

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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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 newsletter, 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



And all the people gathered as one man at the square which was in front of the Water Gate, and they asked Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses which the Lord had given to Israel. Then Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly of men, women and all who could listen with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it before the square which was in front of the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of men and women, those who could understand; and all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord the

great God. And all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands; then they bowed low and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

They read from the book, from the law of God, translating to give the sense so that they understood the reading.

Then Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people were weeping when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go, eat of the fat, drink of the sweet, and send portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."



10:30 AM Order of Worship for 26 January 2014

The Story Returns—Part Two



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HEARING DEVICES & LARGE PRINT BULLETINS

are available in the Narthex.

26 January 2014—Third Sunday After Epiphany

✝ DENOTES STANDING AS YOU ARE ABLE

Welcome and News of the Church

Pastor David

Opening Praise

Awesome God

✝ Scripture Reading

Acts 17: 24—31

In Unison

“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

“Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

✝ Opening Prayer

Praise

*Here I Am To Worship
Let The Waters Rise
Breathe*

Prayer of Adoration

Susan Coho

Prayer for the Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Pastor David

Offertory

Bittersweet (composed by Jordan Henderson—pianist)

We Share In God’s Peace (Greet the Person Next to You and Share God’s Love)

Joys and Concerns with Pastoral Prayer and Thanksgiving

Pastor David

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 8: 1—3, 5—6, 8—10

Mike Herber

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Message

The Story Continues

Pastor David M. Burgeson

Communion Scripture

I Corinthians 11:23-26

In Unison

Communion Song

Hero

✝ Benediction Song

The Lord Bless Thee

Pastor David

Recessional

Blessed Be Your Name





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Prelude

O How I Love Jesus! (J. Boalt)

Introit

✠ Call To Worship (in unison)

UM Youth Group

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

One: Listen, Friends! God is speaking!

Many: God's voice whispers to us in the stillness.

One: It thunders across the skies.

Many: It breaks out from the heavens.

One: All creation proclaims the glory of the Lord.

Many: God also speaks through the Word.

One: That Word took on flesh to make God known to us.

Many: The Word is truth and life.

One: The Word proclaims the promise and purpose of God.

Many: Listen, Friends! God is speaking!

* Please remain standing for our opening hymn.

✠ Hymn No. 600

Wonderful Words of Life

Children's Moment

Puppet People

Grades K—6 will go with the teachers to Sunday School upstairs in room 211 at this time.

Nursery care is available. Youth meet in room 215.

Prayer of Confession

UM Youth Group

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Confession:

All: Author of all creation, we go about our lives filled with frustration and often feeling lost. Culture wants to point us down one path, yet we know there is a better road to follow. We are more likely to turn to Google maps for direction than to You. We forget that you have provided us with a compass—the Bible. Instill in us a desire to turn to You first; to delve into Your teachings; to not only read Your laws on an intellectual level but to take them into our hearts. If we choose to live our lives according to Your ways, we need never fear getting lost. Amen.

Choral Anthem

Be Still and Know

(By Steven Curtis Chapman, Arranged by Tom Fettke)

Joys & Concerns with Pastoral Prayer & Thanksgiving

Giving & Receiving of our Offerings, Gifts & Tithes with Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory

Song of Gratitude (E. Clarke)

✠ Doxology

Prayer for Illumination

One: Listen, Friends! God is speaking!

Many: Holy and Good Creator, we rejoice that You are the God who communicates.

Thus, the One who wrote upon tablets of stone is the same One who writes the divine word upon our hearts and minds. Prepare us now, we pray, to hear receive and obey Your word as the Scripture is read and proclaims. May it penetrate deeply and move us to respond to Your Spirit. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 8: 1—3, 5—6, 8—10

UM Youth Group

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Many: Thanks be to God.

Message

The Story Continues

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✠ Hymn No. 601

Thy Word Is A Lamp

✠ Benediction

✠ Choral Response

Postlude

Divine Power (B. Frick)

UMC OF AG PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

26 JANUARY 2014

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.
- Prayers for the Middle East.
- The People's Kitchen find a permanent place.
- The US and these trying times.
- Those struggling with depression and isolation.
- Helen Moore's grand-daughter will have surgery this past week and has the flu.
- Alice Addison's friend Teri Kelley passed away.
- Marj Wolters' nephew, John, has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Prayer for healing.
- Cyndee Rohla's mom, Ida, passed away. Prayers for the family.
- Betty Ashton is battling pneumonia.
- Chelsea had a pulmonary embolism and a blood clot in her leg. She is now home.
- Calvin Thompson's niece, Sierra Thompson.
- After finishing treatment for breast cancer, Melissa Ferrari, is now diagnosed with rectal cancer. A fundraising effort for her is online at: youcaring.com/other/melissa-s-cancers/59690.
- Laura Ewick's daughter, Leslie Davis is under hospice. Prayers for smooth transition.

Praise God for His Goodness and Mercy!

- Welcome our new friends at church today.
- Happy 13th Birthday to Lexi Raetz and Congrats on making the Basketball Team at Paulding.
- Cyndee Rohla thanks you all for your cards and prayers with the passing of her mom.

Covenant Missionary: Tim & Juji Boyle (Japan)

North District Weekly Covenant Prayer:

- Retired Clergy & Seminarians
- Camp Wrightwood

Cal-Pac Missionaries in the Field:

Charley Brower (Alaska), John Elmore (Chile), The Persons (Congo), The Hendersons (Mexico).

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 & justice for the world; our nation; current and future leaders; salvation for the world through Jesus Christ; the military & their families; the Middle East & Syria.

Continue to Pray for: the Smiths, Fenton McClure, Sheila Owine, Ken Coombs, Isabella Sloan, Ayleen Melsheimer, Les Bradley, 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, Guy Oates, Ehrhardt Lang, Tess Raine, Ron Salisbury, & Moore Family.

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

Prayers and Mission Focus for the Global UMC:

Jan. 26: Gum Moon Residence Hall, San Francisco, CA; **Jan. 27:** India- Anna Tillou Cottage: Vocational training and shelter for the adult mentally challenged women; **Jan. 28:** Gambia: Livelihood opportunities for rural farmers in the upper river region; **Jan. 29:** India: DDMM Institute of Cardiology: Addressing cardiac needs of women and girls through education; **Jan. 30:** Ghana: Life Water Project: Providing clean, potable water and sanitation to poor families; **Jan. 31:** Laos: Lao Samphan Methodist Church of the Laos Mission Initiative: Women, Children and youth preventative health care and education; **Feb. 1:** Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, CA.

The Bulletin Board

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

Church Council

is our coffee host this week.

Next Week's Coffee Hour Host:

Endowment Board & ELT Scholarship Committee



Altar Flowers

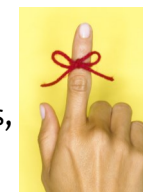
Be sure to take a look at the flower chart in Criswell Hall to sign-up for flowers for 2014. Envelopes are attached to each page for your convenience.

today TO DO LIST

- SPRC—at noon (MMR)
- 'How To Study The Bible' is reading Revelations - 5 PM (MMR).

Register Your Attendance!

Registration pads are at the end of each pew. Please include mailing address, e-mail if any and any changes for our church directory.



THIS WEEK @ CHURCH

- UMC of AG Emergency Food Distribution—Monday from 1—3 PM (CH).
- Women of Prayer—Monday at 7 PM (S).
- Men's Bible Study & Prayer—Monday at 7 PM (215).
- Sew 'n' Sews—Tuesday at 9 AM (MMR).
- Grande Ringers Handbell Practice—Tues. & Thurs. at 5 PM in the hand bell room.
- Senior Exercise—T/W/Th. at 8:30 AM (CH)
- Church Work Day - Wednesday at 9 AM.
- Alzheimer's Assoc. Savvy Caregiver's Workshop (Week FOUR)—Wednesday at 1 PM (CH)
- FREE Fellowship Dinner—Wednesday at 5 PM (CH). All are welcome.
- The Story Returns—Ch. 16— "The Beginning of the End" - Wednesday at 5:45 PM (MMR).
- Kid's Night Out (K-5th) - Wednesday at 5:45 PM (CH).
- Youth Group - Wednesday at 7 PM (215).
- Choir Practice—Wednesday at 7 PM
- Intercessory Prayer—Thursday at 10 AM (L).
- AM Bible Study—Friday at 8:30 AM (L)

Abbreviation Legend

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



