

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 2/11: SOUPer Bowl Sunday Lunch
- ◆ 2/13: Men's Bible Study (7:15), Women's Bible Study (1:00)
- ◆ 2/14: Ash Wednesday: dinner (5:30), service (6:30)
- ◆ 2/20: Church Council (6:00)
- ◆ 2/22: Salvation Army tour (10:00)
- ◆ 2/24: Food Pantry & Clare's Closet
- ◆ 3/23: Easter Egg-Stravaganza
- ◆ 4/6: UMW Brunch

**SAVE THE DATE!** On April 6, there will be a UMW brunch hosted by the Circle of Friends. More details will be provided soon.

**Kids Crafternoon Fun!** Right after worship today, children and their families are invited to the fellowship hall for games and crafts following the SOUPer Bowl Sunday potluck lunch.

### Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of February, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are canned foods: chicken, tuna, salmon, spam, fruit, and soup. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Novice Gross

### Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams  
Gina Billings  
Bob & Carla Brown  
Catherine Cartus  
Karl Cavanary  
Vernon Crawford  
Eddie Deakins  
Jackie Denny  
Paul Duncan  
Phyllis Eckerson  
Vivian Eckerson  
Tom Eorgan  
Cecilia Fleckstein  
The Foster Family  
Jim Furches  
Betty & Earl Gouge  
Nora & Tony Haynes  
Family of Anakin Hoyle  
Scott Huff  
Keith & Jean Jones  
Joyce Josie  
Deni Kiehl  
Tammy Kosa  
Linda Kostreva  
Karen Martin  
Family of Bonnie Marrs  
Bob & Wanda May  
Kent & Midge Merrill  
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken  
Tom Palmer  
Ruby Payne  
Bob & Athena Peebles  
Carolyn Peebles  
Bobby Seay  
Family of Greg Simmons  
John Staley  
Mike Terry  
J.D. Toth  
John & Susan Trotter  
Anna Grace West  
Manna House



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

**Prelude** "Be Thou My Vision" Arr. Craig Phillips

### First Things First

### Call to worship

Leader: Our God has called us to go to the mountaintop.

**People: In faith, we will follow where God would have us go.**

Leader: Our God offers us words of wisdom and healing love.

**People: With gratitude, we open ourselves to God's truth and guidance.**

Leader: Our God offers us hope and abundant life.

**People: With joy, we offer our hearts and lives to the living Christ.**

### Invocation

**Hymn of Praise** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #103

### Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Our Father, You have revealed Yourself to us and called us to radiate Your glory and love through words, deeds, and disposition.

**People: We confess, however, that our lives often conceal rather than reveal Your glory.**

Leader: If we conceal Your mercy through hard and unforgiving attitudes, please forgive us.

**People:** If we conceal Your love because our eyes are veiled through prejudice and intolerance, please forgive us.

Leader: If we conceal Your justice through our failure to empower those who are powerless, please forgive us.

**People:** If we conceal Your compassion through our indifference to those who are hurting and wounded, please forgive us.

Leader: By Your spirit, cleanse us of any shameful attitudes of mind and heart.

**People:** Renew us, so that our lives may reveal Your glory to all Your children.

*(a time for personal reflection)*

Leader: God knows us and showers us with mercy that will never end. My friends, let us shine God's love into the world as we rest our faith on the good news of the Gospel:

**People:** In Jesus Christ, we are loved, forgiven, and freed to try again. Thanks be to God! AMEN

**New Testament Reading** Revelation 21:1-4, 22-27, 9:8-11

**Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn of Reflection** "Christ, whose Glory Fills the Skies" #173

**Mission Moment**

**Doxology** #94

**Gospel Reading** Mark 9:2-8

**Anthem** "Jesus, Light of the world"

**Sermon** "The Shining Son" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

**Hymn of Commitment** "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Screen

**Benediction**

### Benediction Response

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You  
I want to see You, I want to see You

We extend our sympathies to Bree Rhea and family in the unexpected loss of her young nephew, Anakin Hoyle, on January 30.

Right after worship today, we will have a potluck soup lunch in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to join us!

The UMW is hosting a visit & Tour of the Salvation Army on Thursday, February 22 from 10:00-11:00 am. Learn what services this organization provides, who it serves, what the new construction is all about, and more! Meet there (204 W. Walnut St.), or park in the church lot and walk over or carpool. So that we can provide an estimated number attending, please text or call (423)433-9049 and leave a message or email the church at office@1stchurchjc.org

The annual community Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 23 from 10:00-12:00. Donations of candy or other treats to fill eggs are needed. Volunteers are also needed for setup, clean up, and during the event. The Outreach Team will have sign up sheets.

### wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: Ash Wednesday Service

Menu: meatloaf, green beans, potatoes, salad, bread, dessert

Dinner begins at 5:30 and classes begin at 6:30.

Please make reservations by **Monday, 2/12 at noon** by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

*Offering boxes are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.*