

## 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:** : "Do whatever comes your way to do as well as you can. Think as little as possible about yourself and as much as possible about other people and about things that are interesting. Put a good deal of thought into happiness that you are able to give." ELEANOR ROOSEVELT Consider using your talents and gifts as a Stephen Minister. Contact Barb Ropp, Marg Dredla, Megan Massey or Julie Schaff for more information



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## Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?



9:30 AM

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

Sunday, March 19, 2023

## First United Methodist Church

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Scottsbluff, NE 69361  
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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

*It is difficult to understand how God could allow the pain and suffering we see in the world and in our own lives. Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with Us." Jesus reminds us that a better question to ask ourselves is, "What can I do to help those who are suffering and in pain?"*

### Prelude

Stan Haemmelmann

Softly and Tenderly

Will L. Thompson/Arr. Bill Wolaver, 2003

The Unclouded Day

J. K. Alwood/Arr. Jeff Bennett, 2004

It Is Well with My Soul (Tune: *Ville du Havre*) Jonathan W. Lee, 2023

**\*Hymn** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross UMH #298

### 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.*

**\* Choral Introit** Present in This Place (Words/Music: Mark Cabaniss/Stan Pethel) Arr. Stan Pethel, 2002 Chancel Choir

### \* Call to Worship

We wonder why things happen the way they do.

**We come looking for answers and deeper understanding.**

Illuminate us, Lord. Teach us.

**Be near to us God--comfort us, love us.**

### \* Opening Prayer

**Why, Lord?**

**Is there a pattern, a plan, a purpose to the pain of the world? While our minds seek answers, our hearts seek comfort. Gentle God, we are hurting; hold us close. Amen.**

### Children's Time

**Hymn** God of the Sparrow God of the Whale UMH #122

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 137:1-6 Hayley Beaudette  
John 11:23-25

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

Response

Gloria Patri

UMH #70

**Special Music** On the Rock That Is Higher Than I!

Words/Music: Dana Mengel, 2007 Chancel Choir

## Message Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?

Pastor Craig Collins

### Offering

*Today we have been reminded that our relationship with God is not transactional. Even when we do all the good we can, bad things can and do happen. So, we are not asked to give today as a way of bargaining with God or buying blessings. We are asked to give as a way for us to participate in God's compassion for the world. May our gifts meet those who are hurting with a sign of holy help.*

*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

Deep River

(Trad. African American Spiritual incorporating Symphony No. 9  
(From the New World) Antonin Dvorak Robert Lau, 2015

### Doxology

UMH #95

### \* Offertory Prayer

**God who weeps with us, receive our gifts today. Bless them and bless us to go deep into the wounds of your hurting world without judgment and without explanation. Bless us to go into your world with compassion, carrying each other's crosses until the sun rises, bringing us the warmth of new life and light once again. 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

Lamb of God

TFWS #2113

### Benediction

#### Choral Benediction

Amen

### Postlude

I Trust in Thee

(Psalm 25: 1-2; 4/Tune: Olivet-"My Faith Looks Up to Thee")

Mary McDonald, 2020

\* Please Stand if you desire

## March & April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>19</b> Worship 9:30 Potato Bake Bible Study 10:30 Finance 11a.m.	<b>20</b> COOL 9:30 UWIF 1:30 Bible Study 6:30	<b>21</b> Rose Bible Study 10 am Lenten Lunch— here Stephen Ministry 6 pm	<b>22</b> Supper 5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7	<b>23</b> UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Bingo 1:30	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Worship 5 pm
<b>26</b> Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 <b>Ad Council 11 a.m.</b>	<b>27</b> COOL 9:30 Bible Study 6:30	<b>28</b> Rose Bible Study 10 am Lenten Lunch 1st Pres. –noon SPRC 5 pm WWIP Bible Study 4 pm	<b>29</b> Sack Lunch 11:30 am Supper 5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7	<b>30</b> UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Folding Newsletters 9 am	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> Worship 5 pm Holy Communion
<b>2</b> Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Holy Communion Palm Sunday Trustees 11 a.m.	<b>3</b> COOL 9:30 Bible Study 6:30	<b>4</b> Rose Bible Study 10 am Stephen Ministry 6 pm	<b>5</b> Supper 5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7	<b>6</b> UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Bingo 1:30 Soup Kitchen 5 pm Seder Meal 6 pm	<b>7</b>  <b>Good Friday 7 pm</b>	<b>8</b> Worship 5 pm
<b>9</b> Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Happy Easter	<b>10</b> COOL 9:30 Caring Circle 1:30 Bible Study 6:30	<b>11</b> Rose Bible Study 10 am WWIP Bible Study 4 pm	<b>12</b> KF Board 8 am Sack Lunch 11:30 am Senior Lunch at noon Choir Rehearsal 7	<b>13</b> UMM Brkfst 6:30 am	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Worship 5 pm CPR Class 9-11

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Baked Potato Bar**—Please join us today after worship for a baked potato bar. The free will offering will go toward our Wednesday sack lunch ministry.


**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.

**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 our church will host the Lenten Lunch and bring the devotion centered on the song Amazing Grace, which celebrates it's 250th year this year. We hope you can plan to attend.

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



**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 & Grant Goodin

Amanda Mack

Barb Goldman

Bud Stoddard

John Tuttle

Janet Wisswell & Donna LaPoirs

Brian Sweeney

Renate Scott

Allen Meyer

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

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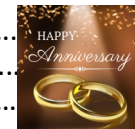
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## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jenny Larsen .....	18
Thatcher Beaudette, <b>Delbert Criner, Jan Curtwright, Greg Hinze</b>	
Teri Metcalf .....	19
Janeene Brown, <b>Fred Wurst</b> .....	21
Oakley Cheek .....	22
Tom Dredla, <b>Jack Morrison, Judy Banghart</b> .....	23
<b>Myrt Bacon</b> , Dallas Schaffer .....	26
Collin Phillips, Julie Schaff .....	28
Morgan Gardner .....	29
Jeremy Clodfelter, <b>Rossell Kelley</b> .....	31
Robert Pahlke .....	April 2
Karen Murphy .....	3
Kathy Bosch, Rebecca Shriver .....	4
Dan Clark, Steven Larson .....	5
Della Clodfelter, <b>Gary Rein</b> .....	6
Gary Powell .....	9
Joi Phelps .....	10
Albert Metcalf .....	11
<b>Harriett Aden</b> , Tom Ferguson, <b>Dan Windhorst</b> .....	12
<b>Fred Lockwood</b> .....	13
Kathleen Johnson .....	14
<b>Linda Newberry</b> .....	15



Jim & JoAnn Harrison .....	24
Wayne & Heather McRoberts .....	25
Garry & Peggy Teghtmeyer .....	25
Rod & Becky Randall .....	April 7



**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.