

### Wednesday Night Fellowship

March 2, 2016

Meal: Chicken & Dressing Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans, Salad Bar, Bread & Dessert  
Program for March 2:

"A Lenten Study" Session 1 of 3

Led by

Rev. Bill Carter

**Reservations** please by Tuesday 3/1  
Indicate # of people:

\$6.50 \_\_\_\_ Adults & Children 12 or older

\$3.00 \_\_\_\_ Children age 3-11 (meal above) or

\$3.00 \_\_\_\_ Children 3- 11 (PBJ/Applesauce)

\$6.50 \_\_\_\_ To Go Orders (reservation required)

Cost: Excluding To Go orders, \$22 maximum for a family of 4—each additional family member over age 11 is \$5.50; age 3-11 \$3.00.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

You can pay online (thru the QR code) or via website or pay on Wednesday night. You can tear off this tab to register, call the office and leave a message or register online.

*After Easter:*

*Wednesday Night Fellowship*

**Art Eckerson** will present a series called the **Alpha Course** from March 30 through May 18, 2016.

The 1stChurch Photo Directory is near completion. This is the last call for those who missed the photo sessions to submit a picture (family or individual) for the church directory. We have 112 photos so far. For members without an associated photograph, we will place name, address, email and phone information which is on file with the church office. Please send photo or other information to the church office. **Thank you for your patience.** *If you desire to be omitted, please also notify the church office!*

### **WELCOME 1ST CHURCH GUESTS !**

*"We hope you find worship here to be a way to experience the love of Jesus Christ."*

*--from pastor Jane Taylor speaking for all in the congregation*

#### **For Your Information:**

**Restrooms** are located directly behind the sanctuary. There is a **nursery** for children (infant to 4 yrs of age). Our ushers or greeters can lead or direct you there **if you desire**.

If you would like to consider **becoming a member** of our church family, we invite you to do so. Please speak to the pastor or indicate so on the attendance slip.

An **AED** is located in the CONNECT-OR; TOP FLOOR; go through door at the front and to the right side of sanctuary.

#### **Church Staff:**

**Rev. Jane Taylor, Pastor**

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Billy Walker, Dir. of Worship & Music

Lisa Reis, Dir. Youth Ministries

Kathie Battista, ELC Director

Steve Reis, Dir. Community Outreach/  
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Bree Nelson, Dir. of Children's Ministries

Susan Dove Fields, Organist

Rhonda Simmons, Treasurer

David Gbaa, Custodian

Joshua Gbaa, Custodian

Finley Cook, Wednesday Night Chef

Christi Henn, Tabitha Cox, Nursery

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### **WEEKLY CALENDAR SUMMARY FEB 28 - MAR 5 2016**

#### **SUNDAY, FEB 28**

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship Service

4:30p Children Music/Youth Program

5:30p Snack Supper Youth/Children

6:15p Evening Worship Service

6:30p Finance Committee Meeting

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 4**

6:30p Circle of Friends

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 5**

8:30a JC District Event: Lay Servant  
Training at Gray UMC

#### **MONDAY, FEB 29**

7:00p Boy Scouts - Troop #36

8:00p College/Young Adult Group

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 1**

6:00p Trustee's Meeting

6:30p Girl Scout Troop #978 Meeting

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2**

5:45p Wednesday Night Fellowship

7:30p Chancel Choir Practice

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 3**

10:00a UMW Circle of Faith - Conf. Rm.

**You Asked For It! Event 2**  
**March 6, 2:00 - 3:30 pm**

A District Training Event at Munsey Memorial UMC Christian Life Center with multiple sessions to choose from including worship, evangelism, mission  
No registration required.

Also, the week of  
**March 6-12**

an ASP team will be staying at  
1stChurch!

#### **SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:**

**USHERS:** David Denny, Ben Peeples, Alan LeClair, Art Eckerson

**GREETERS:** Friendly 1stChurch People, TBA;

Also - if you would like to serve as a greeter, please call church office

**PRAYER:** Mike Eddy      **CROSSBEARER:** Rowan Mills

**ACOLYTE:** Avery Nelson      **BEADLE:** Ellie Nelson

**AUDIOVISUAL:** Karl Kapoor



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Reverend Jane Taylor, Pastor

**The Third Sunday of Lent      February 28, 2016      10:30 am**

**Welcome! We are GLAD you are here.**

**Please sign the red attendance information pad  
located at one end of each pew.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONGREGATIONAL GREETING**

**PRELUDE** "The Son of God Goes Forth to War" arr. Healey Willan

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Seek the Lord while He is to be found.

**People: Call upon God while He is near!**

Leader: Repent of unrighteous ways.

**People: It is never too late to turn to God!**

Leader: Get rid of evil thoughts.

**People: Let us turn to God, that God may have mercy on us!**

Leader: For God will pardon our sins and cleanse us of our transgressions.

**People: We come to worship our ever-present and faithful God.**

### **INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" **No. 127**

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: We come before you, O God, to confess what you already know.

**People: We live as good people in the eyes of the world, but we fall short in allowing You to guide us in the way we live.**

Leader: We fail to follow Your commandment to love.

**People: We twist the truth to justify our actions and prejudice.**

Leader: We fail to see the needs of others as we follow our own selfish will.

**People: We want to live in Your favor, but time and again are ashamed to witness to Your goodness and grace.**

Leader: We humbly bow before You, O God, asking for Your grace and pardon.

**People: Forgive us, Lord. Enter our hearts and cast out all the things that keep us from living fruitful lives of peace and service.**

*(A time of silent prayer and reflection)*

Leader: By the mercy of God, we are given another chance. God hears our cries. Turn again to the Lord. Find comfort and strength in the good news of the Gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

**MORNING PRAYER with THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, Which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF REFLECTION "Forever" Supplement No. 3023**

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor" arr. Larry Shackley**

**\*DOXOLOGY No. 95**

**GOSPEL READING Luke 13:1-9 Rev. Jane Taylor**

**ANTHEM "He Leadeth Me" Chancel Choir**

He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
What'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
By waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me:  
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

Lord, I would place my hand in Thine, nor ever murmur, nor repine;  
Content whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when by Thy grace, the victory's won,  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee; since God through Jordan leadeth me.

**SERMON "Are We Lost?" Rev. Jane Taylor**

**\*HYMN "There's A Wideness In God's Mercy" No. 121**

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary;  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

**\*A TIME FOR GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

**You Asked For It! Event 2 - March 6, 2016, 2:00 - 3:30 pm**

*At Munsey Memorial UMC*

*4 workshops offered: \*Claiming the Neighborhood*

*\*The World Made Visible*

*\*Worship During the Dog Days*

*\*Take Your Church on a Short Term Mission (& Still Sleep in Your Home Bed!)*

The District Strategic Planning Team continues our "You Asked For It!" series of events designed around the feedback you provided. In our second event, we will focus our workshops on Evangelism, Mission, and Worship. No pre-registration is necessary. Childcare is not provided. Event will take place in the Christian Life Center. Please park on the Roan Street and Water Street side of the church.

Join other church members of the District to learn, grow, and fellowship together. We have asked for more training events and our district has responded! **Help to not only give 1stChurch a presence to support our district but also to bring home new ideas and encouragement to make more and better disciples!**

**UMW NEWS:**

**Palm Sunday, MARCH 20 - UMW BAKE SALE!**

You are invited to bring some baked goods for the UMW to sale as well as take a few minutes to find something delicious to take home after making a donation to support the the United Methodist Women and their work around our church.

Also: Circle of Faith, Thursday, March 3, 10 am

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Clare Warren & family

Jane Eddy

Bonnie and Clay Marrs

Amy Dryburgh

Bobbie Wells

Aldon and Betty Speer

Chuck Short

Sue McGaha

Jaimee Norman

Vivian Eckerson

Tom Palmer and family

Carroll Waterbury

Mark Dollar

Mary McClellan

Barbara Marrs

Sue Zabala

Linda Stanley

Carrie Denny

Jerry Elliot

Darrell Wayne Tilson

Helen Tilson

Jim Brant

Nancy Jewell

Jessica Higginbotham

Dillon Aagenes

Helen Holyfield

Sara Jane Jones

Susan Ready

Catherine Cartus

Betty Gouge

Judy Rust

**Feb. 28, 2016 Prayer Requests**

**Publish in bulletin? \_\_Y \_\_N**

Requested by:

**Photo-a-Day Journey for Lent 2016**

It's enjoyable focusing on words and images during Lent. Join us! A word has been assigned to each day to help participants focus attention on the Lenten season. Even if you choose not to take photos, check the pictures, words and thoughts submitted by others on our Facebook page or website. We also will show them on screen before church. Consider sending a photo of your own. You do not need to be a professional photographer. The words for this week are:

**Sun - celebrate      Thurs - power**  
**Mon - thirst        Fri - help**  
**Tues - witness     Sat - endure**  
**Wed - found**

**Coming Up Mid March: Youth Retreats!**

**Girl's Retreat & Boy's Retreat**

**See Lisa Reis for more information.**

**Senior Adult Gathering**

**District Event**

**April 14, 10:00 am**

Location: Munsey Memorial UMC  
Devotion, Music, Worship,  
& Luncheon - more information on  
church website, district website, and  
flyers located around the church.

Please register for event for lunch.

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