale Rehearsal 7:00pm Master Chorale Rehearsal	28	29	30 11:00 Women's Devotional (Fireside Room)	31 	November 1 All Saints Day 9:00 United Methodist Men (Tom's Restaurant) 1:00pm Barbara Dameron Celebration of Life

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We Hope to See You at Church

Return Service Requested

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