

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: Be someone's pot of Gold!

You can be the answer to someone's prayers; you can become someone's miracle. Stephen Ministers are well-trained congregation members who provide high-quality emotional and spiritual support to people who are hurting. FUMC Stephen Leaders are eager to visit with you. Contact Julie Schaff, Megan Massey, Barb Ropp, Marg Dredla or Pastor Craig for more information about Stephen Ministry at FUMC.



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Why Should I Go to Church?

9:30 AM

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

Sunday, March 12, 2023



First United Methodist Church

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Pastor:	Rev. Craig Collins
Lay Leader:	Marilyn Betancur
Lay Representative to Annual Conference:	Linda Redfern
Certified Lay Speaker:	Megan Chapman
Chancel Choir Director:	Dr. Patrick Newell
Organist:	Stan Haemmelmann
Saturday Night Musician:	Jenny Castro
Director of Children's Ministries:	Missi Iasillo
Director of Outreach:	Lynn Doering
Audio/Video Techs:	Josh Vesper
	Blake Wohlers
Great West Dist. Superintendent:	Rev. Cindy Karges
Bishop:	Rev. David Wilson

Centering Thoughts

We might be able to believe in God, pray, and even worship alone, but in a community of faith, despite all its imperfections, we can connect, grow, and experience God's love for us in ways we never could on our own.

Prelude

He Hideth My Soul

Halle, Halle Doxology (Trad. Caribbean Melody and Old 100th)

Revive Us Again

Stan Haemmelmann

Arr. Jonathan W. Lee, 2023

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Arr. Pepper Choplin, 2023

* **Hymn** The Church's One Foundation UMH #545

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 if it is important to come to church.

We come to be in God's holy presence.

We wonder if worshipping with others matters.

We want to know.

**Let us join together with praise on our lips
and joy in our hearts!**

* Opening Prayer

**God of community, challenge us, surprise us,
stretch us as we come together to worship you. May
we find that within our shared stories, Your Story is
revealed. Amen.**

Children's Time

Hymn Blest Be the Tie That Binds UMH #557

Scripture Reading Psalm 100 Marilyn Betancur

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

Response Gloria Patri UMH #70

Special Music Let Us Cheer the Weary Traveler
Arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1917 Solo: Ross Johnson

Message Why Should I Go to Church? Pastor Craig Collins

Offering

Just as we can worship and experience God more deeply together than we can alone, so can our combined gifts make a greater impact in and for God's world. So, give today as an act of praise – joyfully, gladly!

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

Make a Joyful Noise

(Inspired by Psalm 100: 1-2; 4) Mary McDonald, 2020

Doxology

UMH #95

* Offertory Prayer

Lord, you are good. Your steadfast love endures forever. Your faithfulness endures to all generations. We release our gifts to you today, trusting in your good, steadfast, and faithful love. Thanks for letting us be your church. Help us to keep being your church, the body of Christ in this world, for generations to come. 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** We Are the Church UMH #558

Benediction

Postlude


Sing a New Song

(Inspired by Psalm 98: 1, 6 Tune: Nicaea) Mary McDonald, 2020

* Please Stand if you desire

Holy Week events include a Seder Meal at 6 pm on Maundy Thursday and a Tenebrae Good Friday Service at 7 pm utilizing confirmants and post confirmants for the readings.

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Trustees 11 a.m. Open Forum Merger Discussion 4 PM—FH	13 COOL 9:30 Caring Circle 1:30 Bible Study 6:30	14 Rose Bible Study 10 am Lenten Lunch West Way Noon	15 KF Board 8 am Sack Lunch 11:30 am Senior Lunch at noon Choir Rehearsal 7	16 UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Outreach 10 am Newsletter Deadline	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day 	18 Worship 5 pm Merger Vote 10 am
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 Stephen Ministry 6 pm	22 Supper 5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7	23 UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Bingo 1:30	24	25 Worship 5 pm
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 WWIP Bible Study 6 pm	29 Sack Lunch 11:30 am Supper 5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7	30 UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Folding Newsletters 9 am	31	1 Worship 5 pm Holy Communion
2 Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Holy Communion Palm Sunday	6 COOL 9:30 Bible Study 6:30	7 Rose Bible Study 10 am Stephen Ministry 6 pm	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 Seder Meal 6 pm	10 Good Friday 7 pm	11 Worship 5 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

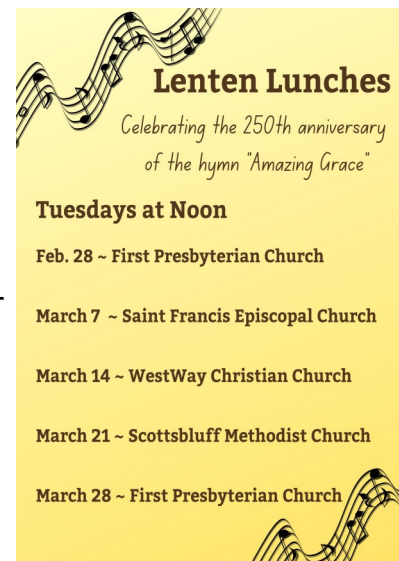
Mission of the Month - Cirrus House Necessity Pantry. Please donate small jugs of laundry detergent, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste and feminine hygiene products. Please place items in the outreach bin in Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Night Youth Groups meet each Wednesday at 5:30 for a meal (\$3 suggested donation) and then meet with their 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. One vote per member and you must be present to vote. Contact the church if you need a ride. We will offer a Open Forum Zoom Call, on Sunday, March 12, at 4 pm. Join us in the fellowship hall for questions, or Zoom in to the discussion.

UWiF Coffee Cakes—United Women in Faith are helping you out with your spring baking needs again this year! We are offering blueberry or cinnamon (or both!) cakes again this year for \$12 each. Cakes will be baked on April 1 and be available for pick up that afternoon or on Palm Sunday, April 2nd. We will be taking orders on Sundays or you can call Tessie Colby at 632-4890 or Gina Cannon at 632-4497 to place your order. We thank you for your continued support of missions to make a difference in the lives of women and children throughout the world!

Lenten Lunches—this coming Tuesday at the WestWay Christian Church with Pastor Joe Schumacher bring the devotion centered on the song Amazing Grace, which celebrates it's 250th year this year. 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,
Jim Margheim, Sammy Selzer (kindergartner with leukemia)

Cindy Morrison's brother, Jim

Mason (child with heart trouble)

Glenna Snyder

Grace Goodin

Amanda Mack

Barb Goldman

Bud Stoddard

John Tuttle

Janet Wisswell & Donna LaPoirs

Brian Sweeney

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, Turkey & Syria

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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
Robert Pahlke	April 2
Karen Murphy	3
Kathy Bosch, Rebecca Shriver	4
Dan Clark, Steven Larson	5
Della Clodfelter, Gary Rein	6
Gary Powell	9
Joi Phelps	10
Albert Metcalf	11
Willie & Vicki Quindt	March 17
Jim & JoAnn Harrison	24
Wayne & Heather McRoberts	25
Garry & Peggy Teghtmeyer	25
Rod & Becky Randall	April 7

happy
birthday



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.