

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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On The Web @ worshipweekly.com

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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 Quaglino

Bookkeeper: Victoria Gandy

10:30 AM Order of Worship for 16 March 2014



The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



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The Second Sunday of Lent—16 March 2014

† DENOTES STANDING AS YOU ARE ABLE

“The Story” - The Birth of the King: Jesus

Welcome and News of the Church Pastor David

Prelude *Canzona* (G. Blake, composer)

Handbell Introit *Grande Ringers*

† Call To Worship Virginia Mothes

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

One: You are called to be the children of light.

Many: We come to worship to be renewed in our faith that our light might ever shine.

One: The light of Christ is found in all that is good and right and true.

Many: We gather for worship that we might gather ourselves to do what is good and right and true to Christ.

One: The light of Christ is found in all that is good and right and true.

ALL: We come to worship to celebrate and give thanks to God. Let us lift our voices in praise!

-Based on Ephesians 5:8-14.

* Please remain standing for our opening hymn.

† Hymn No. 66 *Praise, My Soul The King Of Heaven*

Handbell Anthem *Hear Me, Redeemer* (Nancy Kington, solo) *Grande Ringers*

Children’s Moment—Vacation Bible School is Coming Ms. Victoria

* 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 Virginia Mothes

One: Please join me in the Prayer of Confession:

ALL: O God, in your word we read, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are -- yet he did not sin." How comforting to know that Jesus knows what it is like to live here on this earth! Jesus, we thank you. We know that in you we have the power of God to resist Satan's schemes; we can live in freedom from sin. Yet, we confess that so often we give in; we choose bondage over freedom. Thank you for reminding us that you have been in our place. Help us to run to you that we may live the holy lives to which you have called us. Amen.

Choral Anthem Chancel Choir

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

Pastoral Prayer for Giving & Receiving—Our Tithes & Offerings Pastor David

Offertory *Prayer* (R. Martens, composer)

† Doxology

Prayer For Illumination Virginia Mothes

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

ALL: We confess, O God, how difficult it is for us to be in the present moment. Conversations from the past replay in our minds. Tasks that await us clamor for our attention. Plans for the day ahead invite our attention. Help us to quiet our chattering minds as we gather ourselves to listen to the wisdom of your Word. Amen.

Scripture Reading John 1: 1—14 Virginia Mothes

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Message *The Birth of the King: Jesus* Pastor David

Hymn No. 363 *And Can It Be That I Should Gain* (verses 1, 3 &5)

Affirmation of Faith

ALL: We affirm the life-giving, renewing work of Jesus Christ on our behalf. In Christ the past is past. It is gone. It no longer determines who we are or who we can become. Christ took care of all that so that we may look to him for our identity and hope. We are reconciled to God through Christ. We are made new creatures. We receive the promise of God's daily presence and mercy. We are God's children! We affirm our choice to live as those whose inheritance is sure, whose joy is secure, and whose present and future are held in the loving hands of our gracious Lord and Savior.

† Benediction & Choral Response *Irish Blessing* (by Ella Craig)

Postlude *Moderato Maestoso* (E. Grieg, composer)



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Handbell Introit

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Scripture Reading

I Peter 1:3—9

In Unison

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Opening Prayer

Pastor David

Handbell Anthem

Grande Ringers

Praise

There is A Redeemer
Create In Me A Clean Heart
Breathe

The Lord’s Crew

Prayer of Adoration

Susan Coho

Worship Giving - Prayer Our Tithes and Offerings

Pastor David

Offertory

Alleluia

Greet One Another & Share God’s Peace (*Please return to your seat when you hear the music*)

Sharing Joys & Concerns with Pastoral Prayer & Thanksgiving

Pastor David

Scripture Reading

John 1:1 –14

Mike Herber

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Message

The Birth of the King : Jesus
Pastor David M. Burgeson

Communion Scripture Reading

I Corinthians

In Unison

Communion Song

O, The Blood of Jesus

† Benediction Song

The Lord Bless Thee

Pastor David

† Recessional

Revive Us Again

Next weeks scripture references for next week are :

Matthew 3—4, 11; Mark 8—12, 14; Luke 9 & 22; John 7—8, 11—12
and/or Chapter 23 in “*The Story*” - Jesus’ Ministry Begins

Prayers & Thanksgiving for 2 March 2014

- 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, Syria, the Ukraine and Venezuela—for countries in unrest.
 - The People's Kitchen find a permanent place.
 - The US and these trying times.
 - Those struggling with depression and isolation.
 - Jan Treat for healing from illness; son, Jeff Treat for wise personal choices.
 - Susan Coho pulled a muscle in her leg; friend, Mike, found a place to live.
 - Frank seeks prayer for his sister, Susan who is recovering; for her husband's salvation; the Warming Center in AG and the homeless
 - Cyndee Rohla seeks strength & discernment from the Lord as she settles her mom's estate.
 - Amy & Dusk Bennett's house caught fire last week—Praise God no one was injured.
 - Ray Douglas' son was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.
 - Melissa Ferrari needs continued prayers as she battles cancer.
 - A teacher friend of the Roemer's son, who suffered burns.
 - Tom Egan's neighbor has inoperable cancer.
 - Jim Duffin as he is mentoring Raymond and Anthony.
 - Travel mercies for Alice Addison who is off to the Holy Land.
 - The Wiemer's grand-daughter, Jordan, who broke her wrist; cousin Mike had back surgery.
 - Families in the recent plane crash.
- Praise God for His Goodness and Mercy!**
- Welcome our new friends at church today.
 - Praise to the work that the Lord did this past weekend the Women's Walk to Emmaus.
- North District Weekly Covenant Prayer:**
- Woodland Hill: First UMC—Mark Huntington
 - Woodland Hills: Korean UMC—Kee Hoo Hwang

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 leaders; salvation for the world through Jesus Christ; the military & their families; the Middle East & Syria.

Continue to Pray for: Jerry Smiths, Fenton McClure, Sheila Owine, Ken Coombs, Isabella Sloan, Ayleen Melsheimer, Les Bradley, the Williamses, 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, & the Mark 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.

Cal-Pac Missionaries in the Field: Charley Brower (Alaska), John Elmore (Chile), The Persons (Congo), Carmen Aracelis Meléndez & Alejandro Rodriguez (Mexico).

Covenant Missionary: Tim & Juji Boyle (Japan)

Prayers and Mission Focus for the Global UMC:

Mar. 16: Mercy-Newberry Association, Chicago, IL

Mar. 17: South Sudan" TEACH Villages: Training Educators, adding capacity to help villages; **Mar. 18:** Columbia: CEPALC: Empowering women's network; **Mar. 19:** Tanzania; Women's development and preschool for orphans, Dares Salaam; **Mar. 20:** Columbia: Iglesia Colombiana Metodista—Women's program; **Mar. 21:** Uganda: My Brother's Keeper Clubs: Youth peer training and education on substance abuse and HIV/AIDS; **Mar. 22:** Bidwell Riverside Center, Des Moines, IA



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

UMM Pancake Breakfast is our coffee host this week.
Next Week's Coffee Hour Host:
Worship Team

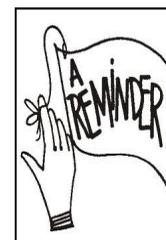


Altar Flowers

Sign-up today!



UMM Pancakes—9—10:30 AM (CH).
The Story Self-led Study & Cinema—10 AM on the Criswell Hall stage.
Church Council—12—3 PM (MMR).
SLO County Band Concert—3 PM (Clark Center).
'How To Study The Bible' - 5 PM join us



Register Your Attendance!
Registration pads are passed during worship. Please be sure to include address & e-mail. If you have any changes, please indicate so on the form.



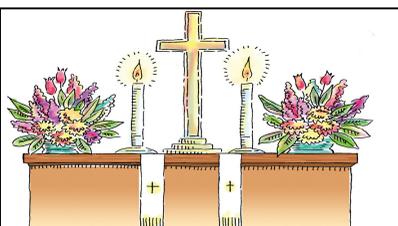
UMC of AG Emergency Food Distribution—Monday from 1—3 PM (CH).
Women of Prayer—Monday at 7 PM (S).
Men's Bible Study—Monday at 7 PM (215).
Sew 'n' Sews—Tuesday at 9 AM (MMR).
Preschool Board—Tuesday—open session at 1:30 PM; closed session at 2:30 PM (MMR)
JOY Circle—Tuesday at 7 PM (at the home of a circle member—call office for info.)
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.
Wednesday Night Supper—Wednesday at 5 PM (CH). All are welcome.
The Story Study—Ch. 23: "" - 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.
Peoples Kitchen Team Prep-Day—Wednesday at 10 AM (K/CH).
Intercessory Prayer—Thursday at 10 AM (L).
People's Kitchen—Thursday at 11:30 AM the team leaves to serve (CH/K)
AM Bible Study—Friday at 8:30 AM (L).
Support Group for Adult Children of Parents with Alzheimer's—Friday at 12 PM (MMR)
North District Training Day—Saturday at SLO UMC from 9 AM—3 PM.

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

**This week dinner is:
Loaded Baked Potatoes**
If you can bring a topping, please
contact the church office.
Join us!!



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!



Altar Flowers
Please sign up for flowers!
We have many dates still
open for 2014.
The Flower Calendar book
will be moved to a table
closer to Criswell Hall for
your convenience. Please
contact Nancy St. Laurent
with any questions you

**WOO HOO...CAMP's early
bird deadline has been
extended to March 31!**
You still have
time to save
\$50 for your
camper.



**I ❤️
SPUDS**
"Spud"- *tacular*
March 30th
Tickets: \$6/\$8
Get yours TODAY in
Criswell Hall.

**Do you know where
your library books are!**
There are books missing
from the Library.
Please check and see if you
have any overdue books.
Thanks!



**An Adult Christian Education Event of UMC of AG
Women's Retreat—April 11 & 12**
This time of refreshment begins **April 11 at 6 PM** and will
continue **until April 12 at 3 PM**. Join us for an overnight
'slumber party' at the home of Kathleen Ballagh.
**For directions and more information, contact the event
coordinator, Linda Herber.**



- Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex. We have them bundled in 12 to use for monthly giving and 52 for weekly giving. Be sure to grab what you need.
- Pledge & Giving Statements are still available with the Finance Secretary. See Virginia Mothes in the Hall after worship.



**North District Training
Day #2
March 22, 2014
9 AM – 3 PM
San Luis Obispo UMC**

Training Workshops Include:
Staff, Pastor Relations (SPRC)
Committee Training; Apportionments & Table Reports Training;
Church-Based Social Change
and Trustees & Church Facilities.
Childcare available.



**Pastor's Lenten Book
Recommendation**

Pastor has 9 copies of a book entitled "A World Worth Saving" Lenten Practice for Action. The cost is only \$11 per book. Please see Pastor David or the church office for more info.

**Something *Weird* for
VBS is Coming!**
Mark your calendar for
June 23—27.
Contact Victoria Gandy for
more information.

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 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:
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 22

- I. The Word was made flesh and made his dwelling among us. John 1:14
 - A. The Word, who was God, was made flesh. John 1:1 & 14.
 - B. “Word” is from the Greek *logos* from which we get logic, reason.
 - C. Heraklitus, a philosopher who lived in Ephesus and who observed that you never step in the same river twice, said that *logos* is omnipotent wisdom that steers everything.
 - D. Plato offered the possibility that a Word (*logos*) may one day usher forth from God.
- II. The Word who is God is revealed in Jesus Christ. John 1:1 and 14
 - A. John 1:1 “In the beginning...” is an echo or return to Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God created...”
 - B. God created by words, by speech, “Let there be... and there was...”
 - C. The voice is the voice of Jesus who appears in the Old Testament—to Jacob at the brook Jabbok; to Joseph as the Commander of God’s Armies; to Abraham as Melchizedek; as the 4th person in the fiery furnace with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.
 - D. This Jesus is the one who was made flesh, with teeth and toenails and two kidneys, not part man and part God, but fully human and fully God.
- III. Jesus was born as an ordinary person to ordinary people. Luke 1:34-35
 - A. Jesus was born of a young virgin girl, needing no help from us to be born.
 - B. His earthly father, Joe, was an ordinary carpenter.
 - C. Jesus’ birth was truly humble.

Application:

Jesus is humble enough to know what you’ve been through this week; humble enough to know what keeps you awake at night; humble enough to hear an Ethiopian immigrant or a squatter in Brazil; humble enough to know a cold night and a hungry belly. The Word became flesh. He came to us and for us.

IV. The Word, Jesus, was turned away by many. John 1:10-11

- A. The innkeeper was not the only one to turn Jesus away. We can only imagine what went through his head as he rejected Jesus, claiming it was too crowded to have a pregnant woman give birth in his inn.
- B. The world is always “too crowded” to receive Jesus—crowded with deadlines and headlines, phone lines and long lines, full itineraries, full schedules, jam-packed lives.
- C. Jesus comes not to complicate our already complicated lives, but to simplify our lives, even to give us life.

Application:

It is never too late to invite Jesus into our lives. We don’t have to clean up our act first. He comes in even at the 2 minute warning of life. It was not too late for Abraham at 100 years of age, not too late for Moses after 40 years in the desert, not too late for Jonah running from God, not too late for Saul of Tarsus who persecuted Christians and who met Christ on the Damascus road. Not too late for Peter who denied Jesus or for Thomas who doubted Jesus.

It’s not too crowded and it’s not too late to meet Jesus—the Word, our King and Savior. He comes to common folk—a common carpenter, a common virgin girl, common shepherds. When God comes, he comes through common things.

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