

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Monday Dec. 19 Nothing currently scheduled
 Tuesday Dec. 20 No Senior Exercise or Sew n Sews
 Chair Yoga 11:00 AM CH
 Advent Study 1:00 PM CH
 Hand Bell Practice 5:00 PM HR
 Wednesday Dec. 21 Nothing currently scheduled
 Thursday Dec. 22 Choir Practice 6:30 PM S
 Friday Dec. 23 Nothing currently scheduled
 Saturday Dec. 24 CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE AT 7:00 PM
 Sunday Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande



December 18, 2022

8:30 AM

ADVENT IV

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY SUNDAY DEC. 18 Craft Making Sponsored by the Sunday School after church during Hospitality Time in Criswell Hall.



Sun. Dec. 25 and Sun. Jan. 1 are *ALL CHURCH HOSPITALITY DAYS* after the 10:30 service. Bring your extra Christmas cookies, fruitcakes and other goodies to share.

<p>10:30 AM SERVICE DEC 18 GUEST MUSIC GROUP <i>"Cross Traffic"</i> <i>provides special Christmas music during the 10:30 service.</i> <i>We also have our monthly handbell Sunday, at both services, with a Christmas medley from our handbell ringers directed by Leonard Lutz.</i></p>	<p>DECEMBER 24 7:00 PM CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE <i>A worship service for the entire family. Join us to sing carols, tell the original Christmas story and worship by candlelight.</i></p> 	<p>DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM ONLY</p> 
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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



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BELL ANTHEM MEDLEY

*I Saw Three Ships
The First Noel
Westminster Carol*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PUPPET PLAY

PRAISE SONGS

*Joy to the World
Today is the Savior's Day
Mary Did You Know*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 7:10-16
Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

THE GIFTS CHRIST BRINGS:

"Assurance and Fulfilment"

OFFERING

Christmas Offering

COMMUNION

Breath of Heaven

FINAL BLESSING

Bind Us Together

*CLOSING

Shepherd's Rock

**Please stand as able*

Today's Scripture

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." Then Isaiah said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph,

being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son and he named him Jesus.

Today's Liturgist: John Emery

HOSPITALITY

**Today hosted by
STAFF-PARISH
RELATIONS
COMMITTEE
Dec. 25 & Jan 1
hosted by All
Church Hospitality
Time--Bring your
extra Christmas
goodies!**

ATTENDANCE						STEWARDSHIP
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
11/20	38	56	94	34	128	\$2,664
11/27	34	44	78	45	123	\$7,961
12/04	36	40	76	29	105	\$27,106
12/11	38	50	88	25	113	\$4,864
Weekly offering needed: \$6,160						
Fiscal year to date		Needed \$147,840		Received \$138,450		
Christmas Budgeted		\$5,100		Received \$1,914 that is:		
7 Sparrows, 3 Cats, 6 Dogs, 4 Roosters, 2 Pigs, 10 Sheep, 1 Donkey and 1 Cow.						