

Meeting Time for Church Committees

The COOL Committee meets each Monday at 9:30.

United Methodist Men meet each Thursday at 6:30 a.m.

Trustee Committee meets the 2nd Sunday of every month at 11 a.m.

Kids First meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 8:00 a.m.

Finance Committee meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 11 a.m.

Outreach committee meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 11 a.m.

Ad Council meets the 4th Sunday of every month at 11 a.m.

Caring Circle meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at 1:30 pm.

SPPRC meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m.

Hearing Assist

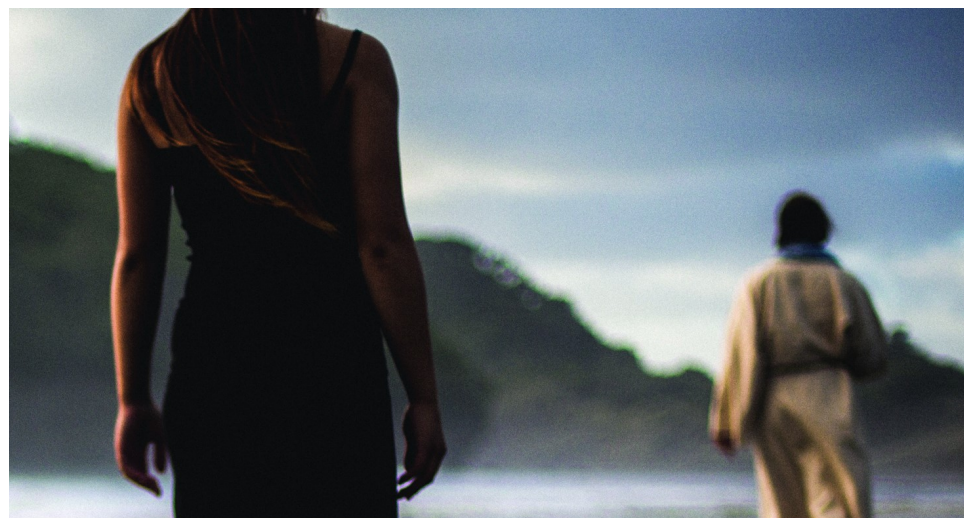
We have hearing assist devices available that are quite remarkable. They are able to pair with your hearing aids in some cases to bring the sounds that come through out system directly to your hearing aid. We also have headphones for those who either can't be paired or don't have hearing aids. Check with our ushers for assistance.

Stephen Ministry Caring Corner: We are thankful for all of our Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders: Please take time this week to meet and greet 4 more of our special care givers: Sonia Schumacher, Jana Barker, Bob Betancur, and Cindy Osborne. They are providing loving Christian Care to those in need.



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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

But I Say



9:30 AM

Live Feed at [Our website](#)
or [Our Facebook page](#)

Sunday, February 12, 2023

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Lay Leader:
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Organist:
Saturday Night Musician:
Director of Children's Ministries:
Director of Outreach:
Audio/Video Techs:

Great West Dist. Superintendent:
Bishop:

Rev. Craig Collins
Marilyn Betancur
Linda Redfern
Megan Chapman
Dr. Patrick Newell
Stan Haemmelmann
Jenny Castro
Missi Iasillo
Lynn Doering
Josh Vesper
Blake Wohlers
Rev. Cindy Karges
Rev. David Wilson

Centering Thoughts

*Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord,
who seek God with their whole hearts.*

Ps. 119:1-2

Prelude

Stan Haemmelmann

They'll Know We Are Christians Words/Music: Peter Scholtes, 1966;
Arr. Edward Broughton, 1993

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (*with* What Wondrous Love Is This?)
inspired by Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" Jonathan W. Lee, 2023
Come, Christians, Join to Sing (Hallelujah, Amen!) Pepper Chaplin, 2023

* **Hymn** Seek Ye First UMH #405

Sharing the Peace - Recognizing the light of Jesus in each other.

Welcome & Announcements

*Welcome! We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
Text prayer requests to Craig at (308) 672-3241.*

* **Choral Introit** Oh, How Good It Is Chancel Choir
Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ross Holmes, Stuart Townend, 2012
Arr. Joey Hoelscher

* Call to Worship

Are you awake? Are you alert?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Are you watching the signs?

Are you interpreting what is happening today?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Do you see opportunities for ministry?

Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

Christ has extended the invitation:

let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

* Opening Prayer

**Open our eyes, Holy Spirit, to your love in our midst.
We give you thanks for the power of our minds to
choose right over wrong. Help us break free from ideas
that no longer bring life, that we may embrace the life-
giving work of your Spirit. Challenge us to forsake
paths that ask little of us, and help us resist the evils
and temptations of this world, that we may truly follow
the way of kingdom living. Amen.**

Children's Time

Hymn Dear Lord and Father of Mankind UMH #358

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:21-37 The Clodfelter Family
The Word of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Response Gloria Patri UMH #70

Special Music He Keeps Me Singing Chancel Choir
(Words/Music Luther B. Bridgers) Arr. Patti Brennan, 2015

Message But I Say Pastor Craig Collins

Offering

*Jesus said, If you remember that a brother or sister has something
against you, first be reconciled to them, and then come and offer your
gift. In peace, let us bring our offerings to God.*

*Ways to give include; mailing or dropping off to the church, online
giving by clicking [here](#), through the GivePlus mobile App, or text the
amount you want to give to 844-928-0313 and follow the prompts.*

Offertory The Gift of Love (Tune: O Waly Waly)
Arr. John Leavitt, 1999

Doxology UMH #95

* Offertory Prayer

**These offerings belong to you, O Lord, for you are the
source of every blessing and joy. Employ these gifts to build
your realm. Send them into the world to heal the sick, feed
the hungry, and reconcile us to one another. By our prayers,
our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, make
your church a true instrument of peace. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers**

Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer Lord's Prayer UMH #895

Receiving New Members Dr. Thom and LaRita Van Boskirk
Ann L Huntington (Seiver)

* **Song** Help Us Accept Each Other UMH #560

Benediction

Benediction Response Peace Be Unto This Congregation
Music/Text: Jay Althouse, 2002

Postlude Be Thou My Vision *with*
Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord Arr. Ron Sprunger, 1997/2914

* Please stand if you desire

February & March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 Worship 9:30 Souper Bowl of Caring (soup during fellowship) Bible Study 10:30 Trustees 11 a.m.	13 COOL 9:30 Caring Circle 1:30 Bible Study 6:30	14 Rose Bible Study 10 am Stephen Ministry 6 pm	15 KF Board 8 am Sack Lunch 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal 7	16 UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Newsletter Deadline	17	18 Worship 5 pm
19 Worship 9:30 Chocolate Sunday Bible Study 10:30 Finance 11a.m. UMM Valentines Dinner 6 pm	20 COOL 9:30 Bible Study 6:30	21 Rose Bible Study 10 am Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed Mitchell UMC	22 Senior Lunch 12:00 noon Supper 5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 6 Ash Wed. 7 pm	23 UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Newsletter Folding 9 am Bingo 1:30	24 Lay Leadership Class: Leading Public Prayer 6 pm	25 Worship 5 pm Leading Public Prayer 8 - 4
26 Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Ad Council 11 a.m.	27 COOL 9:30 Bible Study 6:30	28 Rose Bible Study 10 am Lenten Lunch 1st Pres. -noon SPRC 5 pm Stephen Min. 6 pm	1 Sack Lunch 11:30 am Supper 5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7	2 UMM Brkfst 6:30 am	3	4 Worship 5 pm Holy Communion
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission of the Month — CAPWN Food Pantry. Drop off donations to the Outreach bin. Helping end hunger in our community.

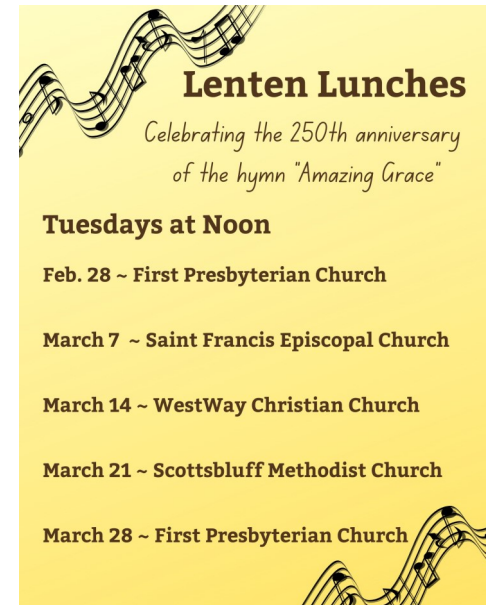
Peanut Butter Drive - Our 3rd-5th graders will be collecting 18 oz. jars of peanut butter for the Catpack and PupPack program! Please support the kids and the Catpack program and bring peanut butter (any brand) to add to their efforts.

Lay Servant Ministries Advanced Training: Leading Public Prayer Led by Rev. George Kilmer and Gloria Louch will be held Friday evening and all-day Saturday: February 24-25, 2023 in the Parlor. Registration forms are on the bulletin board.

Wednesday Night Youth Groups meet each Wednesday at 5:30 for a meal (\$3 suggested donation) and then meet with our group from 6—7 pm. Parents, we have a group for you as well. Currently parents are meeting in the library. They are getting to know each other, share parenting experiences, and bounce ideas off each other.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed - Feb. 21, at the Mitchell UMC—proceeds to benefit Brayden Branham and family.

Church Conference—Merger Vote, 10 am, March 18. Only church members can vote. You must be present to vote. Proxy voting, voting early, or mail in voting is not allowed per our Book of Discipline.



PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have prayer requests, you can either fill out a prayer card found in the pew and get it to an usher, or you can text your prayer request to Pastor Craig at 308.672.3241.

If you would like to receive our prayer requests by email, let us know at the church office. Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray for the following:

All our friends and family dealing with cancer.

Brayden Branham, 3rd grader at Morrill Elementary, who was diagnosed with small blue cell sarcoma with tumors in his lungs, abdomen, and his legs. Currently in Denver.

Teri Reed, Jen, Kari, Joe Spahn, Glenna Snyder

Cindy Morrison's brother, Jim

Peggy (Bob Pile's sister) recovery from a pulmonary embolism

Mason (child with heart trouble)

Grace Goodin

Amanda Mack

Barb Goldman

Bud Stoddard

John Tuttle

Janet Wisswell & Donna LaPoirs

Brian Sweeney

Grant Powell (31 yr. old nephew to Gary and Nancy)

Prayers for our country

Those enduring grief and loss

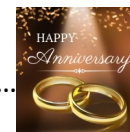
Those in Care Centers, Rehabs assisted living facilities
and homebound

Those struggling with mental health & addiction

The people of Ukraine

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Matt Applegate, Melinda Schleve, Connie Spencer	12
Bob Pile	14
Sarah Connot	17
Craig Erdman, Luray Neuwirth	18
Marjorie Stauffer	19
Sara Krichau	20
James Harrison	21
Vic Bentley, Sheryl Johns, Allen Meyer	22
Violet DeLunger	23
Pat Baum	24
Dawson Iasillo, Christy Jay	25
Becky Colling	26
Roy Dugan	27
Kim Ferguson, Kathryn Phillips, Kathy Richardson	March 1
Amy Krichau, Larry Neuwirth, Anita Osborn , Elain Pile	5
Carolee Marker, Don Richards, Sara Trumbull	6
David Chapman , Jennifer Harre	7
Carol Hennings	8
Rod Randall	9
Susan Elsberry, Heather McRoberts	10
Glenn Schleve	11



Gary & Susan Lofing	20
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Bold names are those honored folks who are 75 or older.

If you know of additions or corrections, let us know at the church office.

Our Hospital Visitation Team is ready to come visit our church family and friends who are in the hospital, but we need your help. We do not know of people in the hospital unless the person or a family member informs us. The hospital will not tell us when you or your family members are hospitalized. Please contact us at the church office with news of hospitalizations.