



# First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

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**We are glad that you are here with us on this Lord's Day!**

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Nursery Care is available \* Children are dismissed following Children's  
Moment with their teacher to Sunday School.

**Rally Sunday – 9 September 2012**

**10:30 AM**

**David M. Burgeson, Pastor**

**Welcome and News of the Church**

Pastor David

**Prelude**

*Honor and Glory, Power and Salvation* (E. Broughton)

**Choral Introit**

*Spirit Sing*

Chancel Choir

▪ **Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)

Sarah Burgeson

One: You have given us a world to enjoy and a life to live.

**Many: For this we thank you, and we celebrate your Holy Name.**

One: You have given us leadership, opportunity, guidance, and direction.

**Many: For this we praise you, and we celebrate your Holy Name.**

One: You have made us to be like you – in love, in goodness, in character and in grace.

**Many: For this we worship you, and we celebrate your Holy Name.**

One: You sent us your Son, who redeemed us, and renewed us, with your Holy Spirit.

**Many: For this we love you, and we celebrate your Holy Name.**

▪ **Opening Hymn No. 351** *Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior*

**Children's Moment**

**The Prayer of Confession**

Sarah Burgeson

One: Please join me in our prayer of confession:

**Many: Heavenly Father, we confess that your ways have not been our ways, and your thoughts have not been our thoughts. We confess that we have chosen to serve other than you and to be with other than you many times in our lives. We confess that we have had other desires and have made**

other choices, even though we have known in our hearts that you have been so good to us. We confess that we have been dissatisfied when we have when we have had all that we needed. We have been unappreciative in the face of prayers. We have nurtured doubt instead of holding on to and building upon our faith. We confess that you have loved us anyway. You have accepted us anyway. You have forgiven us anyway. You have redeemed us anyway. We confess that you have proven time after time in our lives that you alone are God. In the name of the Father, we thank you. In the name of the Son, we praise you, and as the children of God, we believe in you and we love you. In the name of Jesus we pray and say, Amen.

**Choral Anthem**

*Here I Am*

Chancel Choir

**Joys and Concerns with Prayers and Thanksgiving**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Prayer for the Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*Whispering Hope* (A. Hawthorne)

▪ **Doxology**

**Scripture Reading**

Genesis 1: 27-28; 2:15-18; 21-22

Sarah Burgeson

**Message**

*Sacred Encounters*

Pastor David

*Week One: Affirmed*

▪ **Closing Hymn No. 348** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

**Benediction and Choral Response**

**Postlude**

*The Glorious Triumph* (G. Peterson)

*\*\* Please feel free to stay to enjoy the closing music to enhance your worship today.*

**If you are visiting with us, we are so pleased to share this time of worship with you.**

*Your presence is a blessing to us, as we pray it is for you.*

We invite you to join in a time of fellowship in Criswell Hall to enjoy some coffee and goodies after the service – we would like to get to know you.

## Prayer Concerns for 9 September 2012

### Please Pray for These People In Recent Need of Prayer:

- Health and healing for those in our church family who are ill.
- Comfort for the families of those who have gone on to be with the Lord.
- The financial welfare and stewardship of our church and its members.
- Laura Ewick's daughter had brain surgery and will undergo chemo.
- Healing for Mike Williamson who had surgery at Stanford.
- Liz Gholson had surgery and is recovering.
- Pauline Castillo is having knee trouble.
- Wil Ogden is out of the hospital, but is in need of surgery on his esophagus.
- Cyndee Rohla's mother (90) is undergoing tests for unexplained weight loss.
- Adeline Bottorff was in the hospital this week after a mini stroke.
- Esther Miller fell and injured her arm.
- The Reineke's friend Mickey Davis was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease.
- Nancy St. Laurent's daughter-in-law had a stroke and is at Cottage Hospital.

### Praise the Lord for His Goodness:

- Reg Collins, the Lowry's son-in-law, is now home and recovering.
- Gary Hughes has lost weight and has been able to stop one medication.

**Our Covenant Missionary:** Frido Kinkolenge (Liberia)

**Cal-Pac Missionaries in the Field:** Julie & David Elmore (Alaska), John Elmore (Chile), Lorene & David Persons (Congo), Muriel & Terry Henderson (Mexico).

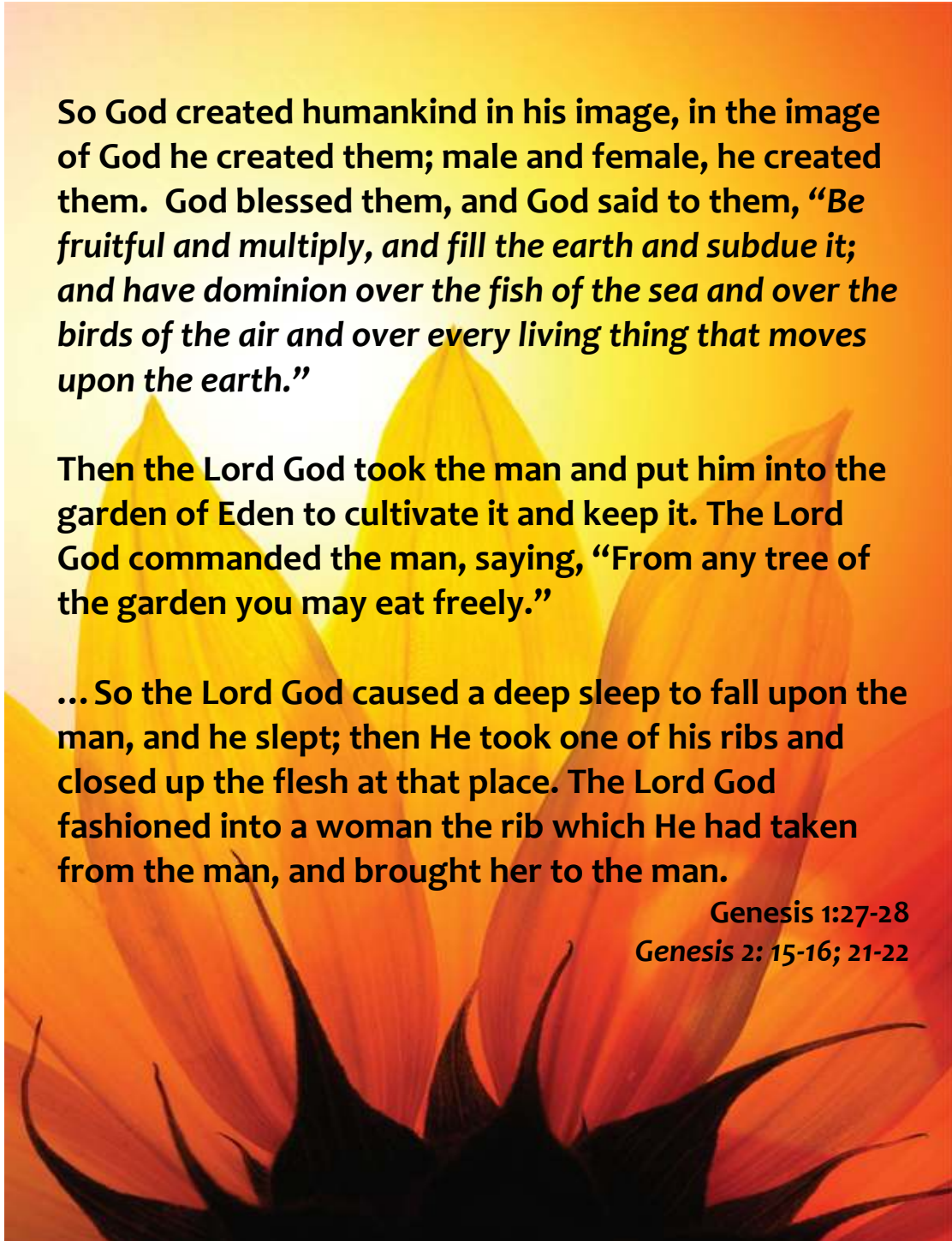
**We Remember in Prayer:** Our pastor and his family; our church family and friends; the youth and children's ministries of this church; our church leaders; those in service to God around the world; those who are hungry, displaced, sick or in poverty because of these and other natural and human-made disasters, and for the workers who minister with them; for God's peace and justice for the world; our nation's current and future leaders; God's peace and salvation for the world through Jesus Christ; those serving in the military and their families.

**Continue to Prayer for:** the Paulsons, Kent Brown, the Smiths, the Hammonds, Sean Lehman, Fenton McClure, the Bucktons, Sheila Owine, Todd Everett, Ken Coombs, Isabella Sloan, the Noltes, Ayleen Melsheimer, the Alsums, Les Bradley, Sharon Woodcock, David Hildebrand, the Williamsons, Mike Douglas, Jan Schnepf, Richard, LeAnna & Adam Gainer.

**Those In Care Facilities:** Bob Atwood, Bob Serby, Inez Kenneaster, Wayne Frisby.

**Our Shut-In Members:** Doris Rice, Ruby Weddell, Yvonne Holt, Madge Young, Elvon Houldings, Jeanne Jenkins, Donna Truman.

**Prayer for the Global United Methodist Church:** 9/2: Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg, S.C.; 9/3: UMC Babyfold, Fairfield Children's Home, Old Mutare Hospital, Mutare, Zimbabwe; 9/4: Igreja Metodista: REMNE: Women's Federation leadership training, Recife, Brazil; 9/5: Iglesia Evangelica Metodista de Bolivia in La Paz, Bolivia; 9/6: Asociacion de Mujeres de las Iglesia Evangelica Dominicana (AMIED): earthquake victim assistance, Haiti; 9/7: World Student Christian Federation, Asia-Pacific Region, women's programs in Hong Kong, China; 9/8: Bethlehem Centers of Nashville, Nashville, TN



**So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female, he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”**

**Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. The Lord God commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely.”**

**... So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. The Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.**

**Genesis 1:27-28**

**Genesis 2: 15-16; 21-22**



The **9 September 2012**  
**Bulletin Board**

**Today is Rally Sunday** – We invite you to Criswell Hall as we kick-off our fall ministries. There are tables set up with information on how you can jump into partnership in ministry with your church family.

**Coffee & Fellowship Hour** is hosted by Mary-Martha Circle & the Library. Next week's host will be the members of the Finance Committee.

**The Rosebud on the Altar** is to celebrate the birth of Zoey Bellows Johnson, born September 5<sup>th</sup> to David & Melinda Johnson. Zoey is the grand-daughter to Mike & Gloria Johnson, great-grand-daughter to Pauline Castillo & sister of Zach Johnson.

#### **On Today's Schedule:**

- **Disciples Discussion Group** is not meeting today.
- **How To Study the Bible** will meet **TONIGHT** at **6 PM** in the **McMillen Room**. We hope that you will bring a friend and join us as we look at the Exodus.

**Membership Information Forms** are in your bulletin can be placed in the offering plate as it passes or the basket provided in the Narthex. Thanks!

**Sacred Encounters Bible Study with Pastor David** – join us weekly on **Wednesdays** at **6 PM** in the **McMillen Room** for a new 6-week Series designed to draw you into meaningful, biblically-based interactions with one another and with God. Small group curriculum, daily devotionals, and youth and children's resources will enable you to explore the transformative stories of people like Adam and Eve, Jonah, Moses, Elijah, David, Zacchaeus, the woman who washed Christ's feet, and more. The series even explores moments when God seems silent. All are welcome!

**United Methodist Men's Pancake Breakfast Is Back!** **September 16<sup>th</sup>** from **9 AM-10:30 AM** join us for pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit and all the coffee, tea or juice you can drink. Tickets available at the door - \$5 (kids under 10 are only \$1).

#### **Can You Help?? UMW Holiday Boutique Needs YOU!**

Do you like to make birdhouses? Or knit afghans? Or make Christmas decorations? Or bake pies and make jellies???? The United Methodist Women need your help in making our annual Holiday Boutique a success. Please contact Sally Weitkamp via email at [sallyweitkamp@yahoo.com](mailto:sallyweitkamp@yahoo.com) to let her know how you will help and what you will contribute. The Boutique will be held on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Arroyo Grande United Methodist Church.

**Welcome Celebration for Bishop Carcaño** – Come and celebrate as we welcome our new Resident Bishop of Los Angeles at First UMC of Pasadena on **Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Music will start at **3 PM** with worship at **3:30PM** followed by a reception. Bishop Carcaño will give a brief message and lead us in celebrating the Eucharist; ecumenical and interfaith representatives are being invited. The Bishop will be presented with nine different objects representing the duties of her Episcopal office. Free child care is provided but you will need to register by September 19. Free parking is available behind the church on Green Street in the bank parking lot and the Kaiser facility. The church is located at 500 E. Colorado Blvd (**visit [Cal-Pac.org](http://Cal-Pac.org) for directions**).

#### **AG UM Children's Center Family Fun Day - Saturday, October 22!**

You are invited to this annual fundraising event. Featuring carnival games, face painting, BBQ, trike-a-thon and bake sale. To be involved in the planning of this event, please contact the Children's Center Director, Maddy Quaglino.

**Water for Life at AG Harvest Festival** This year we will be hosting a prayer and rest booth for the patrons of the Harvest Festival. As we usually do we will hand out bottles of water with the church information. Our church family will share the good news of Christ to the people of Arroyo Grande and offer to pray for them as they stop by our refresh and renew spot. **We need your help!** Please bring cases of water to Criswell Hall and our Youth Group will be putting church information labels on them as they come in. **We are so grateful for your help.**

**New Bereavement Support Group** - *Central Coast Hospice* is hosting this group, Mondays from 12 – 1:30 PM in the McMillen Room. All are welcome.

**A Calendar of UMC of AG's Events is available for you in the Narthex.**  
**We hope to see you at some of them!**