

"Every member a Missionary"

First United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR 7 DECEMBER 2008 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 8:30 AM
We are glad to have you with us this morning. We are a welcoming church and would encourage you to join us in our worship as a people who love the Lord. Ask an usher about our hearing devices and large print bulletins made available for your convenience.

PASTOR DAVID BURGESON

MUSIC LED BY - THE LORD'S CREW

CALL TO WORSHIP

"King of Kings"

WELCOME – CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR DAVID

OPENING PRAISE

"Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down"

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 9: 6 - 7

PASTOR DAVID

OPENING PRAYER

PASTOR DAVID

ADVENT WREATH – PEACE

WENDELL CURRY AND JAN TREAT

(PLEASE SEE LITURGY AT RIGHT)

PRAISE

*"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"
"I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day"
"Instruments of Peace"*

WE WORSHIP IN GIVING

PASTOR DAVID

OFFERTORY

"But For Your Grace"

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SUSAN COHO

WE SHARE IN GOD'S PEACE (GREETING ONE ANOTHER)

JOYS & CONCERNS & PASTORAL PRAYER

PASTOR DAVID

SCRIPTURE READING

MARK 1: 1 - 8

JEFF BUHLER

SERMON

"Are You Ready?"

PASTOR DAVID

COMMUNION

PASTOR DAVID

COMMUNION SONG

"Go On Loving You"

CLOSING PRAISE

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

BENEDICTION

PASTOR DAVID

RECESSIONAL

"Keep Us Forever"



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT LITURGY

ONE: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

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(Light the First Candle, the Candle of Hope)

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When Jesus came he taught people the importance of being peace-makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. When Christ comes to us he brings us peace and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again. We light the Candle of Peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found.

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WELCOME WITH NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE "A Child Has Been Born" L. SMITH

CHORAL INTROIT

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*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 196 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PASTOR: Let us join together in this prayer.

ALL: **Holy God, every Advent, a voice calls us to walk the straight path. With clear and strong words, John demands we heed the call to live lives which give evidence of our repentance. Holy God, with your gentle gaze, help us look deep within. Loving God, help us examine our lifestyles: our comfort with ease while others struggle for bread, our tendency to blame the victim for being poor or homeless, our perpetual busyness which keeps us from taking time to see or listen to the hurts. Forgive us when we give only what we no longer want. Forgive us for needing a tax deduction to encourage our giving. Holy God, let the prophetic words turn our lives to seek and do your will. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

CHORAL ANTHEM "Master In The Halls" CHANCEL CHOIR

JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN NO. 230 (vs. 3) "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

OFFERTORY "O Savior Sweet" J. S. BACH

*DOXOLOGY

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

MARK 1: 1 - 8

LITURGIST: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Are You Ready?" PASTOR DAVID BURGESON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (SEE INSERT)

*HYMN "Gather Your People to Comfort and Love"

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" J. SCHOP



Bring a friend!

Join us on Wednesdays at 7 PM in our youth lounge (215) with Mike & Linda Herber.



Men's Bible Study

All men are invited to meet with us Mondays at 7 PM in room 215.



Morning Bible Study

Join us on Fridays at 8:30 AM in the Library.

Women's Bible Study

All ladies are invited to meet at 9:30 AM in room 215 Sunday mornings.



Intercessory Prayer

Thursday mornings at 10 AM in the library.

All are welcome!

Women of Prayer

Join us Mondays in the Sanctuary at 7 PM.



Debtor's Anonymous

Mondays at 6 PM- MMR

Al-Anon & Ala-Teen

Mondays at 7:30 PM in the MMR and 211.

Alzheimer's Care-Giver

1st Wednesday of each month at 1 PM (MMR).



SUNDAY—11/30

"Coffee Hour" ~ Finance Committee

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship

10:30 AM Traditional Worship

3:00 PM Jammin' 4 Jesus (CH)

MONDAY — 12/1

7:00 PM Men's Bible Study (215)

Women of Prayer (S)

SPRC (PS)

TUESDAY — 12/2

8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)

9:00 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)

5:00 PM Grande Ringers (115)

6:30 PM AG Community Chorus (S)

7:00 PM Board of Trustees (MMR)

WEDNESDAY — 12/3

3:30 PM Cub Scouts (211)

6 PM Advent Supper and Study (CH)

6:30 PM Preparing for Advent

Meditation (CH)

7:00 PM UM Youth (215)

Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)

THURSDAY -12/4

11:45 AM People's Kitchen (K)

5:00 PM Grande Ringers (115)

7:00 PM Red Umbrella (MMR)

FRIDAY — 12/5

4:00 PM AG UM Children's Center

Staff (MMR)

SATURDAY — 12/6

6:30 AM Praise Team Rehearsal (S)



(CH) Criswell Hall

(S) Sanctuary

(N) Narthex

(L) Library

(K) Kitchen

(PS) Pastor's Study

(MMR)

McMillen Room

HERE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING



The Flowers on the Altar this Second Sunday of Advent

Lynn Foster would like to honor the birthday of Mr. Jamie Foster.

"Happy Birthday to you, Jamie!!"

***Please note the flower chart in Criswell Hall is now in the church office. **
Please contact Sarah Barber with your dedications and memorials for this special offering. Thank you to all who donate to our beautiful flowers fund.*



Coffee Hour – Join us in Criswell Hall between and after services for coffee and treats hosted by the **Endowment Board**. Thanks to the members of the **Finance Committee** for last weeks goodies. Next weeks treats will be furnished by **Esther Circle**.



The UMW Steering Committee - TOMORROW - December 8 in the **McMillen Room at 10 AM**. The Circles are requested to send a representative to this last meeting of 2008. Included will be an orientation of the 2009 UMW Leadership team. Thank you.



Advent Study Join us at **4 PM** in the **McMillen Room** for a brief study on **12/7 and 12/14**. Pastor David will facilitate the study. After the study, anyone who would like to grab a bite to eat to continue the discussion and fellowship is most welcomed. Join us!



Looking Ahead - Calendar Highlights

- **RUMP** –December 13th at 12 PM in the MMR.
- **AG UM Children's Center Book Fair** – check out! (12-8th – 19th)
- **125th Anniversary Committee Meeting** – December 14th in the MMR at 11:45 AM.
- **Community Chorus Concert**–December 16th in the Sanctuary.
- **AG UM Children's Center Holiday Program** – December 18th at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary.
- **UMM Breakfast Meeting** - at the Mission Inn of Pismo Beach, December 20th at 8:30 AM.

Be sure to check with your group for holiday meeting schedule!



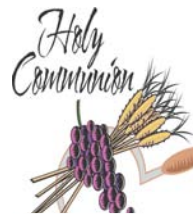
Intercessory Prayer Group Due to the many request given weekly, our prayer group wants to be sure that they receive all requests in a timely manner. The following are the ways to be sure to get your request heard: 1) please write clearly in the prayer request book in the Narthex, 2) print legibly any request on the prayer request cards in the pews racks, and 3) during the service make your request known using the microphone as our group takes notes of each request during services. Thank you!



Blue Christmas - A service for those who have experienced a loss in their life. We invite you to our Sanctuary on **December 21st at 6 PM** to spend time with us. At this time of year, the atmosphere tends to be happy and upbeat. Yet the reality is, people are hurting, whether the loss be by choice and/or circumstance, we hope you will join us!



On **New Years Eve, 12/31/08**, we will be having a **Finger Foods Potluck and Game Night**. Come enjoy time with church family at **4 PM**. Please bring a favorite finger food/snack item and a game & we will provide the beverages and paper goods. See you there!



Quiet Holy Communion Service - December 31st *This will an informal service,* so please feel free to come at anytime during the hour of **7 - 8 PM** in the **Sanctuary**. You will find a self-directed guide for you to reflect on the past year. There will also be an opportunity for you to take communion. We hope to see you there!



Order you Christmas Poinsettias Now! Only two more weeks to order for yourself or for a friend! We need volunteers who will deliver the flowers on December 21st. If you would like to visit with these special people, please indicate so on the Order Forms in the Narthex or contact Cyndee Rohla, Blue Umbrella Chair. Thanks!



The Giving Tree will be displayed in Criswell Hall beginning on November 29th. This tree is decorated with ornaments that reflect the name and Christmas wish of a child in the Welfare system. This is a great way to kick off the holiday season and the spirit of giving that comes along with it. Look to the Cast-A-Net for further details or contact Jan Treat and the Department of Social Services.

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVING 7 DECEMBER 2008

- Pray for members of our congregation who are dealing with spiritual – emotional and physical problems. May their burdens be lifted up.
- Pray for Pastor Burgeson for wisdom and discernment.
- Pray for victims of natural disasters
- Pauline Castillo asks prayers for “Oney,” who will have major jaw surgery.
- Doris Kielan had a stroke and is now in Arroyo Grande Care Center.
- Our District Superintendent Catie Coots surgery went well. Praise God!
- Prayers for Hershel Whitefield who has been ill and for his wife after her a stroke. Prayers for both of them during this difficult time.
- Lynn Stewart asks healing prayers for her younger sister, Barbara Ralph, who may have uterine cancer; she is awaiting more tests.
- Pray for Pastor Ron Salisbury whose cancer numbers are up.
- Prayers for Liz Gholson’s grand-daughter.
- Isabella Sloan asks prayers for Kate Morgan who is having test.
- Pray for Mary Lou Fink - at Mission Care Center and hopes to be home soon.
- Betty Lorenz is home. Prayers for comfort and healing.
- Patti Melsheimer asks prayers for her friend Jim McMlellan whose legs were broken in an accident.
- Please pray for Cyndee Rohla’s brother-in-law whose has internal bleeding. Also for her friend Jennie who has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

Due to budget restraints we are currently only funding our covenant missionary Judy Atwood in Kansas.

Remember in prayer our missionaries serving God around the world; the leaders of our country; leaders and the people of North Korea, Africa and in the Middle East. Continue to lift up those in the military and their families.

Hold in continued prayer: Our youth, Wil Ogden, Jen Gandy, the Caweltis, Nancy Chambers, the Cochrans, LeAnna Gainer, Janet Dimeling, Terry Curtis, Cheryl McKibben, Linda Archibald, Rose Marie Bailey, Melinda Marchiano, Pastor Rhodenbacker, Matt Rohla, Donna Cowles, the Hammonds, Bee Frantz, Jerry Smith, Guy Oates, Isabella Sloan.

Remember our church family who are unable to attend church services-

Members in Care Facilities: Bathon Dessert, Luella Hendricks, Lois Fry, Bob Atwood, Ray Collins and Dorothy Novo. **Shut-In members:** Doris Rice, the Houldings, the DeVos, the McCrackens, Katie Bryant, Wayne Frisby, Betty Bailes, Stan Lundahl, Mary Fernamburg, Jeanne Jenkins, and the Haupt.

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A Hymn for Advent



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3. He who is com - ing is good news to earth,
4. Re - demp - tion's vi - sion will be re - al - ized.



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