

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 make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." (WINSTON CHURCHILL) If you are interested in giving your time and talents to Stephen Ministry or know someone in need of high quality Christian caring, contact Barb Ropp, Marg Dredla, Megan Massey, Julie Schaff or Pastor Craig for more information.



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Is the Bible Reliable?

9:30 AM

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

Sunday, March 5, 2023

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Director of Outreach:
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Great West Dist. Superintendent:
Bishop:

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Dr. Patrick Newell
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Missi Iasillo
Lynn Doering
Josh Vesper
Blake Wohlers
Rev. Cindy Karges
Rev. David Wilson

Centering Thoughts

As Christians, we must always remember the purpose of the Bible is to call us back to God by retelling the story of salvation that culminates in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Prelude Stan Haemmelmann
Oh Lord, You're Beautiful with Fairest Lord Jesus Keith Green, 1980;
Arr. Tom Fettke, 2006
Love Lifted Me (Tune: *Safety*) Ruth Elaine Schram, 2006
Near to the Heart of God (Tune: *McAfee*) Arr. Jonathan W. Lee, 2023

***Hymn** Jesus Loves Me UMH #191

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.*

Introit Present In this Place Mark Cabaniss and Stan Pethel
Chancel Choir

* Call to Worship

God's Word is the Bible.
When we doubt, we can turn to God's word.
When fears take hold of us, we can turn to God's Word.
In times of joy, we turn to God's Word.
Jesus is God's Word manifested in the flesh.
Thanks be to God for the saving Word! ?

* Prayer of Confession

God of Light, we appear naked before you, the secret intentions of our hearts laid bare for you to see. We confess that instead of allowing your Word to actively shape and transform our lives, we manipulate it to suit our own personal agendas. Convict our hearts of our sins, which are rooted in our desire to be masters of our own universe, ruling over others, and possessing all things. Forgive us of our wayward actions and attitudes, O Lord. Free us from our double-mindedness and our efforts to remain in control, so that your holy Word can lead us into life as true disciples of Christ. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Sisters, brothers, siblings, hear the Good News! In Jesus, we have a great high priest who knows our weaknesses. It is in his righteousness we boldly stand before the throne of God. May we receive his healing mercy and grace.

Scripture Reading Hebrews 4:12-14

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

Response Gloria Patri UMH #70

Special Music There Is a Balm in Gilead William L. Dawson, 1939
Soprano Soloist: Shannon Whitten and Chancel Choir

Message Is the Bible Reliable? Pastor Craig Collins

Offering

The Bible talks a lot about how we use our money, our time, our energy. Jesus, the Word made flesh, is clear: "No one can serve two masters. You cannot serve God and wealth." You are invited to give as you are able today, not from a place of fear or shame, but from a desire to serve God with all that you are and all that you have.

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 Wonderful Words of Life Iouri Grichetchkine, 2019

Doxology UMH #95

* Offertory Prayer

Lord of all that is, thank you for your Word – your words in Scripture and the living Word, Jesus. Keep us accountable to your Word, that our offerings might be a blessing to the world he came to save. Amen.

Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

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

Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer

Holy Communion Lord's Prayer UMH #895

Communion Meditations:

O Sacred Head (Based on the chorale by H. L. Hassler and J. S. Bach)
Roger C. Wilson, 1956; The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (Tune: *St. Columba*-Traditional Irish melody) Daniel Burton, 2022; "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" (African-American spiritual) Op. 605)
Carson P. Cooman, 2009

* **Song** Thy Word Is a Lamp UMH #601


Benediction

Benediction Reponse Amen (Danish) Chancel Choir

Postlude Jesus Loves Me (Tune: *Chine*) James D. Payne, 2018

* Please Stand if you desire

March

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 Lenten Lunch St. Francis Episcopal 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	10	11 Worship 5 pm
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 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 Senior Lunch 12:00 noon 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS


Celebrating Dave Chapman's 90th Birthday — Please join us after worship for pie in celebration of Dave's 90th birthday.

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. Only church members can vote. 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.

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 Saint Francis Episcopal 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. 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

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

Dean & Judi Freouf

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

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 Teghtmeyer	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.

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.