

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 4/30: Men's Bible Study (7:15)  
Women's Bible Study (1:00)
- ◆ 5/1: Wednesday Nighter (5:30)
- ◆ 5/5: UMW Craft/Bake Sale,  
CrAfternoon, ELC Fun Run
- ◆ 5/15: final Wednesday Nighter for  
the season
- ◆ 5/19: Graduate Recognition &  
Potluck

The Circle of Faith will meet  
Thursday, May 2, at 10:00 am in  
the conference room.

The next CrAfternoon is next  
Sunday, May 5, following the  
worship service. Kids and their  
families are welcome to join us  
for lunch and crafts in the  
fellowship hall from 11:30-  
1:30.

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.

### 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: Mike Eddy

### 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  
Hannah Hensley  
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  
Helen Mills  
Jason Mills  
Tom Palmer  
Ruby Payne  
Bob & Athena Peebles  
Carolyn Peebles  
Bobby Seay  
Ann Sharpe  
John Staley  
Family of Mike Terry  
Fran Thomas  
J.D. Toth  
John & Susan Trotter  
Steve Uelhof  
Anna Grace West  
Sarah Wilhoit  
Manna House  
General Conference of the UMC



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

**Prelude** "The Church's One Foundation" Arr. Donna Hustad

**First Things First**

**Call to worship**

Leader: With great joy we enter the House of the Lord.

**People: We bow before the One who is our refuge and  
strength.**

Leader: We lift our eyes to the One who offers us  
compassion and love.

**People: We look to the One who gives us courage and lights  
our way.**

Leader: We listen to the One who redeems us and makes us  
whole.

**People: We come to worship Jesus the Christ, the Son of  
the living God.**

**Invocation**

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

Affirmation of Faith "The Nicene Creed" #880

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
Eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven:  
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
And became truly human.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
And His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come. Amen

New Testament Reading Philippians 2:12-18

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Graves into Gardens" Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

Gospel Reading Matthew 16:13-23

Anthem "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

Sermon "Bedrock or Stumbling Block" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "Jesus Calls Us" #463

Benediction

## Benediction Response

O use me, Lord, use even me,  
Just as thou wilt, and when, and where,  
Until thy blessed face I see,  
Thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

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.

The New Moms Group is hosting a get together on Friday, May 10 at 5:30 at Powell Square Park. Bring the whole family for fun and food! Please contact office@1stchurchjc.org if you plan to attend so we have enough food.

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: taco salad, dessert

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

Please make reservations by **Monday, 4/29 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.*