

# First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

275 North Halcyon Road  
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

## **Contact us with any questions!**

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

\* Our Senior Pastor is off on Mondays.

**Church Office:** 805 . 481 . 2692

**On The Web @** [worshipweekly.com](http://worshipweekly.com)

**Via E-mail:** [fumcag@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fumcag@sbcglobal.net)

## **AG UM Children's Center**

Program Tours Daily by appointment ONLY  
on Monday thru Friday 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
or 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM. *Come and find out if  
we are a good fit for you and your child.*

**Office Hours:** M—F from 8 AM—5 PM

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Be sure to fill out an information sheet and turn it  
into the church office so that we can update our  
database. Copies are available in the Narthex or via  
the church office. We don't want to miss your  
birthday, or an opportunity to send you the newslet-  
ter, as well as, pastor's weekly e-mail.

## Meet Our CHURCH STAFF

### **Cal-Pac Conference Bishop:**

Minerva G. Carcaño

### **North District Superintendent:**

Rev. Cedrick Bridgeforth

### **Senior Pastor:**

Rev. David M. Burgeson

### **Missionary (retired):**

Judy Atwood

### **Church Office Administrator:**

Sarah Burgeson

### **Bookkeeper:** Victoria Gandy

### **Website Manager:** Jamie Foster

### **Choir Director:** Julie Burns

### **Praise Team Director:** Susan Coho

### **Organist:** Don McGuire

### **Choral Pianist:** Dennis Eiler

### **Multi-Media Director:** Mike Coho

### **Puppet People, Chair:** Mike Herber

### **Handbell Choir Director:** Leonard Lutz

### **Christian Education Directors:**

Susan Coho, *Adult*

Mike & Linda Herber, *Youth*

Victoria Gandy, *Children*

### **AG UM Children's Center**

**Director:** Madrigal Quagliano

**Bookkeeper:** Victoria Gandy

**1 December 2013 - First Sunday of Advent**  
**8:30 AM Casual Contemporary Worship**  
*Welcome to Worship*

# Expectation

*'Stay Awake for Jesus'*

### **Matthew 24:36—44** **The Day and Hour Unknown**

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son

of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.





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## 1 December 2013—First Sunday of Advent

## Sermon: Stay Awake For Jesus

† DENOTES STANDING AS YOU ARE ABLE

### Welcome and News of the Church

Pastor David

### Lighting the Candle of Expectation

Tom & Harry Egan

One: It was Jesus Christ himself that told us to be ready at anytime. So today, we remember that call. The call to look for God in unexpected places, at unexpected times. And even though we wait, we can expect Our Savior to show. This morning, we light the Candle of Expectation.

All: **Let this fire remind us that while we wait for the Lord, truly the Lord is already here. Hope is here. Love is here. Family is here.**

### Prelude

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel (R. Wilson, arrangement)*

### Choral Introit

### Call To Worship

Rev. Harold Headrick

*\* Please stand as you are able in body and/or in spirit for our Call To Worship*

One: Today begins the holy season of Advent.

Many: **Lord, we come asking you to help us focus our attention on the things that really matter.**

One: Today begins a holy time of preparation.

Many: **Lord, we come away from the distractions of commercials, lists and world that seems to have forgotten the reason for the season.**

One: Today offers us a new opportunity to remember how truly special you thought we were. You gave us the most precious gift anyone could imagine.

Many: **Lord, we come to your house to remember, to re-commit and to offer thanks for the gift of your Son for our salvation.**

*\* Please remain standing for our opening hymn.*

† **Opening Hymn No. 196** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

### Children's Moment

Pastor David

*\*Following the children's moment, grades K—6 are invited to go with the teachers to Sunday School upstairs in room 211. Youth Group will meet in room 215. Nursery available.*

### Prayer of Confession

Rev. Harold Headrick

One: *Please join me in our Prayer of Confession:*

### Prayer of Confession (continued)

Many: **O God of time and space, teach us how to use time and to use it well before it runs out on us. Forgive us when we complain at the lack of time to do all the things we think we have to do and convince ourselves that we are being overworked. Forgive us when we make sure other people know how full-up our time is, too full to have time for them. Forgive us when we waste time looking for appreciation from others, and so fail to appreciate them. Amen.**

### Choral Anthem

*Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)*

Chancel Choir

### Joys and Concerns with Prayers and Thanksgiving

Pastor David

### Prayer for the Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Pastor David

### Offertory

*Bethlehem (R. Wilson, composer)*

### † Doxology

### Prayer For Illumination

Rev. Harold Headrick

One: Please join me in our *Prayer for Illumination*.

ALL: **Spirit of wisdom and truth, shine your light into our hearts and lives. Awaken us where we slumber. Expose the darkness we try to hide. Uncover what we are afraid to see. Greet us with the warmth of your love that we may choose to walk in your grace and live by your light. Amen.**

### Scripture Reading

Matthew 24: 36—44

Rev. Harold Headrick

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### Message

*Stay Awake for Jesus*

Pastor David M. Burgeson

### The Great Thanksgiving for Advent (See Insert)

### Sing the Lord's Prayer

### The Sharing of the Bread and Giving of the Cup

† **Closing Hymn No. 673** *God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again*

JOIN US FOR A  
**FELLOWSHIP  
DINNER**

Wednesdays at 5 PM—Criswell Hall - FREE!

**This Week's Dinner:**  
**Cheese Tortellini with Garlic  
Bread & a Green Salad.**

**Bring a friend!**  
**To help, contact the church office.**

**WHEN GOD COMES  
DOWN**  
**Advent Study**

**Adults** Wednesdays at 5:45 PM  
Fridays at 8:30 AM  
**Youth** Wednesdays at 7 PM  
**Children** Wednesdays at 6 PM

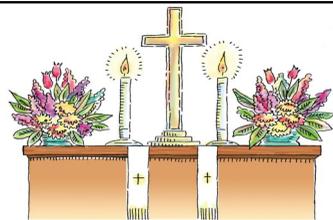
**The Giving Tree** is up in Criswell Hall.

The gift tags on the tree each list a child, and what the child or the parent of the child would like that child to receive as a gift for Christmas.

There are TWO tags for each child on the tree. Very simply, here is what you need to do:

- 1) **Please take the colorful original tag to attach to your gift.**
- 2) **Write your name on the duplicate tag—Please leave this tag on the tree** (this is done in the event that the original tag is misplaced, we need to know the number on your tag to ensure it gets to the correct child).
- 3) **Please leave the unwrapped gifts under the tree or take them to the church office.** All of the gifts must be to the church office or under the tree no later than December 17th.

Thank you for generous spirit - Jan Treat & Susan Thronson.



**Altar Flowers**

**Our Altar Flower Fund is in the negative!**

Have you paid for the flowers that you dedicated this year? If not, place your \$25 donation in the offering plate or mail to church office. Be sure to **NOTE** Altar Flowers. Thanks!

**CHURCH LIBRARY**

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



We want to decorate the library for Advent. If you have any nativities, angels, ornaments or cards that you would like to display, please bring them to the church library any Sunday. Be sure to put your name on them. - Thanks!



- Is your group off in December? We need to be sure that it is marked on the calendar.
  - Watch for the 2014 Coffee Hour & Flower Calendar.
  - The December issue of the Cast-A-Net is now online.
- Thanks!



**Five Cities Christian  
Women's Food Ministry**  
December 9, 2013 - noon  
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

This monthly potluck includes a business meeting and our traditional program of Christmas sing along with our own Ella Craig. Please bring a dish to share and your own place setting. Monetary contributions and non perishable foods are appreciated greatly for the local food pantry.

**Everyone is welcome.**

Call 481-2877 or 481-3510 for more information.



**December 13<sup>th</sup>  
6 — 9 PM**

Come, enjoy festive music, sing **Christmas carols**, see a special **Variety Show**, the **Christmas Story AND...** lots of tasty **goodies**.

Don't miss this **FREE** evening to join our community as we get into the Christmas spirit.

**Bring a friend.**  
**All are welcome!**



**ALL LADIES ARE INVITED!**

**December 7<sup>th</sup> — 2 PM**

Join us for a festive time of fellowship, games, goodies, and creating "cookie bags" to share the love of Christ with this season.

*Please bring 2 dozen cookies. One dozen we eat. The other we will bag up for the community.*

**Contact Hilary Henderson or Linda Herber for details.**



# UMC OF AG PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

## 1 DECEMBER 2013

### Please Pray For:

- Health and healing for those in our church family who are battling illness/health issues.
- For those who have recently lost loved ones.
- The financial welfare and stewardship of our church, its members and friends.
- The People's Kitchen find a permanent place.
- The US and these trying times.
- Those effected by the storm in the Philippines and those effected by tornadoes.
- Patrick at Prado Day Center who has prostate cancer that has spread and he has Parkinson's. His faith is wavering and he needs strength.
- Ali Garcia as she returns to Mexico.
- Dennis Eiler's brother has a heart blockage.
- Ann Williamson's grand-daughter will have eye surgery on December 10th.
- Al and Madge Harvey need prayer.
- Victoria Gandy will have rotator cuff surgery.
- Eleanor Hughes has pancreatic cancer.
- Calvin Thompson had an interview with housing. Prayers for a good fit.
- Pastor in Wisconsin, Nalini, has breast cancer.
- Bob Atwood's health.
- Guy Oates for healing and health.
- Connie Clark's friend Kim, is having a heart procedure; brother Gary is having breathing issues.
- Prayer for Joe Brown's sister, Betty, who is undergoing heart testing.
- David Addison will have open heart surgery.
- Prayer for the Kirk Scott family with his passing.
- Cristy Eichelberger's fiancé's daughter, Liz, is having trouble with her pregnancy and may be diagnosed with Lupus.
- Jan Treat whose two friends have been diagnosed with breast cancer.

### Praise God for His Goodness and Mercy!

- Welcome to our new friends at church today.

### North District Weekly Covenant Prayer:

- Tarzana: St. Paul's UMC—Joy Price
- Ventura: UMC—Mary Birgelaitis

### Cal-Pac Missionaries in the Field:

Charley Brower (Alaska), John Elmore (Chile), The Persons (Congo), The Hendersons (Mexico).

### Covenant Missionary: Frido Kinkolenge (Liberia)

**Remember in Prayer:** Our pastor and his family; church family and friends; those with the unspoken prayer; the ministries of this church; our church leaders; those serving God around the world; the hungry, displaced, sick and/or impoverished; the many who are suffering after natural or man-made disasters and for the workers who minister to them; for God's peace and justice for the world; our nation; current and future leaders; salvation for the world through Jesus Christ; the military and their families; the Middle East; Syria and other nations in civil war.

**Continue to Pray for:** the Smiths, Fenton McClure, Sheila Owine, Ken Coombs, Isabella Sloan, Geri Nolte, Ayleen Melsheimer, Les Bradley, Sharon Woodcock, the Williamsons, Mike Douglas, Richard Gainer, Adam Gainer, Wil Ogden, Rick Ventura, John Odom, the Harveys, Al Gorsline, Melissa Ferrari, Harold Headrick, Lisa Graham, Sharkey, Russell Ewick, Ehrhardt Lang, Tess Raine, Ron Salsbury, and Moore Family.

**In Care Facilities/Shut-ins:** Bob Atwood, Bob Serby, Wayne Frisby, Doris Rice, Ruby Weddell, Yvonne Holt, Madge Young, Elvon Houlding, Jeanne Jenkins, Donna Truman, Esther Miller, the Bucktons, Sadie Krovious.

### Prayers and Mission Focus for the Global UMC:

**Dec. 1:** Project Crossroads, Virginia, USA; **Dec. 2:** AIDS Orphans Project, Maura Hospital, Kenya

**Dec. 3:** Methodist Church in India: Methodist School of Nursing, India; **Dec. 4:** Laos church buildings, Laos; **Dec. 5:** Methodist Youth/Young Adult Fellowship: Ecumenical peace and leadership training, Korea; **Dec. 6:** Women, children and youth ministries, Laos; **Dec. 7:** God's Country cooperative Parish, Michigan, USA



Join us TODAY after worship in Criswell Hall for a **Coffee Hour**. We want to get to know you!

**Congregational Care Team** is our host this week for Coffee Hour. Next Week's Coffee Hour Host is **Worship Team**



December 15 and 29 are still open for your dedication. Please remember to turn in your donations so that we can continue to purchase flowers.

### Register Your Attendance!

Registration pads are at the end of each pew. Please include both email AND mailing address. Also, add any changes for our directory.



**HEARING DEVICES** are available. Please ask an usher to help.



- Disciples Discussion at 9:50 AM (MMR)
- How To Study the Bible at 5 PM (MMR)



- UMC of AG Emergency Food Distribution—Monday from 1—3 PM (CH).
- Women of Prayer—Monday at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. *All denominations welcome!*
- Men's Bible Study—Monday at 7 PM (215).
- Sew 'n' Sews—Tuesday at 9 AM (MMR)
- UMW Steering—Tuesday at 10 AM (L)
- Communications—Tuesday at 11:30 AM (P/S)
- Trustee—Tuesday at 7 PM (MMR)
- Grande Ringers Handbell Practice—Tues. & Thurs. at 5 PM in the hand bell room.
- Senior Exercise—Tu./W/Th. at 8:30 AM (CH).
- Church Work Day – Wednesday at 9 AM - *Help as you are able; ladies needed!*
- FREE Fellowship Dinner—Wednesday at 5 PM (CH). Bring a friend!
- “When God Comes Down” Advent Study — Wednesday at 5:45 PM (MMR).
- Kid's Night Out (K- 5<sup>th</sup>) - Wednesday at 6 PM (CH & 211).
- Youth Study (6<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup>) - Wednesday at 7 PM (215).
- Choir Practice—Wednesday at 7 PM (S).
- People's Kitchen Team serves at Ramona Gardens Park—leave from UMC of AG at 11:45 AM.
- Church Council—Thursday at 7 PM (MMR)
- Home-made Christmas—Saturday at 2 PM (CH) All ladies welcome—bring a friend.

### Abbreviation Legend

CH Criswell Hall MMR McMillen Room  
P/S Pastor's Study S Sanctuary  
L Library