

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.

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: February is the month of Love & is a great time to weekly introduce Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders who spread loving Christian Care to others. Please take time this week to meet and greet, 5/15 current Stephen Ministers: Marilyn Betancur, John Haslow, Christy Jay, Krissa Randall, and Katharine Medina! We are so thankful for their gifts of service to others.



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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

You Are



9:30 AM

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

Sunday, February 5, 2023

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Josh Vesper
Blake Wohlers
Rev. Cindy Karges
Rev. David Wilson

Great West Dist. Superintendent:
Bishop:

Centering Thoughts

*You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.
Jesus says so. Be salty and let your light shine.*

Prelude

Stan Haemmelmann

Nearer, My God to Thee (Tune: *Bethany*) Jonathan W. Lee, 2023
Man of Sorrows (Hallelujah, What a Savior) Pepper Chaplin, 2023
This Little Light of Mine (Attributed to Harry Dixon Loes)
Mark Hayes, 2011

* **Hymn** This Little Light of Mine UMH #585

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

We are called to bring a new understanding of God:
that God so loves the world.
We are the salt of the earth.
We are called to bring new hope in God:
We are the light of the world.
We are called to follow the commandments of the law.
The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.
Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.
Come, let us love one another with the love of God.
Let us join together in our love of God
to worship and follow Jesus.

* Opening Prayer

**God of mystery and judgment, who has made us to be
salt and light in a tasteless, shadowed world, guide us in
this time of worship. Grant us understanding and
spiritual discernment so that others may see your good
works through us, give you the glory, and be moved to
serve you. Amen.**

Children's Time

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:13-20 Fred and Marilyn Wurst
The Word of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**
Response Gloria Patri UMH #70

Special Music Communion Invitation (You Are Forgiven)

Music: Shackley/Lyrics: Frombach, 2008 Chancel Choir

Message

You Are

Pastor Craig Collins

Offering

The fresh start we have with Jesus is not just for us as individuals. It enables new relationships with our community and calls us to act for justice and equity within it. Today, let us not keep God's blessings to ourselves. Let us say yes to God's fresh start and give what we can to make our community a more loving and just place.

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 God Is So Good Anonymous, Arr. Ron Sprunger, 2001

Doxology

UMH #95

* Offertory Prayer

Jesus, you came to seek out and save the lost. We thank you for seeking us out and saving us. Help us use these resources to seek out others, even those who make us grumble, that we might share the love with them that you have shared with us. Help us to remember that your love does not see the same lines and divisions that we do. Rather, it breaks down barriers, making a way for reconciliation. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Holy Communion UMH # 13

Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

Communion Meditations:

Let Us Break Bread Together

George Lachenauer, 2012

Abide with Me (Tune: *Eventide*)

Alfred V. Fedak, 2022

Beneath the Cross (Words & Music: Keith Getty and Kristyn Getty, 2005)

Arr. Jason D. Payne, 2021

* Song

Lead Me, Guide Me

TFWS #2214

Benediction

Benediction Response Peace Be Unto This Congregation

Music/Text: Jay Althouse, 2002

Postlude When Morning Gilds the Skies (Tune: *Laudes Domini*)

Jason D. Payne, 2015

* Please stand if you desire

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Holy Communion	6 COOL 9:30 Bible Study 6:30	7 Rose Bible Study 10 am	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 Super 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 Senior Lunch 12:00 noon Choir Rehearsal 7	16 UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Newsletter Deadline	17	18 Worship 5 pm
19 Worship 9:30 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	22 Supper 5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7	23 UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Newsletter Folding 9 am Bingo 1:30	24	25 Worship 5 pm
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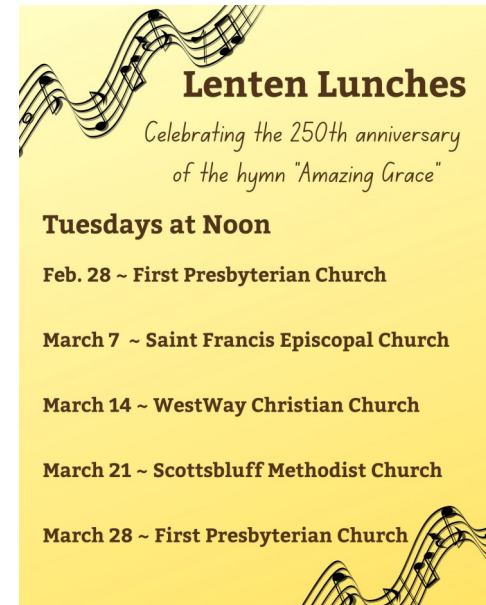
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 16 oz. jars of peanut butter for the Catpack and PupPack program! The program sends home one jar of peanut butter each month and currently there are around 380 bags of food going home each week. Please support the kids and the Catpack program and bring peanut butter (any brand) to add to their efforts.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: Next Sunday, February 12, our Youth groups will be hosting the Souper Bowl of Caring which means we will have two soup options (chili and vegetable) and two teams (Philadelphia Eagles and Kansas City Chiefs) to choose which pot you put your donation in. All donations will be given to the Catpack program to help purchase peanut butter to finish up the rest of the school year. Please plan on staying for soup after church next week and supporting our kids and our community!

Wednesday Night Youth Groups are back! We 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.



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 Bradham, 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, Brent (Linda Redfern's nephew)

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

Donna & Paul Considine's grandson, Andrew

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

Prayers for our country

Those enduring grief and loss: family of Beverly Greenwalt

Those in Care Centers, Rehabs assisted living facilities
and homebound

Those struggling with mental health & addiction

The people of Ukraine

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Levi Metcalf	5
Carol Lockwood	7
Gerald Bacon, Sandy Cook , Diane Schaneman	8
Charles Stauffer	10
Nancy Mignerey	11
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 lasillo, Christy Jay	25
Becky Colling	26
Roy Dugan	27



Steve and Desira Martin	February 1
Brian & Rojean Sweeney	9
Gary & Susan Lofing	20



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.