

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 10 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 also so thankful for those Stephen Ministers and Leaders that although currently inactive have gone through training and continue to be of service to this ministry through their support and prayers: Mert Bacon, and Carolee Marker (brought Stephen Ministry to our church) Marilyn Wurst, Patty Gritzfeld, Jennifer Galindo, Cindy Morrison, Margo Snyder, Ted Westervelt, Roger and Bev Russell. We are so blessed to have had all of these folks be part of this important church ministry.



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Who is God?

9:30 AM

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

Sunday, February 26, 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:

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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

*With loving hearts and open minds, we come into
God's presence. With God's open heart and glorious presence,
God welcomes us with love.*

Prelude

Reflections on O Store Gud
Hymn of Promise
An Evening Prayer
People Need the Lord

Sarah Trumbull
Brian Glyncannon
Natalie Sleeth, 1986
Charles H. Gabriel
Greg Nelson & Phil McHugh

***Hymn** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling UMH #384

Sharing the Peace

Welcome & Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

We wonder—who is God?
We wonder—where is God?
We wonder—how do we reach God?
How do we learn about God?
We wonder---are the answers in loving?

* Opening Prayer

**We seek, we wonder, we ponder the mystery that is
you, God. We would like some clarity to cling to!
But instead of the certainty we seek, your answer is
an invitation: the invitation to love. Amen.**

Children's Time

Hymn O How He Loves You and Me TFWS #2108

Scripture Reading 1 John 4:7-19

The Word of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Response Gloria Patri UMH #70

Special Music God So Loved the World Julie Schaff
(from John Stainer's "The Crucifixion" first performed February 24, 1887.)
Accompanied by Sandy Massey

Message Who Is God Pastor Craig Collins

Offering

*We do not give because we are certain of all the answers. We
give because we have known love and we are called to love
one another. As surely as the God of love dwells within you,
give generously, fearlessly.*

*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 Don't Forget to Pray Roger C. Wilson

Doxology UMH #95

* Offertory Prayer

**God, thank you for showing us what love is and who
love is. As we try to be living testaments to that love,
help us use these gifts to spread love's reach. In Jesus'
name, we pray. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers**

Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer Lord's Prayer UMH #895

*** Song** Great Is Thy Faithfulness UMH #140

Benediction

Postlude Largo Anton Dvorak

* Please Stand if you desire

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.

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
5 Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Holy Communion	6 COOL 9:30 Bible Study 6:30	7 Rose Bible Study 10 am Lenten Lunch St. Francis Episcopal	8 Supper 5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7	9 UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Bingo 1:30 Soup Kitchen 5 pm	10	11 Worship 5 pm
12 Worship 9:30 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 Lenten Lunch West Way Noon Stephen Ministry 6 pm	15 KF Board 8 am Sack Lunch 11:30 am Senior Lunch at noon Choir Rehearsal 7	16 UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Newsletter Deadline	17	18 Worship 5 pm
19 Worship 9:30 Potato Bake Bible Study 10:30 Finance 11a.m.	20 COOL 9:30 UWIF 1:30 Bible Study 6:30	21 Rose Bible Study 10 am Lenten Lunch— here	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 Bingo 1:30	24	25 Worship 5 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

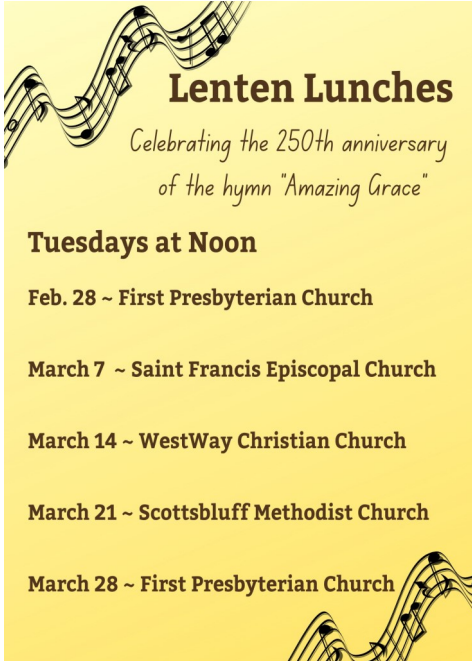
Mission of the Month — CAPWN Food Pantry. Drop off donations to the Outreach bin. Helping end hunger in our community. If everyone brought one item our bin would be overflowing!

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.

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.

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.

Lenten Lunches—Several churches have gone together to present a lunch, fellowship and devotion. Host churches are providing the free meal. It starts at 12 noon this coming Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church and will conclude within the hour. Our devotional time is centered on the song Amazing Grace, which celebrates it's 250th year this year. Pastor Craig will bring the first lesson. We hope you can plan to attend.



Lenten Lunches
Celebrating the 250th anniversary
of the hymn "Amazing Grace"

Tuesdays at Noon

Feb. 28 ~ First Presbyterian Church

March 7 ~ Saint Francis Episcopal Church

March 14 ~ WestWay Christian Church

March 21 ~ Scottsbluff Methodist Church

March 28 ~ First Presbyterian Church

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, Teri Reed, Jen, Kari, Joe Spahn,

Cindy Morrison's brother, Jim

Mason (child with heart trouble)

Arden Wohlers

Glenna Snyder

Grace Goodin

Amanda Mack

Whitney Larsen

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 including Lorene Shear family

Those in Care Centers, Rehabs assisted living facilities

and homebound

Those struggling with mental health & addiction

The people of Ukraine, Turkey & Syria

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Dawson Iasillo, Christy Jay	25
Becky Colling	26
Roy Dugan	27
Kim Ferguson, Kathryn Phillips, Kathy Richardson	March 1
Larry Neuwirth, Anita Osborn , Elain Pile	5
Carolee Marker, Don Richards, Sarah Trumbull	6
David Chapman	7
Carol Hennings	8
Rod Randall	9
Heather McRoberts	10
Glenn Schleve	11
Paul Considine ,	14
Jeannie Williams	15
Linda Barrett, Mona Downey	16
Terry Miller, Pat Ropp	17
Jenny Larsen	18
Thatcher Beaudette, Delbert Criner, Jan Curtwright, Greg Hinze	
Teri Metcalf	19
Janeene Brown, Fred Wurst	21
Oakley Cheek	22
Tom Dredla, Jack Morrison, Judy Banghart	23
Myrt Bacon , Dallas Schaffer	26
Collin Phillips, Julie Schaff	28
Morgan Gardner	29
Jeremy Clodfelter, Rossell Kelley	31



Willie & Vicki Quindt	March 17
Jim & JoAnn Harrison	24
Wayne & Heather McRoberts	25
Garry & Peggy Tegtmeyer	25



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.