

Prayer List

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

New Additions:

Joanne Hoke
Scott Huff
Tricia Huffman
Johnny & Peggy
Humphreys
Keith & Jean Jones
Anna Kapoor
Linda Kostreva
Timothy Livesay
Family of Bob May
Dave McGaha



Submit a prayer request.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 2/1: Leadership Training and Trustee Meeting (POSTPONED)
- 2/8: Souper Bowl Sunday Lunch (11:30)
- 2/10: Church Council Meeting (6:00)
- 2/11: Middle School Pickup
- 2/14: Men's Breakfast (9:00)
- 2/18: Nurture Team Meeting (10:30)
- 2/18: Ash Wednesday Service (6:30) following Dinner (5:30)
- 2/22: Pastor Steve Send Off (11:30)
- 2/22: JC Youth Ignite (6:00)
- 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, February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



WORSHIP GUIDE

PRELUDE

Settings by Larry Visser

"Be Thou My Vision"

FIRST THINGS FIRST

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul.

People: I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob.

People: Their hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth,

Leader: Who executes justice for the oppressed, and opens the eyes of the blind,

People: Who loves the righteous, and watches over the strangers.

Leader: The Lord will reign for all generations.

People: We will praise the Lord forever.

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE #368 vs. 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God of all, You have opened our eyes to the light of Your truth and wisdom.

People: We confess that we prefer to live in the shadows of our own desires.

Leader: You have called us to proclaim Your goodness to all people.

People: In fear and judgement, we turn from our neighbors, and the suffering they endure.

Leader: You have shown us how to dance through life with compassion and grace.

People: In pride we defend our beliefs and exaggerate our differences.

Leader: Free us from the darkness we create and lead us back to Your light.

People: Let Your love shine in us, so that everyone may see and know the joy of Your love, light, and salvation.

(A time for personal reflection)

Leader: In love, God gave us tongues to sing God's praise, and hands to do God's work. Live in love, and share the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and freed to try again. Thanks be to God. Amen!

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 42:1-9

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN OF REFLECTION #451
"Be Thou My Vision"

MISSION MOMENT

DOXOLOGY #94

ANTHEM
"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

GOSPEL READING John 9:1-41

SERMON Rev. Jodie Ifhe
"A New Way to See"

HYMN OF COMMITMENT Screen
"Way Maker"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness
my God that is who You are
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my God that is who You are
That is who You are, that is who You are*

POSTLUDE Alexander Guilmant
"Grand Triumphal Chorus"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a Church Council meeting on Tuesday, February 10 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The next Men's Breakfast will take place on Saturday, February 14 in the Fellowship Hall. It starts at 9:00am.

The ETSU Wesley Foundation is hosting a chili lunch next Sunday, February 15 from 11:30 to 2:00. This is one way they can show thanks to the community. There is no cost, but donations are always welcome.

Join us on February 22 in the parlor right after worship for a reception celebrating Pastor Steve and his years of service to this church.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: Final Words from the Cross

Menu: Ham, Broccoli, Potatoes, Salad, Bread, Dessert

Dinner begins at 5:30, classes begin at 6:30. Please make reservations by Monday, 2/9 at noon by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

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 a Craft & Bake Sale on Sunday, April 19.

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 - February

- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Detergent
- Toilet Paper
- Crackers in sleeves
- Canned Soup for the Souper Bowl Lunch

Help your neighbors in need.

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