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Come and find out if we are a good fit for you and your child.

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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



April 17, 2016



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

Welcome to Worship!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Music by *The Lord's Crew* and *The Grande Ringers*

April 17, 2016

8:30 AM

Gathering

*OPENING PRAISE	<i>Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	
HANDBELL INTROIT	<i>Acclamation in G Minor</i>	Karen Thompson
WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH		
HANDBELL ANTHEM	<i>Zambra</i>	Gloria Axelson
*PRAISE SONGS	<i>Revive Us Again</i> <i>He Leadeth Me</i>	
*SHARING GOD'S PEACE		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
Sharing Joys & Concerns Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving		

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION	<i>Ancient Words</i>
SCRIPTURE	Psalm 23 John 10:11-18
SERMON	"SOUL CONFIDENCE" Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
RESPONSE SONG	<i>Just a Closer Walk with Thee</i>

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION
(please bring offering up at Communion)

Words for Communion
Communion Song *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*
Prayer after Communion

Going Forth to Serve

*FINAL BLESSING	<i>Oh How I Love Jesus</i>
*CLOSING SONG	<i>I'll Fly Away</i>
*Worshippers stand as able.	

The Bulletin Board



Coffee Hour Today Is Hosted By

UMM TACO BUFFET

Next Week's Coffee Hour Will Be Hosted By

AGUMC CHILDREN'S CENTER

We thank you all for your service to our church!



Altar Flowers

Please sign up for Altar Flowers to commemorate special occasions and remembrances

Abbreviation Legend

- (S) Sanctuary (PL) Parking Lot
- (L) Library (CH) Criswell Hall
- (MMR) McMillen Room (K) Kitchen
- (P/S) Pastor's Study



- Monday—4/18**
- Emergency Food Pantry —1-3 PM-CH
 - Quilting Class—G McGuire—5:45 PM-CH
 - Women of Prayer—7 PM—S
- Tuesday—4/19**
- Senior Exercise— 8:30 AM—CH
 - Sew 'n Sews plus Knitters—9 AM—MMR
 - UMW Chair Yoga Class—11 AM—CH
 - Preschool Board—MMR
 - Open Session—1:30 PM
 - Closed Session—2:30 PM
 - Endowment—2 PM—L
 - Grande Ringers Rehearsal—5 PM —HR
 - JOY Circle—7 PM (home of member)
- Wednesday—4/20**
- Senior Exercise— 8:30 AM—CH
 - Church Work Day—9 AM
 - Communications Team—10 AM—L
 - Free Dinner—5 PM—CH
 - Adult Bible Study—5:45 PM—CH
 - Chancel Choir—7 PM—S
- Thursday—4/21**
- Senior Exercise—8:30 AM—CH
 - Intercessory Prayer—10 AM—L
 - Grande Ringers Rehearsal—5 PM—HR
- Friday—4/22**
- Bible Study—8:30 AM—L
 - AGUMCC Set up/CC Sunday—9 AM—CH
- Saturday—4/23**
- Handbell Festival- Concert 3:30 PM—Set up/Festival—7 AM-7 PM—S, CH



Handbell Musicians OF AMERICA

The Handbell Musicians of America invite you to the **2016 Spring Ring Concert at 3:30 PM, Saturday, April 23**, at the **First United Methodist Church, Arroyo Grande**

This will feature the massed ringing of several area handbell choirs as well as several solos. Paul and Sue Coddington-Allen will lead this group as guest clinicians.

Submitted by Leonard Lutz



LAST CHANCE FOR PHOTOS

This Sunday is the last chance to have your photo from the Photo Directory made into an 8x10, two 5x6 or 6 wallet size for a \$10 fee. Photos will be ready by Sunday April 24. No orders taken after that date. FREE Photo Directories will be available after that date in the Church Office. Money goes to Church projects



UMM 5th Annual Taco Buffet TODAY

- After second worship service, from 11:45 am to 1 pm
- Criswell Hall
- Fill your taco bowl from the "Buffet"—hamburger, beans, salsa, cheese, olives, onions, sour cream
- Coffee, tea, and lemonade served to those eating at the church
- Take out is available
- COST: \$10Adults; \$4 Kids under 10 years



The Wednesday Work Crew would greatly appreciate any volunteers for "weeding duties" around the Church.



We love the spring rain for our flowers and hydrating our planet—but so do the WEEDS!



Please volunteer to help our Work Crew.

And a grateful thank you to this hard-working Crew!

Statements of Giving

are available on request from the Financial Secretary, Virginia Mothes. Virginia's email: virginiamothes@att.net Alternatively, you can leave a request in her mailbox in the church office or a phone message at the Financial Office by calling 481-2692.

Please note that the **statements are not available in the church office.**



The Everett Lee Taylor Scholarship application is now available on the church website or in the office.

First-time and returning college students in good standing should be sure to turn in the completed application no later than Sunday, May 15th.

CHILDREN'S CENTER SUNDAY



On April 24 the children of AGUMCC will be singing during Children's Moment at the 10:30 service.

AGUMCC will be hosting coffee hour with an Ice Cream Social, Art Show, and Silent Auction.



Psalm 23



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April 17, 2016 Fourth Sunday of Easter 10:30 AM

CENTERING WORDS

*"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
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He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul..." --- Psalm 23:1-3a*

WELCOME

ORGAN PRELUDE

BELL INTROIT *Acclamation in G Minor* Karen Thompson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As we gather in worship, we open our minds to the challenge of reason.
We open our hearts to the healing of love,
We open our lives to the calling of conscience,
We open our souls to the comfort of joy.
Astonished by the miracle of life,
And grateful for the gift of fellowship,
We claim with confidence the power of a living faith.
Let us worship God together.

*OPENING HYMN *Up from the Grave He Arose* No. 322

UNISON PRAYER

God of Easter,
Open our hearts that we may experience your glory.
Help us to know the power of Your love, and fill us with the light of Your presence.
By Your Spirit, let creativity flow from within us, until we say with the psalmist, "My cup runneth over."
Your goodness and mercy, indeed, follow us all the days of our lives.
Let us dwell in Your house forever and ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Leonard Lutz
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.

