

Prayer List

Jeff Abston Family of Halie-Ann
Randy & Pat Adams Rex
Nicole Blevins Russell Scholz
The Bryja Family Rebecca Smith
Kathy & Eddie Deakins Tommy Thomson
Alan Demascus Fred Tucker
Phyllis Eckerson Anna Grace West
Art & Vivian Eckerson Manna House
Tom Eorgan
Clint Ferguson
Terri Fleenor
Family of Wayne Flint
Jim Furches
Tony Gentry
Jennifer Greene
Karen Hall
Hannah Hensley
Joanne Hoke
Scott Huff
Tricia Huffman
Johnny & Peggy Humphreys
Keith & Jean Jones
Anna Kapoor
Linda Kostreva
Timothy Livesay
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken
Jason Mills
Don Parsons
Robin Potter
Donna Robbins

New Additions:



Submit a prayer request.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 3/1: Leadership Training (11:30)
- 3/4: Middle School Pick-Up (3:00)
- 3/5: Circle of Faith Meeting (10:00)
- 3/14: Men's Breakfast (9:00)
- 3/15: Senior High Sunday Funday (5:00)
- 3/24: Circle of Hope Meeting (6:30)
- 3/29: Easter EGG-stravaganza (4:00)
- 4/2: UMW Executive Board Meeting (10:00)
- 4/2: UMW General Meeting (11:00)
- 4/11: Church-wide Cleanup Day at the Neighborhood Center (9:00)
- 4/19: UMW Spring Bake & Craft Sale (11:30)



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, March 1, 2026
Second Sunday in Lent



WORSHIP GUIDE

PRELUDE

Arr. by Craig Courtney

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

FIRST THINGS FIRST

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all whose souls thirst for the living God.

People: We come seeking assurance and hope.

Leader: Come, all who are grieving or feeling oppressed.

People: We come seeking healing and relief.

Leader: Come, all who carry doubts and fears.

People: We come seeking truth and light.

Leader: Come and let the peace of God settle among us.

People: We will trust in the Lord, and rest on God's unfailing love.

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE #138
"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
 Leader: Holy God, We confess that we have sinned against You and our neighbors.
People: We know how often our thirst for worldly things outweighs our thirst for You.
 Leader: Forgive us when our need turns into greed.
People: Forgive us when our abundance turns into gluttony.
 Leader: Forgive us when our comfort turns into laziness.
People: Forgive us when our empathy turns into apathy.
 Leader: Forgive us when our privilege turns into pride.
People: Forgive us when our self-righteousness turns into judgment.
 Leader: Forgive us when our actions cause pain, hardship, and division.
People: Come drench our lives with Your grace, so that we may be moved to follow You in the paths of service and love.
(A time for personal reflection)
 Leader: God hears the cries of those who humbly confess and offers them abundant life, so, hear and live into 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 Psalm 42

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN OF REFLECTION Screen
"As the Deer"

MISSION MOMENT

DOXOLOGY #95

GOSPEL READING John 19:28-29

ANTHEM
"Let Me Thirst with You"

SERMON Rev. Jodie Ifhe
"Paradise"

HYMN OF COMMITMENT Screen
"All Who Are Thirsty"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE
We sing
Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come

POSTLUDE Arr. by Albin Whitworth
"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The churchwide Leadership Training has been rescheduled for today right after worship. We will meet in the fellowship hall for lunch before getting started.

Sunday, March 29 starting at 4pm is our Easter EGG-stravaganza, and we need your help. We are collecting bags of *individually wrapped* candy and other small items to fill Easter eggs the next several weeks.

If you wish to help with the Easter event, fill out one of the slips located inside this bulletin and place it in the Easter baskets located in the Narthex

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: Final Words from the Cross

Menu: Pork Loin, Potatoes, Peas, Bread, Salad, Dessert

Dinner begins at 5:30, classes begin at 6:30. Please make reservations by Monday, 3/2 at noon by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

SAVE THE DATES:

- June 8-12 - Youth Mission Week. Contact Pastor Gary for more information.
- June 22-26 - Camp in the Community. Contact Pastor Jodie for more information.
- July 14 - Senior Adult Trip to see *Guys and Dolls* at Barter Theatre. Registration deadline is May 1. Contact Nancy Campbell for more information.

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
- Crackers in sleeves
- Dish Detergent
- Toilet Paper

Help your neighbors in need.

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