## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Please join us after the service for Hospitality Time in Criswell Hall

#### This week's activities:

Today: 3:00 PM Movie – Conclave, CH Mon. March 24 4:30 PM Communications, L

6:00 PM Gerry's Quilting Class, CH

Tue March 25 9:00 AM Senior Exercise, CH

10:00 AM Sew 'n' Sews, MMR 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, CH

1:00 PM Bible Study, CH

5:00 PM Handbell Practice, HB

Wed. March 26 9:00 AM Trustees Work Morning, CH

10:00 AM Mary-Martha-Ester, MMR

Thu. March 27 9:00 AM Senior Exercise, CH

10:30 PM Staff Parish Relations, PS

11:00 AM Chair Yoga, CH

5:00 PM Handbell Practice, HB

6:30 PM Choir Practice, S

Fri. March 28 10:00 AM Mushroom Farm Tour, parking lot

11:00 AM Nominating Committee

Sun April 8:30 AMInformal Worship, S

10:30 AM Traditional Worship, S

### **Upcoming Events:**

Thu. April 3 Cabrillo High School Aquarium, leave church 12:55

Wed. April 9 New Women's Circle 6:30pm MMR

Thu. April 1 Children's Center Open House, 6-7pm

Thu. April 7 Maundy Thursday Service 6pm, S

Sun. April27 Children's Center Art Show

Sun. April 27 Free Movie: Six Triple Eight, 4pm

Mon. April 28 People's Kitchen Food Prep 1:30pm Kitchen

Tue. April 29 People's Kitchen Food Distribution 11:00am depart from church

**Abbreviation Legend:** \* Please sign up in advance at the welcome desk in the Narthex

CH= Criswell Hall HB = Hand Bell Room #115 PS = Pastor's Study

MMR = McMillen Room #113 L = Library Room #123, S = Sanctuary



# First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande



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March 30, 2025 10:30 a.m.

**Fourth Sunday in Lent** 

PRELUDE "We Shall Behold Him" --- Dottie Rambo

INTROIT Shout to the Lord TFWS #2074

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Like a loving Father, God offers us freedom to choose our path.

Like a merciful Mother, God offers us compassion.

Like a forgiving Parent, God welcomes us home with open arms.

In God's embrace, we become ambassadors of reconciliation.

\*OPENING HYMN My Hope is Built No. 368

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER.

Merciful God, as the father welcomed the prodigal home, you receive us into your loving arms. Your steadfast love knows no bounds and your loving embrace is always there for us. Be with us in our worship, that we may feel your presence and find our way home. In Jesus' name, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer Change My Heart, O God TFWS #2152

Prayers of the People

Choral Response Change My Heart, O God T FWS #2152

CHOIR ANTHEM Arise! Shine! J Paul Williams

Joseph M. Martin

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:11b-32

HYMN (remain seated) There's a Wideness in God's Mercy No 121

SERMON A Season of "YESES":

"YES" to Sinners

**OFFERING** 

Call to Stewardship and Mission

Offertory "Here I Am, Send Me"

---John Purifoy

\*Doxology/Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN To God Be The Glory No. 98

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE Cry of My Heart TFWS #2165

POSTLUDE In Him We Live Norma Lester

Assisting in today's service: Pastor: Rev. Mary Birgelaitis,

Liturgist: Nancy St. Laurent, Interim Choir Director: Tricia Stewart,

Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler, Organist: Brad Bettencourt

#### Luke 15:11b-32

Then Jesus said. 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father. "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me. "So, he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So, he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." "So, he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe-the best one-and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field: and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound. "Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

HOSPITALITY: Today hosted by: Nominating Committee March 30 will be hosted by: Worship Team

ATTENDANCE						
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WEEK	8:30	10:30	PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	STEWARDSHIP
Mar 2	36	59	95	26	121	\$9,453
Mar 9	37	54	91	28	119	\$4,479
Mar 16	41	69	110	N/A	110	\$1,825
Mar 23	31	57	88	8	96	\$2,793

Weekly offering needed: \$6,160

Fiscal Year to Date: Received: \$253,309 Budgeted: \$236,778

<sup>\*</sup> Please stand as able.