



275 NORTH HALCYON ROAD

Arroyo Grande

**27 NOVEMBER 2011 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

**HANDBELL INTROIT**

*Lo How A Rose*

GRANDE RINGERS

CYNTHIA DOBRINSKI, ARR.

† **SCRIPTURE READING**

JEREMIAH 23:5 - 6

PASTOR DAVID

† **OPENING PRAYER**

PASTOR DAVID

**HANDBELL ANTHEM**

*Sing We Now of Christmas*

GRANDE RINGERS

KEVIN MCCHESENEY, ARR.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - HOPE**

HENDERSON FAMILY

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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.**



**PRAISE**

*All The Heavens  
There Is A Redeemer  
Holy Righteous*

\* CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED WITH THEIR TEACHER TO SUNDAY SCHOOL (ROOM 211)

**WE WORSHIP IN GIVING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Winds Thru The Olive Trees*

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

SUSAN COHO

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

**JOYS & CONCERNS FOR PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

PASTOR DAVID

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LUKE 1:26-38

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**SERMON**

**THE JOURNEY: NAZARETH**

PASTOR DAVID M. BURGESON

**COMMUNION SCRIPTURE**

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23 - 26

PASTOR DAVID

**COMMUNION SONG**

*In The Bleak Mid Winter*

† **BENEDICTION SONG**

*The Lord Bless Thee*

PASTOR DAVID

† **RECESSIONAL**

*Keep Us Forever, Lord*



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**PRELUDE** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
F. RITTER, *COMPOSER*

**HANDBELL INTROIT** *Lo How A Rose* *GRANDE RINGERS*  
CYNTHIA DOBRINSKI, *ARR.*

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

**HANDBELL ANTHEM** *Sing We Now of Christmas* *GRANDE RINGERS*  
CYNTHIA DOBRINSKI, *ARR.*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

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

**PUPPET PEOPLE**

**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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY** *Dearest Lord Jesus* **J. S. BACH, COMPOSER**

**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.*

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**SERMON** THE JOURNEY: NAZARETH  
PASTOR DAVID BURGESSON

† **HYMN No. 593** *Here I Am, Lord*  
**BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**



A Special Way To Say, "I Love You,"

See ORDER FORM insert.



**Food Items & Monetary Donations NEEDED!**

See the list in Criswell Hall or call 489-6706.



**An Evening With St. Nicholas December 6th at 7 PM**

Hear from the old man himself St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myrna, as he tells his story from birth in Patara to his life in the church. St. Nicholas, played by Jamie Foster.



**Christmas Eve by Candlelight**

**Family Service—6 PM**  
This service for the entire family will feature a re-telling of the **Nativity Story**.  
**Traditional Service-7:30 PM**  
This liturgical service includes a Christmas message by Pastor David and our Chancel Choir will lead us in carols.

**The blessings of Christ be yours this Christmas!**



**UMC of AG People's Kitchen Team**

Christmas Meal on December 15th. We need YOU!

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

## Holiday Program

December 15th at 7 PM

AG UM Children's Center is proud to share some holiday songs that we have been working JUST FOR YOU!

*Cocoa, coffee and other wintery treats will be served in Criswell Hall following this anticipated and highly acclaimed performance.*

## CAROLING AT THE CARE FACILITIES

- December 14 at 3:30 PM at Alder House (AG)
- December 21 at 4 PM at Garden Creek (SLO)



Julie Burns has more info—  
Rehearsals Wednesdays at 8 PM.



Look for the tree in the Hall!

Grab a tag... they go fast!

Attached to each 'ornament' is a duplicate tag for each gift. Please take **only the original—leave the copy on the tree.** We ask that you bring the **UN-wrapped** gift to the tree by Sunday, December 18.

**Gifts are picked up regularly.** Please contact **Jan Treat** or the DPSS. **God bless!**

## BLUE CHRISTMAS

Yes, blue...as in 'I've The Blues'

For many people, 'Merry Christmas' isn't so merry. The approaching holidays don't bring with it the joy and happiness it promises.

**December 16 at 7 PM,** Pastor David invites you to our **McMillen Room** to spend this evening in a quiet time of music, meditation, and in prayer.

**"Come to me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest."**  
(Matt. 11:28)



## Quiet Meditation and Holy Communion

We invite you to our sanctuary on **December 31st,** between **7 & 7:30 PM** for a self-led service and free-flowing of Holy Communion.

## ONE 'Unique' Christmas Service

December 25 - 10:30 AM

This **COMBINED** service is for the our family and yours to celebrate the birth of Christ **TOGETHER!**

- Our chancel choir will lead us in Christmas carols;
- The children will join worship in their PJ's...**yes, their pajamas!**
- Pastor David has planned a special '**Blessing of the Toys**'.

We did say it would be unique! So don't miss a special Christmas Day as we will say **Happy Birthday to Jesus!**





- 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:**

- 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.
- The Prestemon family with the passing of Buffy's grandmother.
- Mo Miller is seeking employment.
- Harry Egan's neighbor, Barbara, who fell and needs healing.
- Bryan Trujillo asks prayer for his family.

**We Give Praise to God for He Is Good!**

- The gift of our Savior, Jesus!
- Happy Birthday to Pastor David whose birthday was yesterday!

**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 Cochran.

# The Bulletin Board

27 November 2011

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

Coffee TODAY is sponsored by the UMC of AG People's Kitchen Team.

*NOTE: The Ford & Sloan family invite you for cake to honor the birthday of Isabella Sloan.*



## This Week...

- **TODAY—Sermon Discussion Group**— at 9:45 PM (McMillen Room)
- **AG UM Children's Center Story Time with Pastor David**— 11/29 at 9:30 AM
- **Wednesday 5 O' clock All-Church Supper in Criswell Hall - join us!**
- **Advent Study Wednesdays**  
Adults **6 PM** (McMillen Room)  
Kids **6 PM** (211)  
Youth **7 PM** (215)
- **People's Kitchen - 12/at 11:30 AM**
- **Thursday Bible Read-A-Loud**— 5PM
- **Red Umbrella**—12/1 at 7 PM (MMR)
- **Praise Team Rehearsal**—12/3 at 6:30 PM (Sanctuary)
- **Sweet Adeline's Concert**—12/4 at 1:30 PM (sanctuary)



Dedicated pastor, loving husband, devoted father, caring brother, and a great friend...an all around great guy! ~ with love

**UM Student Giving Day**

*Your participation in this offering is important!*  
See the envelope provided for this giving opportunity is to assist United Methodist students in their pursuit of higher education through loans and scholarships.