



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Mon. Dec 12	No Quilt Class until January	
	Noon Deadline to deliver Angel Tree gifts to tree or office	
Tue. Dec 13	Senior Exercise 9:00 AM CH	Bible Study 1:00 PM CH
	Chair Yoga, 11:00 AM CH	Hand Bell Practice, 5:00 PM HR
Wed. Dec 14	Senior Exercise 9:00 AM CH	Trustees Workday 9:00 AM CH
Thu. Dec 15	Senior Exercise 9:00 AM CH	SPRC Meeting 10:30 AM CH
	Finance 2:00 PM CH	Hand Bell Practice 5:00 PM HR
	Children's Center Christmas Program 6:30 PM S	
Fri. Dec 16	UMW Book Club 10:30 AM L	
Sat. Dec 17	Nothing currently scheduled	
Sun. Dec 18	Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM S	
	Traditional Worship, 10:30 AM S	
	Craft Making during Hospitality CH	

EVENT TODAY

Sunday, Dec. 11 Cookie Decorating Party 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM CH to decorate your cookies that you might bring. There will also be some cut-out cookies for you to decorate and take home. Program Ministry is supplying frostings and decorations for the cookies.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Dec. 18 Craft Making. Sponsored by the Sunday School after church during Hospitality Time in Criswell Hall. Contact Carolyn Russell for more information.



10:30 AM SERVICE DEC 18
GUEST MUSIC GROUP

"Cross Traffic" provides special Christmas vocal music during the 10:30 service.

We also have our monthly handbell Sunday, at both services, with a Christmas medley from our handbell ringers directed by Leonard Lutz.

DECEMBER 24 7:00 PM
CANDLELIGHT

CHRISTMAS EVE

A worship service for the entire family. Join us to sing carols, tell the original Christmas story and worship by candlelight.



DECEMBER 25
CHRISTMAS DAY

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 AM ONLY



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande



December 11, 2022

8:30 AM

ADVENT III



Abbreviation Legend: * Please sign up in advance at the welcome desk in the Narthex.
CH = Criswell Hall HR = Hand Bell Room #115 PS = Pastor's Study
MMR = McMillen Room #113 L = Library Room #123 S = Sanctuary



**First United Methodist Church
of Arroyo Grande**
275 N. Halcyon Road, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420



8:30 AM

December 11, 2022

ADVENT III

OPENING PRAISE

O Come All Ye Faithful Come Let Us Adore Him

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRAISE SONGS

Lord You Have My Heart

Light of the Stable

Angels We Have Heard on High

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

To Bethlehem We Go

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 1:46-55

SERMON

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

THE GIFTS CHRIST BRINGS:

"Comfort and Joy"

OFFERING

On Bended Knee

COMMUNION

What Child is This

FINAL BLESSING

Wind Through the Olive Trees

*CLOSING

When a Savior Dreams

*Please stand as able

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Today's Liturgist: Joseph Brown

HOSPITALITY:

Today hosted by:

**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**



December 18 will

be hosted by:

**STAFF-PARISH
RELATIONS
COMMITTEE**

WEEK	ATTENDANCE					TOTAL	STEWARDSHIP
	8:30	10:30	IN- PERSON	VIDEO			
11/13	31	51	82	40	122	\$3,733	
11/20	38	56	94	56	150	\$2,664	
11/27	34	44	78	40	118	\$7,961	
12/04	36	40	76	16	92	\$27,106	
Weekly offering needed: \$6,160							
Fiscal year to date:		Needed \$141,680		Received \$133,586			
Thanksgiving:		Needed \$2,900		Received \$1,427			
Advent/Christmas Offering:		Needed \$5,100		Received \$865			
<i>That is 1 sparrow, 2 cats, 6 dogs, 2 roosters, 1 pig, 4 sheep and a donkey. Waiting for the shepherds, wise men, wise women and angels to arrive.</i>							