

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 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. Dr. Cedrick Bridgeforth

Senior Pastor:

Rev. David M. Burgeson

Missionary (retired):

Judy Atwood

Church Office Administrator:

Sarah Burgeson

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

AG UM Children's Center

Director: Madrigal Quaglino



John 15:9-17

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.



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✚ DENOTES STANDING AS YOU ARE ABLE

7 September 2014 - *Discipleship: Love*

Pre-Service Music by the Lord's Crew

Welcome and News of the Church

Pastor David

Opening Praise *Open The Eyes of My Heart Lord*

✚ Scripture Reading I Corinthians 13:1—8;13 In Unison

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

✚ Opening Prayer Pastor David

Praise *All Hail King Jesus
Jehovah
Create In Me A Clean Heart*

Prayer of Adoration Susan Coho

Prayer for the Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings Pastor David
Offertory *Alleluia*

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

Joys and Concerns & Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading John 15:9—17 Mike Herber
One: This is the word of the Lord.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Message *Discipleship: Love*
Pastor David M. Burgeson

Holy Communion Liturgy (on screen)
Communion Song *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

✚ Benediction Song *The Lord Bless Thee* Pastor David

Recessional *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*



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Welcome and News of the Church

Prelude Chorale Prelude on “ St. Christopher” (L. Smith)

Introit In This Very Room Chancel Choir

✚ **Call To Worship** Mike Herber

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

One: The long arm of the Lord reaches out to you and bids you welcome to this house of worship.

Many: We are thankful for this shelter of God's love, which is always ours.

One: The loving heart of the Lord is open to you.

Many: We open our hearts to receive God's love.

All: Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving. As we are loved, so let us love.

* Please remain standing for our opening hymn.

✚ **Hymn No. 384** Love Divine, All Love Excelling

Children’s Moment The Clarks

Prayer of Confession Mike Herber

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Confession:

All: **Most gracious God: We acknowledge that what we are about to receive at your Son's table is a gift of your amazing grace. We can never be worthy to partake of this bread and this fruit of the vine, symbols of our Lord's body and blood. But we could be, indeed we should be, one caring, loving community around this table, and we are not. There are things that keep us apart: pride, mistrust, petty vested interests. By yielding to them, we allow our unity to be weakened, our witness to be impaired.**

Have mercy on us, most merciful God, for we feel troubled and threatened in a troubling, threatening world. Help us to sort out the things we can change from the things we cannot change, and then grant us courage to change the former while living with the latter. Renew our commitment to the peace and unity of our church. After breaking bread today around this table, may we be more skillful in forbearing and loving one another. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

Choral Anthem Down To The River To Pray Chancel Choir

Joys & Concerns with Pastoral Prayers & Thanksgiving

Prayer for Giving & Receiving—Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Adore and Be Still (C. Gounod)

✚ **Doxology**

Prayer For Illumination Mike Herber

One: Please join me in our Prayer for Illumination:

ALL: **Lord of our lives, we know you are always present to us. Help us to be present to you as we prepare to hear your word as revealed in the Scriptures. Keep us alert that we might hear, and hearing, respond. Amen.**

Scripture Reading John 15:9—17 Mike Herber

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Message Discipleship: Love
Pastor David M. Burgeson

The Great Thanksgiving (pages 9—11) Mike Herber & Pastor David

We Sing the Lord’s Prayer

Giving of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

✚ **Hymn** (insert) They Will Know We Are Christian By Our Love

✚ **Benediction** Pastor David

Postlude



The United Methodist Men will hold their Fall Kick-Off Meeting and Breakfast **on Saturday, September 20 at 8:30 AM** (cost \$9—meal is in Criswell Hall). Please contact Val McClure if you plan to eat so he can get an accurate count for the meal.

Be sure to look for our upcoming Pancake Breakfast on **October 12th** during the **Rock the Block Weekend**. Bring a Friend!

It is time again!!

The Youth Group will be collecting cases if water for the Harvest Festival.



You can bring your cases to the church during office hours or on Sundays. We need 3,000 bottles for our refreshing station at the **AG Harvest Festival on September 26-27**.

The need to be in Criswell Hall by Sept. 20th so that the Youth Group can get the bottles labeled and ready to hand out as part of their ministry at the AG Harvest Festival. Find a youth to help carry them into the church for you. Many thanks!

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 can be made to the FUMCAG-memo UMC of AG Food Pantry.*

UMC of AG Feed The Hungry Team

needs workers on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays and Thursdays of each month to help make and deliver meals for our community.

Contact the Ashtons in Criswell Hall to help.

5 Cities Christian Women Food Pantry

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

Monetary donations pay to:

5CCW Emergency Food Ministry
P.O. Box 756, Grover Beach, CA 93483

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

The Bulletin Board

Join us for...

Coffee



We want to get to know you!

This week's Coffee Time Host:

Church Council

Coffee Hour Host Next Week:

Welcome New Members and Celebration Luncheon

Altar Flowers today are to honor the memory of Gerrie Ford from her husband Craig

THINGS TO DO TODAY

- TODAY is Rally Sunday.** Be sure to check out Criswell Hall and where you can plug in.
- Begin bringing Blankets for the needy and homeless in our area.**
- Sunday Night Bible Study**—at 6 PM in the Mc Millen Room.

Register Your Attendance!

Registration pads are at the end of each pew. Include mailing address, e-mail and any changes to your info.



- UMC of AG Emergency Food Distribution**—Monday from 1—3 PM (CH).
- Women of Prayer**—Monday at 7 PM (S).
- Men's Bible Study**—Monday at 7 PM (215).
- Senior Exercise**—T/W/Th. at 8:30 AM (CH).
- Sew 'n' Sews**—Tuesday at 9 AM (MMR).
- UMW Steering**—Tuesday at 10 AM (L).
- Ladies Christian Counseling Groups**—Tuesday from 5 PM—8 PM (L).
- Church Work Day** – Wednesday at 9 AM.
- Free Fellowship Supper**—Wednesday at 5 PM (CH). All are welcome.
- Kids Night Out**—Cancelled
- Adult Study**—Wednesday at 5:45 PM (MMR)
- Youth Group** - Wednesday at 7 PM (215).
- Esther Circle**—Thursday at 12 PM (MMR).
- Newsletter DEADLINE**—Friday at 12 PM.
- Clothing Give Away**—Saturday at 11 AM (church parking lot).

Next Sunday is a ONE SERVICE Sunday to recognize new members and our 130th Anniversary Celebration.
More info inside.

JOIN US FOR A
**FELLOWSHIP
 DINNER**
 Wednesdays at 5 PM—Criswell Hall - FREE!

This week dinner is:

Chicken Enchiladas

Please contact Sarah Burgeson or
 Judy Atwood to help. **Join us!**



Adults	Sundays at 10 AM Wednesdays at 5:45 PM Fridays at 8:30 AM
Youth Children	Wednesdays at 7 PM Sundays at 10:30 AM



We continue a series TODAY on Discipleship with Pastor David which will be at both services on Sunday. We will add to it on Wednesdays at 5:45 PM in the McMillen Room. We hope you will join us!

You can read with ahead each week the passages below:

- 9/14 Follow (Mark 1:14—20)
- 9/21 Pray (Matthew 6:5—13)
- 9/28 Join (Acts 11: 19—26)

May God bless the reading and doing of his word in your life!

November 23rd will be Blanket Sunday
 A special blessing by Pastor David, before these donated blankets are given out at the People's Kitchen Annual Christmas Party and by the 5 Cities Christian Women's Christmas baskets. Let's see how many we can collect between now and Nov. 23rd. **They can be brought any time. Leave them in a basket in the narthex and we will gather them from there.**

Saddle up & join us!
Cowboy Church at the Clark's Ranch
September 19th 6:30 PM

Don't miss it—this is always a blessed event!

Save the Date!!!
September 14th, 2014
A Day of Recognition and Celebration!
 An all-church luncheon and program
 To recognize those who have joined our church
 AND
 To celebrate the 130th anniversary of our church.
Please sign-up for the luncheon during coffee hour.
See YOU there!

AGUMCC 7th Annual Family Fun Day
Saturday, October 11, 2014
 We hope that each of you are able to come and share what your program has to offer with the community. Space is limited and last year every space was full.
Please contact AG United Methodist Children's Center (481-2223) as soon as possible if you would like to participate in this event. There are only 4 spaces left and the dead line for a booth is September 5. This is part of the Rock the Block Weekend—we will see you there!



A Note From the Communications Team

It has come to the team's attention that there are many requests over time to put in inserts for varied events in addition to our already FULL announcements. For cost reasons, the team is limiting the inserts to two. This also allows for guests and visitors not to have a ton of paper fall in their lap.

Another thing we need to address is the deadline. Please double check your newsletter calendar and your e-mail each month and we can keep this newsletter coming and current. **—thanks!**

September Deadline: 9/12

