



Today, April 23, 2023, is Native American Ministries Sunday. Our donations today help support Native American higher education scholarships. American Seminary Scholarships help more students answer God's call to higher education and empower Native American Outreach. A Special Sunday of UMC.



**First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande**

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April 23, 2023

8:30 AM

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Abbreviation Legend  
CH--Criswell Hall S--Sanctuary  
K--Kitchen L--Library Room #123  
MMR--McMillen Room #113  
PS--Pastor's Study HR--Handbell Rm #115

- Mon Apr 24** 6:00 PM Quilt Class—CH.
- Tue Apr 25** 9:00 AM Senior Exercise—CH,  
10:00 AM Sew n Sews—MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga--CH,  
1:00 PM Tuesday Bible Study--CH, 5:00 PM Bell Practice--HR.
- Wed Apr 26** 9:00 AM Senior Exercise—CH, 9:00 AM Church Work Day,  
10:00 AM Mary-Martha-Esther Circle-MMR.
- Thu Apr 27** 9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 5:00 PM Bell Practice--HR,  
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal--S.
- Sun Apr 30** 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- Sun Apr 30** 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service

**TODAY IS AGUMCC SUNDAY.** You are invited to join us in Criswell Hall following the service for an Art Show, Silent Auction & Ice Cream Social. This is presented by the Children's Center and is from 11:30 to 12:00.



**Tue Apr 25--1:00 PM** A new Tuesday Bible Study in Criswell Hall is starting this week, to read Adam Hamilton's recent book entitled "Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws". Contact Nancy St. Laurent after worship services to obtain a copy of the book.



**Sat May 13--11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**  
**Mother's Day Tea** in Criswell Hall is sponsored by United Women in Faith. More information coming.

**Sun Apr 30--4:00 PM MOVIE "80 for Brady"** starring Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, Rita Moreno, Sally Fields and Tom Brady. Four best friends embark on a wild trip to see their hero play in the 2017 Super Bowl. Movie in Criswell Hall: Program Ministry.

**Sat July 15 Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo.**

A FUN FUNDRAISER!

Coming to you from UWF!





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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Children's Center Sunday  
Native American Ministries Awareness Sunday

OPENING PRAISE *We've a Story*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRAISE SONGS *There is a Redeemer  
Shout to the Lord  
Because He Lives Amen*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 10:5-33

SERMON "Involvement and Commitment"  
Joseph Brown, pulpit speaker

OFFERING *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

COMMUNION *All My Hope*

FINAL BLESSING *How I Love You Lord*

\*CLOSING *Rounded Up In Glory*

*\*Please stand as able*



Today we welcome to the pulpit our UMC Arroyo Grande member, Joseph Brown.

*Thank you, Joe!*

### Matthew 10:5-33

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speaks, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they malign those of his household!

'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

*Today's Liturgist: Mary Thronson*

| WEEK                                    | ATTENDANCE |       |               | VIDEO | TOTAL | STEWARDSHIP         |
|---|------------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|---------------------|
|   | 8:30       | 10:30 | IN-<br>PERSON |       |       |                     |
| 03/26                                   | 28         | 65    | 93            | 22    | 115   | \$1,603             |
| 04/02                                   | 32         | 60    | 92            | 31    | 123   | \$7,322             |
| 04/09                                   | 46         | 78    | 124           | 61    | 185   | \$6,360             |
| 04/16                                   | 38         | 48    | 86            | 7     | 93    | Not available       |
| Weekly offering needed: \$6,160         |            |       |               |       |       |                     |
| FISCAL YEAR TO DATE: YTD (Budgeted): \$ |            |       |               |       |       | YTD Received: \$    |
| Easter Budgeted: \$3,300                |            |       |               |       |       | Easter Received: \$ |

### HOSPITALITY TIME

Today's Hosts:

**AGUMCC  
CHILDREN'S  
CENTER**

Next Sunday--  
April 30

Hosted by  
**ALL CHURCH  
SUNDAY**