

# WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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

## This week's activities:

Mon. 6:00pm Gerry's Quilt Class, Criswell Hall  
 Tue. 9:00am Senior Exercise, Criswell Hall  
 Tue. 10:00am Sew 'n Sews, McMillen Room 113  
 Tue. 11:00am Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall  
 Tue. 1:00pm Adult Bible Study, Criswell Hall  
 Tue. 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Hand Bell Rm. #115  
 Wed. 9:00am Church Work Morning, Criswell Hall  
 Wed. 10:00am Mary, Martha, Easter Circle, McMillen Rm #113  
 Thu. 9:00am Senior Exercise, Criswell Hall  
 Thu. 10:00am Holiday Craft Workshop McMillen Room #113  
 Thu. 11:00am Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall  
 Thu. 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Hand Bell Room, #115  
 Thu. 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
 Thu. 7:30pm Friendly Neighborhood Big Band, Criswell Hall  
 Sun. 8:30am Informal Worship Service with Praise Band  
 Sun. 10:30am Traditional Worship Service

## Upcoming Events:

Sat. Sept. 27 Harvest Festival Parade  
 Sun. Sept. 28 Friends and Family Fall Fellowship 1-4PM at San Luis Obispo UMC  
 Sun. Sept 28 Free Movie "Superman" 5PM  
 Mon. Sept. 29 People's Kitchen Food Prep 1:30, Kitchen  
 Tues. Sept. 30 People's Kitchen Food Distribution 1AM carpool from church  
 Sat. Oct. 04 Youth Program Kick Off 3PM Adults, 4PM Youth, 5PM Burrito Bar  
 Sat. Oct. 18 Tour of the Price House, 10:30  
 Sun. Oct 19 Big Band Fall Concert 3:00PM First United Methodist Church Arroyo Grande  
 Sun. Oct. 26 Alternative Christmas after both services  
 Sat. Nov. 1-30 See's Candy Fundraiser  
 Fri-Sun. Nov.7-9 Holiday Boutique  
 Sat. Nov. 15 Turtle & Tortoise Rescue, Carpool from church at 10:45  
 Sun. Nov. 16 & 23 Noisy Offering (spare change for Turkey)  
 Sun. Nov. 30 Advent Crafts Workshop After 2nd Service  
 Thu. Dec. 11 Children's Center Christmas Program  
 Sat. Dec. 13 Christmas Extravaganza 3-5PM  
 Mon. Dec. 29 People's Kitchen Food Prep 1:30, Kitchen  
 Tues. Dec. 30 People's Kitchen Food Distribution 1AM carpool from church



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September 21, 2025

**15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

10:30 am

PRELUDE

“Grace Alone ”

Brown/Nelson

HANDBELL INTROIT

Prelude and Dance

Judy Hunicutt

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP\***

When we are surrounded on every side, wondering which way is up and which way is down...

**Help us, God, for the glory of your name.**

When we question which way to go and how to follow God's path for us...

**Help us, God, for the glory of your name.**

When we find our rest in God and long for others to know the sweet peace of God's embrace...

**Help us, God, for the glory of your name.**

Today, as we gather for worship, may we come ready to listen and discern God's help that meets us right where we are.

**Help us, God, to receive your help and to extend your help to our neighbors, all for the glory of your name.**

OPENING HYMN\*

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

No. 298

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**Loving and Gracious God—Holy one of Israel—tender one to all who call upon you with repentant and believing hearts: bless us, we pray, with your presence this day. Teach the little ones who have gathered to learn your ways, inspire those who seek your wisdom, energize those who are exhausted, comfort those who grieve, and strengthen those who are weak. Indeed, O God, fill all of our hearts with your praise and lead us in holiness and righteousness in this hour and in the hours to come. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell

**O God, we thank you for blessing us with the gift of children. May they learn the stories of Jesus. May we share their joy. Amen.**

CHORAL ANTHEM                      O Wondrous Love                      Cook/Greer

A TIME OF PRAYER

Call to Prayer                      Spirit of the Living God                      No. 393  
 Prayer/Lord’s Prayer  
 Response                      Spirit of the Living God                      No. 393

HANDBELL ANTHEM                      Arioso - J.S. Bach                      Douglas Wagner

SCRIPTURE                      Luke 16:1-13

HYMN                      Nearer, My God, to Thee vs 1,3,5                      No 528

SERMON                      Who Do You Serve?

OFFERING  
 Call to Stewardship and Mission  
 Offertory  
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication\*

“God Will Take Care of You”                      W. Martin

CLOSING HYMN\*                      I Love to Tell the Story                      No. 156

BENEDICTION  
**May we go now, in the blessing of God who covers us, protects us, delivers us, and helps us that we might reflect God’s glory as we love and serve others. Amen.**

RESPONSE\*                      As the Deer                      TFWS #2025

POSTLUDE                      “Compassion Hymn”                      Getty/Townend

**Please stand as able**

**Assisting in today's service Pastor: Rev. Wesley Thompson,**  
 Liturgist: Carolyn Anderson, Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler, Organ: Brad Bettencourt

**Luke 16:1-13**

Jesus said to his disciples, “There was once a rich man who had a servant who managed his property. The rich man was told that the manager was wasting his master's money, **2** so he called him in and said, ‘What is this I hear about you? Turn in a complete account of your handling of my property, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ **3** The servant said to himself, ‘My master is going to dismiss me from my job. What shall I do? I am not strong enough to dig ditches, and I am ashamed to beg. **4** Now I know what I will do! Then when my job is gone, I shall have friends who will welcome me in their homes.’ **5** So he called in all the people who were in debt to his master. He asked the first one, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ **6** ‘One hundred barrels of olive oil,’ he answered. ‘Here is your account,’ the manager told him; ‘sit down and write fifty.’ **7** Then he asked another one, ‘And you—how much do you owe?’ ‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he answered. ‘Here is your account,’ the manager told him; ‘write eight hundred.’ **8** As a result the master of this dishonest manager praised him for doing such a shrewd thing; because the people of this world are much more shrewd in handling their affairs than the people who belong to the light.” **9** And Jesus went on to say, “And so I tell you: make friends for yourselves with worldly wealth, so that when it gives out, you will be welcomed in the eternal home. **10** Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones; whoever is dishonest in small matters will be dishonest in large ones. **11** If, then, you have not been faithful in handling worldly wealth, how can you be trusted with true wealth? **12** And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you what belongs to you? **13** “No servant can be the slave of two masters; such a slave will hate one and love the other or will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

**HOSPITALITY: Today hosted by Fellowship Ministry  
 September 28th will be hosted by Worship Team**

ATTENDANCE						
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN- PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	STEWARDSHIP
Aug 24	44	60	104	22	126	\$3,381
Aug 31	48	71	119	23	142	\$9,692
Sep 07	42	72	114	20	134	\$10,608
Sep 14	40	75	115	1	116	\$5,695
<b>Weekly needed: \$7,175</b>						
<b>YTD Received: \$68,867</b>					<b>YTD Needed: 78,727</b>	
<b>Youth Fund \$1,495</b>						