

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

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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

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Senior Pastor:

Rev. David M. Burgeson

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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

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Susan Coho, Adult

Mike & Linda Herber, Youth

Victoria Gandy, Children

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The Story—Chapter 28: New Beginnings

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.



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27 April 2014 "The Story" - Chapter 28: New Beginnings

Worship is led by Lord's Crew

✠ DENOTES STANDING AS YOU ARE ABLE

Welcome and News of the Church Pastor David

Opening Praise All The Heavens

✠ **Scripture Reading** Luke 3:16; John 7:37—39; Titus 3:5—6 In Unison

Luke 3:16 _____

John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

John 7:37—39 _____

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Titus 3:5—6 _____

He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,...

✠ **Opening Prayer** Pastor David

Praise All Hail King Jesus, He is Lord
Above All
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Prayer of Adoration Susan Coho

Prayer for the Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings Pastor David
Offertory Lord, I Want to Be A Christian

We Share In God's Peace (Greeting those around you)

Joys and Concerns with Pastoral Prayer Pastor David

Scripture Reading Acts 2: 1—4 Mike Herber

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Message New Beginnings
Pastor David M. Burgeson

Communion Liturgy (On Screen) In Unison

Communion Song Speak To Me Lord

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

Recessional Open The Eyes of My Heart

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Welcome and News of the Church Pastor David

Prelude *In Heavenly Love Abiding* (J. Pethel)

Choral Introit

† Call To Worship Colin Odom

* Please rise in body and/or spirit and join in the Call to Worship.

One: Great Spirit, come to us here and now.

Many: Come with mighty power; come with awesome strength.

One: Great Spirit, come into our lives our lives and come here between us.

Many: Come, so that we may be energized and renewed in your transforming love.

One: Great Spirit, renew us and renew your church.

Many: And may our celebration here together be a witness to all the world of God's continuing presence in our world.

* Please remain standing for our opening hymn.

† Hymn No. 327 *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Children's Moment AG UM CC

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

Youth will be ushering and stay in service with parents.

Prayer of Confession Colin Odom

* Please join me in our Prayer of Confession:

ALL: Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord, who makes every day new. Especially we thank you for the beauty of your creation. And the new creation in Christ and all the gifts of healing and forgiveness. We thank you for the sustaining love of family and friends and the fel-

lowship of faith in your great church.

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord of life. We especially pray for those who mourn from the loss of friend or family member. We pray for those who govern the nations of the world. We lift up the people of countries where there is strife and hunger and warfare. We give thanks that all who work for peace and true justice. We pray that the joy and promise of Easter will grow stronger in our lives. All these prayers we offer in the name of the risen One. Amen.

Choral Anthem *Healer of My Heart*

Joys & Concerns - Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer for Giving & Receiving—Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *O Lamb Of God I Come* (E. Broughton)

† Doxology

Prayer For Illumination Colin Odom

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

ALL: Holy God, as Jesus taught his disciples, so teach us as your Word is read and proclaimed. Prepare our hearts to be fertile soil in which your truth may be planted deeply, watered frequently and harvested richly. Amen.

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Message *New Beginnings*
Pastor David M. Burgeson

† Affirmation of Faith

We believe in the one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. He created humanity and wants us to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on the earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and now we know him in the light. God promised in the book of his word, the Bible, that he would save the world and all the nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good his promise by sending his Son, Jesus Christ, a man in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and humanity, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed, hands and feet, to a cross, and died. He lay buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love, and share the bread together in love, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

† Hymn No. 383 *This Is A Day of New Beginnings*
(verses 1—5 ONLY)

† Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude *You Shall Go Out With Joy!* (D. Wagner)

Prayers & Thanksgiving for 27 April 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.
- The People's Kitchen find a permanent place.
- The US and these trying times.
- Those struggling with depression and isolation.
- Sarah Burgeson will need further treatment. Sadie Barber's tests went well—both need continued prayer for healing.
- Continued prayers for Kassie Quaglino who had an MRI prayers for healing.
- Cristy Eichelberger will see a neurosurgeon on May 15. Prayers for pain control.
- Atwood/Eichelberger's friend Joe as he seeks drug treatment in Seattle.
- Marj Wolter's friend, Jo, was diagnosed with liver, lung and lymph node cancer—and it is very advanced. Prayer for comfort.
- Sally Weitkamp's friend, Doug La Sage, had a massive heart attack.
- Lori Ford's friend Marsha needs healing.
- Bernie Hawkins had surgery last Monday.
- Gladys Paulsen is home after being in Hospital.
- Ann Williamsons will have back surgery.
- Vinnie Paredes had an appendectomy.
- Ayleen Melsheimer is starting radiation.
- Cecile Huggins had knee surgery.
- Sean Treat's girlfriend's father was in an accident.

Praise God for His Goodness and Mercy!

- Welcome our new friends at church today.
- The Buckton's are grateful for your prayers.

Cal-Pac Missionaries in the Field:

Charley Brower (Alaska), John Elmore (Chile), The Persons (Congo), Carmen Aracelis Meléndez & Alejandro Rodriguez (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 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 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, Doris Leddy, & 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.

Covenant Missionary: Tim & Juji Boyle (Japan)

North District Weekly Covenant Prayer:

- Atascadero: UMC—Diane Rehfield
- Tujunga: UMC—Miguel DeGuzeman

Prayers and Mission Focus for the Global UMC:

April 28: MacDonnell United Methodist Children's Services: Houma, LA; **April 29:** Iglesia Evangelica Metodista Argentina: Empowering leadership opportunities for Methodist women, Argentina; **April 30:** Brighter Future Children Rescue Center, Liberia; **May 1:** Children, Youth and Young Adult Commissions of Methodist Church, Belize/Honduras District MCCA: Children and youth strategic development project, Belize; **May 2:** Construction of new school buildings, Liberia **May 3:** Fedracion Femenia Metodista de Bolivia: Vocational training of indigenous women, Bolivia; **May 4:** North Rampart Community Center, New Orleans, LA



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

AG UM Children's Center Ice Cream Social and Art Show is our coffee host this week. Next Week's Coffee Hour Host: **Congregational Care Team**



Altar Flowers

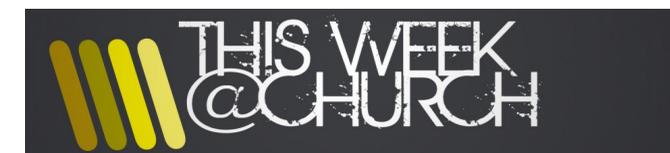
"In memory of Bonnie and Jo McKibben" - from Phil McKibben



- The Story Self-led Study & Cinema**—10 AM on the Criswell Hall stage.
- Youth Group**—in service today!
- 'How To Study The Bible'** - Potluck at 5 PM and 6PM study (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—Monday at 7 PM (215).
Sew 'n' Sews—Tuesday at 9 AM (MMR).
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.
People's Kitchen Prep-Day—Wednesday at 9 AM (CH/K)
Wednesday Supper—Wednesday at 5 PM (CH). All are welcome.
The Story Study—Ch. 29: "Paul's Mission" - 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).
People's Kitchen (leave to serve)—Thursday at 11:30 AM
National Day of Prayer Service - Thursday at St. John's Lutheran at 7 PM
AM Bible Study—Friday at 8:30 AM (L).
Praise Team—Saturday at 6:30 PM (S).
Native American Sunday—NEXT week—(5/4)

Discover God's purposes and dreams for you
Take steps forward in
Obedience
Enjoy the
Adventure



This week dinner is:
Baked Mac 'n' Cheese
 You can help with ingredients, by contacting 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!



Nat'l Day Of Prayer
May 1 at 7 PM
 Saint John's Lutheran church welcomes you to attend the Community on **Thursday, May 1st at 7 pm.** Local congregations and the community are invited to attend this event held in the sanctuary at 959 Valley Road, pray to our Lord. This is one of many churches observing this day.



UMM All-Church BBQ Sunday, May 18th from 11:45 AM to 1 PM. Juicy Tri-Tip or Chicken are on the menu. Tickets will go on sale **Sunday, May 4th.** You MUST have a ticket to eat or take-home (*The UMM needs to know for meat order*)
 Cost: Adults \$9 & Youth \$5 pays for complete meal.

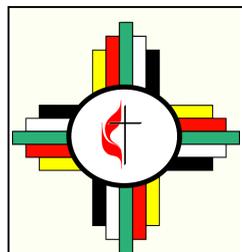


ATTENTION!
 Mothers, Daughters, BFF's (Best Friends Forever)
All are invited!
UMW Mother Daughter Luncheon & Silent Auction Saturday, May 10 at 11:30 AM
 \$12. per person (luncheon)
 There will be entertainment and an opportunity to bid on beautiful baskets of varying themes including a "JOY of Gardening" basket, a "Spa" basket, a "Bar-B-Que" basket and a "Night at the Movies" basket.
 Opportunity tickets for the baskets will be \$1 or 6 for \$5.



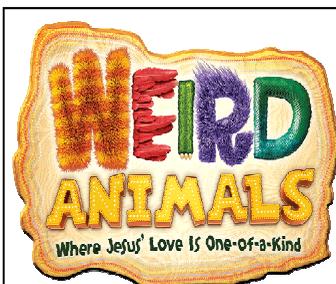
North District Conference
When: Saturday, May 3
 (9 am – 3 pm)
What: North District Conference
Where: Camarillo UMC
 291 Anacapa Dr.
 Camarillo, CA

In preparation for Annual Conference, our district will meet to discuss our plans and what is happening in our areas. Join us!



Native American Ministries Sunday May 4th

Your Generous Gifts support: Native American ministries within the annual conference; Scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology approved by the University Senate of The United Methodist Church (administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry); Strengthen, develop and equip Native American rural and urban congregations, countries and communities (related to the General Board of Global Ministries).



Something WEIRD coming to UMC of AG.
We need you!
Save the dates:
June 23—27, 2014
 See Victoria Gandy for details.



Applications are available Monday online at worshipweekly.com.
 Deadline—**May 15.**



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!



THE STORY
OUR JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF GOD'S STORY

New Beginnings

**sermon
notes
week 28**

- I. The Book of Acts is the second of a two-book set written by Luke.
 - A. The Gospel of Luke describes the second phase: God finding his lost children through Jesus Christ.
 - B. The Book of Acts, written by Luke and addressed to the same person Theophilus, as his Gospel, describes the third phase: God finding his lost children through *the church*. Acts 1:8 is the theme verse of Acts.
- II. The disciples, 120 of them, wait in Jerusalem as Jesus commanded.
 - A. Why Jerusalem? Because the Day of Pentecost is approaching and about a million people will be in Jerusalem.
 - B. On the Day of Pentecost, the 120 disciples hear a mighty wind and are anointed with tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit is poured out upon them (Acts 2:1-4).
 - C. The 120 disciples become cross-cultural missionaries, speaking the wonderful works of God in the languages of the world (Acts 2:5-12).
 - 1. The people are amazed at the miracle of the languages.
 - 2. The burning question is: “What does this mean?” (Acts 2:12).
 - 3. The Lord-denying disciple, Peter, now filled with the Spirit, boldly declares the meaning of the events of Pentecost: Jesus is alive and he is Lord. Read Acts 2:14-36
 - D. Three thousand respond to Peter’s explanation by repenting, being baptized, and becoming the first people in the birth of the church. (Acts 2:37-41)
- III. The massive, diverse, multi-cultural crowd of 3000 believers becomes the unified community—the church. (Acts 2:42-47)
 - A. God is finding his lost children and creating a thriving family.
 - B. The diversity becomes astounding unity by the presence of the Spirit.

- 1. There are no singular pronouns in Acts 2:42-27.
- 2. The church is not a collection of saved individuals; it is a community living in the Spirit of God.

Illustration/Application:

Max Lucado tells about an Episcopal priest friend of his, Jim Foltz, who is bishop of his diocese. Jim came to a Good Friday service wearing a huge golden cross. Max was inwardly judgmental about Jim wearing the cross until Max heard the story behind it. Jim served many years in his congregation and when he became bishop, he had to leave the congregation he loved. The congregation loved Jim and donated gold items that could be melted down and molded into a cross. In Jim’s cross were melted wedding bands, a friend’s ring meant for his bride, rings from widows and widowers, golden add-on beads, even some crowns from teeth. Over 242 different contributions made up Jim’s huge, golden cross. Stories of peace and pain were forged into a cross binding them altogether. The bishop’s cross is a picture of the church. When we hold a hand in the hospital, when a conservative loves a liberal, when a Hispanic loves an Anglo and an Anglo loves an African-American, when the young respect the elderly and elderly love the young, a cross is forged and visible for the world to see.

- C. The new church met from house-to-house, eating meals together and using their homes as places of God’s love (Acts 2:46-47).
 - 1. The church spread into Judea and Samaria as Jesus commanded.
 - 2. Saul of Tarsus was converted and became a missionary to the nations in the far reaches of the world (Acts 9).

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