

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

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Contact us with any questions!

M - F from 9 AM – 1 PM (*subject to change*)

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Susan Coho, *Adult*

Mike & Linda Herber, *Youth*

Victoria Gandy, *Children*

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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 Casual Contemporary Worship Service! 24 March 2013 – Palm Sunday

Nursery Care available * Elementary aged children are dismissed during worship * Hearing devices available. * Worship is led by The Lord’s Crew.

Welcome and News of the Church

Pastor David

✝ Opening Praise *All Hail King Jesus*

✝ Scripture Reading Zechariah 9:9-10 In Unison

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse of Jerusalem; and the bow of war will be cut off. And He will speak peace to the nations; and His dominion will be from sea to sea, and from river to the ends of the earth.

✝ Opening Prayer Pastor David

Praise *O Worship The King
Jesus Be The Center
Breathe*

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

Prayer for Tithes and Offerings Pastor David

Offertory *Seek Ye First*

Prayer of Adoration Susan Coho

Joys and Concerns—Pastoral Prayer Pastor David

Greet One Another and Share God’s Peace

Scripture Reading Acts 9: 1—6; 10—22 Mike Herber

Message Paul: Transformed By Grace
Pastor David Burgeson

Communion Scripture 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Communion Song Your Love, O Lord

Song of Benediction *The Lord Bless Thee* Pastor David

Recessional *Hosanna!*





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Welcome and News of the Church

Pastor David

Prelude

Open The Gates of The Temple (Mrs. J. Knapp)

Procession of the Palms—Our Chancel Choir, Children and Youth sing “Hosanna!”

Call To Worship

Virginia Mothes

One: There is something more,

Many: Or something missing,

One: That sends us searching in the dark,

Many: Looking for answers,

One: Risking a question.

Many: We are drawn here

One: Because God touched us,

Many: Gave us hope,

One: Whispered our name.

Many: Here in this place,

One: We journey toward grace

Many: And know the “something more”

One: Is revealed in the love of Jesus’ face.

† **Opening Hymn No. 173** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies*

Children’s Moment

Victoria Gandy

**Children are dismissed at this time to their classes with their teachers.*

Prayer of Confession

Virginia Mothes

One: Please join me in the Prayer to Confession.

ALL: God of all life, loud hosannas and thundering earthquakes, children’s laughter and disciples’ tears, journey with us this week into the depths of this final drama, where we watch ourselves in the faces of the crowd and see how costly in Christ’s love for us.

Prayer of Confession - continued

ALL: God of all life, journey with us toward Easter, toward the light that overcomes darkness, toward the love that overcomes death.

God of life, hold those we love whose future feels like the darkness of Good Friday, and whose Easter has not dawned. Amen.

Choral Anthem

Joys and Concerns with Prayers and Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor David

Prayer for the Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Lamb of God (F. Schubert)

† **Doxology**

Scripture Reading

Acts 9: 1—6; 10—22

Virginia Mothes

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Message

Paul: Transformed By Grace

Pastor David M. Burgeson

† **Closing Hymn No. 365**

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

† **Benediction and Choral Response**

Postlude

March Recessional (L. Strickland)

24 March 2013 – Our Church Family & Friends In 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.
- Church family and friends dealing with this difficult cold and flu season.
- A celebration of life service for Rev. John Whitmore will be April 6 at 11 AM at St. Marks UMC in Santa Barbara.
- Paul Collagan's mom - Kidney and liver failure; also pray for his father.
- Sally Weitkamp's friend, Carl, who has 2 kids, and has bladder cancer – had his bladder removed and doctors are concerned it is in the lymph nodes.
- Susan S. for deliverance from evil in her home; hospitalized twice in the last month.
- Alexis Silva, after kidney transplant. She is undergoing more tests.
- The Coho's have a friend who is battling cancer. Prayer for her to come to Christ.
- Barbara Reineke's father, George, has congestive heart failure, not doing well; mom, Geri, needs continued prayer; mother-in-law, Dorothy who is in the hospital.
- Betty Lorenz's son, Mark, will have surgery taking care of his hernias.
- Isabelle Sloan is struggling with arthritic pain.
- Kay Walker needs prayer.

Praise The Lord for His Goodness and Mercy!

- Jan Treat's Friend who is now cancer free after having kidney removed.
- Glen Hughes is healing after a fall – he is moving better and more mobile.
- Pauline Castillo thank you for your prayers for Raul.
- The Buckton's give thank for the help with their transition to Merrill Gardens.

North District Weekly Covenant Prayer Church and Pastor/Ministry Leader:

- Bishop: First UMC – Kathleen Puntar & Matt McPhee
- Independence: Pioneer Memorial – Erin McPhee.

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; salvation for the world through Jesus Christ; those serving in the military and their families; the Middle East.

Continue to Pray For: Gladys Paulsen, Kent Brown, the Smiths, Sean Lehman, Fenton McClure, Sheila Owine, Ken Coombs, Isabella Sloan, the Noltes, Ayleen Melsheimer, Les Bradley, Sharon Woodcock, Tom Egan, Ann Williamson, Mike Douglas, Richard Gainer, Adam Gainer, Wil Ogden, the Gandy family, Kathy Schepers.

In Care Facilities & Shut-in Members: Bob Atwood, Bob Serby, Wayne Frisby, Lew Hammond, Doris Rice, Ruby Weddell, Yvonne Holt, Madge Young, Elvon Houlding, Jeanne Jenkins, Donna Truman, Esther Miller, the Bucktons, Harold Bailey.



24 March 2013

A Calendar of UMC of AG's Events is available in church newsletter or visit our church website at worshipweekly.com!

Coffee & Fellowship Hour - Hosted by **People's Kitchen Team**. Next week we will have a light **Easter Brunch** hosted by our **Christian Education Team**. Thanks to you all!

Altar Flowers If you would like to make a dedication, please find the Altar Flower Binder in Criswell Hall. Your \$25 donation for each dedication and floral arrangements can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office (NOTE: "Altar Flowers" on your payments).

On Today's Schedule:

- **Bible in 90 Days Study Group** meets at **9:50AM** in the **McMillen Room**.
- **How To Study the Bible –6 PM** in the **McMillen Room**.

Holy Week Events are listed on the inside of this insert.

Please be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend!

On This Week's Agenda – Get out your calendar:

- **Women of Prayer** – Monday at 7 PM in the Sanctuary.
- **Men's Bible Study and Prayer** – Monday at 7 PM in the youth lounge.
- **Sew 'n' Sews Quilting Group** – Tuesday at 9 AM in the McMillen Room.
- **Senior Exercise** – Tues., Wed., Thurs. at 8:30 AM in Criswell Hall.
- **Handbell Choir Rehearsal** – Tues. & Thurs. at 5 PM in the Handbell Room.
- **All-Church Work Day** – Wednesday at 9 AM - Come and help as you are able.
- **Mary-Martha Circle** – 3/27 at 9:30 AM in the McMillen Room.
- **Bible in 90 Days Study** – Wednesday at 2 PM in the McMillen Room.
- **Weekly Fellowship Dinner** – Wednesday at 5:15 PM in the Criswell Hall.
- **Bible in 90 Days Pastor's Study** – Wednesday at 6 PM in the McMillen Room.
- **Kid's Night Out** – Wednesday at 6 PM in Criswell Hall.
- **Youth Group** – Wednesday at 7 PM in the youth lounge.
- **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** – Wednesday at 7 PM in the Sanctuary.
- **Intercessory Prayer Group** – Thursday at 10 AM in the Library.
- **Maundy Thursday Meditation & Communion** – 3/28 at 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM or 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary.
- **Morning Bible Study** – Friday at 8:30 AM in the Library.
- **Good Friday Ecumenical Service**– 3/29 at 3 PM at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.
- **Easter Sunday** – March 31st - Join us at 8:30 AM or 10:30 AM

Thank You to All Who are Delivering Lilies to our Shut-In members TODAY – see Order you Easter lily and place it in the offering plate as it passes. Thanks!

What's for Dinner? **Wednesday Fellowship Dinner Sarah's Famous Chicken with Rice Casserole.** Call the church office to see how you can help supply ingredients. Join us at **5:15 PM** in Criswell Hall followed by **Bible Study at 6 PM**– Thanks!

Upcoming Pastor's Wednesday Study Beginning April 17th - "What's So Amazing About Grace" (by Philip Yancy) He searches for its presence in his own life and in the church. And he challenges us to become living answers to a world that desperately wants to know, *What's So Amazing About Grace?* **Sign-up NOW to get your book! Please make check payable to UMC OF AG – books cost \$11, and we will purchase a book for you – call church office for details.**

UMW Invites You to For Luncheon & Discussion on "Immigration and the Bible" with Stephanie Kimec. Stephanie is a US-2 Missionary assigned to the *Immigration Task Force of the California-Pacific Annual Conference* and the Echo Park Shalom Ministry in Los Angeles. Join us on **Saturday, May 4th from 11 AM – 2 PM** at the UMC of AG.

The Five Cities Christian Women's Food Ministry – Volunteers NEEDED, please leave your name and number with Bennie Duffin or Patti Melsheimer. As always, you can bring **non-perishables** to the church for this ministry. Thank you!

People's Kitchen Team -We always need casserole makers, serving volunteers, clean used clothing, travel-sized toiletries, NEW socks, blankets, towels and much more. See the Ashtons for details. See the Ashtons in Criswell Hall after services for details.

"Because I am a Girl" - A Film to Showcase incredible women will show at the Regal Stadium on **April 3 at 7:30 PM** This is an opportunity to meet women who have faced early marriage, trafficking, gender violence, and even the threat of death. The film is narrated by Meryl Streep, Ann Hathaway, Selena Gomez. Don't miss it! Call Patti Melsheimer for details.

UMC Mission Focus Prayer for This Week: **Mar. 24:** Marcy-Newberry Association, Chicago, IL; **Mar. 25:** Moria GBKP (Women Ministry of the Karo Balak Protestant Church): Crisis Center and KWK (Christian Women's Skills Courses), Indonesia; **Mar. 26:** Hot Lunch Program, Haiti; **Mar. 27:** Methodist Women's Leadership Institute: Leadership training project for "middle leadership," Korea; **Mar. 28:** Honduras Mission Initiative, Honduras; **Mar. 29:** Laos United Methodist Women: Leadership development and training, Laos; **Mar. 30:** Bidwell Riverside Center, Des Moines, Iowa.



Holy Week 2013

- **Palm Sunday – March 24th** The 8:30 AM worship service will include contemporary praise music celebrating this triumphant day. During the 10:30 AM worship service, the Sunday School Children will do the procession of the palms while our Chancel Choir sing a celebratory anthem to commemorate Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. Join us in singing Hosanna—*Jesus, Save us Now!*
- **Passover Begins – March 25th** - No church events scheduled.
- **Pastor's Wednesday Study—March 27th at 6 PM** in the McMillen Room. We will be wrapping up the Bible in 90 Days study.
- **Kid's Night Out - Children's Seder Experience – March 27th at 6 PM** in Criswell Hall. We will watch the Jewish clay-mation children's classic – *The Animated Haggadah*. Then talk about the tradition of the Seder meal and why it is important to Easter. To help, call Victoria Gandy, children's ministry director.
- **Maundy Thursday Meditation and Communion** – March 28th from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM or 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary. These two time slots will have a self-led and free-flowing meditation guide with communion offered by Pastor David. You are invited to come and quietly celebrate the *Last Supper* of our Lord Jesus in your heart.
- **Good Friday Ecumenical Service - March 29th at 3 PM** hosted by St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Arroyo Grande. Several area churches will participate and yes, there will be the traditional passing of the cross through the congregation.
- **Tenabrae Service—A Service of Darkness Good Friday - March 29th at 7 PM** UMC of AG will host this service with Grover Beach Presbyterian Church. This service will combine voices of the two choirs and hearts of two congregations making this a must see service as we prepare for Resurrection Sunday.
- **Holy Saturday – March 30th** - NO events scheduled on this day.
- **Easter Sunday – March 31st** Come, celebrate the Risen Lord during either of our 8:30 Contemporary or 10:30 AM Traditional both services followed by a light lunch. . The children's Sunday school will use the Resurrection Eggs to tell this Easter story. Join us!