



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

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

16 February 2014 **“The Story” — Daniel in Exile**

† DENOTES STANDING AS YOU ARE ABLE

Worship is led by Lord’s Crew

Welcome and News of the Church Pastor David

Handbell Introit *Celebrate With Joy* (by Cynthia Dobrinski)

† **Scripture Reading** James 1: 22—25 In Unison
Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the Word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it, not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it, they will be blessed in what they do.

† **Opening Prayer** Pastor David

Handbell Anthem *Le P’Ing* (by Betty B. Garee)

Praise *Create In Me A Clean Heart*
Offering
Jesus Be The Center The Lord’s Crew

Prayer of Adoration Susan Coho

Prayer for the Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings Pastor David
Offertory *More Precious Than Silver*

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 Daniel 3:17-28 Mike Herber
One: This is the word of the Lord.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Message *Daniel In Exile*
Pastor David M. Burgeson

Communion Scripture I Corinthians 11:23-26 In Unison
Communion Song *Your Love, O Lord*

† **Benediction Song** *The Lord Bless Thee* Pastor David

Recessional *He Is Jehovah!*

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Ezra 1—6; Haggai 1– 2; Zechariah 1, 8
and/or Chapter 19 in “The Story” - *The Return Home*

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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

10:30 AM Order of Worship for 16 February 2014

Daniel 3:17-28

DANIEL IN EXILE

If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand.¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up

and threw into the fire?"

They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty."

He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."

Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!"

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire,²⁷ and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.



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Welcome and News of the Church

Prelude

Reve Angelique: Kamennol-Ostrow (A. Rubenstein, composer)

Handbell Introit

Celebrate With Joy (by Cynthia Dobrinski) Grande Ringers

† Call To Worship

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

One: Here we have come to worship the living God.

Many: God is the one for all time—God is the Alpha and the Omega.

One: God's love for us never ends. God is always with and for us.

Many: God is ruler over all the earth, and God's blessings are great and many.

ALL: Let us gather now in God's Spirit to give praise and thanksgiving to our eternal Lord.

* Please remain standing for our opening hymn.

† Hymn No. 715

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Handbell Anthem

Le P'ing (by Betty B. Garee) Grande Ringers

Children's Moment

Grades K—6 are invited to go with the teachers to Sunday School upstairs in room 211 at this time. Nursery available. Youth meet in room 215.

Prayer of Confession

One: Please join me in the Prayer of Confession:

ALL: God of Peace and Lover of Shalom:

We have not always done what you want us to do, and we have often done what you would rather we didn't;

We have turned away from our neighbors in need.

We have judged people harshly, put off by the speck in their eye, while ignoring the log in our own.

We have prayed for everything we ever wanted, but have forgotten to pray for the forgiveness we need.

Hear this confession of ours, O God, and relieve us of the weight of guilt which slows us in the service of Your Son.

Pastor David

Choral Anthem

Declare His Glory (by John Peterson)

Chancel Choir

Joys & Concerns with Pastoral Prayers & Thanksgiving with the Lord's Prayer

Pastoral Prayer for Giving & Receiving—Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

Canzonetta (R. Martin, composer)

† Doxology

Prayer For Illumination

One: Please join me in our *Prayer for Illumination*.

ALL: Holy Spirit, we take this moment to be still, to listen, to wait. Whisper into our hearts. Give us ears to hear the words of the Lord— words that are life-changing, words that transform. Illuminate the Scripture that we read today that we may know and understand more fully the God who loves us who has saved us, who will one day return to take us home with Him. We are so grateful for you, Holy Spirit. Thank you for knowing our hearts. We open them to you. Amen.

Jayme Stednitz

Scripture Reading

Daniel 3:17-28

Jayme Stednitz

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Message

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† Hymn No. 128

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

† Benediction

† Choral Response

Postlude

Festal Song (E. Larson, composer)

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- 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.
- Cristy Eichelberger still has severe back pain.
- Mike Albertson's mom, Esther, is recovering at AG Hospital from her second stroke.
- Daniel Garcia appreciates the support as he is dealing with divorce; prayers for his children.
- Ann Williamson is undergoing trials with depression & back surgery; she will have further tests.
- The Thronson's niece, Alisha, will be going to study in Korea. Prayers for blessings/safety.
- Kathleen Ballagh's nephew ended a 17 year relationship; friend, Sandi's father passed away.
- Jean Hubbard is not feeling well.
- Calvin Thompson's friend, Tom, passed away.
- Healing prayer for Mike Coho's son, Che, has an ear infection that has ruptured his ear drum.
- Bob Atwood had a hemorrhage in his eye; Judy Atwood's friend, Amanda's grand son (1 year old), has severe ear and sinus infection.
- Sharon Roemer's sister is having shoulder therapy following successful surgery.
- Sadie Barber (Burgeson) is awaiting test results and a referral; struggle with fatigue/faintness; Sarah Burgeson will have an upper GI and further blood work for continued stomach issues.
- Jerry Strickler is doing better—needs healing.

Praise God for His Goodness and Mercy!

- Welcome our new friends at church today.
- Thank You Lord, for the rain!
- Welcome back -Jan Schnepf and Mike Welsh.
- Kerren Brown's grand-son is recovering and doing well after abdominal surgery.
- Paul Jacob is starting college at St. Mary's in northern CA.

Covenant Missionary: Tim & Juji Boyle (Japan)
North District Weekly Covenant Prayer

Goleta: Santa Barbara Korean: Chi-Young Jeong:
Granada Hills: Knollwood UMC Kalesita Tu'ifua

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, 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:

Feb. 16: Wesley House Family Services, Key West, FL; **Feb. 17:** Malawi: Good nutrition for people living with HIV/AIDS; **Feb. 18:** Lithuania district of The United Methodist Church: Camping for children and youth; **Feb. 19:** Mali: Assistance to trafficked women and children; **Feb. 20:** United Methodist Church in the Republic of Macedonia: Women's seminar and leadership training; **Feb. 21:** Mozambique: Dondo Orphanage for orphans of HIV/AIDS parents; **Feb. 22:** Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers, Cedartown, GA



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

Communications Committee is our coffee host this week.
Next Week's Coffee Hour Host:
Staff-Parish Staff
Appreciation Potluck
Please bring a dish to share!



Remember to check out the flower chart in Criswell Hall to remember/honor a loved one.



- The Story Self-led Study & Cinema**—10 AM on the Criswell Hall stage.
- 'How To Study The Bible'** is reading Revelation - 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.



President's Day—Office Closed
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).
Congregational Care— Tuesday at 10 AM (L).
Preschool Board—Tuesday—open session at 1:30 PM; closed session at 2:30 PM (MMR)
JOY Circle—Tuesday at 7 PM (at the home of a circle member—call office for info.)
Senior Exercise—T/W/Th. at 8:30 AM (CH)
Grande Ringers Handbell Practice—Tues. & Thurs. at 5 PM in the hand bell room.
Church Work Day - Wednesday at 9 AM.
Peoples Kitchen Team Prep-Day—Wednesday at 10 AM (K/CH).
FREE Fellowship Dinner—Wednesday at 5 PM (CH). All are welcome.
The Story Study—Ch. 19: "The Return Home" - 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).
UMC of AG People's Kitchen Team Serves — Thursday at 11:30 AM.
Church Council—Thursday at 6:30 PM (MMR)
AM Bible Study—Friday at 8:30 AM (L)
Support Group for Adult Children of Parents with Alzheimer's—Friday at 12 PM (MMR)
Lay Servant Class ONE - Saturday at 9 AM.
Clothing Give-A-Way—Saturday at 11 AM.

JOIN US FOR A
**FELLOWSHIP
DINNER**

Wednesdays at 5 PM—Criswell Hall - FREE!

This week dinner is:

French Dip and Fries

To help supply items for dinner,
please contact the church office.

Join us!!

THE STORY



Adults Sundays at 10 AM
Wednesdays at 5:45 PM;
Fridays at 8:30 AM

Youth Wednesdays at 7 PM

Children Sundays at 10:30 AM and
Wednesdays at 6 PM

An ALL age study like you have never seen!



**Lay
Servant
Ministry
Class**

February 22 & March 1
from 9 AM—3 PM
Registration is \$30

Choose from 3 classes:

- **Basic Lay Servant**
- **Leading Small Groups**
- **Art of Story-telling**

*This includes your class
materials and lunch on
both Saturdays.*

**CLOTHING
GIVEAWAY**

February 22

11 AM in the
church parking lot
Bring items to

Chuck & Betty this week!

2014 SUMMER CAMPS
"GET JESUS"

**Summer Camp 2014
Online Registration Deadline**

If your child or teen is planning
on going to camp this summer,
please be sure to register
online before **March 1st**.

*All registrants will receive
a \$50 discount.*

This is **NECESSARY** for those
who hope to get a scholarship.

**CAMP ARROYO GRANDE
Younger Elementary Camp:**

August 3-6, 2014

Elementary Camp:

August 3-8, 2014

Junior High Camp:

July 13-19, 2014

Senior High Camp:

July 6-12, 2014

Visit Calpaccamps.org
to register.



**North District Visioning
Event w/ Bishop Carcaño**

Clergy & Laity are en-
couraged to attend this
time of reflection and
discernment with
Bishop Carcaño about
the vision of our annual
conference.

**Sun, March 9, 2014
3-6pm at Santa Barbara**

**I ♥
SPUDS**

**"Spud"- tacular
is Coming!**

March 30 - \$6/\$8

GIVING

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Due to a computer glitch,
the data sheets of your
giving statements are
missing January and Feb-
ruary of 2013.

If you have picked up your
statement, please look for
the updated one in
Criswell Hall. If you have
not, your update will be in
with your current state-
ment. Thanks!

See Tom Egan or
Virginia Mothes for more
information.



AGUMCC is hosting a
**Family Fun Night
Spaghetti Dinner**

Friday, February 28

6:30—7 PM

Pre-sold tickets are \$5 per
plate (\$6 at the door).

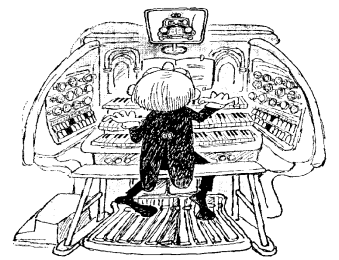
Dine In or Carry Out is available.

**6th Annual Rain
Gutter Regatta**

begins 7:15 PM

*The money raised from
this event will help the staff
attend the CAEYC Conference in
Pasadena on April 3 & 4.*

Tickets available 2/16 & 2/23.



**The American Guild of
Organists (AGO)**

Members' Recital

**Sunday, February 23
at 4 PM**

Arroyo Grande Seventh
Day Adventist Church
Organists from the Cen-
tral Coast will perform
music by, for, or in trib-
ute to Georg Frederick
Handel. Contact Leo-
nard Lutz at 459-3625.

FEED THE HUNGRY®

UMC of AG

Emergency Food Pantry

Food is distributed from our
church every MONDAY
from 1—3 PM. You can help!
(* donations FUMCAG-
memo UMC of AG Food Pantry).

People's Kitchen Team

needs workers on the 1st and 3rd
Wednesday and Thursday of each month to
help make lunches and serve them to the
hungry in our community.

Contact the Ashtons to help.

**5 Cities Christian Women
Food Pantry**

Donations of non-perishable food are wel-
come at any time. A marked basket is in the
Narthex for your convenience.

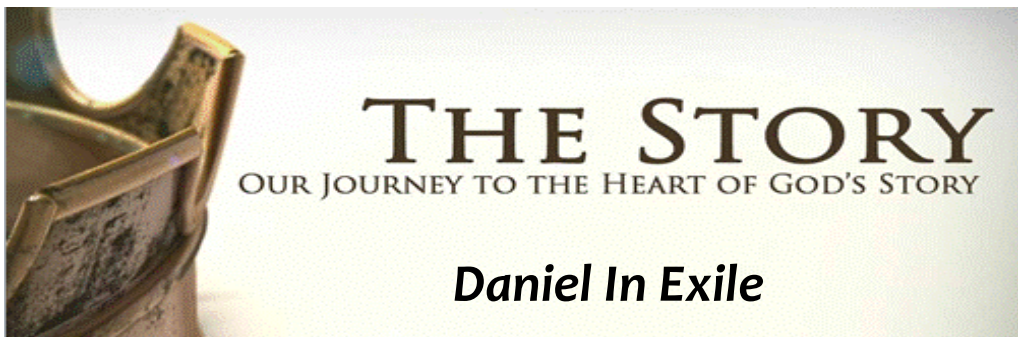
Monetary donations pay to:

SCCW Emergency Food Ministry

P.O. Box 756,

Grover Beach, CA 93483

**All valuable to the work of
Jesus Christ and
the ministry of His church.
Any help is appreciated!**



sermon notes week 18

- I. The Babylonians took exiles to Babylon as early as 605 B.C..
 - A. Nebuchadnezzar wanted the elite, the bright and the young.
 - B. Daniel, Hanniah, Mishael, and Azariah were taken from Jerusalem and renamed, Belteshazzar, Shadrach, Mishach and Abednego. (Daniel 1:4)
 - C. These four teen boys were strangers in a strange land.

Application: Peter writes in 1 Peter 1:1 that God's people are strangers. Our home is in the "new Jerusalem." We are not from San Antonio, Chicago, New York, Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach, etc. Peter writes in 1 Peter 2:11 that as we live as strangers and aliens, we must live lives honoring to God That is what Daniel and his three friends do in Babylon. We are to be "in" the world, not "of" the world.

- II. Three stories in Daniel show us how to live out God's agenda for our lives..
 - A. Daniel and his three friends refuse the Babylonian diet and offer a creative alternative (Daniel 1).
 1. Daniel and his three friends are healthier and wiser than all the others.
 2. Daniel and his three friends are blessed by God as they live as strangers in Babylon.

Application: The Bible says a lot about the food we eat. Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and we must care for them. What other "diet" does our culture offer? Padding the expense account? Gossip in the neighborhood? We must refuse to eat the world's diet.

- B. Daniel's three friends refuse to worship an idol fo Nebuchadnezzar. (Daniel 3).
 1. Nebuchadnezzar's officials are jealous of Daniel's three friends and seek to trap them in a crime.
 2. Nebuchadnezzar builds a 90 foot tall statue of himself and decrees that all must worship it; Daniel's three friends, loyal to God, courageously refuse. (Daniel 3:17—18).
 3. As punishment Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are thrown into a fiery furnace, but are not killed. A fourth person is seen in the fire.
- C. Daniel refuses to pray to Darius, the Persian king who conquered the Babylonians, and is thrown into a pit of lions. (Daniel 6).
 1. Darius' officials are jealous of Daniel and plot to trap him by convincing Darius to have all people pray to Darius for 30 days.
 2. Daniel, as his habit is, opens his window toward Jerusalem and prays to God.
 3. Daniel is spared by God after he spends a night in the lions' pit because he disobeyed Darius's edict.

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