

## 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:** "There never was any heart truly great and generous, that was not also tender and compassionate." (ROBERT FROST) Those traits describe our Stephen Ministers. If you are going through a difficult time or know someone who is, please contact Barb Ropp, Marg Dredla, Megan Massey or Julie Schaff to explain how a Stephen Minister might be a help.



## STAFF CONTACT INFO

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## How and Why Do I Forgive?

9:30 AM

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



Sunday, March 26, 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

*Forgiveness frees us from resentment and turmoil. God, who knows us inside out, sees where our mistakes and failings come from. God loves us through it all, offers forgiveness as a gift, and shows us how to extend it to others.*

**Prelude** Stan Haemmelmann  
Wayfarin' Stranger (Largo: Trad. Spiritual) Cindy Berry, 2017  
Day by Day (Arioso: Oscar Ahnfelt) Cindy Berry, 2017  
Jesus, What a Friend! ("What a Friend We Have in Jesus/Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners/Jesus Is All the World to Me" Converse/Prichard/Thompson) Jonathan W. Lee, 2023

\* **Hymn** Grace Greater Than Our Sin UMH #365

## 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

God tells us to forgive others.

**We wonder—why should we? Forgiveness is hard to extend when we are hurting.**

Teach us, O God, how to forgive and to trust again.

**May we be open to the lessons of giving and receiving forgiveness.**

### \* Opening Prayer

**Lord, things are broken. Again.**

**The remnants of shattered trust and fractured hope lie in our path. Bring us to the place of forgiveness, your great mystery of healing.**

**Give us back our lives, we pray. Amen.**

## Children's Time

**Hymn** Nothing but the Blood UMH #362

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 6:9-15 Caleb Clodfelter  
The Word of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**Response** Gloria Patri UMH #70

## Special Music

## Echoes of Golgotha

Words: Herb Frombach; Music: Patti Drennan, 2013  
Chancel Choir

## Message

## How and Why Do I Forgive?

Pastor Craig Collins

## Offering

*If you have ever been healed by forgiveness, may your gift today be a sign of your gratitude. If you have ever found healing by forgiving another, may your gift today be a sign of your thanks. If you are in need of forgiveness today, may your gift serve as a prayer, asking for it. If, today, you need to do some forgiving, may your gift be a symbol of your desire to let go.*

*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** I Saw the Cross of Jesus (Tune: Whitfield Crucifix from T. Moore's *Melologue upon National Music*, 1811-Greek)  
Carolyn Hamlin, 2019

UMH #95

## Doxology

### \* Offertory Prayer

**Lord, in the prayer you taught us, we ask for forgiveness, and we also pledge to forgive. We ask for your will to be done here on earth, in our lives and in us. May our gifts today also be our pledge to do your will with all that we have and are. In Jesus' holy 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

Freely, Freely

UMH #389

## Benediction

**Choral Benediction** Amen Danish *Amen* Chancel Choir

## Postlude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(Tune: *Hamburg*) Albin C. Whitworth, 1981

## March & April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<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 UWIF 1:30 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 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 Benefit Breakfast for the Brass	<b>10</b> COOL 9:30 Bible Study 6:30	<b>11</b> Rose Bible Study 10 am WWIP Bible Study 4 pm	<b>12</b> Sack Lunch 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal 7	<b>13</b> UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Bingo 1:30 Bingo 1:30	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Worship 5 pm CPR Class 9-11
<b>16</b> Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Finance 11a.m.	<b>17</b> COOL 9:30 Caring Circle 1:30 Bible Study 6:30	<b>18</b> Rose Bible Study 10 am Stephen Ministry 6 pm	<b>19</b> KF Board 8 am Supper 5:30 pm Senior Lunch at noon Youth Group 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7	<b>20</b> UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Outreach	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 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.

**UWiF Coffee Cakes**—United Women in Faith 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 the First Presbyterian Church will host the Lenten Lunch and the devotion will be 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 Thursday, April 6. This is a meaningful, exuberant and interactive experience, and includes a real meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans and a dessert. Cost is \$10/person or \$30/family. Pre-registration is required. Sign up by the office. Then plan to attend our Tenebrae Good Friday Service at 7 pm on April 7 utilizing confirmands and post confirmands for the readings.



## 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 LaPoires

Brian Sweeney

Renate Scott

Allen Meyer

Lynn Doering

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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## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

<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
<b>Al Banghart</b> .....	16
Kaleb Mack, Jack Massey .....	17
<b>Karen Boge</b> .....	19
Gary Cannon, Chris Johnson .....	22



Wayne & Heather McRoberts .....	25
Garry & Peggy Tegtmeyer .....	25
Rod & Becky Randall .....	April 7
Bob & Myla Schwartz .....	20
Fred & Carol Lockwood .....	26
Sean & Janeene Brown .....	29



**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.