

Today's Scriptures



Matthew 6:7-14

“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.



In the name of Christ Jesus, we welcome you to the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande and to this service of worship. We are happy that you have joined us here today. Your presence is a gift and we hope that you will find our worship meaningful and that you come worship with us again.

If it is your first time with us, we invite you to join us for coffee hour in our fellowship hall so that we can get to know each other.

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

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Contact us.

M - F from 9 AM – 1 PM \* Our Senior Pastor is off on Mondays.

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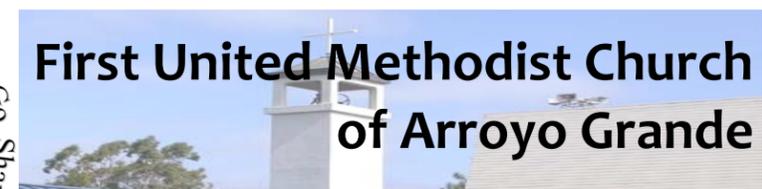


Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center

Program tours are given by appointment ONLY on Monday through Friday between 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM or 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM. We invite you to visit and see if we are a good fit for your family.

Office Hours: M—F from 9 AM—5 PM Office: 805 . 481 . 2223 E-mail: agumcc@sbcglobal.net

Meet Our CHURCH STAFF. Cal-Pac Conference Bishop: Minerva G. Carcaño. North District Superintendent: Rev. James Powell. Senior Pastor: Rev. Mary B. Birgelaitis. Missionary (retired): Judy Atwood. Church Office Administrator: Frances Robertson. Website Manager: Jamie Foster. Choir Director: Julie Burns. Praise Team Director: Susan Coho. Choral Pianist: Dennis Eiler. Multi-Media Director: Mike Coho. Handbell Choir Director: Leonard Lutz. Christian Education Directors: Susan Coho, Adult; Open Position, Youth; Carolyn Russell, Children. AG UM Children's Center Director: Madrigal Quaglino (805) 481-2223.



Welcome to Worship!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2015

10:30 AM

CENTERING WORDS

The voice of love calls—calls us to gaze in wonder, to listen attentively, to slow our anger, and to focus on the beauty within.

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\* You are invited to stand in body and/or spirit

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE By Faith Townend, Getty

INTROIT Shout for Joy to the Lord arr. by Jay Rouse and Brian McSee

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing of love, for God is love. Act in love, for actions speak louder than words. Focus on love, for we worship the God of love in a community of love.

\*OPENING HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling No. 384 Verses 1-3

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Judy Atwood Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time. Junior and Senior high will meet in Criswell Hall.

OPENING PRAYER

God of love, we come with hearts in need of love this day. As we gaze with wonder at one another, give us eyes to see beloved friends, generous hearts, and precious children of your creation. As we worship and learn together, give us understanding to discover in ourselves beloved friends, generous hearts, and precious children of your creation. In joy and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer Sweet, Sweet Spirit No. 334  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Choral Response Amen

ANTHEM Our Father Mark Hayes

*Join with the choir during the end of the anthem for the Lord's Prayer*

**"Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread,  
 and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
 And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen."**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:7-14  
 John 20:19-23

\*HYMN Spirit Song No. 347

SERMON "FORGIVE THEM"  
 Rev. Mary B. Birgelaitis

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission  
 Offertory You're the Word of God Townend, Getty  
 \*Doxology / Prayer of Dedication No. 95

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,  
 all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

\*CLOSING HYMN Freely, Freely No. 389

\*RESPONSE SONG Surely the Presence No. 328

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
 I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
 I can hear the rush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face.  
 Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

POSTLUDE I Could Sing of Your Love Forever Martin Smith



**Coffee Hour Today  
 Is Hosted By  
 ENDOWMENT /  
 ELT SCHOLARSHIP**

**Next Week's Coffee Hour  
 Will Be Hosted By  
 STAFF PARISH  
 RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**We thank you all for your  
 service to our church!**



**Altar Flowers**

*Happy 96th Birthday  
 From Cristy and Judy  
 In Memory of Bob Atwood*



**Abbreviation Legend**

(S) Sanctuary (PL) Parking Lot  
 (L) Library (CH) Criswell Hall  
 (MMR) McMillen Room (K) Kitchen



**Monday—9/14**

- UMM Cabinet Mtg—11 AM (L)
- Food Pantry—1 PM (CH)
- Women of Prayer—7 PM (S)

**Tuesday—9/15**

- Senior Exercise—8:30 AM (CH)
- Sew 'n' Sews—9 AM (MMR)
- Chair Yoga Class—11 AM (CH)
- Preschool Board—(MMR)
- Open Session—1:30 PM
- Closed Session—2:30 PM
- Grande Ringer Practice—5 PM (Handbell Room)
- JOY Circle—7 PM (at a member's home)

**Wednesday—9/16**

- Senior Exercise—8:30 AM (CH)
- Church Work Day—9 AM
- Ladies Christian Counseling Groups—12 PM (L)
- Free Dinner—5 PM (CH)
- Adult Bible Study—On Break
- Chancel Choir—7 PM (S)

**Thursday—9/17**

- Senior Exercise—8:30 AM (CH)
- Intercessory Prayer—10 AM (L)
- Grande Ringers Practice—5 PM (Handbell Room)

**Friday—9/18**

- Bible Study—8:30 AM (L)

**Saturday—9/19**

- UMM Breakfast Meeting—8:30 AM (Coco's)
- Praise Team Set-Up—5:30 PM-S
- Praise Team Practice—6:30 PM-S

**THINGS TO DO TODAY**

**11:45 AM Staff Parish  
 Relations Committee (MMR)**

**Ask about the New Member  
 Luncheon on Sunday, Oct. 11.**  
 Please stop by the  
 Congregational Care  
 Committee table today!

**AGUMCC IS HOSTING ITS 8TH ANNUAL  
 FAMILY FUN DAY** on Saturday, October 3, 2015  
 from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. There will be a Trike-A-  
 Thon, Tri Tip BBQ lunch, games, face painting,  
 bounce houses and a pumpkin patch.



**See Maddy Quaglino or Mary Thronson between services  
 to buy your BBQ ticket for just \$8; it will be \$10 at the door.**

The money raised will help to purchase materials for the  
 classrooms, like paint, paper, glue, and other items.  
*Volunteers are key to this event's success.  
 Let us know if you would like to help.*

**VOLUNTEERS  
 NEEDED!**

**UMC Arroyo Grande  
 Currently Needs Key Volunteers!**  
**Chair—Worship Team**  
**Chair—Christian Education Team**  
 If you are interested or would like more  
 information, please contact the Pastor  
 via the church office.



**Free Wednesday Suppers**  
 Will we continue to offer  
**Wednesday 5 PM free meals for  
 the church and the community?**  
**Let's Plan Ahead!**  
 There are funds to reimburse for  
 expenses if you desire.

*Please contact Judy Atwood,  
 Lay Leader*



*The Church has an opening for  
 a part time*  
**Youth Director**  
*Please contact the church office  
 for a job description and an application.*

**UMW CHAIR YOGA CLASS**

- Begins **TUESDAY, SEP 15, 11 AM,** Criswell Hall
  - Charge is \$5 p/p per session
  - Safe and gentle environment
  - At UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat this was requested and now is beginning!
- PLEASE JOIN US !**



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY  
 WEDNESDAYS**

*Criswell Hall at 5:45 PM*

**TAKE NOTE:**  
**Bible Study is ON BREAK this  
 Wednesday & will resume Sep 23**

The new series, led by Susan Coho,  
 will be a six-week study of 1-3  
 John. The study series is entitled  
 "Abiding in Love" and will continue  
 for the month of October.

**SUNDAY MORNING  
 YOUTH BIBLE STUDY**

Ibby Russell is teaching a  
 Youth Bible Study  
 each Sunday  
 starting today,  
 Sep 13, at 10:30 AM  
 in Criswell Hall.

