

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 2/20: Men's Bible Study (7:15)
Women's Bible Study (1:00),
Church Council (6:00)
- ◆ 2/21: Wednesday Nighter (5:30)
- ◆ 2/22: Salvation Army tour (10:00)
- ◆ 2/24: Food Pantry & Clare's Closet
- ◆ 3/2: ETSU Benefit Concert (7:00)
- ◆ 3/23: Easter Egg-Stravaganza
- ◆ 4/6: UMW Brunch

The UMW tour of the Salvation Army is this Thursday from 10-11 am. Meet there or meet in the church parking lot and walk over or carpool.

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

First Church will host Camp in the Community the week of July 1-5. camp is open to rising kindergarten-8th grade. Registration will open in March.

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: Nancy Campbell

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
Gina Billings
Laurie Blayney
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
Casey Hamrick
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
Steve Uelhof
Anna Grace West
Manna House



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Prelude

First Things First

Call to worship

Leader: O come and magnify the Lord with me.

People: Let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

Leader: Those who serve the Lord will be redeemed.

People: Those who take refuge in the Lord will never be condemned.

Leader: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

People: Blessed are those who put their trust in God.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Your Grace is Enough" Screen

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: O God, we run to You, seeking to obtain eternal life.

People: You mark us as Your own and charge us with lives of service.

Leader: Your promise us blessings and purpose,

People: but we do not trust Your words.

Leader: We cling to what we already know.

People: We trust in what we can see and touch.

Leader: Forgive us when we live as if success were our worthiest goal.

People: Forgive us when we live as if independence were our highest virtue.

Leader: Give us enough faith to lay down anything that separates us from You.

People: Overwhelm us with Your love, that we may do Your will, and thus, inherit eternal life.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: On our own, we fall short of God's purpose and desire; but with faith in God, all things are possible. So rejoice and believe the good news of the Gospel:

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

New Testament Reading Philippians 3:4-16

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Lord, who Throughout These Forty Days" #269

Mission Moment

Doxology #95

Gospel Reading Mark 10:17-31

Anthem "It is Well with My Soul"

Sermon "Journey to Jerusalem" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "Take My Life" #399

Benediction

Benediction Response

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 2 at 7 pm in the FUMC sanctuary: ETSU Music Department (Keyboard/Piano) Benefit Concert. Dr. Eva Pogar and six students will present a piano concert to raise travel funds for attendance at a national conference in Atlanta. Please join us for this special event and help support our local ETSU students!

Our church needs additional monitors for our Sunday services. The monitors serve approximately 4 times within a 3 month period (with others) to lock a specific door and greet late attendees. If interested, please contact Jim Heaton or a current monitor.

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: The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

Menu: spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert

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

Please make reservations by **Monday, 2/19 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.