

# WHAT'S HAPPENING!

## Weekly Events:

- Mon. 6:00pm Gerry's Quilt Class, Criswell Hall
- Tue. 9:00am Senior Exercise, Criswell Hall
- Tue. 10:00am Sew 'n Sews, McMillen Room
- Tue. 11:00am Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall
- Tue. 1:00pm Bible Study, Criswell Hall
- Tue. 4:30pm Communications, Library
- Tue. 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Hand Bell Room, #115
- Tue. 7:30pm Friendly Neighborhood Big Band Rehearsal, Criswell Hall
- Wed. 9:00am Church work morning
- Wed. 10:00am Mary, Martha, Esther Circle McMillen Room
- Wed. 10:00am Melfred Borzall Factory Tour
- Wed. 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- Thu. 9:00am Senior Exercise, Criswell Hall
- Fri. 10:00am Knitting & Crocheting Parks & Recreation, Criswell Hall
- Fri. 11:00am Nomination, Pastor's Office
- Sat. 3:00pm Youth Group 3pm, Leader's 4pm, Dinner 5:30pm
- Sun. 8:30am Informal Worship Service with Praise Band
- Sun. 10:30am Traditional Worship Service
- Sun. 4:00pm Movie Night Song Song Blue, 4pm
- Sun. Feb. 22 Free Movie Night, Song, Song Blue, 4pm

## Upcoming Events:

- Sat. Mar 07 Youth Group, 3pm leaders, 4pm youth, 5:30pm dinner
- Sun. Mar 08 Pancake Breakfast, between services \$10
- Fri. Mar 13 Etto Pasta Factory Tour, leave church 9:45 for 11am tour, noon lunch \$40, includes \$25 gift card to use lunch or pasta market
- Sun. Mar 22 Friendly Neighborhood Big Band Concert, 3pm
- Sat. Mar 28 Labyrinth Prayer and Refreshment, Lucy & Elwood's home, leave church 10:50, event 11am
- Sat. Mar 28 Youth Group, 3pm leaders, 4pm youth, 5:30pm dinner
- Sat. Apr 11 Red Wings Horse Sanctuary, leave church 9:30
- Sun. May 03 Taco Bar, after 2nd service
- Sat. Jun 06 Scott and Bob's Garden Tour, leave church 9:45, Tour 10am



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

275 N. Halcyon Road,  
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420  
805-481-2692 fumcag@yahoo.com  
WorshipWeekly.com

*Hope, Joy & Love Rising*



February 22, 2026

**First Sunday Of Lent**

10:30 am

PRELUDE

“Sweet Hour Of Prayer”

William B. Bradbury

INTROIT

“Lord, I lift Your Name on High”

TFWS #2088

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Today, we follow Jesus into a wilderness full of isolation, fatigue, hunger, thirst, and temptation.

**We follow, trusting in God's mercy.**

We witness Jesus resist the siren calls of sensationalism, notoriety, and misuse of power for selfish gain.

**We recognize God's mercy at work in the face of temptation.**

We notice the angels who tend Jesus, messengers of care in a harsh and lonely place.

**We pay attention to God's merciful presence that did not abandon Jesus and does not abandon us now.**

We come to the wilderness together, clinging to the truth that we are not alone—God is with us.

**We gather to worship God, whose unfailing mercy journeys with us into the wildernesses of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

OPENING HYMN\*

“Seek Ye First”

No. 405

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy God, by the grace of Jesus Christ, you know the tests and trials we face. Journey with us through this wilderness. Come to us with ministers of healing and visit us with messengers of hope, so that we may return to you in faith, believing the good news of the gospel; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

CHOIR ANTHEM "Oh, Mary Don't You Weep Don't You Mourn"

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:1-11

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MOMENT Mary Whitson  
We invite all children and youth to participate in this intergenerational time of learning about Jesus  
**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.**

A TIME OF PRAYER  
Call to Prayer "Holy Ground" TFWS #2272  
Prayer/Lord's Prayer  
Response "Holy Ground" TFWS #2272

SERMON The Beginning of The Lenten Journey

OFFERING  
Call to Stewardship and Mission  
Offertory "Resting In God's Arms" Mark Hayes  
Doxology/Prayer of Dedication\*

CLOSING HYMN\* "It Is Well With My Soul" No. 377

BENEDICTION\*  
**May we go, now, in the comfort and blessing of God's mercy, trusting that wherever we go, God's steadfast love surrounds us, sustains us, and supports us for the journey ahead. Amen.**

RESPONSE\* "Lord, I lift Your Name on High" TFWS #2088

POSTLUDE "Yours Is The Kingdom" Cindy Berry

**\*Please stand as able**

**Assisting in today's service Pastor:** Rev. Wesley Thompson,  
**Liturgist:** Rose Ann Steiner **Organ:** Brad Bettencourt **Piano/Keyboard:** Dennis Eiler, ,  
**Sound Tech:** Adrian Paredes, **Video:** Susan Thronson, **Song Leader:** Dave Anderson,  
**Choir Conductor:** David Johns.

**Matthew 4:1-11**

Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the Devil. **2** After spending forty days and nights without food, Jesus was hungry. **3** Then the Devil came to him and said, "If you are God's Son, order these stones to turn into bread." **4** But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, 'Human beings cannot live on bread alone, but need every word that God speaks.'" **5** Then the Devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, the Holy City, set him on the highest point of the Temple, **6** and said to him, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, for the scripture says, 'God will give orders to his angels about you; they will hold you up with their hands, so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones.'" **7** Jesus answered, "But the scripture also says, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" **8** Then the Devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in all their greatness. **9** "All this I will give you," the Devil said, "if you kneel down and worship me." **10** Then Jesus answered, "Go away, Satan! The scripture says, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!'" **11** Then the Devil left Jesus; and angels came and helped him.

**Today's Flowers In Memory Of  
Judy Atwood  
From Cristy Van Hook**

**HOSPITALITY: Today hosted by Staff Parish  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> will be hosted by Trustees**

ATTENDANCE						
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN- PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	STEWARDSHIP
Jan 25	46	69	115	24	139	\$3,894
Feb 01	45	67	112	28	140	\$5,213
Feb 08	48	73	121	31	152	\$,13,224
Feb 15	52	75	127		127	\$7,001
<b>Weekly Needed: \$7,175</b>						
<b>YTD Received: \$230,350</b>					<b>YTD Needed \$236,182</b>	
<b>Our Fiscal Year runs July 1 to June 30</b>						