

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 2/4: Coffee & Cocoa (11:30)
- ◆ 2/6: Men's Bible Study (7:15), Women's Bible Study (1:00)
- ◆ 2/7: Wednesday Nighter (5:30)
- ◆ 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

Join us after worship today in the parlor for coffee and cocoa!

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

**Kids Crafternoon Fun!** Right after worship next Sunday, children and their families are invited to the fellowship hall for games and crafts following the SOUPer Bowl Sunday potluck lunch.

### Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of February, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are canned foods: chicken, tuna, salmon, spam, fruit, and soup. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Cathy Peeples

### Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams  
Gina Billings  
Bob & Carla Brown  
Catherine Cartus  
Karl Cavanary  
Vernon Crawford  
Eddie Deakins  
Jackie Denny  
Paul Duncan  
Phyllis Eckerson  
Vivian Eckerson  
Tom Eorgan  
Cecilia Fleckstein  
The Foster Family  
Jim Furches  
Betty & Earl Gouge  
Nora & Tony Haynes  
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  
John Staley  
Mike Terry  
J.D. Toth  
John & Susan Trotter  
Anna Grace West  
Manna House



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

**Prelude** "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" Arr. Donna Hustad

### First Things First

#### Call to worship

Leader: The table of God's grace is set before us.

**People:** At the table, God pours out compassion on the weak and downtrodden.

Leader: At the table, God feeds all who are hungry in body and spirit.

**People:** At the table, God lifts our burdens and gives us peace.

Leader: At the table, God refreshes those in need of true and abundant life.

**People:** At the table, we will worship the Lord, who is our hope and strength.

#### Invocation

**Hymn of Praise** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" #66

#### Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God of abundance, in Your hands, a meager offering of bread and fish became a feast to feed a multitude.

**People:** Still, O Lord, we doubt the abundance of Your grace.

Leader: Still, O Lord, we are hesitant to share the gifts we have.

**People:** Still, O Lord, we dismiss the pain of those who need our understanding, compassion, and care.

Leader: Still, O Lord, we wonder whether there is enough for all.

**People:** Forgive us, O Lord. Remove our doubts and increase our faith.

Leader: Transform our minds and free us to be more generous people.

**People:** Open our hearts to new expressions of love, for You are the giver of grace upon grace, the One who turns want into plenty.

*(a time for personal reflection)*

Leader: Rejoice! God's love us poured over you this day for healing, restoration, and hope. Feel the power of God's mercy in your life, as you remember the good news of the Gospel:

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

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 9:8-11

Morning Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "For the Beauty of the Earth" #92  
v. 1, 2, 4, & 6

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

Gospel Reading Mark 6:30-44

Anthem "Come to the Table"

Sermon "Miracle for the Multitude" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn "Remembrance"

Hymn of Commitment "Bigger Table" Screen

Benediction

Benediction Response

There's a house for the hungry, a well for the thirsty  
where all saints come together shoulder to shoulder  
A welcome for the traveler, new wine for the vineyard  
In all things God is able  
Love has a bigger table  
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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 Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

Menu: taco salad, dessert

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

Please make reservations by **Monday, 2/5 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.*