



United Methodist Church of
Arroyo Grande

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Sacred Encounters
Week Two: Pursued

8:30 AM Worship Service
16 September 2012



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“This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24
Welcome to our 8:30 AM worship service. Today is the 16th Sunday after Pentecost – 16 September 2012
† Denotes standing if you are able

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Welcome and News of the Church

Pastor David

Handbell Introit

Grazioso (Arnold B. Sherman)

Grande Ringers

† Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

In Unison

But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance *and* gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him *be* honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

† Opening Prayer

Pastor David

Handbell Anthem

Dance of the Heart (Linda R. Lamb)

Grande Ringers

Praise

All The Heavens

Strength of My Life

Jesus Be The Center

Prayer of Adoration

Susan Coho

**** Children are dismissed at this time to their Sunday School class.**

We Worship in Giving

Offertory

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Joys and Concerns with Prayers and Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor David

Scripture Reading

Genesis 21: 8-21

Message

Sacred Encounters: Pursued

Pastor David M. Burgeson

Communion Scripture

I Corinthians 11:23-26

In Unison

Communion Song

Were You There?

Benediction Song

The Lord Bless Thee

Pastor David

Recessional

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

*** Please feel free to stay to enjoy the closing music to enhance your worship today.*

If you are visiting with us, we are so pleased to share this time of worship with you.

Your presence is a blessing to us, as we pray it is for you.

We invite you to join in a time of fellowship in Criswell Hall to enjoy some coffee and goodies after the service – we would like to get to know you.

Prayer Concerns for 16 September 2012

Please Pray for These People In Recent Need of Prayer:

- Health and healing for those in our church family who are ill.
- Comfort for the families of those who have gone on to be with the Lord.
- The financial welfare and stewardship of our church and its members.
- Wil Ogden's stomach has stopped working. Prayers for healing.
- The Reineke's friend Mickey Davis was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease.
- Nancy St. Laurent's daughter-in-law had a stroke and is at Cottage Hospital.
- Bennie Duffin's friend is having trouble with anger management.
- Doris Rice's sister, Carol, is suffering from recovering cancer.
- Kay Walker's daughter Michele and her great-great grand-daughter are recovering from dental surgery; Her 2 month old great grandson is having health issues.
- Judy Atwood's neighbor is having back issues.
- The Burgeson's friends, Diane and Stu Thompson whose sister, Carolyn, is battling aggressive cancer for the second time.

Praise the Lord for His Goodness:

- Kay Walker celebrated her 92nd birthday.
- Mike and Gloria Johnson have a new grandbaby. Welcome to the world, Zoey.

Our Covenant Missionary: Frido Kinkolenge (Liberia)

Cal-Pac Missionaries in the Field: Julie & David Elmore (Alaska), John Elmore (Chile), Lorene & David Persons (Congo), Muriel & Terry Henderson (Mexico).

We Remember in Prayer: Our pastor and his family; our church family and friends; the youth and children's ministries of this church; our church leaders; those in service to God around the world; those who are hungry, displaced, sick or in poverty because of these and other natural and human-made disasters, and for the workers who minister with them; for God's peace and justice for the world; our nation's current and future leaders; God's peace and salvation for the world through Jesus Christ; those serving in the military and their families.

Continue to Prayer for: the Paulsons, Kent Brown, the Smiths, the Hammonds, Sean Lehman, Fenton McClure, the Bucktons, Sheila Owine, Todd Everett, Ken Coombs, Isabella Sloan, the Noltes, Ayleen Melsheimer, the Alsums, Les Bradley, Sharon Woodcock, David Hildebrand, the Williamsons, Mike Douglas, Jan Schnepf, Richard, LeAnna & Adam Gainer.

Those In Care Facilities: Bob Atwood, Bob Serby, Inez Kenneaster, Wayne Frisby.

Our Shut-In Members: Doris Rice, Ruby Weddell, Yvonne Holt, Madge Young, Elvon Houldings, Jeanne Jenkins, Donna Truman.

Prayer for the Global United Methodist Church: Sept. 16: Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, CA; Sept. 17: Society for the Upliftment of the Needy Microcredit training and program, Chennai, India; Sept. 18: Southern Asian Countries: Pacific Island Countries: Deaconess Emma Cantor, Manila, Philippines; Sept. 19: United Methodist Church: Moyamba Nursery School, Moyamba, Sierra Leone; Sept. 20: World Council of Churches: Support toward an international intern, Geneva, Switzerland; Sept. 21: United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on International Day of Peace; Sept. 22: Paine College, Augusta, GA

SERMON NOTESWEEK # 2



Please use this space to take notes.
Our current sermon series is on:
Sacred Encounters
Join Pastor David M. Burgeson as he shares
today's message about being "Pursued"

SERMON NOTES

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The Bulletin Board

16 September 2012

Today is Bell Sunday – We want to take a moment to welcome back our Handbell Choir, the “Grande Ringers” – they bring a special blessing to our worship.

Coffee & Fellowship Hour is hosted by the Finance Committee.

Flowers on the Altar celebrate Bob Atwood’s 93rd birthday from Judy & Cristy.

On Today’s Schedule:

- **Disciples Discussion Group** meets at 9:45AM in the McMillen Room. Join us for discussion and go a little deeper into today’s message.
- **How To Study the Bible** will meet **TONIGHT** at **6 PM** in the **McMillen Room**. We hope that you will be a friend and join us as we look at the Exodus.

Information Forms are available in the Narthex. We want to start the year with current information and ideas of how you want to get involved in partnering with us in ministry. Please contact the church office if you want more information. *Thanks!*

Sacred Encounters Bible Study with Pastor David – join us weekly on **Wednesdays** at **6 PM** in the **McMillen Room** for this special series designed to draw you into meaningful, biblically-based interactions with one another and with God. A small group study, some daily devotionals, as well as, a study for our youth group and elementary Kids Night Out, creates a great opportunity for discussion around the dinner table. This study will enable you to explore the transformative stories of people like Adam and Eve, Jonah, Moses, Elijah, David, Zacchaeus, the woman who washed Christ’s feet, and more. The series explores moments when God seems silent. All are welcome!

United Methodist Men’s Pancake Breakfast NEXT WEEK! Join us from **9 AM-10:30 AM** for pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit and all the coffee, tea or juice you can drink. Tickets available at the door - \$5 (kids under 10 are only \$1).

Methodist Men’s Breakfast Meeting - next Saturday, 8:30 AM – with special guest speaker John McCabe from Morro Bay Museum on Earthquakes & Tsunamis. Full breakfast tickets cost \$9. Call Wayne Huggins or Val McClure reserve your space. The UMMen’s breakfast meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:30 AM, here at UMC of Arroyo Grande.

UMWomen’s Circles Are Back After a Break for Summer - It’s the perfect time to jump in...

- **JOY Circle** - 9/18 at 7 PM at the home of a member.
- **Mary-Martha Circle** – 9/26 at 9:30 AM in the McMillen Room.
- **Esther Circle** - 10/11 at noon in the McMillen Room.

Can You Help?? UMW Holiday Boutique Needs YOU!

Do you like to make birdhouses? Or knit afghans? Or make Christmas decorations? Or bake pies and make jellies???? The United Methodist Women need your help in making our annual Holiday Boutique a success. Please contact Sally Weitkamp via email at sallyweitkamp@yahoo.com to let her know how you will help and what you will contribute. **The Boutique will be held on Saturday, October 27th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Arroyo Grande United Methodist Church.**

Welcome Celebration for Bishop Carcaño – Come and celebrate as we welcome our new Resident Bishop of Los Angeles at First UMC of Pasadena on **Sunday, September 23rd**. Music will start at **3 PM** with worship at **3:30PM** followed by a reception. Free child care is provided but you will need to register by September 19. The church is located at 500 E. Colorado Blvd (*visit Cal-Pac.org for directions*).

AG UM Children’s Center Family Fun Day - Saturday, October 20!

You are invited to this annual fundraising event. Featuring carnival games, face painting, BBQ, trike-a-thon and bake sale. *To be involved in the planning of this event, please contact the Children’s Center Director, Maddy Quaglino.*

Water for Life at AG Harvest Festival - We need your help! Please bring cases of water to Criswell Hall **We are so grateful for your help.**

A Calendar of UMC of AG’s Events is available on our website at worshipweekly.com



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Prelude

Theme From: A Nocturne (F. Chopin)

Handbell Introit

Grazioso (Arnold B. Sherman)

Grande Ringers

+ Call to Worship

Mike Herber

One: Being in the wilderness is a long, lonely and dangerous path. Be not afraid, God's eye continues to be upon you.

Many: Because of God's hand we have been saved.

One: Being in exile often leaves one parched, hungry and in need.

Many: Because of God's hand we have been saved.

One: Traveling new and strange lands is often exhausting and without hospitality.

Many: Because of God's hand we have been saved.

One: Come now, for the dusty road of wandering and settling in the safe presence of God. Lift your voices, open your hearts and be assured that you are no longer wandering but arriving in grace.

Many: Amen.

+ Opening Hymn No. 365

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Handbell Anthem

Dance of the Heart (Linda R. Lamb)

Grande Ringers

Children's Moment

Prayer of Forgiveness

Mike Herber

One: Please join me in prayer:

Many: Oh God, we have often been treated unfairly, left to fend for ourselves and victimized by the insecurity, pain and frustration of others. Today as we worship, we offer forgiveness to all we feel have harmed us in some way. We give you thanks for seeking us in the midst of our difficulty and bringing us to peace.

Words of Assurance

Mike Herber

One: In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven and set free by our own acts of forgiveness!

Choral Anthem

In My Father's House

Chancel Choir

Joys and Concerns with Prayers and Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer with The Lord's Prayer

Prayer for the Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Come, Sweet Peace of God (D. Paxton)

+ Doxology

Scripture Reading

Genesis 21: 8-21

Mike Herber

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Message

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+ Closing Hymn No. 338

Where He Leads Me

+ Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude

Fanfare and Trumpeting (D. Paxton)