

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 4/25: Women's Bible Study (1:00)
Circle of Hope (6:30)
- ◆ 4/26: Wednesday Night (5:45),
choir practice (7:30)
- ◆ 4/30: 5th Sunday Breakfast

Today, we are beginning a new worship series on the Sermon on the Mount called "welcome to the Kingdom of Heaven." We encourage you to read Matthew 5-7 on your own during this 5 week series.

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 paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, toothbrushes, & toothpaste. In addition, the food pantry can always use canned meat & canned fruit. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Judy Cook

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
Alice & Terry Berkson
Erma Budd
Rhett Byrne
Family of Bruce Carson
Catherine Cartus
Marian Cocke
Ryan Cradic
Vernon Crawford
Jackie Denny
Charlotte Diehl
Paul Duncan
Phyllis Eckerson
Vivian Eckerson
Linda Edwards
Cecilia Fleckstein
Jim Furches
Bob Gore
Betty & Earl Gouge
Dalton Gough
Crystal Gray
Mendy Hall
Steve & Beverly Harris
Nora & Tony Haynes
The Hrenda family
Scott Huff
Joyce Josie
Wiley Keller
Family of Mike Kellum
Deni Kiehl
Linda Kostreva
Aubrey Lee
Hope Lee
Bob Lentz
Luanne Love
Katie Mahoney
Family of Barbara Marrs
Wanda May
David McElveen
Jim Milliken
Family of Johnny Moore
Brenda Murphy
Steve Murray
Tom Palmer
Ruby Payne
Bob & Athena Peebles
Carolyn Peebles
Tim Riddle
Steven Schmidt
Louise Scott
Ed Searcey
JD Toth
Chloe Vanhuss
Crystal Vines
Ina Sue Watkins
Anna Grace West
Dara Wilde
Manna House
Nashville shooting victims
Tornado victims



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

First Things First

Prelude "Morning Has Broken" Arr. Larry Shackley

Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those who worship the Lord and delight
in God's precepts.

People: They rise before dawn as a light to the upright.

Leader: They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

People: They shine their light before others for all the
world to see.

Leader: They will never be moved.

People: Let this be our worship.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" #160

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God of compassion, we easily become overwhelmed by
the struggles of life.

People: We hunger and thirst for righteousness, but find
ourselves feeling empty and alone.

Leader: We grieve in seasons of loss, feeling hopeless and alone.

People: We want to show mercy, but we hold on to old resentments.

Leader: We want to be pure in heart, but our motives are dishonest and self-serving.

People: We want to make peace, but we criticize, slander, and judge.

Leader: Forgive us when we gladly receive Your blessings, but fail to offer blessings to those around us.

People: Come with Your wisdom and guide us in Your ways, that we may become salt for an unsavory world and light for those who have lost their way.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Once again, God looks on us with love and mercy, blessing us with acceptance and life. My friends, gratefully and humbly receive 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 119:1-8

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Beatitude Hymn" On Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

New Testament Reading Matthew 4:23-5:16

Anthem "Let Your Light Shine"

Sermon "Blessings, Seasoning, & Light" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "All the People Said Amen" On Screen

Benediction

Benediction Response

And all the people said amen

And all the people said amen

Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends

And all the people said amen

And all the people said amen

The Nominations meeting originally scheduled for today has been canceled.

The Circle of Hope will meet Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 pm at the Hunters Lake Clubhouse. Janice Moore is the host and the co-host is Ann Mohap. The program will be provided by Miriam Robinson.

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: ⇒ Fifth Sunday Breakfast: April 30
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: ⇒ Graduate recognition & potluck lunch: May 21
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: ⇒ Camp in the Community: June 12-16
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Save the Date

wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: The Sermon on the Mount: A Beginners Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven

Menu: ham, green beans, potatoes, salad, bread, & dessert

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

Please make reservations by **Monday, 4/24 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.