First United Methodist Church

275 NORTH HALCYON ROAD IN ARROYO GRANDE, CA 93420

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8:30 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP 22 NOVEMBER 2009 THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

We encourage you to join us in our worship as a people who love the Lord. Please ask an usher about the hearing devices.

PASTOR DAVID M. BURGESON

WORSHIP IS LED BY-THE LORD'S CREW

CALL TO WORSHIP Sound The Call To Worship

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS PASTOR DAVID

OPENING PRAISE Give Thanks

SCRIPTURE READING PSALM 100: 1 - 5 PASTOR DAVID

OPENING PRAYER PASTOR DAVID

PRAISE Thy Word

Ancient Words Grace Like Rain

WE WORSHIP IN GIVING

OFFERTORY Alleluia

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SHARING GOD'S PEACE (GREETING ONE ANOTHER)

Joys & Concerns – Pastoral Prayer Pastor David

SCRIPTURE READING EPHESIANS 5: 15 - 20

SERMON Reasons To Be Thankful

PASTOR DAVID M. BURGESON

COMMUNION PASTOR DAVID

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE | CORINTHIANS 11:23 - 26 IN UNISON

COMMUNION SONG Spirit Of The Living God – He Is Lord

CLOSING PRAISE Bind Us Together

BENEDICTION PASTOR DAVID

RECESSIONAL Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus



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Advent Study Kick-Off Supper-Wednesday, December 2nd at 5:30 PM a special Advent Study Kick-Off Supper hosted by the Green Umbrella will offer homemade soups, with tasty chili and delicious cornbread. We will sing, decorate cookies with the kids, and play holiday games and crafts followed at 6 PM by the first of a series of Advent Study led by Pastor David. This will be the first in a Weekly Wednesday Advent study the following weeks at 2 PM or 6 PM in the McMillen Room. Join us!

Blue Christmas is a service for all who have experienced a loss in their life—and all of us have in one way or another. We invite you to our Sanctuary on **December 20th** at **3 PM** to come and spend time with us. At this time of year, the atmosphere tends to be upbeat. Yet the reality is, people are hurting, whether the loss be by choice and/or circumstance. Come and lean on your church family.





New Year's Eve Potluck and Game Night is planned again for this year. Bring your favorite finger food and game to share at 5:30 PM to Criswell Hall and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. It is sure to be a blast! New Year's Eve Quiet Holy Communion Service is a selfled and informal service in our sanctuary beginning at 7:30 PM designed for reflection on the blessings and trials of the past year and the year to come.

Opportunities to Serve—"Every Member A Missionary" Children's Education Director—We are seeking a qualified individual to take on the Children's Education of the church. Application and a job description available in church office.

Cast~A~Net Folding Crew—Our church is growing and so is the newsletter. We need volunteers to join the team of dedicated people who fold and label the Cast~A~Net each month. Is this you? Contact Bee Uladness Frantz or Sarah Barber in the church office.





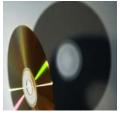
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Five Cities Christian Women Emergency Food Bank



December 21 these faithful ladies will be giving out 60 Saskets this year with uphated room needed for fresh baskets this year with donated food from our giving slowly. Monetary donations are also needed for fresh vegetables, etc. This is a list of necessary items: frozen turkeys; canned cranberries, canned yams (large), canned fruit (large), and canned vegetables, canned olives, canned milk, and canned pumpkin (large); boxes of dressing (large); cake mix and frosting; Jell-O (large); chicken broth; and boxed mashed potatoes. Monies can be mailed to PO Box 756, Grover Beach 93483; call Fern 481-2877 regarding all food donations. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

CDs of the choir from the '60's which were produced as part of the 125th Anniversary Celebration will be available after both services this Sunday. If you placed an order, please plan to pick up your CDs. (There may be some extra copies for sale. This is a nice Christmas gift.)





Grande Ringers Play AG Holiday Parade in the Village Join us after the parade at the tree when the UMC of AG bell choir, The Grande Ringers, led by Leonard Lutz, will play holiday selections on November 29th. The parade begins at 5 PM. Come and take part in the first of many traditions in our beautiful city. Happy Holidays!

2010 Pledge REMEMBER we are still accepting your pledge cards. Cards are available in the Narthex for you should you need one. Please place it in the offering or mail/bring to the church office. We greatly appreciate your prayerful consideration in your decision to commitment to the life of your church. Our financial team is busy planning a budget for 2010. Your contributions help in making this church as great as it is! Praise the Lord for his wonderful blessings!



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THANKSGIVING SUNDAY - 22 NOVEMBER 2009

10:30 AM

We are glad to have you with us this morning. Please ask an usher about the <u>hearing devices</u> and <u>large print</u> <u>bulletins</u> made available for your convenience. <u>Nursery care is also available for children under the age of 2.</u>

† THIS SYMBOL DENOTES STANDING IF YOU ARE ABLE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Ode To Thanksgiving

L. V. BEETHOVEN

CHORAL INTROIT

† CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Give thanks to God,

ALL: For God's creation is amazing.

ONE: The sun warms our day,

ALL: The moon lights our nighttime way.

ONE: The earth is filled with bounty,

ALL: A cornucopia of plenty.

ONE: Give thanks to God,

ALL: For God's love is everlasting;

ONE: A constant source of comfort,

ALL: A companion in hard times.

ONE: God is my strength and song,

ALL: So my heart is filled with praise.

† **HYMN No. 131** We Gather Together

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PASTOR: Let us join together in this prayer.

ALL: Wondrous and generous God,

Wondrous and generous God, you have blessed us with gentle rains, glorious sunsets and sun-warmed days. You bless us with loving families, kind friends and a caring church. Let us receive these gifts with thankfulness and humility. We cannot earn nor do we deserve such generosity, but we graciously open our hearts and hands to receive. Forgive us when we are hardhearted and tight-handed, when we don't let your goodness flow through us, when we hide our talents and turn away from the needs of the world. Release us, Holy One, from fear, and create a contagious spirit of giving that touches the world with hope. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Gratitude Changes Everything

CHANCEL CHOIR

JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Larghetto

M. Davis

† Doxology

Tune: Old 100th

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5: 15-20

ADFLINE

Bottorff

LITURGIST: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Reasons to Be Thankful
PASTOR DAVID BURGESON

† HYMN No. 98

To God Be The Glory

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Postlude Fantasia

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Schedule This Week

National Bible Week

TODAY - 11/22

• Pancake Breakfast (CH)

WEDNESDAY - 11/25

- 12 PM AG UM CC Giving Soup Celebration(CH)
- 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service @ Nipomo Presbyterian Community Church

THURS./FRI.- 11/26-27

• Church Office & AG UM Children's Center CLOSED for Thanksgiving

SATURDAY - 11/28

• **4 PM** - Hanging of the Greens (S/CH)

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UM YOUTH GROUP

Junior & Senior High meet **Wednesdays** at **7 PM** in room 215 with the Herbers.

SENIOR EXERCISE GROUP

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday in Criswell Hall at 8:30 AM.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at **7 PM** in room 215. Study book: *Learn the Bible in 24 Hours*, by Chuck Missler.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Fridays at **8:30 AM** in the Library. Study book: *While We Wait* by Mary Lou Redding.

Women's BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at **9:30 AM** in the McMillen Room. Study book: *The Little Book of Letting Go* by Hugh Prather.

GRANDE RINGERS - HANDBELL CHOIR

Tuesdays & Thursdays at **5 PM** in room 115 directed by Leonard Lutz.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Wednesdays at **7 PM** in the sanctuary directed by Julie Walters.

THE LORD'S CREW - PRAISE TEAM

Every other Saturday at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary directed by Susan Coho.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays at **10** in the library. Join us!

WOMEN OF PRAYER

Mondays at **7 PM** in the sanctuary.

DEBTOR'S ANONYMOUS

Mondays at 6 PM in the McMillen Room.

AL-ANON & ALA-TEEN

Mondays at **7:30 PM** in the McMillen Room & room 211.

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVER SUPPORT

2nd Wednesday & **3rd Friday** at **1 PM** in the McMillen Room.

M S SUPPORT GROUP

2nd Tuesday at **6 PM** in the McMillen Room.

22 November 2009 - Thanksgiving Sunday

"And whatever you ask for in prayer, believing, you will receive." Matthew 21:22

- Continue to pray for the members of our congregation who are dealing with spiritual, emotional and physical problems. We lift up their burdens.
- May God grant our nation's leaders and its people wisdom & discernment.
- Hold Pastor Burgeson in prayer for continued wisdom & discernment.
- Nikki Raetz lost her job. Prayers God's will with new opportunities.
- Prayers for Kent Unsworth's nephew who is in drug rehab.
- Praise! Wendell Curry's son, Curtis, is responding well to treatment.
- Prayers for Ariel Waterman who had another knee replacement surgery.
- Chuck Ashton asks prayers for the Five Cities Homeless Coalition and success in combating homelessness.
- Marion Middleton fell and injured her leg prayers for rapid healing.
- Prayers for Nancy St. Laurent and her family with the passing of her Nancy's brother.
- Irene Kliesch asks prayer for her neighbors, Paul DeMello who has pancreatic cancer and for Steve Ross who has amlyoidosis. Prayers for healing and comfort.
- Prayers for healing for Isabella Sloan's son Ted who suffered electrical burn and was sent to Bakersfield for treatment.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our missionaries serving God around the world; the leaders of our country; leaders and the people of North Korea, Africa and in the Middle East. Continue to lift up those in the military and their families. PLEASE HOLD IN CONTINUED PRAYER: Our church youth, our church family, Wil Ogden, Jennifer Gandy and family, the Caweltis, the Cochrans, LeAnna & Adam Gainer, Cheryl McKibben, Linda Archibald, The Baileys, Pastor Rhodenbacker, Donna Cowles, the Hammonds, Jerry Smith, Isabella Sloan, Esther Miller, Pastor Ron Salsbury, Melinda Marchiano, Yvonne Holt, Sean Lehman, Mary Kelleher, Vikki Poh-Eikom, Miranda Bosley, Ruby Weddell, Lynn Foster, Rick Ventura, Dr. Frank M. Witman, Susan Trivitt, Cecelia Lee, Fenton McClure, Diane O' Lear, Cristy Eichelberger, Kent Brown, Roy Lewis, Chuck Buckton, Amy Gerrish-Bennett, Everett Bollinger, Larry Grim, and Susan Coho. Continue to Lift up Those who are unable to attend SERVICES. MEMBERS IN CARE FACILITIES: Lois Fry, Bob Atwood, Bob Woods, Stan Lundahl, and Mary Patterson. Shut-In MEMBERS: Doris Rice, the Houldings, the DeVos, Dell McCracken, Wayne Frisby, Betty Bailes, Mary Fernamburg, Jeanne Jenkins, Madge Young, Hershel Whitefield.

