

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 3/3: Coffee & Cocoa (11:30), Eagle Scout Ceremony (2:00)
- ◆ 3/5: Men's Bible Study (7:15), Women's Bible Study (1:00)
- ◆ 3/6: Wednesday Nighter (5:30)
- ◆ 3/7: Circle of Faith (10:00)
- ◆ 3/23: Easter Egg-Stravaganza
- ◆ 4/6: UMW Brunch

The Circle of Faith will meet Thursday, March 7 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room.

Boy Scout Troop 36 invites the congregation to an Eagle Scout Ceremony held from 2-3 pm today in the sanctuary with a reception following. Our new Eagles, Abhradeep Chandra, Ayush Joshi, Ansh Patel and Neel Reddy thank you for the great support from church members and the use of your church for Troop 36 meetings over the years they have grown up in Scouting!

SAVE THE DATE! On April 6, there will be a UMW brunch hosted by the Circle of Friends. More details will be provided soon.

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of March, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are peanut butter, cereal, and toilet paper. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Dianna Boarman

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
Family of Charlee Blackburn
Laurie Blayney
Paul Bowman & family
Bob & Carla Brown
Catherine Cartus
Karl Cavanary
Finley & Judy Cook
Vernon Crawford
Eddie Deakins
Jackie Denny
Paul Duncan
Phyllis Eckerson
Vivian Eckerson
Tom Eorgan
Clint Ferguson
Cecilia Fleckstein
The Foster Family
Jim Furches
Betty & Earl Gouge
Casey Hamrick
Nora & Tony Haynes
Family of Anakin Hoyle
Scott Huff
Keith & Jean Jones
Joyce Josie
Deni Kiehl
Tammy Kosa
Linda Kostreva
Karen Martin
Bob & Wanda May
Kent & Midge Merrill
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken
Tom Palmer
Ruby Payne
Bob & Athena Peebles
Carolyn Peeples
Bonnie Sampson
Bobby Seay
Family of Greg Simmons
John Staley
Mike Terry
J.D. Toth
John & Susan Trotter
Steve Uelhof
Anna Grace West
Manna House



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SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Prelude "The Gift of Love" Arr. John Martin

First Things First

Call to worship

Leader: We are called to be the people of God's Kingdom.

People: In God's realm, we find God's divine love.

Leader: We are called to be people who share God's
compassion and grace.

**People: In God's realm, we will care for each other as we
care for ourselves.**

Leader: We are called to be people who seek to serve.

**People: In God's realm, we will love each other as God has
loved us.**

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #384

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Lord Jesus, You command us to love God and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. It seems so simple;

People: but the world's voices mess with our brains, and we find love to be very difficult.

Leader: Show us how to make love our greatest desire.

People: Help us to do all the good we can,

By all the means we can,

In all the ways we can,

In all the places we can,

At all the times we can,

To all the people we can,

As long as we ever can.

Leader: Forgive us when we fail to act in love.

People: Strengthen us to make love our first thought, even if it means denying ourselves, and bearing our cross for the good of someone else.

(a time of silent prayer and reflection)

Leader: We have faith and hope because God is love. Live in love, believing the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to live in love. Thanks be to God! AMEN

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Morning Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology #95

Gospel Reading Mark 12:28-34

Anthem "Beloved, Let Us Love One Another"

Sermon "Teaching in the Temple" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Celebration of Holy Communion

Hymn of Commitment "Less Like Me" Screen

Benediction

Benediction Response

A little more like mercy, a little more like grace
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith
A little more like patience, a little more like peace
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me

A little more I'm living, everything I preach
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me

Our church needs additional monitors for our Sunday services. The monitors serve approximately 4 times within a 3 month period (with others) to lock a specific door and greet late attendees. If interested, please contact Jim Heaton or a current monitor.

The annual community Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 23 from 10:00-12:00. Donations of candy or other treats to fill eggs are needed. Volunteers are also needed for setup, clean up, and during the event. The Outreach Team will have sign up sheets.

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, 3/4 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.