



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

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Welcome to our 8:30 AM Time of Worship - Today is 4 November 2012 – Alternative Christmas Sunday

Today’s worship is led by our praise team – The Lord’s Crew

Nursery Care is available * Elementary aged children are dismissed during worship * Ask about our hearing devices and LARGE PRINT bulletins.

Welcome and News of the Church

Pastor David

Opening Praise

Flow To You

+ Scripture Reading Joshua 4: 1 - 9

In Unison

“Now when all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord spoke to Joshua, saying, “Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from each tribe, and command them, saying, ‘Take up for yourselves twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests’ feet are standing firm, and carry them over with you and lay them down in the lodging place where you will lodge tonight.’” So Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the sons of Israel, one man from each tribe; and Joshua said to them, “Cross again to the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel. Let this be a sign among you, so that when your children ask later, saying, ‘What do these stones mean to you?’ then you shall say to them, ‘Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off.’ So these stones shall become a memorial to the sons of Israel forever.” Thus the sons of Israel did as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, just as the Lord spoke to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel; and they carried them over with them to the lodging place and put them down there. Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan at the place where the feet of the priests who carried the ark of the covenant were standing, and they are there to this day.”

+ Opening Prayer

Pastor David

Praise

El Shaddai

Jehovah

Holy Righteous

Prayer of Adoration

Susan Coho

**** Children are dismissed at this time to their Sunday School class.**

We Worship in Giving

Offertory

I Surrender All

Joys and Concerns with Prayers and Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor David

Scripture Reading

Joel 2:28; Matthew 6: 33 – 34

Mike Herber

Message

Bucket List: Vision and Hope Are Inspiration of the Heart

Pastor David M. Burgeson

Communion Scripture

I Corinthians 11:23-26

In Unison

Communion Song

Healer

+ Benediction Song

The Lord Bless Thee

Pastor David

Recessional

How Great You Are

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Welcome and News of the Church

Prelude Arioso (G. F. Handel)

Choral Introit Chancel Choir

† Call To Worship

One: Look at the heavens, stretched out like a tent!

Many: Listen to the winds, the messengers of God.

One: Gaze at autumn’s changing colors, painted for us.

Many: Reflect on God’s mountains, majestic and strong.

One: Blessing and honor to Creator God

Many: Majesty and praise to the One who gives us life!

† **Opening Hymn No. 73** O Worship The King

Children’s Moment

*** Children are dismissed to their Sunday School classes with their teachers.*

Prayer of Confession

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought , word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

All pray in silence

Pastor: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All: Amen.

Words of Pardon and Assurance

Choral Anthem Casting Our Crowns Chancel Choir

Joys and Concerns with Prayers and Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Gavotte From “Mignon” (A. Thomas)

† **Doxology**

Scripture Reading Joel 2:28; Matthew 6: 33 - 34

Message Bucket List: Vision and Hope Are Inspiration of the Heart

Pastor David M. Burgeson

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Giving of the Bread and Cup

† **Closing Hymn No. 702** Sing With All The Saints In Glory

† **Benediction and Choral Response**

Postlude Minuet in G (L. Van Beethoven)

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The Bulletin Board

A Calendar of UMC of AG's Events is available on our website at worshipweekly.com!

Coffee & Fellowship Hour: Many thanks to the **Board of Trustees** for their goodies this week. Next week's host will be the ladies of **JOY Circle**.

Flowers on the Altar celebrate the anniversary of Betty Ann & Enrique Quintana.

On Today's Schedule – November 4th – Alternative Sunday

- **Disciples Discussion Group** – Sundays at 11:45 AM in the McMillen Room.
- **How To Study the Bible** - TONIGHT at 6 PM in the McMillen Room with Mike Herber.

On This Week's Agenda – Get out your calendar – Week of 11/4 to -11/10

- **Senior Exercise** – Tues., Wed., Thurs. at 8:30 AM in Criswell Hall.
- **Sew n Sews Quilting Group** – Tuesdays at 9 AM in the McMillen Room.
- **Election Day** – 11/6 – Remember to vote your values and pray for the nation.
- **Board of Trustees** – 11/6 at 7 PM in the McMillen Room.
- **Handbell Choir Rehearsal** – Tues. & Thurs. at 5 PM in the Handbell Room.
- **EOC Senior Health Screening** - 11/7 at 9 AM in the Narthex & Library.
- **All-Church Work Day** – Wednesdays at 9 AM.
- **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** – Wednesdays at 7 PM
- **Esther Circle** – 11/8 at 12 PM (noon) in the McMillen Room. Bring a lunch.
- **Staff Meeting** – 11/8 at 6:15 PM in the McMillen Room – Bring your dinner.
- **Rummage Sale Benefiting Foster Kids School Kits** – 11/8-9 in Criswell Hall.
- **Morning Bible Study** – Fridays at 8:30 AM in the Library.

TODAY is Alternative Christmas Sunday - *Brighten up lives for Christmas early.* You can also do this as a way of honoring someone or in remembrance of someone. We will have cards for you to pick up when you make a donation if this is your desire. Your options this year continue as the local South County Food Bank, Five Cities Christian Women, People's Kitchen, as well as, National Disaster Responses and the new International Bore Well Project for Africa.

Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief - You are invited to join us in prayer for those affected by Hurricane Sandy. We are sure that you have seen and heard of the wide spread damage - our hearts goes out to the victims and families. UMCOR is at work and you can find out what they are doing by looking at umc.org. Donations are MUCH needed to mend the community. **Please make donations payable to FUMCAG noted "Hurricane Sandy" on memo line.**

Rummage Sale – November 9th & 10th - Clean out that garage and go through the closet to raise money for the school kits for kids in the foster system.

Choir News! Vocal Workshop – November 17th - Get ready for carols and cantatas with our chancel choir and our choir director, Julie Burns, for a vocal workshop at 11:30 AM.

Arroyo Grande UMC Children's Center Holiday Program - December 13 at 7:00 PM. Children will sing songs that reflect celebrated traditions of the children, their families, and our staff. The program 25 minute program will be followed by a time of sharing in friendship and enjoying goodies brought by the families in Criswell Hall. Please bring a non-perishable unopened food item for the Five cities Christian Women's Food Ministry.

Congregation Knows How to "Sock it to Them" - It was a great turnout by the Congregation on Sock Sunday, October 14th. Chuck Ashton reports that 981 pairs of men's socks, 195 pairs of ladies socks and 150 pairs of children socks were turned in for a grand total for our effort of 1326 pairs. In 2012 we have donated 3,732 pairs of socks and given out over 2,456 pairs. A great deal of the socks is given out during the cold winter months, so we may set some new kind of record in 2012. We have furnished 6,152 pairs of socks since 2010 – now that is some kind of record. Chuck and Betty Ashton want to thank all who are participating in this effort. The homeless and needy in our community would certainly say "God Bless".

Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service - November 21th at 7 PM - We invite you to join with us and six churches from our community as we sing praises and give thanks to our creator as a community in life and in the work of Christ Jesus at 7 PM at St. Barnabus Episcopal Church in Arroyo Grande (directions will be available in the Narthex.) A collection will be taken to benefit the Five Cities Christian Women Food Ministry.

UMC of AG's People's Kitchen Team Hosts Christmas Party for the Homeless

Our church feeds a hot meal to the needy in our community on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. BUT...in December, the team will host a Christmas Party on December 13th. To make this special, we need you to help by bringing wrapped gift (clearly marked) for a man, woman and/or child to the bin in the Narthex on Sunday. Contact the Ashtons with questions.

Five Cities Christian Women Needs Food for Holiday Food Baskets – Set-up and Distribution is scheduled for the week of 12/17/2012! Please bring non-perishables to the basket in the sanctuary – a listing of the needed items is available in the church newsletter. Thanks! Contact Bennie Duffin for further information.

Sermon & Study Series - *Extravagant Generosity You may wonder...* Why do we give? Who benefits most from giving? Where does true contentment come from? Join us as Pastor David guides a study on the spiritual discipline of stewardship, and how to experience afresh the joy of serving God with your time, talents, gifts, and witness. This sermon series continues deeper and with discussion on Wednesdays at 6 PM in the McMillen Room. **Stewardship is not about giving money- It's about giving everything.** This series will be both challenging and rewarding. We ask that you and your family be in fervent prayer – and really hear what God is calling you give to the work and function of his church.

Please Lift- up These in Recent Need of Prayer – 4 November 2012

- Health and healing for those in our church family who are ill.
- Comfort for the families of those who have gone on to be with the Lord.
- The financial welfare and stewardship of our church and its members.
- Victims and the recovery efforts after resent Hurricane Sandy.
- LeAnna Gainer is in Arroyo Grande Hospital with liver problems.
- Cyndee Rohla’s father is in rehab after surgery and needs to be able to walk before being released.
- Tom Egan is awaiting more definitive tests.
- Daniel Sievert recently moved here from Big Bear and is looking for work/housing.

Praise! Thanks be to God for His Goodness.

- Thank you to all who participated in Family Fun Day – you are a blessing!
- Thank you to all who participated in the Trunk ‘r Treat - What a fun outreach!

Our Covenant Missionary: Frido Kinkolenge (Liberia)

Cal-Pac Missionaries in the Field: Julie & David Elmore (Alaska), John Elmore (Chile), Lorene & David Persons (Congo), Muriel & Terry Henderson (Mexico).

We Remember in Prayer: Our pastor and his family; our church family and friends; the youth and children’s ministries of this church; our church leaders; those in service to God around the world; those who are hungry, displaced, sick or in poverty because of these and other natural and human-made disasters, and for the workers who minister with them; for God’s peace and justice for the world; our nation’s current and future leaders; God’s peace and salvation for the world through Jesus Christ; those serving in the military and their families.

Continue to Prayer for: the Paulsons, Kent Brown, the Smiths, the Hammonds, Sean Lehman, Fenton McClure, the Bucktons, Sheila Owine, Todd Everett, Ken Coombs, Isabella Sloan, the Noltes, Ayleen Melsheimer, the Alsums, Les Bradley, Sharon Woodcock, the Williamsons, Mike Douglas, Richard, LeAnna & Adam Gainer, Beverly Calkins, Wil Ogden, the Gandys.

Those In Care Facilities: Bob Atwood, Bob Serby, Inez Kenneaster, Wayne Frisby.

Our Shut-In Members: Doris Rice, Ruby Weddell, Yvonne Holt, Madge Young, Elvon Houldings, Jeanne Jenkins, Donna Truman, Esther Miller.

Please Pray For These Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church

Nov. 4: Friendly Center, Inc., Toledo, Ohio; Nov. 5: Sierra Leone UMW: Alleviating poverty and suffering in rural women, Freetown, Sierra Leone; Nov. 6: United Methodist deaconesses; Nov. 8: Young Women’s Christian Association of Jerusalem; kindergarten/after-school program in Palestinian refugee camps, Jerusalem/Palestine; Nov. 9: MUDHA (*Movimiento de Mujeres Dominico Haitiana*): Assistance to earthquake victims in Haiti; Nov. 10: Wesley-Rankin Community Center, Dallas, Texas.



Please use this space to take notes.

Our current sermon series is on:

Extravagant Generosity

Join Pastor David M. Burgeson as he shares today’s message entitled,
Bucket List: Vision and Hope Are Inspiration of the Heart

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Practicing
Extravagant
GENEROSITY

Week Three



10:30 AM Worship Service
4 November 2012