

**First United Methodist Church
of Arroyo Grande**

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

Pastor's day off is Monday.



Abraham and the Promise of God

Epiphany Sunday — 6 January 2013



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Welcome to our 8:30 AM casual worship service! January 6th, 2013 – Epiphany Sunday

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

Welcome and News of the Church Pastor David

Opening Praise *Flow To You*

✠ **Scripture Reading** Galatians 3: 6 - 9 In Unison
Consider Abraham: “He Believed God, and it was credited to him as righteous.” Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

✠ **Opening Prayer** Pastor David

Praise *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*
O Lord You’re Beautiful
Jesus Be The Center

Prayer of Adoration Susan Coho
**** Children are dismissed at this time to their Sunday School class.**

We Worship in Giving *We Three Kings*
Offertory

We Share in God’s Peace – Please take a minute to great those around you.

Joys and Concerns with Prayers and Thanksgiving
Pastoral Prayer Pastor David

Scripture Reading Genesis 15: 1 – 12, 17 - 18 Mike Herber

Message *Abraham and the Promise of God*
Pastor David M. Burgeson

Communion Scripture I Corinthians 11:23-26 In Unison
Communion Song *Jehovah*

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

Recessional *Revive Us Again!*

* * Please feel free to stay to enjoy the closing music to enhance your worship today.



If you are visiting with us, we are so pleased to share this time of worship with you. Your presence is a blessing to us, as we pray it is for you.

We invite you to join in a time of fellowship in Criswell Hall to enjoy some coffee and goodies after the service – we would like to get to know you.



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Welcome and News of the Church

Pastor David

excuses of things we have to do or skills we lack. We look for the grand task, and you give us the common work of loving and caring for those near at hand. We look for recognition, and you want others to see you more.

Prelude

Prelude on “Puer Nobis” - What Start Is This? (E. Mead)

Choral Introit

Chancel Choir

Loving Jesus, gentle friend and compassionate teacher, take us by the hand and lead us into your future, assured of your presence and encouragement. Amen.

✠ Call To Worship

Judy Atwood

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

Many: Stand up, a new day in dawning,

One: A new year is born.

Many: Fresh and clean.

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

Many: Emmanuel, God is with us

One: On every path we take,

Many: No matter where we go.

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

Many: And the stars still shine

One: Where Christ is present

Many: And voices sing in praise!

✠ **Opening Hymn No. 249** *There Is A Song In The Air*

Children’s Moment

**Children are dismissed at this time to their classes with their teachers.*

Prayer of Confession

Judy Atwood

One: Please join me in prayer:

Many: Loving Jesus, compassionate friend and gentle guide, you call us in all the seasons of life. In darkness and in light, in joy and in sorrow, you beckon us to follow you. Yet we hold back. We question how we know your voice, we make

Choral Anthem

Follow The Star

Chancel Choir

Joys and Concerns with Prayers and Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for the Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

This Sacred Hour (S. Heller)

✠ Doxology

Scripture Reading

Genesis 15: 1 – 12, 17 – 18

Judy Atwood

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Message

Abraham and the Promise of God

Pastor David M. Burgeson

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer – UM Hymnal pages 13 - 14

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

✠ **Closing Hymn No. 664** *Sent Forth By God’s Blessing*

✠ **Benediction and Choral Response**

Postlude

Build Thee More Stately Mansions (M. Andrews)

Prayer and Thanksgiving for 6 January 2013

- 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.
- For those who are having depression this season, may they seek God for comfort.
- Shirley, Dick Melsheimer's sister, fell and broke both wrists and her knee cap.
- Barbara Reineke's father had hip surgery after a fall; her mom is in poor health.
- Mary Hawkins' nephew, Donnie, passed away. Prayers for comfort for the family.
- Judy Atwood's friend, Andrea, is going through a tough time and needs prayer.
- Jo Ann Wiseman had stitches after a fall; she is spending time with her daughter.
- Sherry Tucker fell and broke her back. Prayers for rapid healing and comfort.
- Paul Collagan is recovering from cancer surgery. Prayers, calls, and cards appreciated.
- Tom Egan as he undergoes chemotherapy. Prayers for healing and comfort.

Praise! Thanks be to God for He is Goodness.

- Five Cities Christian Women gave our over 60 baskets – thank you for your support.

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; the Middle East.

Continue to Pray For: Gladys Paulsen, 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 Gainer, Adam Gainer, Tom Egan.

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 Houlding, Jeanne Jenkins, Donna Truman, Esther Miller, Harold Bailey.

Please Pray Daily For These Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church -

Jan. 6: United Community Centers, Birmingham, AL; **Jan. 7:** East Africa Annual Conference Day Care Program for orphaned and refugee children, Burundi; **Jan. 8:** Emmanuel-Luz de Vida Methodist Church: Health and educational development of children, Bolivia; **Jan. 9:** Cameroon United Methodist Women: Leadership development and training, Cameroon; **Jan. 10:** Peru-Bolivia Lake Titicaca Border Mission, Bolivia; **Jan. 11:** North Katanga Annual Conference: Kamisanba Youth Training Center: Democratic Republic of the Congo; **Jan 12:** Alaska Children's Services, Anchorage, Alaska



Please use this space to write down any part of today's message that sticks out at you. Let the Holy Spirit speak to your heart, as Pastor David shares today's message taken from **Genesis 15: 1 – 12, 17 - 18** entitled, **Abraham and God's Promises.**



The Bulletin Board

6 January 2013

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

Coffee & Fellowship Hour - Many thanks to our **Finance Committee** for today treats. Next week, the ladies of **JOY Circle** will host this time of fellowship.

Flowers on the Altar: "Matthew Rohla's 32nd birthday" - from mom & dad.

On Today's Schedule:

- **Bible in 90 Days Study Group** meets at **9:50AM** in the **Christian Education Office** in Criswell Hall. Join as we go a little deeper into the *Bible in 90 Days*.
- **How To Study the Bible – We're Back!** TONIGHT at **6 PM** in the **McMillen Room**.

On This Week's Agenda – Get out your calendar:

- **Sew n Sews Quilting Group** – Tuesday at 9 AM in the McMillen Room.
- **Senior Exercise** – Tues., Wed., Thurs. at 8:30 AM in Criswell Hall.
- **Handbell Choir Rehearsal** – Tues. & Thurs. at 5 PM in the Handbell Room.
- **UMW Steering Committee** – 1/8 at 10 AM in the Library.
- **Trustees** – 1/8 at 7 PM in the McMillen Room.
- **All-Church Work Day** – Wednesday at 9 AM.
- **Weekly Fellowship Dinner** – Wednesday at 5:15 PM in McMillen Room.
- **Bible in 90 Days Pastor's Study** – Wednesday at 6 PM in the McMillen Room.
- **Kid's Night Out** – Wednesday at 6 PM in Criswell Hall.
- **Youth Group** – Wednesday at 7 PM in the youth lounge.
- **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** – Wednesday at 7 PM in the Sanctuary.
- **Esther Circle** – 1/10 at noon in the McMillen Room – *bring a lunch*.
- **Morning Bible Study** – Friday at 8:30 AM in the Library.
- **Praise Team Rehearsal** – 1/12 at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

URGENT - Information Sheets – If you have not turned in *your information sheets*, please be sure to get one from the Narthex. We are putting together our new database and need all our information in from scratch. So, please take the time to completely fill out the form and return it. There will be a basket for you to drop it in after worship. **All information collected is for private use of members/attendees of UMC of AG and may not be used for commercial purposes. Thanks!**

United Methodist Men's Breakfast – January 19th at 8:30 AM in Criswell Hall. Our special guest will be Robert Gandy, a retired LAPD sergeant and recently retired from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) at the California Specialized Training Institute at Camp San Luis Obispo. He is under contract still with the OES and their Emergency Management Team. Make your breakfast reservation – women welcome.

Today is Epiphany Sunday The film shown recently in our Sanctuary (12/26) 'The Star of Bethlehem', is a must see! Check it out for yourself in a documentary presentation that leads you sleuthing through Biblical and many other historical clues. Watch as a computer model of the universe across the skies of 2000 years ago as you watch the sky as it really appeared! You will see the striking celestial events the ancients actually saw – it will astound you! The Bible recounts unusual or even impossible astronomical events at Christ's birth. See what happens if we combine current historical scholarship, comb the scriptural information, used astronomical fact and did so with an open mind? Judge for yourself... at bethlehemstar.net for info.

Five Cities Christian Women is always in need of non-perishable food items for their food pantry. Please bring donations to the church Narthex FCCW basket. Donations are picked up weekly. Contact Bennie Duffin with any questions.

United Methodist Women's Directory is Coming – Check with your Circle chair this month for a copy of the directory. Contact Sally Weitkamp for info.

UMW Sunday is planned for January 27th Join us during both services as we honor the ladies of our United Methodist Women and the work that they do for missions both locally and around the world.

Newsletter Mishap! It has come to our attention that in this recent edition of the newsletter, some recipients were missing pages or received double pages. If you would like a copy of the newsletter in it's entirety, please contact the church office or visit our church website for weekly bulletins, and our newsletter. OUR online calendar is kept current as well. Take a glance at that now and again - you won't miss a thing!

Bible In 90 Days – How is it going? What a blessing to see so many at the Wednesday night BN90 class. Thanks for sharing your goals and ideas about what lies in store. We look forward to each week when we get together to talk about the history and truth that is the Word of God for our lives.