Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ Today: Confirmation Class (11:30), Coffee Minute (11:30), Kids Crafternoon (11:30)
- April 4: Women's Bible Study (1:00)
- April 6: Maundy Thursday meal (5:45) & worship (6:30), choir practice (7:30)
- April 9: Easter Breakfast (9:00) & worship (10:30)

On Easter Sunday, April 9, breakfast will be served beginning at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall. The Easter Breakfast has traditionally been hosted by the men of the church. If you would like to help cook and serve, contact Drew Cradic at drew1909@hotmail.com

The UMW is holding a silent auction for a full-sized hand made quilt. The starting bid is \$300, and the bidding sheet is located in the parlor. Bidding will close on Sunday, May 14.

Registration for Camp in the Community is now open. Camp will be June 12-16. Visit www.1stchurchjc.org/camp to register or for more information.

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of April, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are canned fruit, applesauce, & canned chicken. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Karl Kapoor

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams Alice & Terry Berkson Erma Budd Rhett Byrne Family of Bruce Carson Catherine Cartus Marian Cocke Rvan Cradic Vernon Crawford Jackie Denny Charlotte Diehl Paul Duncan Phvllis Eckerson Vivian Eckerson Linda Edwards Family of Phyllis Eorgan Cecelia Fleckstein Jim Furches Betty & Earl Gouge Dalton Gough Crvstal Grav Mendy Hall Steve & Beverly Harris Nora & Tony Havnes The Hrenda family Scott Huff Joyce Josie Wiley Keller Mike Kellum Deni Kiehl Linda Kostreva Hope Lee Sally Lee Bob Lentz Luanne Love Family of Barbara Marrs Wanda Mav David McElveen Jim Milliken Family of Johnny Moore Brenda Murphy Steve Murray Tom Palmer Ruby Payne Bob & Athena Peebles Carolvn Peeples Tim Riddle Steven Schmidt Louise Scott Mike Scott Ed Searcey JD Toth Chloe Vanhuss Crystal Vines Ina Sue Watkins Anna Grace West Dara Wilde

Manna House



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP GUIDE SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 PALM SUNDAY

First Things First

Prelude "All Glory, Laud and Honor" Arr. David Paxton

Call to Worship

Leader: The sounds of hope and victory fill the air!

Youth: Hosanna to the Son of David!

Adults: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: The humble King comes to us, riding on a donkey!

Youth: Hosanna to the Son of David!

Adults: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Wave your palms, for your salvation has come!

Youth: Wave your palms! Dance and sing!

All: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord!

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Who Is He Who Comes In Triumph?" #3082

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear us, Holy God, as we bow before You in sorrow and repentance.

People: Lord Jesus, we are a fickle people, quick to sing Your praise and quick to doubt.

Leader: We flock to You when all is well, but are prone to scatter when our faith is challenged or criticized.

People: Too often we have kept silent when given opportunities to witness to Your goodness and grace.

Leader: It is easy to join the crowd as You ride triumphantly into Jerusalem- singing our joys and expectations, dancing around with our hopes and dreams;

People: it is far more difficult to stand by You as the crowd cries for Your crucifixion.

Leader: Forgive our weakness when we turn our eyes and walk away.

People: Strengthen us for the journey ahead as we relive Your suffering and death, so that we might stay beside You to the end. Give us the courage to shout our hosannas, not only today, but each and every day.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: When we are weak, God sustains us. When we struggle, God guides our path. God's love endures forever. Stand firm on 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

Leviticus 16:29-34

Morning Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" #294 Verses 1, 2, 3, & 5 Mission Moment

Doxology #95

New Testament Reading Matthew 27:35-54

Anthem "How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

Sermon "The Crucifixion" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Celebration of Holy Communion

Hymn of Commitment "The Wonderful Cross" On Screen

Benediction

Benediction Response

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name

On Sunday, April 23 during the Sunday School hour, Pastor Jodie will be hosting a conversation about the state of the United Methodist Church and a recap of the called April 22 Annual Conference. Individuals and classes are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion beginning at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

Save the Date

 \Rightarrow Holy Week Service: April 6, 6:30 pm

 \Rightarrow Easter Breakfast & Worship: April 9

 \Rightarrow Church work day: April 15

 \Rightarrow Camp in the Community: June 12-16

Thursday Night Fellowship

Program: Maundy Thursday Service

Menu: spaghetti, fruit, salad, bread, dessert

Dinner begins at 5:45 and the worship service begins at 6:30.

Please make reservations by Monday, 4/3 at noon by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

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