



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 COMBINED 10:30 AM worship service! December 30th , 2012 – First Sunday After Christmas

Nursery Care is available * Elementary aged children are dismissed during worship * Ask about our **hearing devices & LARGE PRINT bulletins.**

Praise and worship is led by The Lord's Wranglers. Our Youth Group is joining us in service today.

Welcome and News of the Church

Pastor David

Opening Praise

I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day

Scripture Reading - selected verses

Pastor David

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. (Psalm 119:105)

The words of the Lord *are* pure words, *like* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. You shall keep them, O Lord, You shall preserve them from this generation forever. (Psalm 12:6-7)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away. (Matthew 24:35)

† Opening Prayer

Pastor David

Praise

Are You Washed In The Blood?

When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder

I Saw The Light/ Will the Circle Be Unbroken/I'll Fly Away

Prayer of Adoration

Susan Coho

Children's Moment

Puppet People

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

We Worship in Giving

Offertory

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

† Doxology

We Share God's Peace (Take a minute to greet the person next to you)

Joys and Concerns with Prayers and Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor David

Scripture Reading

Ryan Odom

Message

Pastor David M. Burgeson

Closing Hymn

Thy Word

† Benediction Song

Pastor David

Recessional

Lord I Lift You Name on High

*** 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.

Please Lift-up These in Recent Need of Prayer – 30 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.
- Forgey Family (from our Children's Center) as they recover and rebuild their lives.
- 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.
- Michael Johnson' cousin, Michael Menendez, who had surgery.
- Shirley, Dick Melsheimer's sister, fell and broke both wrists and her knee cap.

Praise! Thanks be to God for His Goodness.

- Bill Taylor has a new great-great granddaughter.
- Doris Rice will be 101 years old on January 3rd. WOW!

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 23 December 2012 Bulletin Board

A full event calendar on our website at 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 23rd 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 24th 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 31st 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 6th 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