

## 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 aren't called to shine our own light; we are called to reflect His." Stephen Ministers reflect God's love by walking beside those in need.**




**In Person**

**ONLINE**  
**FIRSTUMCSB.COM/GIVE/**  
Follow the Giving link. You will find all of our methods of giving with instructions.  
For Online, first time users will need to set up an accounts.

**VANCO FAITH MOBILE (APP)**  
SEARCH FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OR SEARCH WITH CODE UM7RJY

**BY TEXT**  
TEXT GIVING AMOUNT TO **844-928-0313**  
(Do not use dollar sign. ie 10)  
Follow the prompts, first time users must set up a profile.

**BY MAIL**  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
2002 4TH AVE., SCOTTSBLUFF, NE 69361

**5 WAYS TO GIVE**



**9:30 AM**

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

**Sunday, April 23, 2023**

**First United  
Methodist Church**

2002 4th Ave.  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361  
(308) 635-2069  
[www.firstumcsb.com](http://www.firstumcsb.com)

Pastor:  
Lay Leader:  
Lay Representative to Annual Conference:  
Certified Lay Speaker:  
Chancel Choir Director:  
Organist:  
Saturday Night Musician:  
Director of Children's Ministries:  
Director of Outreach:  
Outreach Assistant:  
Audio/Video Techs:

Great West Dist. Superintendent:  
Bishop:

Rev. Craig Collins  
Marilyn Betancur  
Linda Redfern  
Megan Chapman  
Dr. Patrick Newell  
Stan Haemmelmann  
Jenny Castro  
Missi Iasillo  
Lynn Doering  
Sonia Schumacher  
Josh Vesper  
Blake Wohlers  
Rev. Cindy Karges  
Rev. David Wilson

## Centering Thoughts

*In the midst of confusion and doubt, Love walks beside us.*

### Prelude

Prayer  
Sweet Hour of Prayer  
Take My Hand Precious Lord

Sarah Trumbull

Clement Lovet  
Bradbury  
Dorsey

### \*Hymn

Blessed Assurance

UMH #369

## 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

Alleluia!

Joseph M. Martin  
Chancel Choir

### \* Call to Worship

Come walk with us.  
**We will join the journey.**  
Let us talk together.  
**We will listen and speak.**  
Christ goes with us.  
**Jesus guides our steps.**

### \* Opening Prayer

**Holy One, we are often confused by the events of the world. Come and walk with us. Open our hearts to your truth. Plant the seed of new life within us. In trust of your loving presence, we pray. Amen.**

## Children's Time

### Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

UMH #539

### Scripture Reading

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19  
Luke 24:13-35

Lauren Newell

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

Response

Gloria Patri

UMH #70

### Special Music

Alleluia!

Praise with Glad Music  
by Joseph M. Martin  
Chancel Choir

## Message

Loosening the Bonds

Pastor Craig Collins

## Offering

*What can we give back to God for all the good things God has done for us? We can never repay this gift, but we can bring our gifts for God's work in the world.*

*Ways to give include; mailing or dropping off to the church, online giving by clicking [here](#), through the Vanco mobile App, or text the amount you want to give to 844-928-0313 and follow the prompts.*

## Offertory

### Doxology

UMH #95

### \* Offertory Prayer

**God of love, source of all goodness, you hear our cries and you answer. With grateful hearts, we bring our gifts to you. We bring our offerings, as a gift of thanksgiving for your presence in our lives. We are your servants, and we offer ourselves with joy. 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

Precious Name (Vs. 1 & 3)

UMH #536

## Benediction

**Benediction Response** Amen (Danish)

Chancel Choir

## Postlude

Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth

Felix Mendelssohn

\* Please Stand if you desire

## STAFF CONTACT INFO

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## April & May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>23</b> Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 <b>Ad Council 11 a.m.</b> Transition Team 2 pm in Scottsbluff <b>Talent Show</b> <b>3 pm</b>	<b>24</b> COOL 9:30 Bible Study 6:30	<b>25</b> Rose Bible Study 10 am Lenten Lunch 1st Pres. –noon SPRC 5 pm WWIP Bible Study 4 pm	<b>26</b> Sack Lunch 11:30 am Supper 5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7	<b>27</b> UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Folding Newsletters 9 am	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Worship 5 pm
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mission of the Month** - The Chuckwagon Church is the Mission Outreach project for the month of April and has been for many years. The church is located on East Overland and serves around 200 people each Sunday morning at a free pancake breakfast - which is followed by a 10:15 worship service. They are in need of pancake mix (the kind that only needs water added) and syrup. In addition, they can use Ramen noodles, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, and canned food. Donations can be placed in the outreach bin in Fellowship Hall.

**Confirmation** –Next Sunday, April 30. You are invited to encourage Rylan Cheek, Caleb Clodfelter, Zeyda Gonzales and Natalie Larsen in their faith as we celebrate their confirmation with cake, punch, and fellowship after church.

**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.

**High School Senior Graduates**—We are honoring our high school seniors on May 14, during Sunday worship. Please let us know if you have a senior we can honor.

**Youth Talent Show**—Today at 3:00 pm in fellowship hall. Come and cheer on our youth as they share their talents with us. There will be singing, dancing, joke telling, and tumbling. It's sure to be a lot of fun.

## 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, Doris  
Rush, Jim Margheim, Brian Sweeney, 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

Janet Wisswell & Donna LaPoires

Renate Scott

Allen Meyer

Lynn Doering

Judi Facinelli

Bob Pile

Melanie Anderson

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>Bob Krantz</b> .....	29
Talon Cheek, <b>Jimmie Schaneman</b> .....	May 1
<b>Joan Stear</b> .....	2
Caitlyn Lastovica Jackson, <b>Rick Wallace</b> .....	3
Missi lasillo .....	5
<b>Janet Gardner</b> , Lauren Newell .....	6
<b>Helen Wigert</b> .....	11
Gina Cannon .....	12
<b>Patty Gritzfeld</b> , Rich Schultz, Renate Scott .....	13
<b>Larry Martin</b> .....	15
Emily Erdman .....	18
Gary Hutzel .....	19
Jamisyn Howard .....	20
<b>Shirley Ruff</b> , Rojeane Sweeney .....	22
<b>Sharon Mensing</b> , Patrick Newell .....	23
Ron Howard .....	25
Sandra Cardiff, Joseph Schumacher, Ruthie Stowell .....	26
Ann Huntington, Don Osborn, Linda Redfern .....	27
<b>Jenell Eckerle</b> .....	29
Grady Beaudette, Sandra Massey .....	31
	
Fred & Carol Lockwood .....	26
Sean & Janeene Brown .....	29
Chuck & Myrna Sell .....	May 3
Lex & Jenny Larsen .....	15
Craig & Emily Erdman .....	16
Chad & Suzanne Dunkel .....	20
Eric & Melanie Gowin .....	21
	

**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.