

*"Every member a missionary"*

# First United Methodist Church

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10:30 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP  
20 SEPTEMBER 2009 – CHARTER SUNDAY

✠ *This symbol denotes standing if you are able.*

*Welcome to worship! We have hearing devices and large print bulletins available for your convenience.  
Please ask an usher for assistance. Nursery care is available for those under the age of 2.*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY CHURCH FAMILY!!

GATHERING MUSIC     *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms*     THE LORD'S CREW  
                                 *Grace Like Rain*  
                                 *Spirit of the Living God*

PROCESSIONAL     *Anniversary March*     DON MCGUIRE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS FROM OUR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REV. CATIE COOTS

PRELUDE     *O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*     J. DENTON

HANDBELL INTROIT     *Down to the River to Pray*     A.L. PAGE  
                                 FLUTE – POLLY MONSON

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE:     Doors open, Hearts Ready, God beckons.

ALL:     **Looking for a center point to life, for a union of all the scattered and torn edges.**

ONE:     May your soul find communion here.

ALL:     **Searching for honesty, for a truth spoken in love.**

ONE:     May your faith be challenged here.

ALL:     **Looking for a place to offer your time and your talents.**

ONE:     May your spirit enrich this community.

ALL:     **Searching for hope to blossom and hope to grow.**

ONE:     May our songs reach the heavens, touch our hearts and spread love into the world.

✠ HYMN NO. 100     *God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us*

HANDBELL ANTHEM     *Seasons of the Heart*     KAREN BUCKWALTER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE:     Let us join together in this prayer:

ALL:     **Persistent and loving God, you are forever drawing near to us, calling us to follow, faithfully beckoning us to trust you in the deeper waters. At times, though, we choose easier paths and turn from you. We focus on our shortcomings and fail to experience your assurance of blessing. We stay stuck in the failures of the past and refuse to believe the Good News of forgiveness. Our world is moving so quickly we miss your summons in the beauty of the day, the words of a friend, the hope amidst discouragement. Calling God, speak to our hearts, lift us from despair, and place us on the path of discipleship. Again and Again. Amen**

CHORAL ANTHEM     *Oh For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*

JOY AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY     *Meditation On A Camp Meeting Spiritual*

✠ 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     DEUT. 31: 1 – 8; MATTHEW 5:13 - 15

ONE:     This is the word of God for the people of God.

ALL:     **Thanks be to God!**

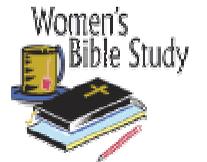
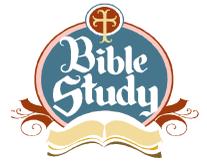
SERMON     *Shake It Up*  
                                 BISHOP MARY ANN SWENSON

✠ HYMN NO. 569     *We've A Story to Tell to the Nations*

✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

**\*NOTE:** *AFTER OUR BISHOP, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, AND CURRENT AND FORMER PASTORS HAVE MADE THEIR WAY OUT, PLEASE PROCEED SLOWLY DURING THE POSTLUDE TO THE BELL TOWER FOR THE RINGING OF THE BELL.*

POSTLUDE     *Mannin Veen*     H. WOOD



**Bring a friend!**

Junior High & High School meet **Wednesdays** at **7 PM** in our youth lounge led by Mike & Linda Herber.

**Men's Bible Study**

Meet with us **Mondays** at **7 PM** in room 215 - "Learn The Bible in 24 Hours" by Chuck Missler.

**Morning Bible Study**

Meets **Fridays** at **8:30 AM** in the Library. All are welcome!

**Ladies Bible Study**

**Sunday** morning at **9:30 AM** in 215 - New book starting 10/4 - *The Little Book of Letting Go* by Hugh Rather.

**Intercessory Prayer**

**Thursday** mornings at **10 AM** in the library.

**Women of Prayer**

This non-denominational group of dedicated women meet at **7 PM** on **Mondays** in the Sanctuary.

**Outside Support Groups**

**Debtor's Anonymous**

**Mondays** at **6 PM**- MMR

**Al-Anon & Ala-Teen**

**Mondays** at **7:30 PM** - MMR and 211.

**Alzheimer's Care-Giver**

**2nd Wednesday** and **3rd Friday** of each month at **1PM** - MMR.

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# THIS WEEK

\*UNDERLINED DENOTES CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE

**SUNDAY-9/20**

**Coffee Hour** - OUR CHURCH FAMILY

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (215)

One Worship service TODAY

**WELCOME!!**

**Bishop, District Superintendent & former pastors!**

**MONDAY - 9/21**

7:00 PM Men's Bible Study (215)

Women of Prayer (S)

**TUESDAY - 9/22**

8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)

9:00 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)

10:00 AM UMW Craft Wkshp (MMR)

5:30 PM Grande Ringers (115)

**WEDNESDAY - 9/23**

8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)

**2 PM & 6 PM (MMR)**

**Pastor's Study on John Wesley**

7:00 PM Chancel Choir (S)

UM Youth Group (215)

**THURSDAY - 9/24**

8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)

10:00 AM Intercessory Prayer (L)

5:30 PM Grande Ringers (115)

6:30 PM Family Fun Day Planning

Meeting (MMR)

7:00 PM SPRC

**FRIDAY - 9/25**

8:30 AM Bible Study (L)

6:00 PM Harvest Festival Set-up

**SATURDAY - 9/26**

**"Water for Life"**

**at the Harvest Festival**

**in the Village of AG**

6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

# The Bulletin Board



## This Morning's Altar Flowers

In celebration of 125 years serving together as the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande.

Join us in Criswell Hall where **our church family** will host this special hour. Thanks to the **Esther Circle** for a lovely time last week. The **Finance Committee** will host this special time of fellowship September 27th. **See you there!**



**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**



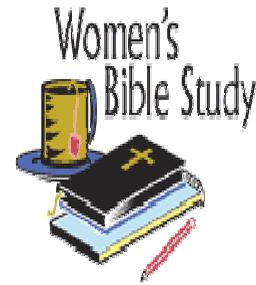
## We welcome our children in worship this special day!

Thank you join us on this day of celebration! Our children will not be dismissed to Sunday School today as we would like them to be a part in celebrating our 125 years as the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande. We have crayons and color pages for any should who needs to be occupied should they need it.

In Grateful Appreciation to Pat & Larry Weimers for chairing the 125th Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee and overseeing the many memorable events to celebrate our 125 years of service to God and the community. Our church body is only as strong as each of it's parts. To every co-chairman, committee member and volunteer, thanks for doing your part.

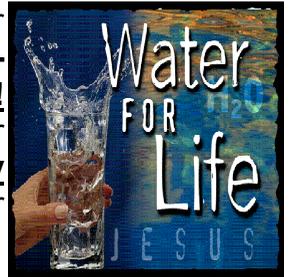


Welcome to our Bishop Mary Ann Swenson, District Superintendent Catie Coots, Covenant Missionary - Judy Atwood and our former pastors. We are so honored to have you celebrating this special occasion with us!



Women's Bible Study will begin a new book on October 4. If you are interested in joining to study *The Little Book of Letting Go: A Revolutionary 30 Day Program to Cleanse Your Mind, Lift Your Spirit and Replenish Your Soul*, by author Hugh Prather. This study will be led by Sandra Sawyer. Books need to be ordered, so please let Linda Herber or Sandra Sawyer know if you are interested. The book cost \$10.13. We would love to see you join us!

"Living Water" at the AG Harvest Festival Join with UM Youth and help give out water bottles with an invitation to our church. **Our goal this year is 2,500 waters distributed—we still need 1,000 more!! We can do it!!! You can help!** When doing errands, keep this ministry in mind and consider purchasing a case...or two...or five. **Bring water by Wednesday (9/23)!** Our youth group can help you carry your donated water should you need it. **Thanks!**



John Wesley

New Study on Methodist Founder John Wesley Join us **Wednesdays** for a study on "The Man From Aldersgate". This study on our Methodist founder, John Wesley, led by Pastor David, will be held **at 2 PM & 6 PM** in the **MMR**. As with the last study, both are the same and you are welcome to attend either time. We hope to see some familiar faces as well as some new ones. **Sign-ups in Criswell Hall.**

## Thank you special music today!

- **Our Wonderful Praise Team, The Lord's Crew**—Mike & Susan Coho, Mike & Connie Clark, Don Gugeler, & Mike Albertson.
- **Our Chancel Choir** led by director Julie Walters
- **The Talent of the Grande Ringers**, our handbell choir. Led by Leonard Lutz



# STAFF AND WORSHIP LEADERS 20 SEPTEMBER 2009

## CELEBRATING 125 YEARS IN MINISTRY

**SENIOR PASTOR:** REVEREND DAVID M. BURGESSON

**MINISTER OF VISITATION:** Reverend J. Harold Headrick

**CHANCEL CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Julie Walters

***THE LORD'S CREW*-PRAISE TEAM DIRECTOR:** Susan Coho

***'GRANDE RINGERS'*- BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Leonard Lutz

**YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR:** Mike & Linda Herber

**AG UM CHILDREN'S CENTER DIRECTOR:** Maddy Quaglino

**LAY LEADER:** Marj Cawelti

### **CHURCH OFFICE STAFF:**

**ADMINISTRATOR/NEWSLETTER:**

Sarah Gandy-Barber

**BOOKKEEPER:** Victoria Gandy

**ORGANIST:** Don McGuire

**PUPPET DIRECTORS:**

Willy Ford & Mike Herber

**LECTOR CHAIRS:**

Rebeca Avila & Toni Harvey

**LITURGIST (S):** Nancy Gerrish

**ACOLYTE MOMS:** Nikki Raetz & Lorie Ford

**BIBLE BEARER:** Charlie Sloan

**OUR ACOLYTE (S):** Lexi Raetz & Alex Paredes

**HOSTS & GREETER CHAIR:** Del Hollinger

**HOSTS & GREETERS:** Our church family

**USHER CHAIRS:** Morrie Gregory & Dick Melsheimer

**IN SERVICE:** ALL OF OUR MEMBERS

**COVENANT MISSIONARY:**

Judy Atwood in Kansas



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# PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVING

## 20 SEPTEMBER 2009

- † Pray for members of our congregation who are dealing with spiritual, emotional and physical problems. We lift up their burdens.
- † God grant our country's leaders and its people wisdom and discernment.
- † Hold Pastor Burgeson in prayer for continued wisdom and discernment.
- † Jennifer Gandy needs continued prayer for comfort and healing.
- † Prayers for Betty Livingston who had a lumpectomy on September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- † Prayers for Wendell Curry who is having health problems.
- † Prayer Chuck Burns had a successful procedure on his heart.
- † Coy Daffern is in A.G. Hospital.
- † Prayers for Richard Maestas who has advanced cancer. Prayer for his family as well.
- † Prayers for Lesley Riley who had gall bladder surgery and is home recovering.
- † Morrie Gregory asks prayer for his sister-in-law, Jethlyn Gregory who is undergoing tests for cancer.
- † Kay Walker asks prayers for her great-great-grand daughter who had another cleft palate surgery and is doing well.
- † Prayer for Don Schmelzer who is having heart problems.
- † Dick Gainer asks prayer for his cousin, Virginia Fulcher who has cancer and is being evaluated for treatment.
- † Cyndee Rohla asks prayers for her friend's father who has brain cancer and is back in the hospital.
- † Prayer for Mary Patterson for peace in her transition to Alder House.
- † Prayers for Lew Hammond who had surgery last Thursday.
- † Pastor Harold asks prayers for Harold Bailey who is in AG Care Center.
- † Sally Anne Lynch asks prayers for her sister, Phyllis, who is having health problems – also Sally herself is having problems with her leg.
- † Praise to God as Bob Atwood celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- † Prayers for Esther Miller who is in AG Hospital.

**Remember in prayer:** Our missionaries serving God around the world; the leaders of our country; leaders and the people of North Korea, Africa and in the Middle East. Continue to lift up those serving in the military and their families.

**Please hold in continued prayer:** Our church youth, our church family, Wil Ogden, Jennifer Gandy, the Caweltis, the Cochrans, LeAnna & Adam Gainer, Cheryl McKibben, Linda Archibald, Rose Marie Bailey, Pastor Rhodenbacker, Donna Cowles, the Hammonds, Jerry Smith, Isabella Sloan, Esther Miller, Pastor Ron Salisbury, Melinda Marchiano, Yvonne Holt, Sean Lehman, Mary Kelleher, Vikki Poh-Eikom, Miranda Bosley, Ruby Weddell, Lynn Foster, Rick Ventura, Rose Haupt, Dr. Frank M. Witman, Susan Trivitt, Cecelia Lee, Fenton McClure, Diane O' Lear, and Cristy Eichelberger.

**Continue to lift up church family who are unable to attend services.**  
**Members in Care Facilities:** Lois Fry, Bob Atwood, Dick DeBruyn, Bob Woods and Stan Lundahl.

**Shut-In members:** Doris Rice, the Houldings, the DeVos, Dell McCracken, Wayne Frisby, Betty Bailes, Stan Lundahl, Mary Fernamburg, Jeanne Jenkins, Madge Young, and Hershel Whitefield.

## NOTES

OUR COVENANT MISSIONARY: JUDY ATWOOD IN KANSAS