

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

275 North Halcyon Road
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

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

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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
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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 Quaglino

Bookkeeper: Victoria Gandy

10:30 AM Order of Worship for 23 February 2014



Ezra 1:1-4

In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah, the Lord moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and also to put it in writing:

“This is what Cyrus king of Persia says: “The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah. Any of his people among you may go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build the temple of the Lord, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem, and may their God be with them. And in any locality where survivors may now be living, the people are to provide them with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with freewill offerings for the temple of God in Jerusalem.”

Haggai 1:4-11

“Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?”

Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.”

This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the Lord. “You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?” declares the Lord Almighty. “Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house.

Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the olive oil and everything else the ground produces, on people and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands.”



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23 February 2014 **“The Story” — The Return Home**

† DENOTES STANDING AS YOU ARE ABLE

Worship is led by Lord’s Crew

Welcome and News of the Church Pastor David

Opening Praise *All Hail King Jesus*

† Scripture Reading Revelation 22: 16—21 In Unison
“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.” The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life. I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll. He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen.

† Opening Prayer Pastor David

Praise *Come, Now Is the Time To Worship
All The Heavens
Let the Waters Rise* The Lord’s Crew

Prayer of Adoration Susan Coho

Prayer for the Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings Pastor David
Offertory *Will The Circle Be Unbroken*

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 Ezra 1:1—4; Haggai 1:4—11 Mike Herber
One: This is the word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Message *The Return Home*
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 *The Voice of Truth*

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Welcome and News of the Church

Pastor David

Prelude

Forever Thine (B. Frick, composer)

Choral Introit

Chancel Choir

† Call To Worship

Collin Odom

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

One: We gather for worship in the midst of a broken world.

Many: Let us learn of God's way to serve.

One: We gather for worship to build ways of love.

ALL: For the strengthening presence of God and each other, we lift our voices in joy and praise!

* Please remain standing for our opening hymn.

† Hymn No. 89

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Children's Moment

Puppet People

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

Collin Odom

One: Please join me in the Prayer of Confession:

ALL: God our Creator, whose Spirit brooded over the waters of creation; we confess that we have come to the waters and been made clean and whole, and yet we live as though we were not changed. We have not taken the love of Christ as our love. Instead we love with a love which is jealous and ungenerous; it only gives when it can receive instead of being a spendthrift's love, as was Christ's.

We do not walk the narrow way. People who see us in our daily walk cannot tell, unless we say, that we are our Lord's disciples. Help us to confess the faith of Christ crucified in our lives and proclaim his resurrection in the ways we love. Amen.

Choral Anthem

You Shall Go Out With Joy

Chancel Choir

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

Pastoral Prayer for Giving & Receiving—Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

Chanson (M. Ritter, composer)

† Doxology

Prayer For Illumination

Collin Odom

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

ALL: Holy God, as we open your Word, we lay aside all that hinders us from listening to your voice. We ask that you grant us grace to hear, wisdom to understand and courage to apply what we learn. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Ezra 1: 1-4 and Haggai 1:4-11

Collin Odom

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Message

The Return Home

Pastor David M. Burgeson

† Affirmation of Faith

In Unison

We believe :

in the grace freely offered in Jesus Christ,
in the atoning work of Christ's death on the cross,
in the power of forgiveness to change lives.
in the redemption that turns sinners into saints,
in the wholeness that mercy brings,
in the freedom that liberates us from sin's hold,
in the new life that is ours, now and for eternity. Amen.

† Hymn No. 348

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

† Benediction

† Choral Response

† Postlude

To God All Praise and Glory (R. Wilson, 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.
- 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.
- A friend of Gary Hughes is a victim of domestic violence and is seeking help.
- Dave Bauer's family with the sudden passing of his children's mother (his ex-wife).
- A young girl, Isabella, is having complications following surgery.
- A friend of the Burgeson's, Linda, is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Mary Ellen Keulen has moved to The Villages.

Praise God for His Goodness and Mercy!

- Welcome our new friends at church today.
- Maddy and teachers kids of the preschool thank the Endowment Board for the funds to re-surface the soft play space in the courtyard.

Covenant Missionary: Tim & Juji Boyle (Japan)

North District Weekly Covenant Prayer

- Fillmore: Bardsdale UMC; Kent Fromer
- Montrose: Crescenta Valley: Steve Poteete-Marshall

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 Salsbury, & 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. 23: New Bethlehem Community Center, Augusta, GA; **Feb. 24:** Nigeria: Beverly Nolte Computer Training Institute and Communication Center: Professional development of students; **Feb. 25:** Russia: United Methodist Women: Center for children with disabilities and educational center for women; **Feb. 26:** Nigeria: United Methodist Church of Nigeria children's ministry; **Feb. 27:** Russia: Grace United Methodist Church Spring Center; **Feb. 28:** Senegal: HOPE Ministries for street children in Dakar; **March 1:** Paine College, Augusta, GA

more events @ worshipweekly .com



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

Staff-Parish Staff Appreciation Potluck is our coffee host this week.
Next Week's Coffee Hour Host:
Board of Trustees



Altar Flowers

"In honor of Michelle Paredes Birthday."
From mom and dad



- 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.



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).

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

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

Loss Prevention Workshop—Thursday at 6:30 PM (CH)

Church Work Day - Wednesday at 9 AM.

Mary-Martha Circle—Wednesday at 9:30 AM (MMR)

FREE Fellowship Dinner—Wednesday at 5 PM (CH). All are welcome.

The Story Study—Ch. 20: "The Queen of Beauty and Courage" - 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).

UMW Book Club—Friday at 11 AM (MMR)

AG UM Children's Center Rain Gutter Regatta—Friday at 6:30 PM (CH).

CAMP EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE! Remember you can save \$50 on the cost of camp (online).

AM Bible Study—Friday at 8:30 AM (L)

Lay Servant Class TWO - Saturday at 9 AM.

Abbreviation Legend

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



sermon notes week 19

- I. God turns the heart of Cyrus, the Persian king, toward the Jews and Cyrus releases the Jews to return to Jerusalem and build their temple.
 - A. Why does God make such a big deal about his temple?
 1. God's passion: The temple is a picture of God's passion to dwell among his people.
 2. God's problem: Sin separates his people and the world from.
 3. God solution: God requires a blood sacrifice so we can regain access to his presence.
 - B. The People of God return with the task of rebuilding the Temple. (Ezra 3:1—3)
 1. The people begin well, but lose focus. God's big thing becomes their little thing.
 2. The People abandon the temple for 16 years and begin building their own fine homes.
 3. God raises up the prophet Haggai to call the people back to their primary task—building God's temple. (Haggai 1: 1—4).
- II. God send seasons of trial and suffering to call his people to their purpose.
 - A. God sends severe times of testing, but not all testing is a result of sin.
 - B. God sends trials to wake us and to exhort us to examine our ways.
 - C. God's people had forgotten their initial passion.

1. God will call us from the distractions that pull us from his purpose.
2. As a result of seasons of testing, the people of Israel got back on track fulfilling the purpose of God.
3. Jesus calls us to seek FIRST His kingdom and God will take care of everything else.

C.S. Lewis wrote: "If we put first things first, we get second things thrown in; but if we put second things first, we lose both first and second things."
4. The prodigal son repented and left the pig slop. Jonah repented and got out of the fish guts. The Jews repented and finished the temple for God.

Application:

Do you need to repent and return to your first love? Your first passion for God?

Is God speaking to you through a season of testing? Are you LISTENING?

Are you being distracted from God's purpose for your life? How?

Commit to come back and make God's big things your big things.

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