

“Every member a Missionary”

First United Methodist Church

275 NORTH HALCYON ROAD ARROYO GRANDE, CA 93420
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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR 23 NOVEMBER 2008 - 8:30 AM SERVICE
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

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PASTOR DAVID BURGESSON MUSIC LED BY - THE LORD'S CREW

CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>“Meet Us Here”</i>	
WELCOME – CHURCH NEWS		PASTOR DAVID
OPENING PRAISE	<i>“I'd Rather Have Jesus”</i>	
SCRIPTURE READING	PSALM 98	PASTOR DAVID
OPENING PRAYER		PASTOR DAVID
PRAISE	<i>“Seek Ye First”</i> <i>“Wonderful Savior”</i> <i>“Give Thanks”</i>	
WE WORSHIP IN GIVING		PASTOR DAVID
OFFERTORY	<i>“Dwell”</i>	
PRAYER OF ADORATION		PASTOR DAVID
WE SHARE IN GOD'S PEACE (GREETING ONE ANOTHER)		
SHARING - <i><u>“BEING THANKFUL THIS THANKSGIVING”</u></i>		
LITANY OF THANKSGIVING (<i>see insert</i>)		
JOYS & CONCERNS & PASTORAL PRAYER		PASTOR DAVID
SCRIPTURE READING	PSALM 100	JEFF BUHLER
SERMON	<i>“Finding God”</i>	PASTOR DAVID
COMMUNION		PASTOR DAVID
COMMUNION SONG	<i>“My Redeemer”</i>	
CLOSING PRAISE	<i>“Amazing Grace”</i>	
BENEDICTION		PASTOR DAVID
RECESSIONAL	<i>“O Happy Day”</i>	
POSTLUDE	<i>“He Is Exalted”</i> BY TWILA PARIS	

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WELCOME WITH NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

"We Gather Together"

L. SMITH

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGIST: Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say rejoice!

PEOPLE: **Thank you, God, for so many wondrous gifts.**

LITURGIST: For our homes and families, for our church and friendship,
for food and fellowship.

PEOPLE: **Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, we say rejoice.**

LITURGIST: Thank you, God, for new life in Jesus Christ, for love, for
belonging and for this time of thanks and praise.

PEOPLE: **We all now rejoice and feast in the gifts and grace
of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*HYMN NO. 694

"Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PASTOR: Let us join together in this prayer.

ALL: **Wondrous and generous God, you have blessed us with gentle rains, glorious sunsets and sun-warmed days. You bless us with loving families, kind friends and a caring church. Let us receive these gifts with thankfulness and humility. We cannot earn nor do we deserve such generosity, but we graciously open our hearts and hands to receive. Forgive us when we are hardhearted and tight-handed, when we don't let your goodness flow through us, when we hide our talents and turn away from the needs of the world. Release us, Holy One, from fear, and create a contagious spirit of giving that touches the world with hope. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

CHORAL ANTHEM

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" CHANCEL CHOIR

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING *(see insert)*

JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN NO. 462 (vs. 1 & 4) *"'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"*

Vs. 1

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take Him at His word; just to rest upon His promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain

Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Vs. 4

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend; and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. (Repeat refrain)

OFFERTORY

"Now Thank We All Our God"

L. SMITH

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 100

LITURGIST: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Finding God"

PASTOR DAVID BURGESSON

INVITATION TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME NO. 48

HYMN NO. 102

"Now Thank We All Our God"

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

D. WOOD



Bring a friend!

Join us on Wednesdays at 7 PM in our youth lounge (215) with Mike & Linda Herber.



Men's Bible Study

All men are invited to meet with us Mondays at 7 PM in room 215.

Morning Bible Study

Join us on Fridays at 8:30 AM in the Library.

Women's Bible Study

All ladies are invited to meet at 9:30 AM in room 215 Sunday mornings.



Intercessory Prayer

Thursday mornings at 10 AM in the library.

All are welcome!

Women of Prayer

Join us Mondays in the Sanctuary at 7 PM.



Debtor's Anonymous

Mondays at 6 PM- MMR

Al-Anon & Ala-Teen

Mondays at 7:30 PM in the MMR and 211.

Alzheimer's Care-Giver

1st Wednesday of each month at 1 PM (MMR).



- (CH) Criswell Hall
- (S) Sanctuary
- (N) Narthex
- (L) Library
- (K) Kitchen
- (PS) Pastor's Study
- (MMR) McMillen Room

The Bulletin Board

SUNDAY—11/23

"Coffee Hour" ~ Church Council

- 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:30 AM Traditional Worship
- 3:00 PM Jammin' 4 Jesus (CH)

MONDAY — 11/24

- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study (215)
- Women of Prayer (S)

TUESDAY — 11/25

- 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)
- 9:00 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)
- 10:00 AM Care-Ring (L)
- 5:00 PM Grande Ringers (115)
- 6:30 PM AG Community Chorus (S)

WEDNESDAY — 11/26

12 PM AG UM Children's Center Giving Soup

- 3:30 PM Cub Scouts (211)
- 7:00 PM UM Youth (215)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)

7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service at St. Barnabus Church

(Directions available in Narthex)

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY — 11/27 -28

Church Closed 11/27-28



Thanksgiving

SATURDAY — 11/29

- 4:00 PM Hanging of the Greens

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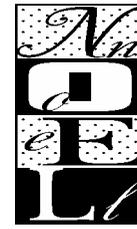
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Blue Christmas - A service for those who have experienced a loss in their life. We invite you to our Sanctuary on **December 21st at 6 PM** to come and spend time with us. At this time of year, the atmosphere around us tends to be happy and upbeat. Yet the reality is, people are hurting, whether the loss be by choice and/or circumstance. Come spend time with our church family.



UMC of AG Annual Hanging of the Greens Join us on **November 29th at 4 PM** for an evening of Christmas fun. We will gather for a festive decorating party. We will have supper during this time and finish with a special service where we will light decorations and sing a carol or two. We hope to see you and your family there!



Quiet Holy Communion Service - December 31st This will not be a formal service so feel free to come at anytime during the hour of **7 - 8 PM** in the **Sanctuary**. You will find a self-directed guide for you to reflect on the past year and look forward to the New Year. There will also be an opportunity for you to take communion.



The Giving Tree will be displayed in Criswell Hall beginning on November 29th. This tree is decorated with ornaments that reflect the name and Christmas wish of a child in the Welfare system. This is a great way to kick off the holiday season and the spirit of giving that comes along with it. Look to the Cast~A~Net for further details or contact Jan Treat and the Department of Social Services.



Advent Supper and Study Join us on Wednesday, December 3rd for a special Advent supper with soups, chili and cornbread supplied by the Green Umbrella. We will sing, decorate cookies with the kids, and play holiday games and crafts. Pastor David will bless us with a special Advent message.



Calendar Reminders

The Church office will be closed 11/27-28. Regular office hours will resume 12/ 1/08. We want to wish you and your family a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!

STAFF & WORSHIP LEADERS SUNDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2008

REVEREND DAVID BURGESON

MINISTER OF VISITATION: Rev. J. Harold Headrick

CHANCEL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Julie Walters

'GRANDE RINGERS' - BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Leonard Lutz

YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Mike & Linda Herber

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTORS: Nancy Baughman

CHILDREN'S CENTER DIRECTOR: Maddy Quaglino

PRAISE TEAM DIRECTOR: Susan Coho

PRAISE TEAM PIANIST: Sean Lehman

LAY LEADER: Marj Cawelti

SECRETARY/NEWSLETTER: Sarah Barber

BOOKKEEPER: Victoria Gandy

CHORAL PIANIST: Sean Lehman

ORGANIST: Don McGuire

PUPPET DIRECTORS: Willy Ford-Raetz
& Mike Herber

MULTI-MEDIA DIRECTOR: Sean Lehman

LECTOR CHAIRS: Rebeca Avila
& Toni Harvey

LITURGIST: Helen Guegler

ACOLYTE MOMS: Nikki Raetz
& Lorie Ford

BIBLE BEARER: Montana Dobbs

OUR ACOLYTE(S): Jed Moore

HOSTS & GREETER CHAIR: Thank you to our new chair - Del Hollinger

HOSTS & GREETERS: *our church family*

IN SERVICE: ALL OF OUR MEMBERS



*"Enter His gates with
thanksgiving, and His courts
with praise. Give thanks to
Him, bless His name."*

Psalm 100

COVENANT MISSIONARY: Judy Atwood in Kansas

CHECK OUT OUR GREAT NEW WEBSITE — WORSHIPWEEKLY.COM

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- Helen Setser passed away. Prayers for the family. Services in Tulare.
- Prayers for Wil Cawelti who went to French Hospital and is now home.
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