

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

22 December 2013 - Fourth Sunday of Advent *Welcome to our 10:30 AM Traditional Service*



Matthew 1:18—25

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy

Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.



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22 December 2013—Fourth Sunday of Advent

✠ DENOTES STANDING AS YOU ARE ABLE

Sermon: Three Principles

Worship is led by Lord's Crew

Welcome and News of the Church

Pastor David

Opening Praise

When A Savior Dreams

✠ Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:33—34 & John 3:13—17 In Unison

“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after the time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, “Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so will the Son of Man be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor David

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Mary Whitson

One: As we wait for Emmanuel, God with us, to arrive, we remember the fears of his earthly parents. We remember the commitment of Joseph, we remember the commitment of Mary. We remember the Lord sent angels to comfort and to guide—with joy. In that spirit of joy, of expectation and hope, we light the Candle of Joy.

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.

Praise

*Little Drummer Boy
Hark The Herald Angels Sing
Mary Did You Know?*

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

Light In The Stable

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

Joys and Concerns with Prayers and Thanksgiving

Pastor David

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1: 18—25

Mike Herber

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Message

Three Principles
Pastor David M. Burgeson

The Sharing of the Bread and Giving of the Cup

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

Silent Night

✠ Benediction

The Lord Bless Thee

Pastor David

Recessional

MEDLEY: *Ode To Joy; Joy To The World*



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Prelude

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

Combined Choral Introit

Call To Worship

Damien Stednitz

One: Please rise as you are able in body and/or spirit for our Call to Worship:
We gather this morning,

Many: With joy and thanksgiving.

One: Keep the fire of your Spirit burning in us,

Many: And let us hear Your prophecies with fresh ears.

One: With hearts of anticipation,

Many: We await your coming, O Lord.

One: Let us worship the Lord Our God

* Please remain standing for our opening hymn.

† **Opening Hymn No. 234** O Come, All Ye Faithful (verses 1—3 only)

Children's Moment

Carolyn Russell

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Prayer of Confession

Damien Stednitz

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Confession:

Many: God of our salvation and author of our hope, it's hard for us to see the blessings you have for us. We think our plans are better, that the things and desires of the

world are higher than your ways. You, Lord, are the great interrupter and sometimes we can feel inconvenienced by the calls you put on us to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. Remind us that this season that leads to Christmas wouldn't be here at all if it weren't for you loving this world that you made. Thank you for loving us, God. Amen

Choral Anthem

An Angelic Christmas Medley

Choirs of UMC of AG & GB Presbyterian

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

Damien Stednitz

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

ALL: O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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† Closing Hymn No. 240

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

† Benediction

† Choral Response

Blessed is the Lord (Benedictus)

Postlude

Break Forth Into Joy From "The Christmas Oratorio"
(J. S. Bach, composer)

UMC OF AG PRAYER & THANKSGIVING 22 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.
- Prayers for the Middle East.
- The People's Kitchen find a permanent place.
- The US and these trying times.
- Those struggling with depression and isolation.
- 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) who is healing from severe burns.
- Esther Miller passed away pray. Prayers for the family. Services on 12/23 at 1 PM.
- Lynn Stewart's boss Gail had heart surgery.
- Ruby Weddell is home now and requests no visitors. Calls and cards ok.
- Cassie Sparks to find the peace of Christ.
- Pastor Saheed & family who is a hostage in Iran persecuted for his faith.
- Sally Weitkamp's brother has bone cancer; sister's broken leg is not healing.
- Eleanor Hughes service 12/28 at 11 AM.
- 6 week old, Aria, born with Trisomy Syndrome 18 with no cure.
- Julie Burns' neice and family.
- The Clark's neighbor has lung cancer.
- Joe brown's sister, Betty.
- Bernie's brother is dealing with complications of his diabetes.
- Donna Truman is in Bella Vista Care Facility.
- For the those who will be visiting with us during the Christmas season.

Praise God for His Goodness and Mercy!

- Welcome our new friends at church today.

Covenant Missionary: Frido Kinkolenge (Liberia)

North District Weekly Covenant Prayer:

- Newbury Park: St. Matthew's—Stan Ferguson
- Santa Clarita: UMC—Melissa MacKinnon

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, the Bucktons, Sadie Krovious. **Prayers and Mission Focus for the Global UMC:** **Dec. 22:** Appalachia Service Project, United States; **Dec. 23:** UMW Central Conference of Central and Southern Europe: Leadership development for women, Switzerland; **Dec. 24:** Learning Center for children Mongolia; **Dec. 25:** Portuguese Methodist Women's Federation: Monte Pedral and Valdozende Children's Project, Portugal; **Dec. 26:** Cambine Agriculture Program, Mozambique; **Dec. 27:** UMW of Russia United Methodist Church: Women's Center of Ministries for Women, Youth and Children, Russia; **Dec. 28:**



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

We want to get to know you!

Staff-Parish Relations Committee is our for coffee host this week.

Next Week's Coffee Hour Host:

All-Church Potluck



"in loving memory of Bud Wolter's birth, it blessed so many!"
- Marj Wolters

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.



- 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).

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

NO Senior Exercise—for the week of 12/22 and 12/30. See you after the New Year.

NO Church Work Day – Wednesday.

NO Fellowship Dinner—Wednesday.

NO Study—Wednesday.

NO Kid's Night Out (K- 5th) - Wednesday.

NO Youth (6th—12th) - Wednesday.

NO Choir Practice—Wednesday.

Intercessory Prayer—Thursday at 10 AM (L).

Praise Team—Saturday at 6:30 PM (S)

ONE Service & Potluck—Sunday 12/29.

Church Conference—Sunday after potluck.

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:

No Dinner 12/25/13 & 1/1/14
Have a Merry Christmas and a we will see you next year!

WHEN GOD COMES
 DOWN
Advent Study

**NO Study, Kid's Night Out,
 Youth Group or Choir for
 12/25/2013 & 1/1/2014.**

Merry Christmas

**Christmas Eve Service
 Rehearsal — TODAY**
 If you are involved in the Christmas Eve service, please join us in the Sanctuary at **noon** for a brief run thru.

CHRISTMAS
 EVE SERVICE
 6:30 PM

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

PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

**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.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARINGSM

**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**

He's on His way

Christmas starts with Christ

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
 Food Pantry**
 Donations of non-perishable food are welcome at any time.
 A marked basket is in the Narthex for your convenience.
**Monetary donations payable to:
 SCCW Emergency Food Ministry**
 P.O. Box 756, GB, CA 93483

A NEW YEAR & NEW OPPORTUNITIES

You can help in ministry!
 Jesus said in his days on earth, "tend my sheep."
 We would like to offer you some opportunities to do just that in your church home.

Over the next few Sundays, you will find a form in your bulletins. We invite you to fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. It is our hope that many of you will prayerfully consider participating further in the life of our church. These are just a few ideas to get you thinking about how you can serve your church:

Usher/Greeter, Liturgist, help provide refreshments for Sunday Coffee Hour, send birthday cards to members & shut-ins, visit those in care facilities or in the hospital, visit with members who are unable to come to church and are confined to their home, or be a part of the prayer chain.