

## Prayer List

Jeff Abston	Don Parsons
Randy & Pat Adams	Robin Potter
Nicole Blevins	Family of Halie-Ann
The Bryja Family	Rex
Kathy & Eddie Deakins	Russell Scholz
Alan Demascus	Rebecca Smith
Phyllis Eckerson	Tommy Thomson
Art & Vivian Eckerson	Fred Tucker
Tom Eorgan	Anna Grace West
Clint Ferguson	Manna House
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	
Johnathan Lilly and Family	
Timothy Livesay	
Calvin McMann	
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken	
Jason Mills	

## 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)
- 4/21: Church Council Meeting (6:00)



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 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent



## WORSHIP GUIDE

### PRELUDE

Setting by Dale Wood

*"Hymn for Lent"*

### FIRST THINGS FIRST

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord at all times.

**People: God is with us wherever we may go.**

Leader: Rest in the Lord, and do not worry.

**People: God is faithful, and will never leave us.**

Leader: Praise God, who holds us close and gives us peace.

**People: We will trust in the Lord, our refuge and strength.**

### INVOCATION

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

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## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Almighty God, You have redeemed us and called us to be Your people.

**People: We confess that our fears and doubts cause us to question Your faithfulness.**

Leader: We complain when our comfortable lives are disrupted.

**People: We wonder where You are when we are plagued with problems.**

Leader: We hoard Your blessings, and worry that we will never have enough.

**People: We rely on our limited wisdom too much, and Your perfect wisdom too little.**

Leader: Forgive us, and help us place ourselves in Your loving hands.

**People: Remind us of Your constant care, and guide us Your ways of grace and love.**

*(A time for personal reflection)*

Leader: Nothing can separate us from the love of God. Be humble; be grateful; and believe 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 31:1-5, 19-24

## MORNING PRAYER

**HYMN OF REFLECTION** #534  
*"Be Still My Soul"*

## MISSION MOMENT

**DOXOLOGY** #95

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 23:46

**ANTHEM**  
*"Beloved, Let Us Love One Another"*

**SERMON** Rev. Jodie Ifhe  
*"Spirit"*

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT** Screen  
*"Never Let Go"*

## BENEDICTION

### BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Oh no You never let go  
Through the calm and through the storm  
Oh no You never let go  
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low  
Oh no You never let go  
Lord You never let go of me*

**POSTLUDE** J. S. Bach  
*"Prelude in E Minor"*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Easter EGG-stravaganza**

Sunday, March 29 starting at 4pm is our annual 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.

### **Church-wide Cleanup Day**

The United Methodist Women are organizing a cleanup day for the Neighborhood Center. This will take place on Saturday, April 11 beginning at 9am. Bring your cleaning supplies and a can-do attitude and join us for this day of service.

### **Church Council**

The next church council meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00pm, NOT on April 14.

## **Wednesday Night Fellowship**

Program: Final Words from the Cross OR Walking Group

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

Dinner begins at 5:30, classes begin at 6:30.  
*Please make reservations by Monday, 3/23 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 - 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