

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 Quaglino

Bookkeeper: Victoria Gandy



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The Second Sunday of Lent— 9 March 2014

† DENOTES STANDING AS YOU ARE ABLE

“The Story” - The Birth of the King

Pre-Service Music from *The Lord’s Crew Boys*

Welcome and News of the Church

Pastor David

Prelude

Lenten Meditation (M. Dexter, composer)

Opening Prayer

Pastor David

Congregational Sing

Down to the River to Pray

The Lord’s Crew

Medley: Here I Am Lord; Jehovah

God Bless the USA

Children’s Moment

Judy Atwood

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

The youth group meets upstairs in room 215.

Joys and Concerns with Prayer and Thanksgiving

We Sing the Lord’s Prayer

Prayer for the Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Pastor David

Offertory

The Song Eternal (J. Southbridge, composer)

Choral Anthem

Child of God (B.G. Perriguet, soloist)

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 8:1—12

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Rebuilding the Walls, Rebuilding Lives

Pastor David M. Burgeson

† **Closing Hymn No. 378**

Amazing Grace (verses 1, 2, 3, & 6)

† **Benediction**

Pastor David

† **Choral Response**

Chancel Choir

Recessional

Lord, We Thank Thee (W. Clarke, composer)

Nehemiah 8:1—12

...all the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded for Israel.

So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the teacher of the Law stood on a high wooden platform built for the occasion. Beside him on his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah and Maaseiah; and on his left were Pedaiah, Mishael, Malkijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah and Meshullam.

Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, “Amen! Amen!” Then they

bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

The Levites—Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan and Pelaiah— instructed the people in the Law while the people were standing there. They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.

Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, “This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep.” For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

The Levites calmed all the people, saying, “Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve.”

Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.

Prayers & Thanksgiving for 2 March 2014

- 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, Syria, the Ukraine and Venezuela—for countries in unrest.
- The People's Kitchen find a permanent place.
- The US and these trying times.
- Those struggling with depression and isolation.
- Ann Williamson for severe back pain—for healing; granddaughter Brooklyn's friend, Noland passed away. Prayers for the family.
- Marian Balster will have surgery on her eye; Travel Mercies as they hike the Grand Canyon.
- A teenage friends of Tina Moore & Buffy Preston who is suffering from cluster headaches.
- Cristy Eichelberger is waiting to see a neurosurgeon; family friend, Joe, in rehab; continue prayer for Connor (7) after seizures.
- Retired Pastor, Ed Jayne had a heart attack.
- Jan Treat for healing from illness; son, Jeff Treat for wise personal choices.
- Susan Coho pulled a muscle in her leg; friend, Mike, found a place to live.
- Claire Jacob will be touring colleges; Joel & Lila Anderson are visiting grandson in St. Louis.
- Frank seeks prayer for his sister, Susan who is recovering; for her husband's salvation; the Warming Center in AG and the homeless
- For the team serving on at UMC Ventura on the Women's Walk to Emmaus Team.
- Cyndee Rohla seeks strength & discernment from the Lord as she settles her mom's estate.

Praise God for His Goodness and Mercy!

- Welcome our new friends at church today.
- David Addison's surgery was a success. "Praise the Lord Jesus! Thanks for your prayers."

North District Weekly Covenant Prayer:

- Camarillo: UMW—Gary Keene;
- La Canada: UMC—Elaine Cho

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 & justice for the world; our nation; current leaders; salvation for the world through Jesus Christ; the military & their families; the Middle East & Syria.

Continue to Pray for: Jerry 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, Ehrhardt Lang, Tess Raine, Ron Salsbury, & the Mark Moore Family.

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

Cal-Pac Missionaries in the Field:

Charley Brower (Alaska), John Elmore (Chile), The Persons (Congo), Carmen Aracelis Meléndez & Alejandro Rodriguez (Mexico).

Covenant Missionary: Tim & Juji Boyle (Japan)

Prayers and Mission Focus for the Global UMC:

Mar. 9: Cunningham Children's Home, Urbana, IL

Mar. 10: Bolivia: Federacion Femenina Metodista de Bolivia: Vocation training of indigenous women; **Mar. 11:** S. Africa: Masifunqulane Mission: Programs to connect clergy, laity & society with God; **Mar. 12:** Bolivia: Iglesia Evangelica Metodista en Brazil: Ministry with women & children; **Mar. 13:**

Tanzania: morogoro UM preschools: Improving educational environment; **Mar. 14:** Brazil: Igreja Metodista, Tapepora Mission: Work with women,



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

We want to get to know you!

Mary-Martha Circle

is our coffee host this week.

Next Week's Coffee Hour Host:

UMM Pancake Breakfast



Be sure to sign up in Criswell Hall to have your dedication in the bulletin with flowers on the Altar to your loved ones.



- NO Youth Group TODAY.** Junior High and High School need to stay in service with their parents.
- North District Visioning Event with Bishop Carcaño**—TODAY (3/9) from 3—6 PM at the Santa Barbara UMC.

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.



UMC of AG Emergency Food Distribution—Monday from 1—3 PM (CH).

Women of Prayer—Monday at 7 PM (S).

Men's Bible Study—Monday at 7 PM (215).

Sew 'n' Sews—Tuesday at 9 AM (MMR).

Communications—Tuesday at 10:30 AM.

Finance—Tuesday at 7 PM (Pastor's Study).

Grande Ringers Handbell Practice—Tues. &

Thurs. at 5 PM in the hand bell room.

Senior Exercise—T/W/Th. at 8:30 AM (CH)

Church Work Day – Wednesday at 9 AM.

UMW Steering—Wednesday at 10 AM (L).

UMC of AG People's Kitchen Team Prep-Day—Wednesday at 10 AM (K/CH)

Wednesday Night Supper—Wednesday at 5

PM (CH). All are welcome.

The Story Study—Ch. 22: "The Birth of the

King" - Wednesday at 5:45 PM (MMR).

Kid's Night Out (K- 5th) - Wednesday at 5:45

PM (CH).

Youth Group - Wednesday at 7 PM (215).

Choir Practice—Wednesday at 7 PM

Intercessory Prayer—Thursday at 10 AM (L).

Esther Circle - Thursday at 12 PM (MMR).

AM Bible Study—Friday at 8:30 AM (L).

Newsletter Deadline—Friday at NOON.

UMM Breakfast Meeting—Saturday at 8:30

AM (CH).

UMM Pancake Breakfast—NEXT Sunday

(3/16) from 9 AM—10:30 AM (CH).

Church Council—NEXT Sunday (3/16) from

12—3 PM (MMR).

SLO County Band Concert—NEXT Sunday

(3/16) at 3 PM in the Sanctuary.

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

This week dinner is:

Taco Buffet

Contact the church office to see how you can help. **Join us!!**



THE STORY

Adults Sundays at 10 AM
Wednesdays at 5:45 PM;
Fridays at 8:30 AM

Youth Children Wednesdays at 7 PM
Sundays at 10:30 AM and
Wednesdays at 6 PM

An ALL age study like you have never seen!



North District Training

Day #2

March 22, 2014

9 AM – 3 PM

San Luis Obispo UMC

5-Day Lenten Lay

Servant School & Revival

April 6 – 10, 2014

Valley Korean UMC

(Granada Hills)

Training Workshops Include:

Staff, Pastor Relations (SPRC)
Committee Training; Apportionments & Table Reports Training;
Church-Based Social Change and Trustees & Church Facilities.
Childcare available.

Classes: 6:30—8:15 PM

Revival Worship: 8:15—9 PM

Revival Features: Gifted Lay Preachers! Guest Choirs! Praise Bands! Praise and Liturgical Dance! Tag-Team Preaching! 5-minute Sermonettes!

For more information or to register, contact the church office.



Applications are available in the church office or online at worshipweekly.com.



Deadline for the April Newsletter is March 14 at noon. **Thanks!**



During our 10:30 AM worship service, **TODAY** through Lent, we will have **TWO** additions:

1. **A Time of Greeting** will be added after the announcements when we will take a moment to say hello to the persons next to you and share in God's grace.
2. **Joys & Concerns will be shared during worship.** A microphone will be passed to briefly share the burdens/joys of your heart. **NOTE:** *This is not a time for announcements.*

Thanks! *Pastor David and the Worship Team*

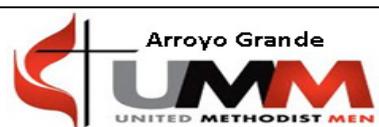


North District Visioning Event w/ Bishop Carcaño our church is invited to be in reflection and discernment with Bishop Carcaño about the vision of our Annual Conference.

TODAY from 3—6pm at Santa Barbara First UMC



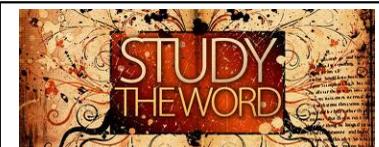
"Spud"- tacular
March 30th
Tickets: \$6/\$8



Breakfast Meeting
March 15—8:30 AM

Special guest
Dr. Steven Sainsbury discussing "Rwanda, How They Overcame Genocide."

Pancakes are Served
NEXT Sunday—March 16
from 9 AM—10:30 AM in
Criswell Hall.



How To Study The Bible
We will not meet tonight!
Meeting time will change
NEXT week to 6 PM due to the time change.

FEED THE HUNGRY®

UMC of AG

Emergency Food Pantry

Food is distributed from our church every **MONDAY** from 1—3 PM. You can help! (* donations FUMCAG-memo UMC of AG Food Pantry).

People's Kitchen Team

needs workers on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday and Thursday of each month to help make lunches and serve them to the hungry in our community.

Contact the Ashtons in Criswell Hall 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 pay to:
SCCW Emergency Food Ministry

P.O. Box 756,
Grover Beach, CA 93483

All valuable to the work of Jesus Christ and the ministry of His church. Any help is appreciated!

