



# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



<b>Mon</b>	<b>Aug 26</b>	4:30 PM Communications-L, 6:00 PM Gerry's Quilt Class-CH.
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Aug 27</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews-MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga -Criswell Hall, 1:30 PM Finance Team-Library.
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Aug 28</b>	9:00 AM Church Work Morning-CH, 10:00 AM UWF Steering Committee-L, Church Council-McMillen Room.
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Aug 29</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-Criswell Hall.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sep 01</b>	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service-Sanctuary. 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary.

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

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**TODAY!**



**Sunday, Aug 25** 4:00 PM in Criswell Hall FREE MOVIE "Unsung Hero" will be shown. It is based on a true story of a couple, after the collapse of their music business, move from Down Under along with their seven children. The movie shows the power of Family. Movie is free, as is popcorn and refreshments. Remember, free tickets are available to give to family and friends. Check the Connections Desk.

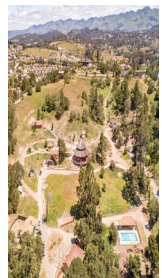


**Sunday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM**  
**140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**in the Tabernacle at**  
**Camp Arroyo Grande**

Save the date and invite your friends and family to this fun and historic event!



**Wednesday, Sep 11** 9:30 AM Camp Arroyo Grande Discovery Hike and Tour. Meet at the church at 9:15 AM to carpool. The camp was originally founded & operated by the Methodist Church. It is also the location of our 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Sign up at Connections.



*Today's Altar Flowers*

*In Honor of the Birthday of*  
*Cristy Van Hook*



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August 25, 2024

10:30 AM

## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *We Have Met to Praise and Worship* William Moore  
 INTROIT *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* TFWS #2129  
*I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

With gifts of praise,  
**we come to worship.**  
 With compassion for others,  
**we come to pray.**  
 With open hearts and minds,  
**we enter into worship together.**

\*OPENING HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* (verses 1-4) No. 154

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, flow through our worship and our lives. Expand your love in and through each of us that together we might create a house of such hospitality and love that all may feel truly welcomed.**  
**Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell

# Today's Scripture

## A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *His Name is Wonderful* No. 174  
 Prayer/Lord's Prayer  
 Choral Response *His Name is Wonderful* No. 174

## SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 6:10-13, 18-20  
 John 6:56-69

HYMN *(remain seated)* *Fairest Lord Jesus* No. 189

SERMON NO GOSPEL LITE! Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

## OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission  
 Offertory *I Need Thee Every Hour* Robert Lowry  
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Praise God, the Source of all our gifts!  
 Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

\*CLOSING HYMN *Hope of the World* No. 178

## \*BENEDICTION

Go forth with the strength of God.  
**We go with God's mighty faith and hope.**  
 Go forth with the boldness of Christ.  
**We go with Christ's courageous peace and love.**

RESPONSE *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* TFWS #2129  
*I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
 I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.*

POSTLUDE *Chorus of Praise* Rob Roy Peery

*\*Please stand as able.*

*Music Director: Julia Burns Piano: Dennis Eiler Organ: Brad Bettencourt*

## EPHESIANS 6:10-13, 18-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

## JOHN 6:56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me

will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So, Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Today's Liturgist: Nancy St. Laurent

ATTENDANCE						GIVING
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
07/28	36	59	95	21	116	\$ 1,202
08/04	35	49	84	37	121	\$ 9,495
08/11	37	57	94	15	109	\$ 3,685
08/18	38	53	91	n/a	n/a	\$ 2,340
Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,231 STEWARDSHIP REPORT: YTD Received: \$36,797 YTD Needed: \$ 43,617						

**HOSPITALITY TIME**  
 Hosted by  
**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**  
 Next Sunday  
 September 1  
**WORSHIP TEAM**