

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* No. 334
 Prayer/Lord's Prayer
 Choral Response *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* No. 334

CHORAL ANTHEM *Shout for Joy* Brian McSee

SCRIPTURE Psalm 100
 Mark 9:30-37

HYMN *(remain seated)* *What Gift Can We Bring* (verses 1-3) No. 87

SERMON CELEBRATE Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
 Offertory *He Hideth My Soul* Crosby/Kirkpatrick
 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 *Forward Through the Ages* No. 555

*BENEDICTION

Christ shows us the path of love.

Christ is our life.

Christ shows us God's glory.

Christ is our guide and guardian.

Christ is the way of salvation.

We go with Christ's blessings.

RESPONSE *May the Lord Bless and Keep You*

POSTLUDE *Hymn of Joy* Ralph L. Grosvenor

**Please stand as able.*

Music Director: Julia Burns Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Organ: Brad Bettencourt

Today's Scripture

Psalm 100

A Psalm of thanksgiving.
 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
 Worship the Lord with gladness;
 come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.
 It is he that made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, and the sheep of his
 pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
 and his courts with praise.
 Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;
 his steadfast love endures for ever,
 and his faithfulness to all generations.

Mark 9:30-37

They went on through there and passed
 through Galilee. He did not want anyone to
 know it; for he was teaching his disciples,
 saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be

betrayed into human hands, and they will kill
 him, and three days after being killed, he will
 rise again." But they did not understand what
 he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when
 he was in the house he asked them, "What
 were you arguing about on the way?" But they
 were silent, for on the way they had argued
 with one another who was the greatest.

He sat down, called the twelve, and said to
 them, "Whoever wants to be first must be
 last of all and servant of all." Then he took
 a little child and put it among them, and taking
 it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever
 welcomes one such child in my name
 welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me
 welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Today's Liturgist: Cristy van Hook



Invite Your Family, Friends & Neighbors to Join Us at Church



WEEK	ATTENDANCE					TOTAL	GIVING
	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL		
08/25	38	43	81	25	106	\$12,935	
09/01	42	49	91	19	110	\$ 7,012	
09/08	37	52	89	26	115	\$ 7,760	
09/15	36	60	96	9	105	\$ 7,343	
Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,321 STEWARDSHIP REPORT: YTD Received \$71,847 YTD Budgeted \$68,541							

HOSPITALITY TIME

**Today's Hosts:
 MEMBERSHIP
 CARE**

**Next Sunday
 September 29:
 Worship Team**



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande
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September 22, 2024

10:30 AM

Mon	Sep 23	4:30 PM Communications-L, 6:30 PM Gerry's Quilt Class-CH .
Tue	Sep 24	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews-MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH, 1:00 PM Bible Study-Criswell Hall, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-Handbell Room.
Wed	Sep 25	9:00 AM Church Work Morning, Criswell Hall, 10:00 AM Mary-Martha-Esther Circle-McMillen Room.
Thu	Sep 26	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Craft Workshop-MMR, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-S.
Fri	Sep 27	11:00 AM Nominations-Pastor's Study.
Sat	Sep 28	10:00 AM Harvest Festival Parade-carpooling from church available.
Sun	Sep 29	8:30 AM Contemporary Service--Sanctuary 11:30 AM Traditional Service-Sanctuary 4:00 PM Free Movie Night-Criswell Hall

Abbreviaton Legend

CH--Criswell Hall

S--Sanctuary

K--Kitchen

L--Library---
Room #123

MMR--McMillen
Room #113

PS--Pastor's Study

HR--Handbell
Room #115

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *There Will Be Peace in the Valley for Me* T.A. Dorsey/arr. Brent Edstrom

INTROIT *Celebrate Love* TFWS #2073

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving.

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

*OPENING HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* No. 545

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

**God of ages past, and hope of days yet-to-be,
we come into your presence with joy and thanksgiving.
For all who have gone before us, we give you thanks and praise.
For all who will follow after us, we offer blessings and prayers.
We, who are present here today, dedicate ourselves
as disciples of your love. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell



Saturday, Sep 28 10:00 AM Arroyo Grande

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 to sign up. Riders on the float (Mike Clark's truck) and Walkers are urged to join the fun!



Nicola's Chair Yoga Class is adding a second weekly session. Beginning in October the classes will be on **both Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 AM** in Criswell Hall. The drop-in fee is \$5 per session.



Sunday, Oct 20th 4:00 PM

140th Anniversary Celebration in the Tabernacle at Camp Arroyo Grande

Save the date and invite your friends and family to this fun and historic event! Sign up on the sheet at Connections desk.



Sunday, Sep 29 4:00 PM Free Movie

Night "Jules", starring Ben Kingsley, finds his quiet life upended when a UFO and its extra-terrestrial passenger crash land in his back yard. And that just begins the story! Sign up in Narthex. **Free movie, popcorn, refreshments!**



Today's Altar Flowers are in memory of the birthdays of my father, Bob Atwood and sister, Judy Atwood from Cristy Van Hook