

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.

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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.*

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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*

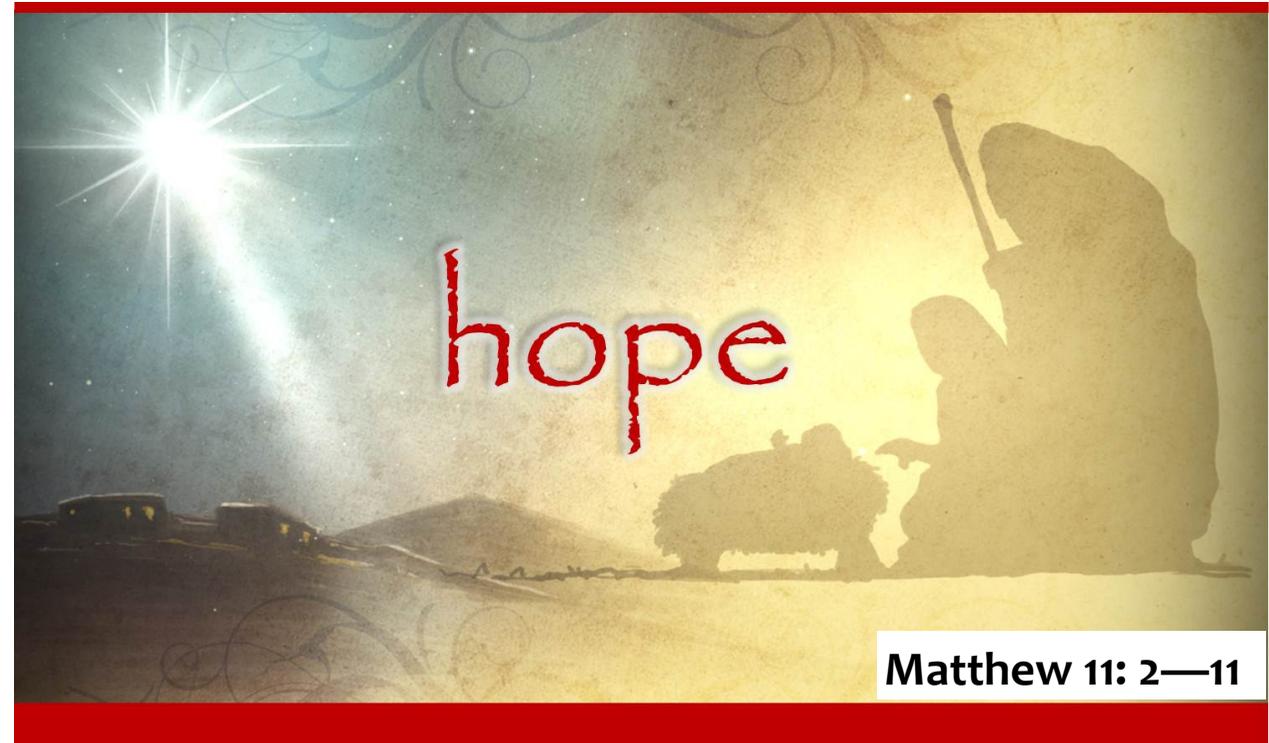
Victoria Gandy, *Children*

AG UM Children's Center

Director: Madrigal Quagliano

Bookkeeper: Victoria Gandy

15 December 2013 - Third Sunday of Advent *Welcome to our 10:30 AM Traditional Worship*



Matthew 11: 2—11

When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed

swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.



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15 December 2013—Third Sunday of Advent

Sermon: *Hope*

✠ DENOTES STANDING AS YOU ARE ABLE *Worship is led by Lord's Crew*

Welcome and News of the Church

Pastor David

Handbell Introit

Soliloquy on "Silent Night"
(Leonard Lutz, arrangement)

Grande Ringers

✠ Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42: 1—4

In Unison

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on Him, and He will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise His voice in the streets. A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out. In faithfulness He will bring forth justice; He will not falter or be discouraged till HE establishes justice on earth. In His teaching the islands will put their hope."

✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor David

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Steve & Betty Potter

One: Even John the Baptist asked Jesus, "Are you the one we've been waiting for?" All of the hopes and dreams of God's children were wrapped up in that question. And the answer was, yes, the Hope of the Nations was there, and is here. This morning we light the Candle of Hope.

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.**

Handbell Anthem

Carillon
(Douglas Wagner, Composer)

Grande Ringers

Praise

What Child Is This?
O Come All Ye Faithful
O Holy Night

Prayer of Adoration

Susan Coho

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

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

Pastor David

As Gladness Men of Old

We Share in God's Peace and Greet Others with His Love

Joys and Concerns with Prayers and Thanksgiving

Pastor David

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11: 2-11

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Message

Hope

Pastor David M. Burgeson

The Sharing of the Bread and Giving of the Cup

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

Angels We Have Heard on High

✠ Benediction

The Lord Bless Thee

Pastor David

Recessional

Sing to the King



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✠ DENOTES STANDING AS YOU ARE ABLE



Sermon: *Hope*

Welcome the Grande Ringers Handbell Choir to worship

Welcome and News of the Church Pastor David

Lighting the Candle of Hope Tina, Jed & Helen Moore

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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 *The Shepherd's Christmas*
(B. Price, composer)

Handbell Introit *Soliloquy on “Silent Night”*
(Leonard Lutz, arrangement)

✠ Call To Worship

One: Please rise as you are able in body and/or spirit for our Call to Worship: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness. Come into his presence with singing.

Many: Through our union with his Son, Jesus Christ, he has given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.

One: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Many: Even before the world was made, God had already chosen us to be his people through our union with his Son, so that we may be holy and without fault before him.

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Many: Give thanks to him and bless his name for the glorious grace and compassionate love he continually bestows on us.

One: For the Lord is good, and his steadfast love endures forever,

Many: And his faithfulness is to all generations. Praise the Lord!

* Please remain standing for our opening hymn.

✠ Opening Hymn No. 220

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Handbell Anthem *Carillon*
(Douglas Wagner, Composer)

Children’s Moment Judy Atwood

*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 stay in service TODAY. Nursery care is available.

Prayer of Confession

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Confession:

Many: Holy God, every Advent, a voice calls us to walk the straight path. With clear and strong words, John demands we heed the call to live lives which give evidence of our repentance. Holy God, with your gentle gaze, help us look deep within. Loving God, help us examine our lifestyles: our comfort with ease while others struggle for bread, our tendency to blame the victim for being poor or homeless, our perpetual busyness which keeps us from taking time to see or listen to the hurts. Forgive us when we give only what we no longer want. Forgive us for needing a tax deduction to encourage our giving. Holy God, let the prophetic words turn our lives to seek and do your will. Amen.

Sharing Joys & Concerns with Prayers & Thanksgiving
The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer for the Giving & Receiving of Our Tithes & Offering
Offertory *Christmas Fantasia*
(R. Perry, composer)

✠ Doxology

Prayer For Illumination

One: Please join me in our Prayer for Illumination.

ALL: Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading Matthew 11:2—11

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Message *Hope*
Pastor David M. Burgeson

✠ **Closing Hymn No. 202**
People, Look East

✠ Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude *Break Forth Into Joy From “The Christmas Oratorio”*
(J. S. Bach, composer)



UMC OF AG PRAYER & THANKSGIVING 15 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.
- We lift up those living with AIDS and the struggle for a cure to this disease.
- Our family and friends traveling during the season. God bless your time together.
- Eleanor Hughes passed away on Wednesday.
- Cristy Eichelberger's friend, passed away.
- Prayer for family Joe Brown's sister, Betty.
- Jan Treat had knee surgery and is recovering.
- Barbara Reineke's mom passed away. She thanks you all for your thoughts and prayers for the blessings of this loving church family with the loss of both parents this past year.
- Mary Beth Lorenzen had surgery for cancer and is now home recovering before other therapy.
- Guy Oates thanks all for your well wishes. He is home and needs prayer ins his recovery.
- Victoria Gandy need surgery on 12/17 and will be out recovering for several weeks.
- Frank Zivina, in the hospital in Las Vegas.
- Kay Walker is now home after a stay with her daughter in Santa Maria following health issues.
- Jerrelyn Trujillo's friend and client, Vy Longbottom, has abdominal cancer.
- Friend of the Burgeson-Graham families, Levi (16 mo. old) suffered severe burns after from boiling water and is undergoing treatment.

Praise God for His Goodness and Mercy!

- Welcome our new friends at church today.
- Happy Birthday to Isabella Sloan who turned 92.
- Welcome to Baby Boy Elmore born to David & Julie Elmore—UMC missionaries to Wisconsin.

Covenant Missionary: Frido Kinkolenge (Liberia)

North District Weekly Covenant Prayer:

Santa Clarita: Korean Mission—Dong-Guy Lee;
Thousand Oaks: UMC—Steve Paralta, Pablo Rovere

Cal-Pac Missionaries in the Field:

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

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, Ayleen Melsheimer, Les Bradley, 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, Guy Oates, Ehrhardt Lang, Tess Raine, Ron Salisbury, 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. 15:** Mississippi UM Choctaw Mission, MS; **Dec. 16:** Christian education resources and supplies, Macedonia; **Dec. 17:** Board of Women's Work—Women's leadership programs, Philippines; **Dec. 18:** Kapatiran—Kaunlaran Foundation—UMC: Community Learning Center, Philippines; **Dec. 19:** Nutrition for people living with HIV AIDS, Malawi; **Dec. 20:** Hope of New Life, Malaysia; **Dec. 21:** Justice for our neighbors Immigration Ministry, US.



Join us TODAY after worship in Criswell Hall for a **Coffee Hour**.

We want to get to know you!

Mission Team

is our for coffee host this week.

Next Week's Coffee Hour Host:

AG UM Children's Center



"In honor of our families."

- The Gugelers

Register Your Attendance!

Registration pads are at the end of each pew. Please include mailing address, e-mail if any and any changes for our church directory.



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



- NO Youth Group**—Mike and Lou are out of town. Youth group will need to stay in service with their parents.
- How To Study The Bible is on Break** for December. See you on 1/5.



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).

Congregational Care—Tuesday at 10 AM (L)

Preschool Board—open at 1:30 PM and closed at 2:30 PM (MMR)

Endowment—Tuesday at 1:30 PM (MMR)

Grande Ringers Handbell Practice—Tues. & Thurs. at 5 PM in the hand bell room.

JOY Circle—Tuesday at 7 PM.

Five Cities Christian Women Christmas Gift Basket Gift Wrap & Set up - W/Th (CH)

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- 5th) - Wednesday at 6 PM

Youth (6th—12th) - Wednesday at 7 PM (215).

Choir Practice—Wednesday at 7 PM (S).

Intercessory Prayer—Thursday at 10 AM (L)

Support Group for Adult Children of Parent with Alzheimer's—Friday at noon (MMR)

Five Cities Christian Women Christmas Gift Food Basket Distribution—Saturday beginning at 8 AM (CH)

Abbreviation Legend

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

JOIN US FOR A
**FELLOWSHIP
 DINNER**
 Wednesdays at 5 PM—Criswell Hall - FREE!

This week's dinner is:

Family & Friends Favorites

Bring a main dish to share.

Drinks, salads and sides provided.

WHEN GOD COMES
 DOWN
Advent Study

Adults Wednesdays at 5:45 PM
 Fridays at 8:30 AM

**Youth
 Children** Wednesdays at 7 PM
 Wednesdays at 6 PM



Christmas Eve Service Kids Rehearsal

If your child is involved in our Christmas Eve service, or would like to be, please join us on **December 18th at 6 PM** of the Children's Practice. Parents are asked to bring their children to Criswell Hall. Mick Coho will be playing the acoustic guitar and leading the children in singing a beloved Christmas carol for this service.



Poinsettia Sign-Up

Last Chance to turn in your dedications.

See insert for more details.

**CHRISTMAS
 EVE SERVICE**
 6:30 PM

**UMC
 youth**

**NO Youth Group
 TODAY**

Youth Group will stay in church with their parents today. We will see you at youth group on Wednesday at 7 PM. Bring a friend!



**December 29
 Souper Bowl
 of Caring 2014**

**ends 2/2 on*

Super Bowl Sunday.

As always, on the last day we will gladly sell you a can or two to put in the bucket to score a touchdown. All food will be given to the **5 Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry**. All monies collected will go to support Blandy, the youth group's **Compassion International** child. **Won't you be part of the team and help to fill the**



**5 Cities Christian Women's
 Food Ministry**

We will be issuing Christmas Food Baskets 10 AM—1 PM on **December 21**, here at UMC of AG.

To put your name on this list, or to add someone in need, **OR** to help, call 481-2877 with any questions. A green sign-up confirmation sheet & ID is required. Please pass this on to any that you know who may need help this Christmas.

FEED THE HUNGRY®

UMC of AG

Emergency Food Pantry

Weekly, we purchase food from the local food bank to distribute here at our church every **MONDAY** from 1—3 PM.

You can help!

Make your donation payable to the FUMCAG (memo section UMC of AG food pantry).

Contact the Ashtons to help.

**5 Cities Christian Women
 Christmas Food Baskets**

Please help with food items:
 frozen turkeys, canned items: fruit, yams, cranberries, green beans, corn, olives, evaporated milk, pumpkin, stuffing, Jell-O, chicken broth, mashed potatoes (instant), cake mixes and frosting, 1 lb. boxed sugar

**Monetary donations payable to:
 SCCW Emergency Food Ministry**

All-Church
Potluck

December 29th
**ONE Service
 Gospel Music Sunday &
 Potluck.** Bring your favorite dish to share!

**UMC of AG
 Church
 Conference
 December 29**

 Join us after the one service & potluck in Criswell Hall help us facilitate this church business.
Don't miss this!

**UMC of AG Planning
 Meeting for 2014
 January 11 - 9 AM**
 Meet us in Criswell Hall to join in planning our events for 2014. We will welcome Pastor Paula Hulet (Estero Bay UMC) to help us to organize 2014 and make connections with our community.