

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

275 North Halcyon Road
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Contact us with any questions!

M - F from 9 AM – 1 PM (subject to change)

* Our Senior Pastor is off on Mondays.

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On The Web @ worshipweekly.com

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AG UM Children's Center

Program Tours Daily by appointment ONLY
on Monday thru Friday 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
or 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM. *Come and find out if
we are a good fit for you and your child.*

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Be sure to fill out an information sheet and turn it
into the church office so that we can update our
database. Copies are available in the Narthex or via
the church office. We don't want to miss your
birthday, or an opportunity to send you the newslet-
ter, as well as, pastor's weekly e-mail.

Meet Our CHURCH STAFF

Cal-Pac Conference Bishop:

Minerva G. Carcaño

North District Superintendent:

Rev. Cedrick Bridgeforth

Senior Pastor:

Rev. David M. Burgeson

Missionary (retired):

Judy Atwood

Church Office Administrator:

Sarah Burgeson

Bookkeeper:

Victoria Gandy

Website Manager:

Jamie Foster

Choir Director:

Julie Burns

Praise Team Director:

Susan Coho

Organist:

Don McGuire

Choral Pianist:

Dennis Eiler

Multi-Media Director:

Mike Coho

Puppet People, Chair:

Mike Herber

Handbell Choir Director:

Leonard Lutz

Christian Education Directors:

Susan Coho, *Adult*

Mike & Linda Herber, *Youth*

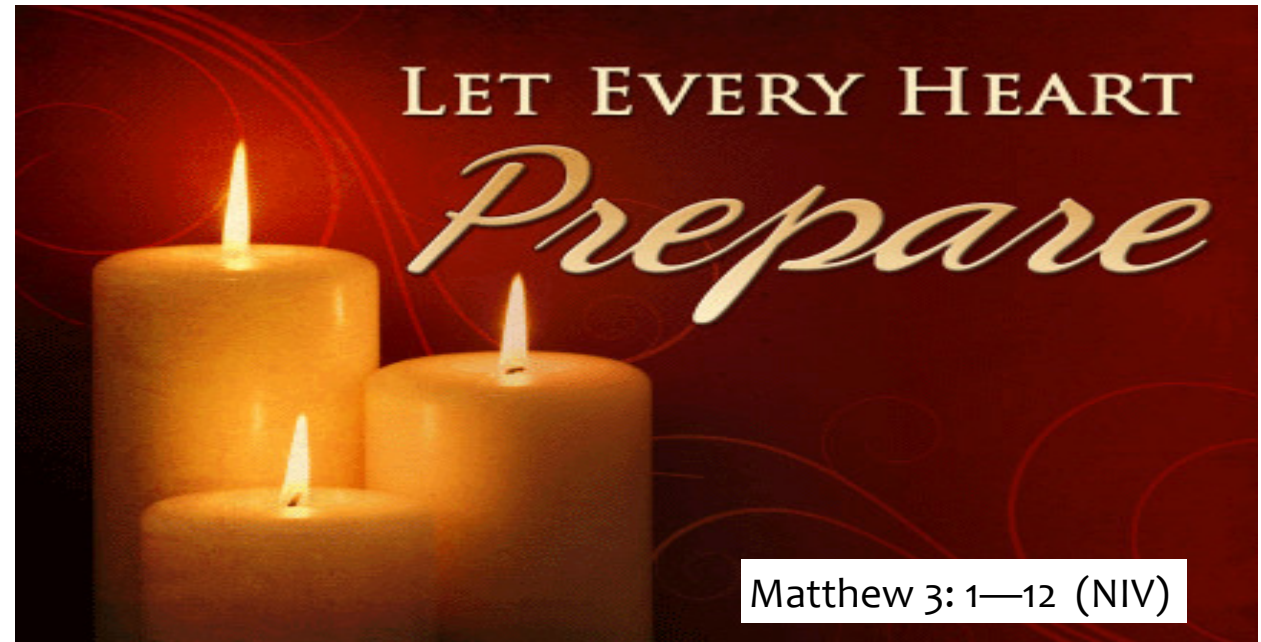
Victoria Gandy, *Children*

AG UM Children's Center

Director: Madrigal Quagliano

Bookkeeper: Victoria Gandy

8 December 2013 - Second Sunday of Advent *Welcome to our 10:30 AM Traditional Worship*



In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

*"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord, make
straight paths for him.'"*

John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptiz-

ing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."



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275 N. Halcyon Road . Arroyo Grande . CA (805) 481-2692

8 December 2013—Second Sunday of Advent

Sermon: **Repentance**

† DENOTES STANDING AS YOU ARE ABLE *Worship is led by Lord's Crew*

Welcome and News of the Church

Pastor David

Opening Praise

The First Noel

† Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9: 6—7

In Unison

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

† Opening Prayer

Pastor David

Lighting the Candle of Prophecy

Doug & Kathleen Ballagh

One: John called on God's people to repent, for the Messiah was near. The people had prayed for it, yet they didn't see the one they had been waiting for was truly among them. That prophecy was being fulfilled in their midst. This morning we light the candle of prophecy.

All: **Let this fire remind us that while we wait for the Lord, truly the Lord is already here. Hope is here . Love is here. Family is here.**

Praise

*To Bethlehem We Go
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Spirit Song*

Prayer of Adoration

Susan Coho

**Following the children's moment, grades K—6 are invited to go with the teachers to Sunday School upstairs in room 211. Nursery available.*

Prayer for the Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Pastor David

Offertory

The Holly and the Ivy
Jordan Henderson, piano solo

We Share in God's Peace and Greet Others with His Love

Joys and Concerns with Prayers and Thanksgiving

Pastor David

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:1—12

Mike Herber

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Message

Repentance
Pastor David M. Burgeson

The Sharing of the Bread and Giving of the Cup

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

Lord, I Want To Be A Christian

† Benediction

The Lord Bless Thee

Pastor David

Recessional

Come the New Jerusalem



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Prelude

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (R. Wilson, arrangement)

Choral Introit

How Great Our Joy

† Call To Worship

Judy Leonard

* Please stand as you are able in body and/or in spirit for our Call To Worship

One: Oh, holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.

Many: Cast out our sin and enter in;

One: Be born in us today.

Many: We hear the Christmas angel,

One: The great glad tidings tell.

Many: O come to us, abide with us.

One: Our Lord, Emmanuel.

* Please remain standing for our opening hymn.

† Opening Hymn No. 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1—4 only)

Children's Moment

Judy Atwood

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Prayer of Confession

Judy Leonard

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Confession:

Many: Jesus, we are tired. We are rushing about, from parties to shopping, to concerts and more. We're captivated by the beauty of the season, but we're exhausted from the busyness we create. Slow us down, Jesus. It would be a tragedy to get to January and realized that we missed You, that we missed caring for those You care about or

sharing Your story with those who are lost and lonely. Help us to find balance, to stop and be still, to see You around us and to be "You" to all we meet. We love this season. Help us to keep You as the center of every party, every gift, every concert, everything. May You be made great in all that we do. Amen.

Choral Anthem

Sweet Little Child

Chancel Choir

Joys and Concerns with Prayers and Thanksgiving

Pastor David

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer for the Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Pastor David

Offertory

Bethlehem (R. Wilson, composer)

† Doxology

Prayer For Illumination

Judy Leonard

One: Please join me in our Prayer for Illumination.

ALL: Father, how do we see for the first time a story we've read so many times? Give us new perspective. Help us not to assume we know all there is to know, but to open our hearts and minds to Your Spirit and the new truth You may be teaching us today. Perhaps the truth will not be new, but a lesson we've heard and simply need to be reminded of again. Wherever it is You are leading, let us be willing to follow. Whatever it is You want to teach, let us be open to listening and obeying. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

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Message

Repentance

Pastor David M. Burgeson

† Closing Hymn No. 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 5—7 only)

† Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude

Gloria (R, Wilson, composer)

UMC OF AG PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

8 DECEMBER 2013

Please Pray For:

- Health and healing for those in our church family who are battling illness/health issues.
- For those who have recently lost loved ones.
- The financial welfare and stewardship of our church, its members and friends.
- The People's Kitchen find a permanent place.
- The US and these trying times.
- We lift up those living with AIDS and the struggle for a cure to this disease.
- Guy Oates is home and healing.
- Connie Clark's friend Kim, is having a heart procedure; brother Gary is having breathing issues.
- Prayer for Joe Brown's sister, Betty, who is undergoing heart testing.
- David Addison had open heart surgery.
- Prayer for the Kirk Scott family with his passing.
- Cristy Eichelberger's fiancé's daughter, Liz, is having trouble with her pregnancy and may be diagnosed with Lupus.
- Jan Treat whose two friends have been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Barbara Reineke's mom passed away . Prayer for the family.
- Eleanor Hughes is moved to Sarah House in Santa Barbara to spend her final days.

Praise God for His Goodness and Mercy!

- Welcome our new friends at church today.
- Thank you Lord for the many who donated to the AGUMCC to help in the Pennies for Turkeys to donate to the 5 Cities Christian Women Food Pantry.

North District Weekly Covenant Prayer:

- Simi Valley: UMC Andy Mattick, Rachel Tabutol and Camille Mattick.
- Van Nuys UMC: Weung Il Whang, David Choi.

Cal-Pac Missionaries in the Field:

Charley Brower (Alaska), John Elmore (Chile), The

Persons (Congo), The Hendersons (Mexico).

Covenant Missionary: Frido Kinkolenge (Liberia)

Remember in Prayer: Our pastor and his family; church family and friends; those with the unspoken prayer; the ministries of this church; our church leaders; those serving God around the world; the hungry, displaced, sick and/or impoverished; the many who are suffering after natural or man-made disasters and for the workers who minister to them; for God's peace and justice for the world; our nation; current and future leaders; salvation for the world through Jesus Christ; the military and their families; the Middle East; Syria and other nations in civil war.

Continue to Pray for: the Smiths, Fenton McClure, Sheila Owine, Ken Coombs, Isabella Sloan, Geri Nolte, Ayleen Melsheimer, Les Bradley, Sharon Woodcock, the Williamsons, Mike Douglas, Richard Gainer, Adam Gainer, Wil Ogden, Rick Ventura, John Odom, the Harveys, Al Gorsline, Melissa Ferrari, Harold Headrick, Lisa Graham, Sharkey, Russell Ewick, Ehrhardt Lang, Tess Raine, Ron Salsbury, and Moore Family.

In Care Facilities/Shut-ins: Bob Atwood, Bob Serby, Wayne Frisby, Doris Rice, Ruby Weddell, Yvonne Holt, Madge Young, Elvon Houlding, Jeanne Jenkins, Donna Truman, Esther Miller, the Bucktons, Sadie Krovious.

Prayers and Mission Focus for the Global UMC:

Dec. 8: Cookson Hills Center, Oklahoma; **Dec. 9:** The United Methodist Council on Ministries of Laos: Laos Women, Children and Youth Preventative Health Care and Education Initiative, Laos
Dec. 10: Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village, Liberia; **Dec. 11:** Church of Pakistan Ralwind Diocese: T.S.A. Project Vocational Training Centre (VCT) Pakistan; **Dec. 12:** Water for Life, Liberia
Dec. 13: United Church of Crist of the Philippines: Christian Youth Fellowship, Philippines
Dec. 14: Caretakers of God's Creation, United



Join us TODAY after worship in Criswell Hall for a **Coffee Hour**. We want to get to know you!

Worship Team is our host this week for Coffee Hour.
Next Week's Coffee Hour Host:
Mission Team



Altar Flowers

Please remember to turn in your donations so that we can continue to purchase flowers.

Register Your Attendance!

Registration pads are at the end of each pew. Please include both email AND mailing address. Also, add any changes for our directory.



HEARING DEVICES are available.

Please ask an usher to help.



- SPRC**—Noon (MMR)
- How To Study the Bible** at 5 PM (MMR)



UMC of AG Emergency Food Distribution—Monday from 1—3 PM (CH).

Women of Prayer—Monday at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. *All denominations welcome!*

Men's Bible Study—Monday at 7 PM (215).

Sew 'n' Sews—Tuesday at 9 AM (MMR).

Central Coast Hospice Bereavement Group—Monday at noon (MMR).

AG MS Support—Tuesday at 6 PM (MMR).

Finance - Tuesday at 7 PM (CH)

Grande Ringers Handbell Practice—Tues. & Thurs. at 5 PM in the hand bell room.

Senior Exercise—Tu./W/Th. at 8:30 AM (CH).

Church Work Day - Wednesday at 9 AM - Help as you are able; ladies needed!

Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support—Wednesday at 12:30 PM (MMR)

FREE Fellowship Dinner—Wednesday at 5 PM (CH). Bring a friend!

"When God Comes Down" Advent Study—Wednesday at 5:45 PM (MMR).

Kid's Night Out (K- 5th) - Wednesday at 6 PM

Youth (6th—12th) - Wednesday at 7 PM (215).

Choir Practice—Wednesday at 7 PM (S).

Intercessory Prayer—Thursday at 10 AM (L)

People's Kitchen—Thursday 11:45 PM.

Esther Circle—Thursday at noon.

Worship Team—Thursday at 7 PM (MMR)

AG UM Children's Center Holiday Program & Reception - Thursday at 7 PM (S/CH)

People's Kitchen Christmas Party—Saturday at 12:30 PM (UMC of AG Parking Lot).

UMM Christmas Musical and Variety Show - Friday at 6 PM (CH)

Abbreviation Legend

CH Criswell Hall MMR McMillen Room
P/S Pastor's Study S Sanctuary
L Library

JOIN US FOR A
**FELLOWSHIP
DINNER**

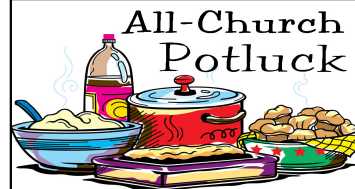
Wednesdays at 5 PM—Criswell Hall - FREE!

This Week's Dinner:
Zuppa Toscana & Bread Sticks

Bring a friend!
To help, contact the church office.

**WHEN GOD COMES
DOWN**
Advent Study

Adults Wednesdays at 5:45 PM
Fridays at 8:30 AM
Youth Wednesdays at 7 PM
Children Wednesdays at 6 PM

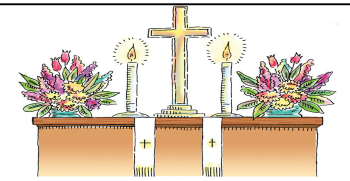


**All-Church
Potluck**
December 29th
is a **ONE** service
**Gospel Music Sunday &
All-Church Potluck.**
Don't forget...bring your
favorite dish to share and
stay for the food!



December 13th
6 — 9 PM
Come, enjoy festive music,
sing **Christmas carols**,
see a special **Variety
Show**, the **Christmas
Story AND...**
lots of tasty **goodies**.

Don't miss this **FREE**
evening to join our
community as we get into
the Christmas spirit.
Bring a friend.
All are welcome!



Altar Flowers
Have you paid for the
flowers that you
dedicated this year?
If not, place your \$25 dona-
tion in the offering plate or
mail to church office.
Be sure to **NOTE**
Altar Flowers. Thanks!



If you have not visited our
UMCOR Board of the Hall in
Criswell Hall, be sure to
check out the new article
about what UMCOR is doing
in Armenia.



December 29
**Souper Bowl
of Caring 2014**
**ends 2/2 on Super Bowl
Sunday.*

As always, on the last
day we will gladly sell
you a can or two to put
in the bucket to score a
touchdown. All food
will be given to the **5
Cities Christian Women's
Food Pantry**. All monies
collected will go to sup-
port Blandy, the youth
group's **Compassion In-
ternational** child. **Won't
you be part of the team
and help to fill the can?**



December 14th
at 6 PM
at the home of BG Perriguet

The Giving Tree is up in Criswell Hall. The gift tags on the tree
each list a child, and what the child or the parent of the child would like
that child to receive as a gift for Christmas. There are TWO tags for each
child on the tree. Very simply, here is what you need to do:

- Please take the colorful original tag to attach to your gift.**
- Write your name on the duplicate tag—Please leave this tag on the tree (this is done in the event that the original tag is misplaced, we need to know the number on your tag to ensure it gets to the correct child). Please leave the unwrapped gifts under the tree or take them to the church office. All of the gifts must be to the church office or under the tree no later than December 17th.**



Thank you for generous spirit - Jan Treat & Susan Thronson.

FEED THE HUNGRY.

**UMC of AG
Emergency Food Pantry**
Weekly, we purchase food
from the local food bank to
distribute here at our church
every **MONDAY** from 1—3 PM.
You can help!
Make your donation payable
to the **FUMCAG** (memo section
UMC of AG food pantry).
Contact the Ashtons to help.

**5 Cities Christian Women
Christmas Food Baskets**
Please help with food items:
frozen turkeys, canned items:
fruit, yams, cranberries, green
beans, corn, olives, evaporated
milk, pumpkin, stuffing, Jell-O,
chicken broth, mashed pota-
toes (instant), cake mixes and
frosting, 1 lb. boxed sugar
Monetary donations payable to:
5CCW Emergency Food Ministry