

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



Stephen Ministry Caring Corner: Becoming a Stephen Minister in our church is a life-transforming experience—an opportunity to serve God, help others, and grow in faith. Prayerfully consider using your spiritual gifts in this ministry. Contact any of the Stephen Ministers or Leadership Team for more information.

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 account.

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, May 7, 2023

First United Methodist Church

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Lay Leader:
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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
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Jenny Castro
Missi Iasillo
Lynn Doering
Sonia Schumacher
Josh Vesper
Blake Wohlers
Rev. Cindy Karges
Rev. David Wilson

Centering Thoughts

No matter what life throws at us, no matter how uncertain the future may be, we can be confident that Jesus will lead us to safety; he will bring us home.

Prelude

Prelude on "Fairest Lord Jesus" (*Crusader's Hymn/St. Elizabeth*) Stan Haemmelmann
Thine Is the Glory (Tune: *Judas Maccabeus*-Handel) John Barr, 2023
Anna Laura Page, 2014

* **Hymn** The Church's One Foundation (Vs. 1, 4 & 5) 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.*

* **Choral Introit** Alleluia! Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir

* Call to Worship

God is in our midst, forming us to be God's own people.
Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.
We need not fear.

**In the Lord we will take our refuge,
for God is our strength.**

Come to the Lord who will surround you
with God's own righteousness.

**Lord, open our hearts and our spirits
so that we may faithfully follow you. AMEN.**

* Prayer of Confession

Lord of abiding Love and infinite Patience, be with us this day. We have come from times of stress, difficulties, as well as times of hope and joy. We bring to you our concerns and our fears, and you offer your healing mercies. We confess that we haven't thought a whole lot about you this week. We have let events and demands crowd you out of our thoughts and our actions; yet when we come to this, your house, we again kneel in contrition, seeking your forgiveness for our blindness and apathy. Turn our lives around, Lord. Help us look again at the many ways in which you bless and care for us. Help us be people who will reach out to others in loving compassion. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Even though we are a stubborn people, still God absolutely loves and forgives us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Hallelujah!**

Scripture Reading John 14:1-14 Martin Brandt

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

Response Gloria Patri UMH #70

Special Music

Promised Land Chancel Choir
(Tune: *Promised Land*-Trad. Am Melody) Arr. Brian Buda, 2018

with Ashley Hillman, violin; Ashyton Parnell, djembe

Message "Trust Jesus to Bring You Home" Pastor Craig Collins

Offering

There are moments when the heavens seem to open to us, and we sense the vast possibilities for life that God offers. We long to reach our God-given potential and to offer that opportunity for others. The tithes and offerings we bring are devoted to that purpose.

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 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
(Tunes: *St. Columba*-Trad. Irish) Daniel Burton, 2022

Doxology UMH #95

* Offertory Prayer

We commit ourselves to you, gracious God, as we dedicate material gifts that represent our labor. When we ponder the amazing wonder of life, we are filled with awe. When we remember Jesus as the cornerstone of the spiritual house you are seeing to build in our midst, we are eager to help. Let your face shine on us and on this offering that your mighty acts may be proclaimed to all the world. Amen.

Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers**

Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer

Holy Communion UMH #13

Lord's Prayer UMH #895

Music for Communion

Down at the Cross (Tune: *Glory to His Name*) Jeff Bennett, 2010

Christ Is Risen! (Based on: "Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!" "Now the Green Blade Riseth" "Low in the Grave He Lay") Ruth Elaine Schram, 2008

The Power of the Cross (Words/Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, 2005)
Arr. Mark Hayes, 2010

* **Song** Be Still, My Soul (Vs. 1 & 3) UMH #534

Benediction

Choral Benediction: Amen (Danish)

Postlude Trumpet Voluntary John Travers, 1703-1758

* Please Stand if you desire

April & May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Holy Communion	8 COOL 9:30	9 WWIP Bible Study 4 pm	10 Sack Lunch 11:30 am Supper 5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm	11 UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Soup Kitchen 5 pm Presb. Ch. Kids First Preschool Graduation 6:30	12	13 Worship 5 pm
14 Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Trustees 11a.m. Senior & Youth Recognition Happy Mother's Day	15 COOL 9:30 Caring Circle 1:30	16 Stephen Ministry 6 pm Newsletter Deadline	17 Senior Lunch at noon	18 UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Outreach	19	20 Worship 5 pm
21 Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Finance 11 a.m.	22 COOL 9:30	23 WWIP Bible Study 4 pm	24 F Board 8 am Sack Lunch 11:30 am	25 UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Folding Newsletters 9 am	26	27 Worship 5 pm
28 Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30	29 COOL 9:30 UWif 1:30	30 Stephen Ministry 6 pm	31 Stop the Bleed Training 5:30 p	1 UMM Brkfst 6:30 am	2	3 Worship 5 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission of the Month - Potter's Wheel Food Pantry. They are in need of canned goods and non-perishable food items to help restock their food pantry. Donations can be placed in the outreach bin in Fellowship Hall.



Wednesday Night Youth Groups meet for the last time before summer break this Wednesday at 5:30 for a meal and then meet with their group from 6—7 pm.

Kitchen Shower—If you would like to help restock our kitchen, we have a list of items needed printed on little umbrellas on the bulletin board in fellowship hall. Take the umbrella of the item you want to provide and drop your donation off at the office. Thank You, so much!

May 14th is a Special Day!

We will have a special gift for all the ladies of our church on Mother's Day. We will honor our high school seniors and celebrate our youth as well.



Stop the Bleed Training - Wednesday, May 31, at 5:30 pm with free pizza. This training will offer three quick techniques to help save a life before a person bleeds out.

Honoring our 50 & 75 Year Members—We are excited to announce that we will celebrate our 50 and 75 year members on May 28 during worship with cake and punch to follow in fellowship hall.

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, Jen, Kari, Joe Spahn, Doris Rush, Jim

Margheim, Brian Sweeney, Barb Goldman

Sammy Selzer (kindergartner with leukemia)

Cindy Morrison's brother, Jim

Mason (child with heart trouble)

Glenna Snyder

Grace & Grant Goodin

Amanda Mack

Bud Stoddard

Janet Wisswell & Donna LaPoirs

Marilyn Wurst

Judy Banghart

Marianne Chapman

Allen Meyer

Betty Mefferd

Melanie Anderson

Prayers for our country

Those enduring grief and loss

All our high school graduates

Those in Care Centers, Rehabs assisted living facilities
and homebound

Those struggling with mental health & addiction

The people of Ukraine, Turkey & Syria

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Janet Gardner , Lauren Newell	6
Helen Wigert	11
Gina Cannon	12
Patty Gritzfeld , Rich Schultz, Renate Scott	13
Larry Martin	15
Emily Erdman	18
Gary Hutzel	19
Jamisyn Howard	20
Shirley Ruff , Rojean Sweeney	22
Sharon Mensing , Patrick Newell	23
Ron Howard	25
Sandra Cardiff, Joseph Schumacher, Ruthie Stowell	26
Ann Huntington, Don Osborn, Linda Redfern	27
Jenell Eckerle	29
Grady Beaudette, Sandra Massey	31
Tom Donahue	June 1
Jana Barker, Donna Considine , Jace Douglass, Olivia Erdman	2



Lex & Jenny Larsen	15
Craig & Emily Erdman	16
Chad & Suzanne Dunkel	20
Eric & Melanie Gowin	21
T. J. & Shelli Dredla	26
John & Megan Massey	26
Don & Amy Willits	27
Christopher & Kristin Gauthier	28



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.