



# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



**First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande**  
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<b>Mon</b>	<b>Sep 9</b>	6:00 PM Gerry's Quilt Class-Criswell Hall.
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Sep 10</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews-MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH, 1:00 PM Bible Study-CH, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-Handbell Room.
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Sep 11</b>	9:00 AM Church Work Morning-CH, 9:30 AM Camp AG Discovery Hike & Tour--9:15 to carpool.10:00 AM UWF Steering-Library, 6:30 PM Mission Team-McMillen Room.
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Sep 12</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH,10:00 AM Craft Workshop-MMR, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR, 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sep 15</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

September 8, 2024

10:30 AM

## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*"Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations.  
I am exalted in the earth."*

PRELUDE *Variations on Jesus Loves Me* arr. Jon Spong  
 INTROIT *The First Song of Isaiah* TFWS #2030

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord.  
**Call on God's holy name.**  
 Sing praises to the Lord.  
**Tell of God's wondrous deeds.**  
 Let the faithful sing of the Lord's awesome power.  
**Let the hearts of the faithful rejoice.**

\*OPENING HYMN *Maker, in Whom We Live* No. 88

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

**God, the Great I AM,**  
**we enter your presence**  
**to remember and rejoice.**  
**We come to increase our awareness**  
**of your steadfast faithfulness and love.**  
**May we be a people who seek peace, forgiveness,**  
**and reconciliation with others.**  
**In gratitude for your grace and mercy, we pray.**  
**Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell



**Thursdays, 6:30 PM Church Chancel Choir Rehearsals** from Julia Burns, Choir Director: Summer is over and choir is starting. Please come join us! Rehearsals are Thursdays at 6:30 in the sanctuary. First Sunday in the chancel will be Sept 15th.



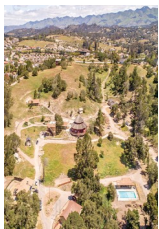
**Sunday, Sep 29, 4:00 PM "Movie Night"**  
 Free movie, popcorn, refreshments. "Jules" is title of movie, held in Criswell Hall. Sign up at Connection desk in Narthex.



**Sunday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM**  
**140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**in the Tabernacle at Camp Arroyo Grande**  
 Celebrate with us!  
 140 Years  
 Save the date and invite your friends and family to this fun and historic event! There is a sign-up sheet at the Connection desk in the Narthex.



**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.



**Saturday, Sep 28 10 AM AG Harvest Festival Parade** To be a part of the church's participation in the parade, go to the Connections desk in the Narthex for details and sign up to join the fun!



*For information on flower dedications and ordering altar flowers, please contact the church office.*



*Today's Scripture*

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Lead Me Lord* No. 473  
 Prayer/Lord's Prayer  
 Choral Response *Lead Me Lord* No. 473

SCRIPTURE Psalm 46  
 Mark 7:24-37

HYMN *(remain seated)* *Be Still, My Soul* No. 534

SERMON BE STILL AND KNOW Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission  
 Offertory *Peaceful Piano #11* Mark Hayes, adapted for organ B. Bettencourt  
 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 *Lord of All Hopefulness* TFWS #2197

\*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Go Now in Peace*

*Go now in peace...never be afraid.  
 God will go with you each hour of every day.  
 God now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
 Know He will guide you in all you do.  
 Go now in love, and show you believe.  
 Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
 God will be there, watching from above.  
 God now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

POSTLUDE *God of the Strong* Gregg Sewell

*\*Please stand as able.*

*Music Director: Julia Burns Organ: Brad Bettencourt*

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,  
 a very present help in trouble.  
 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should  
 change,  
 though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
 though its waters roar and foam,  
 though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city  
 of God,  
 the holy habitation of the Most High.  
 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
 God will help it when the morning dawns.  
 The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
 he utters his voice, the earth melts.  
 The LORD of hosts is with us;  
 the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
 see what desolations he has brought on the earth.  
 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
 he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
 he burns the shields with fire.  
 'Be still, and know that I am God.  
 I am exalted among the nations,  
 I am exalted in the earth.'  
 The LORD of hosts is with us;  
 the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*Today's Liturgist: Joyce Singelman*

Mark 7:24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of  
 Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to  
 know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but  
 a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit  
 immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed  
 down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of  
 Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the  
 demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the  
 children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's  
 food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him,  
 "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's  
 crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may  
 go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went  
 home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon  
 gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by  
 way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of  
 the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had  
 an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay  
 his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from  
 the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat  
 and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he  
 sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be  
 opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his  
 tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus  
 ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered  
 them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were  
 astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done  
 everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the  
 mute to speak."

ATTENDANCE						GIVING
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
08/11	37	57	94	20	114	\$ 3,685
08/18	38	53	91	24	115	\$ 2,340
08/25	38	43	81	22	103	\$12,935
09/01	42	49	91	6	97	\$ 7,012
Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,231 STEWARDSHIP REPORT: YTD Received: \$ 56,744 YTD Needed: \$ 56,079						

***HOSPITALITY TIME***  
 Today Hosted by  
**UNITED WOMEN  
 IN FAITH**  
 Next Sunday  
**September 15**  
**FELLOWSHIP  
 MINISTRY**