

## SEE'S CANDIES

Help Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center turn candy into cash. Money raised will be used for supplies and materials for the children. Order your See's Candies by November 30th. Order forms available in Narthex.

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Mon. Nov 28	Quilt Class on hiatus until January	
Tue. Nov 29	Senior Exercise 9:00 AM CH Chair Yoga, 11AM CH Deliver meal to People's Kitchen, 11AM	Bible Study, 1PM CH Hand Bell Practice, 5PM HR
Wed. Nov 30	Senior Exercise 9:00 AM CH	Trustees Workday 9AM CH
Thu. Dec 1	Hand Bell Practice, 5 PM HR	Choir Practice 6:30 PM S
Fri. Dec 2	Nothing currently scheduled	
Sat. Dec 3	Christmas Extravaganza 3 PM to 5 PM CH* More information below.	
Sun. Dec 4	Contemporary Worship, 8:30AM S Traditional Worship, 10:30AM S	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Angel Tree** in Criswell Hall--this is scheduled through Social Services for needy children for Christmas. Gifts are to be delivered to the tree no later than Mon. Dec. 12 by noon.

### Sat. Dec. 3 Christmas Extravaganza, 3 PM to 5 PM CH \*

This is a celebration of Jesus' Birthday using poems, skits, music and desserts. If unable to drive and want to attend, please contact Sandy Underwood (phone # in directory) and leave a voice mail. She will try to arrange transportation for you.



### Sun. Dec. 11 Cookie Decorating Party 3PM to 6 PM CH \*

Bring your own cookies and there will be some cutout cookies for you to decorate and take home. Program Ministry will supply frostings and fun decorating things for cookies. Please sign up and pay your fee so your spot will be guaranteed.

**Abbreviation Legend:** \* Please sign up in advance at the welcome desk in the Narthex.  
CH = Criswell Hall   HR = 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

275 N. Halcyon Road, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

November 27, 2022 10:30 AM

ADVENT I

*"Come, let us walk, in the light of the Lord!"*

--Isaiah 2:5b

PRELUDE

*Out of the East*

Harry Noble

CHORAL INTROIT

*Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let's go together to God's mountain---

**A mountain of God's glory and peace.**

Let's prepare for Christ's arrival---

**The birth of the prince of peace.**

Come, let's worship in the Spirit.

**Clothed in Christ's love,  
we are ready to worship and pray.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*People, Look East!*

No. 202

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

**Draw near to us, O God,  
Even as we draw near to you.  
Open our hearts and our minds to your presence,  
and wake us up from the sleep and inattention  
holding us back.  
Prepare us to receive your love,  
even as we prepare our lives  
to celebrate the joy of Christ's birth.  
In joyful hope, we pray. Amen.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell



A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* No. 204  
 Prayers of the People  
 Choral Response *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* No 204

CHOIR ANTHEM *Come, Emmanuel, Come* Ruth Elaine Schram

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 2:1-5  
 Romans 13:11-14

HYMN *(please remain seated) Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* No. 196

SERMON Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

THE GIFTS CHRIST BRINGS:  
 "Light and Peace"

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission  
 Offertory *As Lately We Watched* 19th Century Austrian Carol  
 Doxology Hymnal, 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. Amen.*

\*CLOSING HYMN *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* No. 203

\*BENEDICTION

Peace be with you,  
**and also with you.**  
 Go forth to bring peace to the world.  
**Amen.**

\*RESPONSE *Prepare Ye the Way (reprisal)*

POSTLUDE *Then Shall Your Light Shine Forth* Patricia Lou Harris

\* Please stand as able. 2022 Mary Scifres. Used by permission.

*Today's Scripture*

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war

any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

**Romans 13:11-14**

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Today's Liturgist: Barbara Reineke*



**HOSPITALITY:** Today hosted by: **Endowment/ELT**  
 December 4 will be hosted by: **Board of Trustees**

WEEK	ATTENDANCE					STEWARDSHIP
	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
10/30	25	61	86	57	143	\$3,006
11/06	34	39	73	26	138	\$9,795
11/13	31	51	82	32	114	\$3,733
11/20	38	56	94	n/a	n/a	\$2,664

**Weekly offering needed:** \$6,160

**Fiscal year to date:** Budgeted \$129,360 Received: \$98,520

**Treasurer is getting nervous. Please give generously**

Noah's Narthex Flood Fundraiser: **\$11,975** Amount Needed: **\$10,000**  
 Thanksgiving Offering: **\$897** Amount Needed: **\$2,900**