FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ARROYO GRANDE

FEBRUARY 16, 2025 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:30 A.M.

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.
and walk in love, as Christ loved us
and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

~ Ephesians 5:1-2



OPENING PRAISE Bell Choir

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONGS All Who Trust

Your Love Oh Lord Keep Us Forever

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ILLUMINATION Nobody Loves Me Like You Do

SCRIPTURE JEREMIAH 29:11-13

LUKE 6:17-26

SERMON "Love is a Decision"

OFFERING OH HOW I LOVE JESUS

COMMUNION AMAZING LOVE

FINAL BLESSING

JESUS LOVES ME HALLELUJAH

CLOSING Lord I Hope This Day Is Good

Jeremiah 29:11-13

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.

Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you* on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

^{***} Ushers will seat those yet unseated

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH - SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:15-19:45 -UM SWEETHEART PANCAKE BREAKFAST (\$10 PER PERSON)

8:30 AM —PRAISE WORSHIP SERVICE, Sanctuary

10:30 AM —TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE, Sanctuary

- ONE ROOM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, CHILDREN EXIT WITH CAROLYN RUSSELL

AFTER THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH - PRESIDENT'S DAY OBSERVANCE - OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 PM —GERRY'S QUILTING CLASS

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH - SENIOR EXERCISE, SEW & SEWS, CHAIR YOGA CANCELLED

11:00 AM — MEMORIAL SERVICE HONORING BETTY STEPHENS

1 PM -BIBLE STUDY - McMILLEN?

3 PM -JOY CIRCLE

5:00 PM —BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19[™]

9:00 AM -CHURCH WORK MORNING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

9:00 AM —SENIOR EXERCISE — CRISWELL HALL

11:00 AM - CHAIR YOGA - CRISWELL HALL

5::00 PM —BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:30 PM — CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL - SANCTUARY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21st

11:00 AM —NOMINATING COMMITTEE — PASTOR'S OFFICE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 RD — SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:30 AM —PRAISE WORSHIP SERVICE, Sanctuary

10:30 AM -TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE, Sanctuary

- ONE ROOM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, CHILDREN EXIT WITH CAROLYN RUSSELL

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- ◆ <u>A warm welcome to you our Visitors</u>. Thank you for worshipping at First UMC of Arroyo Grande. Whether you are visiting friends or relatives this morning or have made your way on your own, we are glad that you're here. <u>Please join us for our Hospitality Time after worship</u>. <u>Welcome</u>!
- Please register your presence in the Friendship Book located at the end of the pews nearest the center aisle, and pass it along to others during the announcements.
- <u>Assistive listening devices</u> for the hard of hearing, and hymnals and bibles for the visually impaired are available in the narthex the ushers will be happy to assist you.
- ◆ <u>The flowers</u> are placed on the altar this morning by Cristy Van Hook in honor of her sister, Judy Atwood.

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

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Sunday, February 16, 2025 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



Bishop: Dottie Escobedo-Frank

District Superintendent: Reverend Garth Gilliam

Pastor: Reverend Mary B. Birgelaitis

The Ministers: The Congregation

Administrative Assistants (interim) – Carolyn Anderson, Mary Hawkins

Praise Team Leader - Mike Clark Keyboard - Dennis Eiler

Bass -Bob Jorstad Guitar — Ian Beard Singers - Connie Clark, Pam Garza