

### 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  
Calvin McMann  
Jim & CarolAnne  
Milliken  
Jason Mills  
Don Parsons  
Robin Potter

### New Additions:

Johnathan Lilly and  
Family



Submit a prayer request.

### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 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)
- 4/2: Holy Week Dinner (5:30)  
and Worship (6:30)
- 4/5: Easter Breakfast (9:00)  
and Worship (10:30)
- 4/11: Neighborhood Center Cleanup (9:00)
- 4/19: UMW Spring Bake & Craft Sale (11:30)
- 4/19: Sunday Funday Youth outing



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 15, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

## WORSHIP GUIDE

### PRELUDE

Arr. by Joel Raney

*"Were You There?"*

### FIRST THINGS FIRST

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's grace surrounds us every day.

**People: God stands with us in our times of trouble.**

Leader: God shows compassion to all who are weak and downtrodden

**People: God offers healing mercies and hope to all who are lost and troubled.**

Leader: Praise God, who provides for our needs and brings us peace.

**People: With expectant hearts, we come to worship the God of grace.**

### INVOCATION

**HYMN OF PRAISE** Screen  
"Jesus Messiah"

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Holy God, from our beginning, You have swaddled us in Your unfailing love.

**People: Every day You generously offer us Your compassion and mercy.**

Leader: We confess that in uncertain times, we forget that You are with us,

**People: We confess that in times of trouble, we wonder if You really care.**

Leader: Shattered hopes and dreams overwhelm us with sorrow.

**People: Painful situations make us feel angry, fearful, and abandoned.**

Leader: We look for help everywhere but in You.

**People: We question Your desire to meet our needs.**

Leader: Forgive us when our faith falters, and open our eyes to the beauty of Your presence.

**People: Free us from our fears, comfort our souls, and guide us in paths of peace.**

*(A time for personal reflection)*

Leader: God knows our hearts and looks on us with mercy. God will never leave us or forsake us. My Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

**People: Forgiveness and abundant life are ours in Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen!**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 22

**MORNING PRAYER**

**HYMN OF REFLECTION** #289  
"Ah, Holy Jesus"

**MISSION MOMENT**

**DOXOLOGY** #95

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 15:25-36

**ANTHEM**

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

**SERMON** Rev. Jodie Ihfe  
"Forsaken"

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT** Screen  
"You Are My King/Amazing Love"

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Amazing love, how can it be  
That You my King would die for me  
Amazing love, I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You  
In all I do, I honor You  
In all I do, I honor You  
In all I do, Let me honor You*

**POSTLUDE** P. Rasmussen  
"Postlude in C Major"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Easter EGG-stravaganza**

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 and looking for volunteers to assist with set-up, clean-up, and assisting guest during the event.

**Sunday FunDay**

The Senior High Sunday Funday is tonight! Make sure to arrive at the church by 5pm. The cost is \$10. Wear or bring appropriate footwear and clothing for laser tag and trampolining.

**Wednesday Night Fellowship**

There is no Wednesday Nighter this week due to Spring Break. We will resume next week on March 25.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

- May 17 - Grad Recognition Sunday & Potluck Lunch.
- 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.
- June 24 - Night at the Ballpark
- 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 - March**

- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Detergent
- Toilet Paper
- Crackers in sleeves
- Pop-Top Canned Foods

Help your neighbors in need.

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