

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 4/23: Men's Bible Study (7:15)
Women's Bible Study (1:00)
Circle of Hope (6:30)
- ◆ 4/24: Wednesday Nighter (5:30)
- ◆ 5/5: Lemonade on the Lawn, UMW
Craft/Bake Sale, ELC Fun Run
- ◆ 5/15: final Wednesday Nighter for
the season
- ◆ 5/19: Graduate Recognition &
Potluck

The Circle of Hope will meet
Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30 pm
at the Hunter's Lake Clubhouse.

The Early Learning Center and FUMC
would like to invite you to support
the Fun Run, a family event at
Kermit Tipton Stadium at Science
Hill on Sunday, May 5 from 3:00-5:00
pm. There will be multiple running
events, games, and activities for
all ages. This is a run just for fun
- no official time will be kept. The
cost is \$15 for children under 10
and \$25 for ages 10 and up. Pre-
registration ends 4/28 and includes
a t-shirt. Registration after 4/28
is \$20 for those under 10 and \$30
for all others. T-shirts are not
guaranteed on race day. These
funds help to offset operating
costs, purchase much needed materials/
supplies, and provide updates to
classrooms and playgrounds.

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 peanut butter, cereal,
toothpaste, & diapers (size 4 & 5).
Donations can be placed in the
boxes in the narthex and the
connector.

Prayer Cover: Karl Kapoor

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
Laurie Blayney
Paul Bowman & family
Jim Briggs
Bob & Carla Brown
Catherine Cartus
Karl Cavanary
Vernon Crawford
Thomas & Elizabeth Crowder
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
Sam & Jin Hopson
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 Peebles
Bobby Seay
John Staley
Mike Terry
J.D. Toth
John & Susan Trotter
Steve Uelhof
Anna Grace West
Sarah Wilhoit
Manna House



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Prelude "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" Arr. Gilbert Martin

First Things First

Call to worship

Leader: In times of confusion and uncertainty,

People: Christ comes to us.

Leader: In times of doubt and fear,

People: Christ speaks to us.

Leader: In times of trouble and distress,

People: Christ reaches out to us.

Leader: We are never alone.

People: Christ is always with us. Thanks be to God!

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

"My Lighthouse"

Screen

Affirmation of Faith From the Book of Romans #887

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress,
Or persecution or famine,
Or nakedness or peril or sword?

**All: No! In all things we are more than conquerors
Through the One who loved us.**

**We are sure that neither
Death nor life,
Nor angels, nor principalities,
Nor things present, nor things to come,
Nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
Nor anything else in all creation,
Will be able to separate us from the love of God
In Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen**

Old Testament Reading Psalm 16:7-11

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Be Thou My Vision" #451

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

Gospel Reading Matthew 14:22-34

Anthem "Trust in the Lord With All Your Heart"

Sermon "Walking With Jesus in the Storms" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "Oceans" Screen

Benediction

Benediction Response

And I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

This year's Hands-On Mission Project for the Three Rivers District is "Backpacks for Liberia." The school kits will equip some of the 16,000 students who attend United Methodist schools in Liberia and Guinea to learn and grow. This year our goal is 150 backpacks. To help reach our goal the Outreach team is once again ordering supplies in bulk. This means we can purchase all the supplies including the backpack and shipping for \$20. If you were to buy the supplies individually you could expect to pay at least \$40. We would love for each person or family to sponsor one backpack with a \$20 gift, or perhaps half a backpack for \$10. Please turn in donations by Sunday, May 5.

Thank you for all the kind birthday wishes. I love my church family! --Judy Cook

The UMW will hold a craft and bake sale on Sunday, May 5 in the parlor following worship. There will also be a vintage/gently used purse sale (by donation). Some purses may contain surprises! Please begin now preparing items for the sale. Proceeds will go to the Salvation Army.

Do you have someone in your family graduating from high school, college, or other degree programs? Please let us know by sending the name, school, degree, future plans, and picture of the graduate to office@1stchurchjc.org

wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: Methodism 101

Menu: pork loin, green beans, potatoes, salad, bread, dessert

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

Please make reservations by **Monday, 4/22 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.