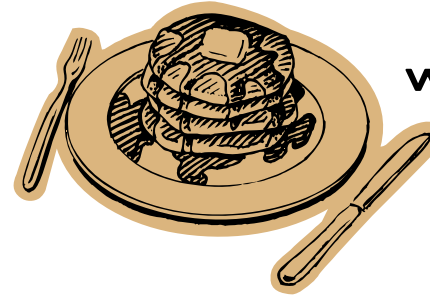




20 November 2011

The Bulletin Board



Meet us in Criswell Hall...
we want to get to know you!

Coffee and Pancakes TODAY
UMM Pancake Breakfast
\$5 for adults & \$1 for kids

This Week...



"Happy Birthday, Adrian!"

St. Laurent and Paredes family
send birthday wishes to
Adrian Paredes who celebrates
on November 23rd

- **TODAY—Sermon Discussion Group**—
at 9:45 PM (McMillen Room)
- **AG UM Children's Center Giving
Soup Celebration**—11/23 at 12 PM
- **Thanksgiving Eve Service**—11/23 at 7
PM (St. John's Lutheran Church in AG)
- **NO Wednesdays 5 PM Supper or
Wednesday Study Series**—please join
us at St. John's Lutheran for the
Thanksgiving Eve Service.
- **NO BIBLE READING - 11/24**
- **THANKSGIVING DAY Offices Closed**
11/24-25 to celebrate holiday.
- **Advent Wreath Making Workshop**—
11/16 at 1 PM (Criswell Hall)
- **Hanging of the Green**—11/26 at 4 PM

UMW Boutique
If you brought items will
need to take them
home **TODAY**. Items
that are not taken
TODAY will be donated.

20 NOVEMBER 2011 – THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Welcome you to worship and are glad that you could join us on this Lord's Day!
Children's Sunday School & Nursery care is available – Hearing device are in the Narthex for your use.

† DENOTES STANDING IF YOU ARE ABLE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS PASTOR DAVID

OPENING PRAISE *Give Thanks*

† SCRIPTURE READING HOSEA 6: 1–3 PASTOR DAVID

¹ "Come, let us return to the LORD. For He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but He will bandage us. ² "He will revive us after two days; He will raise us up on the third day, that we may live before Him. ³ "So let us know, let us press on to know the LORD. His going forth is as certain as the dawn; And He will come to us like the rain, like the spring rain watering the earth."

† OPENING PRAYER PASTOR DAVID

PRAISE *There's Just Something About That Name
Holy Spirit Rain Down; Let It Rain
I Just Want to Praise You*

* CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED WITH THEIR TEACHER TO SUNDAY SCHOOL - ROOM 211 *

WE WORSHIP IN GIVING

OFFERTORY *Amazing Grace*

PRAYER OF ADORATION SUSAN COHO

WE SHARE IN GOD'S PEACE (GREET THOSE AROUND YOU)

JOYS & CONCERNS FOR PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING PASTOR DAVID

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING 2 CORINTHIANS 9: 6 – 15 MIKE HERBER

LITURGIST: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **BEING THANKFUL: SHARING YOUR BLESSINGS**
PASTOR DAVID M. BURGESSON

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE 1 CORINTHIANS 11: 23 - 26 PASTOR DAVID

COMMUNION SONG *This Is Love*

† BENEDICTION SONG *The Lord Bless Thee* PASTOR DAVID

† RECESSIONAL *Revive Us Again*



27 NOVEMBER 2011 – THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

We welcome you to worship and are glad that you could join us on this Lord's Day!

* Hearing devices & large print bulletins available ** * Ask about Nursery Care & Children's Sunday School. *

LITURGY, COMPOSER

HANDBELL INTROIT *Lo How A Rose* **GRANDE RINGERS**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - HOPE

READER 1: The common person waits for a new thing to happen, perhaps thinking it will never be. Yet God comes in unusual ways, giving new life and breaking through societal conventions.

READER 2: God came in the form of man to show us what love can do. Through ordinary people, God accomplished extraordinary things. Like Mary, may we expect new life and be ready to say, "Let It be."

LIGHT THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

PASTOR: Let us pray together:

ALL: **Holy God, we enter this sacred space and time with expectation — expectation of your coming, expectation of hearing you speak to us a word for our lives that is new and renewing, expectation of being challenged and changed. We lay aside any expectation of being entertained, of being made comfortable, of being served rather than serving others. Your kingdom is near, and you have entrusted to us, your church, the responsibility of exemplifying the love, forgiveness, justice, compassion and peace that are signs of it. May we embody your kingdom with faithfulness and joy, we pray. Amen.**

† **HYMN NO. 196** *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

HANDBELL ANTHEM *Sing We Now of Christmas*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

** *ELEMENTARY AGED CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED AT THIS TIME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL*

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.

WORDS OF PARDON

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 *Emmanuel* **CHANCEL CHOIR**

JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

† **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 1:26-38

LITURGIST: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON THE JOURNEY: NAZARETH
PASTOR DAVID BURGESON

† **HYMN NO. 593** *Here I Am, Lord*

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *Pat-A-Pan* **R. THYGERSON,**

COMPOSER

Advent Events



Wreath-Making Workshop

November 26
1 PM—Criswell Hall

Carolyn Russell has more info.
(wreath making material provided)

Don't just celebrate **Advent** at church...bring the joy home!



Hanging of the Whats?

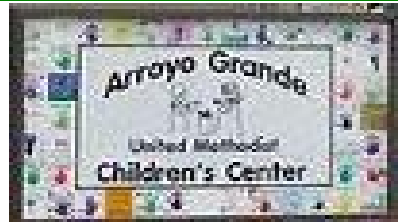
November 26th at 4 PM

we invite you to hang garland, put up wreaths, decorate trees, string lights, & celebrate Advent!



Envelopes for weekly/monthly pledges are available.

Prayerfully consider your pledge and listen to what the Lord wants you to do for your church family in 2012.



See's CANDIES

Order TODAY!

Send our teachers to their conference on education.

Give Your Two Cents!



Save your pennies for our preschool to give to the Five Cities Christian Women at our **Giving Soup Celebration** on 11/23.

This is great way to teach children the importance of giving during this season.

See Maddy Quaglino at our pre-school office for information.

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Thanksgiving Eve Community Service

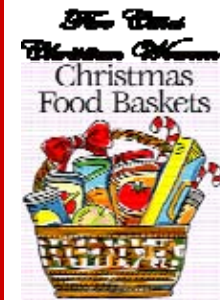
UMC of AG's Wednesday activities **CANCELED!**

Join all of us at the 7PM Community Thanksgiving Eve Service. This year's host is St. John's Lutheran Church in Arroyo Grande.



Your participation in this offering is important! United Methodist Student Sunday—November 27

Many UM students struggle to meet the financial obligations of higher education. Our gifts provide scholarships and loans that these United Methodist students may not otherwise be able to pursue without our support.



Food Items AND Monetary Donations NEEDED!

Call the Five Cities Christian Women at 481-2877 or see Bennie Duffin.

HELPING OTHERS IS REALLY THAT EASY.

SIGN-UP TODAY!!!

Find the table in Criswell Hall for info.



An Evening With St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Day,

December 6 at 7 PM

St. Nicholas played by Jamie Foster.



Watch For It - November 27 -

Look for it, and grab a tag...they go fast!



UMC of AG People's Kitchen Team

We will be serving a Christmas Meal

on **December 15th** and team needs your help in making casseroles, preparing for the meal and in serving the meal. We also need small WRAPPED Christmas gifts for men and women—also some generic items—to be placed in the barrel in the Narthex for "Santa" to pass out at the meal.

Contact Chuck & Betty Ashton if you would like to get involved!



- Our pastors and their families.
- All who serve God around the world.
- Those suffering, homeless & hungry.
- God's peace & justice for the world.
- Our nation's leaders, we ask wisdom.
- People following disasters.
- Members and friends dealing with the difficult issues of life.

Prayers of Comfort and Healing for:

- Mary Hawkins daughter, Pam, brain aneurism surgery was postponed.
- Esther Miller's daughter following back surgery this past week.
- Sam Corsbie and his 5 children following a serious heart attack.
- Doris Rice's daughter-in-law, Sharon, is in Sierra Vista following surgery.
- Comfort for Ann Smith whose brother passed away.
- Bonnie Reiwald needs prayer for financial problems; Also her sister's family is having health problems.
- Cyndee Rohla's friend Steve Flood and Greg Kaiser, both are having hip replacement surgery.
- Travel mercies for our church family during the Thanksgiving Holiday!

We Give Praise to God for He Is Good!

- "Up All Night" Night was a hit!

Our Covenant Missionary:

Krista Givens (Germany)

Our Missionaries in the Field:

Julie & David Elmore (Alaska)

John Elmore (Chile)

Muriel & Terry Hendersons (Mexico)

Lorene & David Persons (Congo)

Remember in prayer those in service around the world and their families .

Continuing To Lift Up Prayer:

Our church family and friends, our Youth and Children's Ministries, Wil Ogden, Jennifer Gandy and family, the Caweltis, Linda Archibald, the Hammonds, Esther Miller, the Paulsons, Yvonne Holt, Sean Lehman, Fenton McClure, Kent Brown, Roy Lewis, the Bucktons, Jean Coho, Sheila Owine, Todd Everett, the Wisemans, Eleanor Hughes, Ken Coombs, Isabella Sloan, Ora Lee King, LeAnna and Adam Gainer Family, Sue Ann Sanders, Geri Nolte, Pat Smith, Ann Williamson, and Ayleen Melsheimer.

Prayers For Those In Care-Facilities:

Bob Atwood, Bob Woods, Mary Patterson, Inez Kenneaster, Wayne Frisby, Bob Serby, Mary Johnson, and Donna Truman.

We Lift up Our Shut-Ins: Doris Rice, the Houldings, Jeanne Jenkins, Madge Young, Ruby Weddell, the Cochrans.



*Thanksgiving
Message*

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