

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 1/30: Men's Bible Study (7:15), Women's Bible Study (1:00)
- ◆ 1/31: Wednesday Nighter (5:30)
- ◆ 2/4: Coffee & Cocoa (11:30)
- ◆ 2/10: Men's Breakfast (9:00)
- ◆ 2/11: SOUPer Bowl Sunday Lunch
- ◆ 2/14: Ash Wednesday
- ◆ 2/20: Church Council (6:00)
- ◆ 2/24: Food Pantry & Clare's Closet

The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, February 10 at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

The Circle of Faith will attend the 11:00 UMW General Meeting on February 1 in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a luncheon at noon hosted by the Circle of Hope. We will not have a regular February meeting.

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of January, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are toilet paper, laundry detergent, and boxes of crackers in sleeves. 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: Ben Peeples

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
Gina Billings
Bob & Carla Brown
Catherine Cartus
Karl Cavanary
Family of Steve Cochran
Penny Cole
Steve Cradic
Vernon Crawford
Eddie Deakins
Jackie Denny
Paul Duncan
Phyllis Eckerson
Vivian Eckerson
Tom Eorgan
Cecilia Fleckstein
Jim Furches
Mary Goodwin
Bob Gore
Betty & Earl Gouge
Nora & Tony Haynes
Cindy Holmes
Scott Huff
Keith & Jean Jones
Joyce Josie
Deni Kiehl
Tammy Kosa
Linda Kostreva
Karen Martin
Family of Bonnie Marrs
Bob & Wanda May
Kent & Midge Merrill
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken
Tom Palmer
Ruby Payne
Bob & Athena Peeples
Carolyn Peeples
Bobby Seay
Family of Greg Simmons
Bill Spence
John Staley
Mike Terry
John & Susan Trotter
Anna Grace West
Manna House



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

Prelude "Dear Lord & Father of Mankind" Arr. Larry Shackley

First Things First

Call to worship

Leader: Come, all who are broken and burdened.

People: There is healing in God's touch.

Leader: Come, all who are fearful and uncertain.

People: There is comfort in God's embrace.

Leader: Come, all who are angry and alone.

People: There is peace in God's presence.

Leader: Come as you are, for our loving God is waiting.

People: We open our hearts to the living God, who redeems us and makes us new.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #155

V. 1, 2, 4, & 6

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Merciful God, You shower us with blessings and opportunities to know Your grace.

People: Still, O Lord, we trust Your promises and pray for blessings we can hold and own.

Leader: You call us to leave our selfish ways and follow
Your call to compassion.

People: Still, O Lord, we choose shallow belief over
transformative faith.

Leader: You have told us that Your love is enough.

People: Still, O Lord, we choose fear over faith, hiding
behind the illusion that we can survive on our own.

Leader: In Your mercy, forgive our sinful ways.

People: Free us from our past, and make us part of Your
new creation, so that we may live faithful, just,
and generous lives to the glory of Your holy name.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: For our sake, God made the One who knew no sin to
be sin, so that in Him we might become the
righteousness of God. Rejoice and believe the good
news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God and
freed to try again. Thanks be to God! AMEN

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Amazing Grace/Chains" Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

Gospel Reading Mark 5:1-20

Anthem "Jubilate Deo! Come and worship the Lord!"

Sermon "Grace in the Gerasenes" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "Chain Breaker" Screen

Benediction

Benediction Response

If you've got pain He's a pain taker
If you feel lost He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains He's a chain breaker
Oh if you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains, well He's a chain breaker

On Sunday, February 11, we will have a potluck soup lunch after worship. Please plan to bring a pot of soup or chili (or bread or dessert) to share, and fellowship with church friends. We will also be collecting canned soups during January & February to use in our food pantry. A sign up sheet will be available on Sundays for people to sign up for what they want to bring.

The UMW is hosting a visit & Tour of the Salvation Army on Thursday, February 22 from 10:00-11:00 am. Learn what services this organization provides, who it serves, what the new construction is all about, and more! Meet there (204 w. walnut St.), or park in the church lot and walk over or carpool. So that we can provide an estimated number attending, please text or call (423)433-9049 and leave a message or email the church at office@1stchurchjc.org

wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: The Gospel of Mark

Menu: vegetable beef soup, fruit, salad, bread, dessert

Dinner begins at 5:30 and classes begin at 6:30.

Please make reservations by **Monday, 1/29 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.