

First United Methodist Church

275 NORTH HALCYON ROAD IN ARROYO GRANDE, CA 93420

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8:30 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP 6TH DECEMBER 2009 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We encourage you to join us in our worship as a people who love the Lord. Please ask an usher about the hearing devices.

PASTOR DAVID M. BURGESON WORSHIP IS LED BY *THE LORD'S CREW*

WELCOME — ANNOUNCEMENTS PASTOR DAVID

OPENING PRAISE *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

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SCRIPTURE READING ISAIAH 9: 2 — 7 PASTOR DAVID

OPENING PRAYER PASTOR DAVID

PRaise
*O Little Town of Bethlehem
There Is A Redeemer
Jesus Be The Center*

WE WORSHIP IN GIVING

OFFERTORY *All The Heavens*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SHARING GOD'S PEACE (*GREETING ONE ANOTHER*)

JOYS & CONCERNS — PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING LUKE 3: 1 — 6 MIKE HERBER

SERMON
ADVENT - PREPARING
PASTOR DAVID M. BURGESON

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE I CORINTHIANS 11:23 - 26 IN UNISON

COMMUNION SONG
To Bethlehem We Go

CLOSING PRAISE
Keep Us, Lord

BENEDICTION PASTOR DAVID

RECESSIONAL
Soon and Very Soon

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WELCOME WITH NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *A Bethlehem Lullaby*
D. PAXTON, *Composer*

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† **HYMN No. 211** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 1-4)*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CALL TO CONFESSION

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. We still need to hear that call to repentance. Therefore, let us confess our sins together, that we may together know the forgiveness of the Lord.

LITANY OF CONFESSION

PASTOR: When we find ourselves irritable and preoccupied with the pulsating and demanding rhythms of the seasons,

PEOPLE: **Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

PASTOR: When we talk peace, but do not walk peace,

PEOPLE: **Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

PASTOR: When we lose sight of the Child whose coming has transformed the world,

PEOPLE: **Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

PASTOR: When we push away and keep out others who are different and needy,

PEOPLE: **Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

PASTOR: When kindness and generosity fail us,

PEOPLE: **Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

PASTOR: Grant, that we may be conscious of your presence during this season, so that in spite of the secularism of the holidays, we may stay centered in the sacredness of each moment.

ALL: **Amen.**

CHORAL ANTHEM *Glorious Impossible* CHANCEL CHOIR

JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Offertory On A French Carol*
A. GUILMANT, *Composer*

† **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 LUKE 3:1-6

LITURGIST: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Advent: Prepare*
PASTOR DAVID BURGESON

CHORAL ANTHEM *Communion Invitation* CHANCEL CHOIR

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (SEE INSERT)

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING AND SHARING IN THE BREAD AND CUP

† **HYMN No. 202** *People, Look East*

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE *Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice*
L. SMITH, *Composer*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Scheduled This Week:

TODAY – 12/6

- **Second Sunday of Advent**
- **11:45 AM** – Green Umbrella (MMR)
- **3 PM** - Concert of the Central Coast Celebration Chorus – *Sweet Adeline's* (S)

MONDAY – 12/7

TUESDAY – 12/8

- **10:30 AM** –Communications Committee (L)
- **2 PM** – Endowment (MMR)

WEDNESDAY – 12/9

- **2 PM** – Advent Study (MMR)
- **6 PM** – Advent Study (MMR)

THURSDAY – 12/10

- **12 PM** – Esther Circle (MMR)
- **6:30 PM** – Budget Mtg (MMR)

FRIDAY- 12/11

SATURDAY – 12/12

- **8:30 AM** – UMM Breakfast Meeting at the Mission Inn of Pismo Beach

ABBREVIATION LEGEND

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

UMC OF AG WEEKLY

UM YOUTH GROUP

Junior & Senior High meet **Wednesdays** at **7 PM** in room 215 with the Herbers.

SENIOR EXERCISE GROUP

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday in Criswell Hall at **8:30 AM**.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at **7 PM** in room 215. Study book: *Learn the Bible in 24 Hours*, by Chuck Missler.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Fridays at **8:30 AM** in the Library. Study book: *While We Wait* by Mary Lou Redding.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at **9:30 AM** in the McMillen Room. Study book: *The Little Book of Letting Go* by Hugh Prather.

GRANDE RINGERS – HANDBELL CHOIR

Tuesdays & Thursdays at **5 PM** in room 115 directed by Leonard Lutz.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Wednesdays at **7 PM** in the sanctuary directed by Julie Walters.

THE LORD'S CREW – PRAISE TEAM

Every other Saturday at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary directed by Susan Coho.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays at **10** in the library. Join us!

WOMEN OF PRAYER

Mondays at **7 PM** in the sanctuary.

DEBTOR'S ANONYMOUS

Mondays at **6 PM** in the McMillen Room.

AL-ANON & ALA-TEEN

Mondays at **7:30 PM** in the McMillen Room & room 211.

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVER SUPPORT

2nd Wednesday & 3rd Friday at **1 PM** in the McMillen Room.

M S SUPPORT GROUP

2nd Tuesday at **6 PM** in the McMillen Room.

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVING

'And whatever you ask for in prayer, believing, you will receive.' Matthew 21:22

- Pray for the members of our congregation who are dealing with spiritual, emotional and physical problems. We lift up their burdens.
- May God grant our nation's leaders and its people wisdom & discernment.
- Hold our Pastors in prayer for continued wisdom & discernment.
- Prayers for Elizabeth Alquist-Dorsi who is ill.
- Betty Bailes has entered the church triumphant. Prayers for the family.
- Prayers for Bill Paulson who is having tests for Vertigo symptoms.
- Prayers for Ian Waterman as he recovers from Pneumonia.
- Prayers for Chuck Burns as he is undergoing tests.
- Nancy Baughman asks prayer for Abigail who has tumors in her neck.
- Doris Rice asks prayer for her daughter who is recovering from a stroke.

OUR COVENANT MISSIONARY: Judy Atwood in Kansas

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 in the military and their families.

PLEASE HOLD IN CONTINUED PRAYER: Our church youth, our church family, Wil Ogden, Jennifer Gandy and family, the Caweltis, the Cochrans, LeAnna & Adam Gainer, Cheryl McKibben, Linda Archibald, The Baileys, Pastor Rhodenbacker, Donna Cowles, the Hammonds, Jerry Smith, Isabella Sloan, Esther Miller, Pastor Ron Salsbury, Melinda Marchiano, Yvonne Holt, Sean Lehman, Mary Kelleher, Vikki Poh-Eikom, Miranda Bosley, Ruby Weddell, Lynn Foster, Rick Ventura, Dr. Frank M. Witman, Susan Trivitt, Cecelia Lee, Fenton McClure, Diane O' Lear, Cristy Eichelberger, Kent Brown, Roy Lewis, Chuck Buckton, Amy Gerrish-Bennett, Everett Bollinger, Larry Grim, Susan Coho, Paul DeMello, Steve Ross, and Ted Sloan.

CONTINUE TO LIFT UP THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND SERVICES.

MEMBERS IN CARE FACILITIES: Lois Fry, Bob Atwood, Bob Woods, Stan Lundahl, and Mary Patterson.

SHUT-IN MEMBERS: Doris Rice, the Houldings, the DeVos, Dell McCracken, Wayne Frisby, Mary Fernamburg, Jeanne Jenkins, Madge Young, and Hershel Whitefield.

STAFF & WORSHIP LEADERS

6 DECEMBER 2009 — SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SENIOR PASTOR: REVEREND DAVID M. BURGESON

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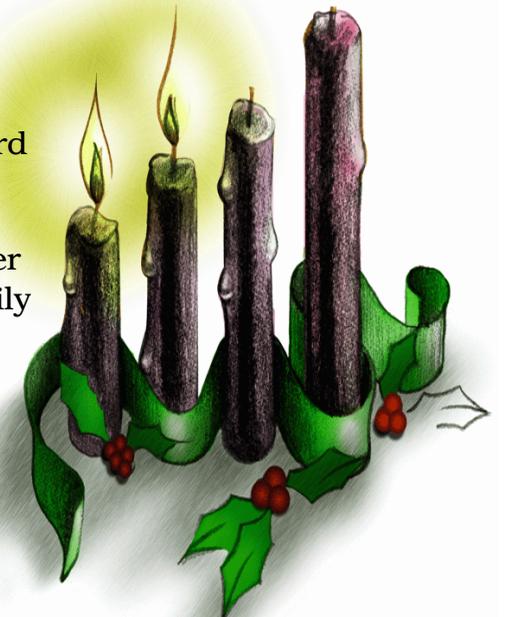
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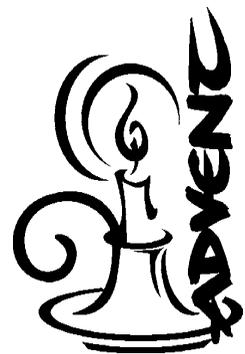


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Holiday Bell Choir Join us in the Bell Room on **Tuesday & Thursdays** from **4 PM—4:45 PM** as Hilary Henderson, a long time ringer/member of UMC of AG, leads these bell beginners in holiday tunes to be played at the **AG UM Children's Center Holiday Program** on **December 17th** at **6:30 PM**. All ages are welcome! *See insert for details.*

Blue Christmas is a service for all who have experienced a loss in their life—and let's face it - all of us have in one way or another. The reality is, people are hurting, whether the loss be by choice and/or circumstance. We invite you to our **Sanctuary** on **December 20th** at **3 PM** to come and share this time with us. ***Come and lean on family.***



Five Cities Christian Women Emergency Food Bank

December 21 these faithful ladies will be giving out 60 baskets this year. Donations of canned goods can be brought to the church office or left in the basket in the Narthex. Monies can be mailed to PO Box 756, Grover Beach 93483; call Fern 481-2877 regarding all food donations. ***THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.***

We are still accepting 2010 pledge cards. Cards are available in the Narthex for you should you need one. Please place it in the offering or mail/bring to the church office. We greatly appreciate your prayerful consideration in your decision to pledge to the life of your church. Your diligent contributions continue to make this church great!



New Year's Eve Potluck and Game Night is planned again for this year. Bring your favorite finger food and game to share at **5:30 PM** to **Criswell Hall** and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. It is sure to be a blast!

New Year's Eve Quiet Holy Communion Service is a self-led and informal service in **our sanctuary** beginning at **7:30 PM** designed for reflection on the blessings and trials of the past year and the year to come.

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