

# First United Methodist Church

275 NORTH HALCYON ROAD IN ARROYO GRANDE, CA 93420

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8:30 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*We encourage you to join us in our worship as a people who love the Lord. Please ask an usher about the hearing devices.*

PASTOR DAVID M. BURGESON

WORSHIP IS LED BY *THE LORD'S CREW*

## WELCOME

### HANDBELL INTROIT

*Angels We Have Heard On High*

GRANDE RINGERS

Arranged by L. SMITH

### OPENING PRAYER

### HANDBELL ANTHEM

*Here We Come a Caroling*

PASTOR DAVID

Arranged by M. THOMPSON

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### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE HENDERSON FAMILY

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### PRAISE

*Little Drummer Boy*

*Medley: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus; Silent Night*

*He Made A Way In A Manger* SOLO- SADIE BARBER

### WE WORSHIP IN GIVING

### OFFERTORY

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

SUSAN COHO

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE (GREETING ONE ANOTHER)

### JOYS & CONCERNS – PASTORAL PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 1:39 - 45

MIKE HERBER

### SERMON

*REMEMBERING BETHLEHEM*

PASTOR DAVID M. BURGESON

### COMMUNION SCRIPTURE

I CORINTHIANS 11:23 - 26

IN UNISON

### COMMUNION SONG

*O Come Let Us Adore Him*

### BENEDICTION

PASTOR DAVID

### RECESSIONAL

*Light In The Stable*

## The Bulletin Board



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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Angels We Have Heard On High*  
Arranged by L. SMITH

**HANDBELL INTROIT** *Here We Come a Caroling*  
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**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** PAT & PAM MOTLEY

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† **HYMN NO. 216** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

**HANDBELL ANTHEM** *One Small Child*  
Arranged by L. LARSON

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PASTOR: Let us join together in this prayer:

ALL: **Holy God, forgive us. In this season of anticipation, the voices of advertisers and culture compete for our attention, drowning out your voice. We busy ourselves with tasks we *think* we're**

**supposed to do and neglect those things we ought to do. Those things you call us to do, we do grudgingly and without joy. We lack the generous spirit of Mary, who heard your call and assented without question. Instead of feeling put upon, she lifted her voice in a song of honor and wonder. Renew our spirits. Fill our hearts with joy and song so others see in us the grace and mercy you have given us through your Son. Instill in us a spirit of gratitude. Open our eyes and ears, and prepare our hearts to receive the most precious gift of all. Amen.**

PASTOR: Friends, know and believe, that as we wait for the birth of the baby Jesus — and the return of our Savior — we are already forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**CHORAL ANTHEM** *Christ Is Come* 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.**

**OFFERTORY** *The Shepherd At The Manger*  
Composed by G. MARTIN

† **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** LUKE 1:39 – 45 VIRGINIA MOTHES

LITURGIST: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Remembering Bethlehem*  
PASTOR DAVID BURGESSON

† **HYMN NO. 230** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE** *Joy To The World*  
Composed by H. BALCOMBE

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Scheduled This Week:

## TODAY – 12/20

- **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
- **3 PM** - Blue Christmas (S)

## MONDAY – 12/21

### TUESDAY – 12/22

- **5:30 PM – 7 PM** - Holy Family – Drive-Thru Nativity (church parking lot)

### WEDNESDAY – 12/23

- **5:30 PM – 7 PM** - Holy Family – Drive-Thru Nativity (church parking lot)
- **2 PM** – Advent Study (MMR)
- **6 PM** – Advent Study (MMR)

### THURSDAY – 12/24

- **Church campus closed**
- **6 PM** – *Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service* (S)
- **7:30 PM** – *Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service* (S)

### FRIDAY- 12/25

- **Church campus closed**

### SATURDAY – 12/26

#### ABBREVIATION LEGEND

|     |                |
|-----|----------------|
| MMR | McMillen Room  |
| CH  | Criswell Hall  |
| K   | Kitchen        |
| S   | Sanctuary      |
| N   | Narthex        |
| P/S | Pastor's Study |

# UMC OF AG WEEKLY

## UM YOUTH GROUP

Junior & Senior High meet **Wednesdays** at **7 PM** in room 215 with the Herbers.

## SENIOR EXERCISE GROUP

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday** in Criswell Hall at **8:30 AM**.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**Mondays** at **7 PM** in room 215. Study book: *Learn the Bible in 24 Hours*, by Chuck Missler.

## MORNING BIBLE STUDY

**Fridays** at **8:30 AM** in the Library. Study book: *While We Wait* by Mary Lou Redding.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**Sundays** at **9:30 AM** in the McMillen Room. Study book: *The Little Book of Letting Go* by Hugh Prather.

## GRANDE RINGERS – HANDBELL CHOIR

**Tuesdays & Thursdays** at **5 PM** in room 115 directed by Leonard Lutz.

## CHANCEL CHOIR

**Wednesdays** at **7 PM** in the sanctuary directed by Julie Walters.

## THE LORD'S CREW – PRAISE TEAM

**Every other Saturday** at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary directed by Susan Coho.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

**Thursdays** at **10** in the library. Join us!

## WOMEN OF PRAYER

**Mondays** at **7 PM** in the sanctuary.

## DEBTOR'S ANONYMOUS

**Mondays** at **6 PM** in the McMillen Room.

## AL-ANON & ALA-TEEN

**Mondays** at **7:30 PM** in the McMillen Room & room 211.

## ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVER SUPPORT

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday** at **1 PM** in the McMillen Room.

## M S SUPPORT GROUP

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday** at **6 PM** in the McMillen Room.

# Prayers and Thanksgiving

*"And whatever you ask for in prayer, believing, you will receive." Matthew 21:22*

- Pray for the members of our congregation who are dealing with spiritual, emotional and physical problems. We lift up their burdens.
- May God grant our nation's leaders and its people wisdom & discernment.
- Hold our Pastors in prayer for continued wisdom & discernment.
- Diane Arnold passed away. Prayers for her family.
- Prayers for Ann Williamson for ongoing health issues.
- Joshua, age 11, needs prayer for healing from tumors in his head.
- Victoria Gandy asks prayers for 5 year old , Will with leukemia.
- Tina Moore asks prayers for Nancy Moon who will have back surgery.
- Gary Hogman asks prayer for his wife Cindy who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.
- Peg Gallop's granddaughter Brooke needs prayer as she awaits surgery at Children's Hospital.
- Cyndee Rohla asks prayer for Everett Bollinger who is 3 lbs, and had two surgeries last week. Also prayers for peace for the family.
- Prayers for Ruth Baxter's family with her passing this past week.

## 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. **PLEASE HOLD IN CONTINUED PRAYER:** Our church youth, our church family, Wil Ogden, Jennifer Gandy, the Caweltis, the Cochran, LeAnna & Adam Gainer, Cheryl McKibben, Linda Archibald, The Baileys, Pastor Rhodenbacker, Donna Cowles, the Hammonds, Jerry Smith, Isabella Sloan, Esther Miller, Pastor Ron Salisbury, Melinda Marchiano, Yvonne Holt, Sean Lehman, Mary Kelleher, Vikki Poh-Eikom, Miranda Bosley, Ruby Weddell, Lynn Foster, Rick Ventura, Dr. Frank M. Witman, Susan Trivitt, Cecelia Lee, Fenton McClure, Diane O' Lear, Cristy Eichelberger, Kent Brown, Roy Lewis, Chuck & Kathie Buckton, Amy Gerrish-Bennett, Everett Bollinger, Susan Coho, Paul DeMello, and Steve Ross. **CONTINUE TO LIFT UP OUR MEMBERS IN CARE FACILITIES:** Lois Fry, Bob Atwood, Bob Woods, and Stan Lundahl. **ALSO REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS:** Doris Rice, the Houldings, the DeVos, Dell McCracken, Wayne Frisby, Mary Fernamburg, Jeanne Jenkins, Madge Young, and Hershel Whitefield.

## STAFF & WORSHIP LEADERS

20 DECEMBER 2009 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SENIOR PASTOR: REVEREND DAVID M. BURGESSON

MINISTER OF VISITATION: Reverend J. Harold Headrick

CHURCH OFFICE STAFF:

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YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Mike & Linda Herber

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ORGANIST: Don McGuire

PUPPET DIRECTORS:

Willy Ford & Mike Herber

LECTOR CHAIRS:

Rebeca Avila & Toni Harvey

LITURGIST (S): Virginia Mothes

ACOLYTE MOMS: Niki Raetz & Lorie Ford

BIBLE BEARER: Our Church Family

OUR ACOLYTE (S): Our Church Family

HOSTS & GREETER CHAIR: Del Hollinger

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USHER CHAIRS: Morrie Gregory and

Dick Melsheimer

IN SERVICE: ALL OF OUR MEMBERS

COVENANT MISSIONARY:

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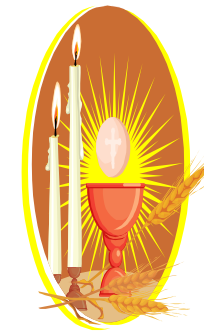
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**Christmas Eve Service** We look forward to seeing you at one of our two service on this blessed evening:

- **Family Candlelight Service at 6 PM**
- **Traditional Candlelight Service** including our Chancel Choir at **7:30 PM.**



**New Year's Eve Potluck and Game Night** is planned again for this year. Bring your favorite finger food and game to share at **5:30 PM** to **Criswell Hall** and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. It is sure to be a blast!

**New Year's Eve Quiet Holy Communion Service** is a self-led and informal service in our **sanctuary** beginning at **7 PM** designed for reflection on the blessings and trials of the past year and the year to come. **NOTE: Time change!**

**Christmas has come to the Church Library!** We have new DVD's as well as a number of books for all ages that will bring new meaning and inspiration to us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.



Let Heaven & Nature Sing!

