



# First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

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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 December 23rd, 2012 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Nursery Care is available \* Elementary aged children are dismissed during worship \* Ask about our hearing devices. Praise and worship is led by The Lord’s Crew.**



## Welcome and News of the Church

**Opening Praise** *I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day*

**Scripture Reading** Jeremiah 31:33-34 & John 3: 13 - 17

**+ Opening Prayer** Pastor David

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** The Ballagh Family

One: The unbreakable gift for this fourth Sunday of Advent is the gift of peace.

*Light the first and second and third and fourth candle*

**ALL:** Dear God, thank you for the gift of peace. Help us put peace into practice in our lives and show others the path to true peace. Remind us to serve as peace makers and to share the love of God with those in need. Amen.

**Praise** *All The Heavens  
Silent Night  
Mary Did You Know?*

**Prayer of Adoration** Susan Coho

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

## We Worship in Giving

**Offertory** *Breath of Heaven (Mary’s Song)*

## Joys and Concerns with Prayers and Thanksgiving

**Pastoral Prayer** Pastor David

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 9: 1- 7; Luke 2: 8 - 14

**Message** *Christmas Gifts That Don’t Break: The Gift of Peace*  
Pastor David M. Burgeson

**Communion Scripture** I Corinthians 11:23-26 In Unison

**Communion Song** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

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

**Recessional** *Light of The Stable*

**\*\* 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.



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Welcome and News of the Church

Pastor David

Prelude

Fantasy on Christmas Carols (S. Saxton)

Introit

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Stednitz Family

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† Call to Worship

Mike Herber

One: Something stirs deep within us -

Many: A longing, a hope,

One: A thirst for joy,

Many: A hunger for peace,

One: A yearning for blessing.

Many: We know deep within

One: That our hopes and fears

Many: Will be met by angels songs and baby sighs.

One: It is Advent -

Many: Season of waiting, hoping, yearning.

One: Advent -

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

† Opening No. 211

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 1 - 4 only)

\* Children’s Moment

Prayer of Confession

Mike Herber

One: Please join me in our prayer of confession:

Many: Loving God, you kept your promise to bring light into the world and to guide our steps into the paths of peace. You sent us Jesus and from him we receive salvation.

Yet we confess to being less than faithful in our response. We have been tentative and cautious rather than bold and generous; we have feared what people will think rather than speak a prophetic word like John the Baptist; we have packed our calendars with busyness and neglected your wisdom to “be still.” We look to material things and work success to bring meaning to our lives and forget that our worth lies in being beloved children of God.

Redeeming God, may your coming once again reorder our priorities, renew our commitments and refashion your witness. Cast out our sin and enter in; remake us in your grace. In the name of your son, whose birth we celebrate this season, Amen.

Choral Anthem

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Chancel Choir

Joys and Concerns with Prayers and Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Prayer for the Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing (D. Anderson)

† Doxology

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9: 1- 7; Luke 2: 8 - 14

Mike Herber

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Message

Christmas Gifts That Don’t Break: The Gift of Peace  
Pastor David M. Burgeson

† Closing Hymn No. 219

What Child Is This

† Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude

Joy To The World! (Arr. G. Martin)

## **Please Lift- up These in Recent Need of Prayer – 23 December 2012**

- 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.
- For those who are having depression this season, may they seek God for comfort.
- Families struck by tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary.
- Guy Oates whose son and other family need prayer for healing and comfort.
- The Johnson's family/friends who will soon have surgery, and/or medical procedures.
- Jerrilynn Trujillo's friend BettyAnn and Gabriel's parents passed. Prayers for peace.
- Pam Campbell's grandson, Dustin who is serving in Afghanistan.
- Nancy St. Laurent's mother passed away – prayers for the family.
- Forgey Family (from our Children's Center) as they recover from mom being shot.
- Friends of Cyndee Rohla , the Bertams' 22 year old daughter passed. Prayers for peace.
- Lorie Ford's son in law's father, Mike had a hip replacement.
- Paul Collagan had surgery and is in hospital in LA. Hopes to be home for Christmas.
- Travel mercies for those traveling during the holiday.
- Michael Johnson' cousin Michael Menendez who is having surgery.
- Shirley, Dick Melsheimer's sister, fell and broke both wrists and her knee cap.

### **Praise! Thanks be to God for H is Goodness.**

- Bill Taylor has a new great-great granddaughter.
- Doris Rice will be 101 years old on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- People's Kitchen served over 300 meals at the Christmas Party for the Homeless.

### **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, the Middle East.

**Continue to Prayer for:** Gladys Paulsen, 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, the Williamsons, Mike Douglas, Richard Gainer, Adam Gainer, Beverly Calkins, Wil Ogden, the Gandys, Tom Egan, Virginia Mothes, Cristy Eichelberger.

**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 Houlding, Jeanne Jenkins, Donna Truman, Esther Miller, Harold Bailey.



**December 23, 2012**

**Please feel free to use this space to take notes.**

Join with Pastor David as he shares today's message entitled,  
**Christmas Gifts That Don't Break: The Gift of Peace**

# The Bulletin Board

23 December 2012

A full event calendar on our website at [worshipweekly.com](http://worshipweekly.com) – check it out!

**Coffee & Fellowship Hour** – Many thanks to our **Worship Team**. Next week we invite all of our church family to bring a plate from your left over abundance of Christmas goodies. Place it on the coffee hour table that will be set up at 8 AM – please mark your plate if you hope to see it again!

**Flowers on the Altar:** “In loving memory of Bud Wolters” – Marj Wolters.

**On Today’s Schedule:**

- **Christmas Eve Family Service Rehearsal** – noon (following second service).
- **Caroling to the Neighbors** - 3-5 PM jump on the bus or walk with us around the nearby neighborhood to invite them to our Christmas Eve service.

**On This Week’s Agenda – Get out your calendar! \* \* Please note changes**

- **Please check that your group is not on break for the Christmas Holiday.**
- **NO Senior Exercise this week!**
- **All-Church Work Day** – Wednesday at 9 AM.
- **Potluck Leftovers Fellowship Dinner** – Wednesday at 5:15 PM in Criswell Hall.
- **"The Bethlehem Star"** - 12/26 – This one hour film will be shown in the sanctuary in lieu of regular Wednesday night studies. Kids and youth group are invited to join us.
- **Intercessory Prayer Group** – Thursday at 10 AM – Open to all!
- **Morning Bible Study** – Friday at 8:30 AM in the Library.

**Spread the Message of Christmas – Let’s Invite Our Neighbors** - December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3-5 PM meet us in the UMC of AG parking lot to go out into the neighborhood and spread the Christmas joy. We will hand out invitations to our Christmas Eve worship service and upcoming events. We hope that you will put on your walking shoes and your Christmas joy to join us on this special trip to “love our neighbors.”

**Five Cities Christian Women** is always in need of non-perishable food items for their food pantry. Please bring donations to the church Narthex FCCW basket. Donations are picked up weekly. Contact Bennie Duffin with any questions.

**"The Bethlehem Star" - December 26th** – This one hour film will be shown in the sanctuary following our weekly fellowship dinner that begins at 5:15 PM in Criswell Hall. See you then!

**December 24<sup>th</sup> at First UMC of Arroyo Grande “Christmas Eve, Candlelight & The Greatest Gift** Family Nativity Service at 6 PM featuring the “Nativity Story” enacted by our church children and youth with scripture, carols and candlelight. You won’t want to miss this! Our Traditional Service at 7:30 PM will feature the music of Christmas sung by our Chancel Choir, Pastor’s Christmas message & carols by candlelight. *Child Care provided* for both services. Bring your Christmas offering for the Christ child.

**Un-Hanging of the Green – December 29 at 4 PM** – Come help us put away Christmas decorations. Bring some nibbles to share - See you there!

**ONE Casual Worship Service - December 30 at 10:30 AM**- Come spend this Sunday with our WHOLE church family together for one service. This Casual worship service will include music from our Praise Team and a New Year’s Children’s Moment, as well as some encouragement for starting the B90 on Wednesday.

**New Year’s Eve Potluck and Game Night – December 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM** Bring your favorite Holiday Finger Food and a board game on New Year’s Eve to Criswell Hall at 6 PM. We will enjoy some time together as a church family before the “ball” drops at midnight. Festivities will be ended by 8 PM. **See you there!**

**B90 is Here - Begin the New Year Right - TUESDAY – January 1 the Journey Begins!**

There are many ways to read through the Bible, and many different time frames in which to do it. What if we as a church and as individuals covenanted to spend about an hour each day – that’s about 16 chapters, and read the entire Bible, cover to cover in 90 days? *Many of us make New Year's resolutions – some of those goals are spiritual.* **So here's the plan:** On Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> we will kick off ways to be accountable to one another and be supportive. Come Easter, we will have read the Bible in its entirety. **This is the most important New Year’s resolution you ever made.**



**Prayer Calendar – Please continue to lift up the global United Methodist Church**

**Dec. 23:** Wesley Community Centers of Nueces County, Corpus Christie, Texas; **Dec. 24:** Fellowship of the Middle East Evangelical Churches: Peace builders, Ain Aar, Cyprus; **Dec. 25:** Children, Youth and Young Adult Commissions of MCCA Belize/Honduras District, Belize City, Belize; **Dec. 26:** Methodist Church in India: Mabel Jones Boys Hostel & School, Uttar Pradesh, India; **Dec. 27:** YWCA-Haiti: Haiti Youth Center Project, Haiti; **Dec. 28:** GROOTS Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya; **Dec. 29:** Robinson School Inc., San Juan, Puerto Rico

**Christmas Poinsettia Dedications**

Heaven  
and Nature  
Singing  
Christmas 2012



# *In Honor of*

## **From...**

Our parents, our children and grandchildren	Cyndee and Mike Rohla
Our grandchildren and great-grandchildren	Bud & Betty Johnson
Our four children and their families	Don & Helen Gugeler
My daughters: Lynn, Barbara, and Rebecca.	Bob Pierson
The choir	Adeline Bottorff
The gift that God given us in each other; Our lovely girls, Amber Lynn and Sadie Kyle	David and Sarah Burgeson
Bob Atwood	Judy Atwood & Cristy Eichelberger

# *In Loving Memory*

## **Of...**

David Haupt  
 Helen Atwood  
 Our parents  
 Peggy and LeAnna Gainer  
 My husband Roy and our son Larry  
 Susan Potts  
 My mother, Mary Watson  
 Margie  
 Parents, Jack and Virginia Chapman; Dean D. Brown  
 Our precious angel, LeAnna Gainer  
 Tony Addison, my loving husband  
 Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Boerman; Tommie Duffin  
 Bob Middleton  
 Wesley and Stella Reams, my parents  
 Our parents  
 Matthew Stewart; Marj Pierson; Vernon Wizemann  
 My parents  
 My parents, Robert and Barbara Unsworth  
 My sister, Jean Ferguson Beaman Baumbaugh  
 Jim and Mary Johnson  
 Our parents  
 Murl Sloan  
 My mom and my dad, Bill and Val Ogden  
 Our saints at rest from their labors

## **From...**

Rose Haupt  
 Judy Atwood, Cristy Eichelberger  
 Gerrie & Craig Ford  
 Dick Gainer  
 Liz Gholson  
 Jan Treat  
 Bobbi Merris  
 Bob Pierson  
 Kerren Brown  
 Kathy Libbert and family  
 Alice Addison  
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Duffin  
 Marian Middleton  
 Judy Leonard  
 Chuck and Nancy Burns  
 George and Lynn Stewart  
 Pam Bauske  
 Kent Unsworth  
 David Beaman  
 Karen Wise  
 Bob and Vel Lowry  
 Isabella Sloan  
 Victoria Gandy  
 Your UMC of AG family