

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams	Jason Mills
Family of Aurora	Family of Ophelia
M B	Olson
Nicole Blevins	Don Parsons
Family of Alan	Joanne Peterson
Chapman	Robin Potter
Kathy & Eddie Deakins	Donna Robbins
Alan Demascus	Hannah Sage
Phyllis Eckerson	Russell Scholz
Art & Vivian Eckerson	Rebecca Smith
Tom Eorgan	Tommy Thomson
Clint Ferguson	Fred Tucker
Terri Fleenor	Family of Katie Walker
Family of Wayne Flint	Family of Grier
Jim Furches	Washam
Tony Gentry	Anna Grace West
Jennifer Greene	Manna House

New Additions:

Scott Huff
Tricia Huffman
Johnny & Peggy
Humphreys
Keith & Jean Jones
Anna Kapoor
Linda Kostreva
Family of Bob May
Dave McGaha
Jim & CarolAnne
Milliken



Submit a prayer request.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 2/1: Leadership Training and Trustee Meeting (11:30)
- 2/1 Outreach Committee Meeting (11:30)
- 2/8: Souper Bowl Sunday Lunch (11:30)
- 2/11: Middle School Pickup
- 2/14: Men's Breakfast (9:00)
- 2/18: Ash Wednesday Service (6:30) following Dinner (5:30)
- 2/28: Food Pantry & Clare's Closet (9:30)



Full Church
Calendar



Submit an announcement
request.

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

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 25, 2026
Third Sunday after Epiphany



WORSHIP GUIDE

PRELUDE

"How Great Thou Art"

Arr. Fred Bock

FIRST THINGS FIRST

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is merciful and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The Lord hears the cries of those who call out in distress

Leader: We were once far from God and dead in sin.

People: But now, by God's grace, we are made whole.

Leader: The Lord of Life is lifted up on high!

People: As we worship, let us look on Him and live!

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

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CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God of life and light, we would like to be transformed in Your image,

People: but our pride and privilege keep us from yielding to Your will.

Leader: We desire to be fountains of hope for others,

People: but we use our time to pursue our own interests and goals.

Leader: We long to stand with those who are in need,

People: but we are judgmental and withhold our generosity.

Leader: Forgive us, Loving God, and walk with us.

People: Renew our hearts by Your grace, so that by our faith, Your love may become evident to everyone we meet.

(A time for personal reflection)

Leader: Christ came into the world not to condemn us, but to save us. Whoever believes in Him will not be judged. Trust in God's love, and live in the good news of the Gospel:

People: In the saving work of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to try again. Thanks be to God. Amen!

OLD TESTAMENT READING Numbers 21:4-9

MORNING PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF REFLECTION Screen
"Lead Me To the Cross"

MISSION MOMENT

DOXOLOGY #94

GOSPEL READING John 3:14-21

ANTHEM
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

SERMON Rev. Jodie Ihfe

"Life from the Lifted One"

HYMN OF COMMITMENT #159

"Lift High the Cross"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
His sacred name.*

POSTLUDE Arr. Michael Burkhardt

"Lift High the Cross"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leadership training has been postponed until Sunday, February 1st in anticipation of the extreme weather.

On Sunday, February 8 we will have our annual Souper Bowl Sunday Soup Lunch right after worship! Bring a pot of your favorite soup or chili to share with the congregation and a can of soup to donate to the First UMC Food Pantry.

Ash Wednesday is February 18. Wednesday night classes will not meet in lieu of an Ash Wednesday service. Dinner is still at 5:30.

The United Methodist Women will be hosting their annual Craft & Bake Sale on Sunday, April 19.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: The Gospel of John

Menu: Ham (or Chicken), Broccoli, Roasted Potatoes, Salad, Bread, Dessert

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

Please make reservations by Monday, 1/26 at noon by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

Clare's Closet continues during all Food Pantry Saturdays through March. The collection box is in the connector for donations of **new or gently used winter wear:** coats, hats, gloves, hoodies, and scarves.

Food Pantry Items - January

- Laundry Detergent
- Canned Foods with pop-tops
- Dish Detergent
- Crackers in sleeves

Help your neighbors in need.

Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector