

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.

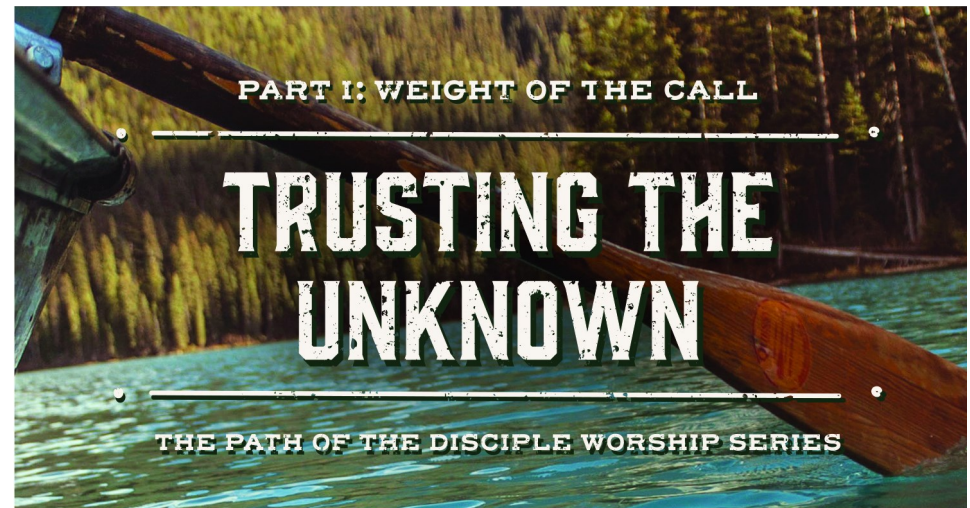
Ad Council meets the 4th Sunday of every month at 11 a.m.

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.

Camping Season is here. Children and youth grow in their faith in Jesus Christ greatly at summer camp, plus they have the best time! Register your kids and grandkids for camp at Camp Norwesca here: <https://www.norwesca.org/summer-camps>. Bring us a copy of your registration, as we have scholarship funds to help.

Stephen Ministry Caring Corner: "Every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back." (Maya Angelou) Become a trained Christian caregiver through Stephen Ministry.



9:30 AM

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

Sunday, June 11, 2023

First United Methodist Church

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Scottsbluff, NE 69361
(308) 635-2069
www.firstumcsb.com

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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.

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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

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

God's grace makes human faith possible. In this circle of grace and faith, miracles enter and bless our world.

Prelude

Stan Haemmelmann

Be Thou My Vision (Tune: Slane) Arr. Jonathan W. Lee, 2023
Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus (with Just as I Am) (Tunes: Lemmel; Woodworth)
Arr. Jonathan W. Lee, 2023
Come, Christians, Join to Sing (Hallelujah, Amen!) (Tyne: Madrid)
Arr. Pepper Choplin, 2023

*Hymn

Lord of the Dance

UMH #261

Sharing the Peace

By reaching out in faith, we touch the presence of God. May we feel this touch and this grace as we pass the peace of Christ today.

Welcome & Announcements

*Welcome! We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
Text prayer requests to Craig at (308) 672-3241.*

* Call to Worship

Come! Now is the time to worship!
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We gather today as people God calls
to go and share the good news.

We gather as God's sent-out people.

We gather to listen and share God's work in our lives,
our families, and our neighborhoods.

We proclaim the goodness of God's love together.

We gather to respond to God's grace
as we continue on the path of discipleship.

**We hear God's call
and learn to say "yes" to God together.**

We gather to again hear God's call to "Go!" as God
commissions us to love God and neighbor in everything
that we do.

**We go knowing that as God's called, gathered, and sent
-out people, we are not alone as we carry the weight of
God's call into the world together. Amen.**

Children's Time

* Hymn

The God Abraham Praise

UMH #116

*** Scripture Reading** Genesis 12:1-9 Cindy Osborne
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

Response

Gloria Patri

UMH #70

Special Music

Message "Trusting the Unknown" Pastor Craig Collins

Offering Invitation

*We offer our gifts today having heard our call through
Jesus to follow. A follower doesn't end at the offering
plate. There is a weight to this call – one that demands we
not only say "yes" to following but that we also say "no"
to thousands of things that will lead us away from the
discipleship path. May the Lord guide us that we might
not wander off that road.*

Offering *Nun danket all und bringet ehr* (Now thank all
and bring honor-Cruger) Robert Lau, 2021

* Doxology

UMH #94

* Offertory Prayer

**God of Abraham and Sarah, you bless our lives,
that we might be a blessing to others. May the
offering we bring before you this day be a sign of
our commitment to bless the world in your name.
We send forth these gifts, that they may be
instruments of your circle of grace and faith. 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

Trust and Obey Genesis

UMH #467

Benediction

*Go to the places God sends you. Bless the people Christ
calls you to bless. Strengthen the faith of the hopeless
and despairing. Go with God's blessing.*

Postlude

Go Out With Joy!

Mary McDonald, 2016

* Please Stand if you desire

Calendar Events

Sunday, June 11

9:30 Worship
10:30 Bible Study (Library)

Monday, June 12

9:30 COOL (Wesley Hall)

Tuesday, June 13

4:00 WWIP Bible Study
6:00 Trustees (Wesley Hall)

Thursday, June 15

6:30 am United Methodist Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 Outreach

Friday, June 16—July Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, June 17

1:00 The Vine UMC Charge Conference
5:00 Worship

Needing Prayers

To ask for prayer: complete a prayer card and place it in the offering plate, or text Pastor Craig at 308.672.3241

Please pray for the following:

Cindy Morrison's brother, Jim	Glenna Snyder
Grace & Grant Goodin	Amanda Mack
Marianne Chapman	Allen Meyer
Betty Mefferd	Melanie Anderson
Rhonda O'Bryan	Kody Sherman
Prayers for our country	Those enduring grief and loss
Those dealing with cancer: Jane Bauer, Brayden Branham, Jen, Kari, Joe Spahn, Doris Rush, Jim Margheim, Brian Sweeney, Barb Goldman, Marilyn Betancur, Sammy Selzer	
Those in Care Centers, Rehabs assisted living facilities and homebound	
Those struggling with mental health & addiction	
The people of Ukraine, Turkey & Syria	

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Vicki Greenwalt Burbach	13
Carr Trumbull	14
Myla Schwartz	16
Kent Greenwalt, Jo Haslow, Jann Johnson, Sherry Weis	17

Janet & Steve Larson	13
Jack & Cindy Morrison	14
Gary & Myrt Bacon	15
Allen & Connie Meyer	17

Bold names are those honored folks who are 75 or older.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June Outreach Mission of the Month - the Soup Kitchen and Sack Lunch Program. Needed items include: napkins; sturdy paper plates, bowls & plastic cups; plastic silverware. Items should be placed in the Outreach bin in the west end of Fellowship Hall. The Sack Lunch program needs monetary donations to purchase supplies – make checks payable to FUMC & mark Sack Lunches in the memo line.

The Name for our new church is The Vine United Methodist Church. Charge conference for The Vine UMC will be held in the fellowship hall at 1 pm on Saturday, June 17. All members of the four merged churches are encouraged to attend.

A Service of Celebration Celebrating our past and look forward to our future will be held on June 25 for our First United Methodist Church. We will have a pot-lunch lunch to follow. If you have stories or special memories, please contact Pastor Craig.

Schedule a photo shoot. All persons are invited to schedule a photo shoot with Universal Church Directory as they will be here from July 5-8. You'll get a free 8X10, and our church will get a copy for our directory. You will have a no pressure opportunity to purchase additional photos. Online scheduling is at www.ucdir.com, enter ne221 in the church code field, and enter photos as the password.

Inaugural Worship Service for The Vine UMC is scheduled for July 9, at the open air auditorium at Trails West. Worship will be at 9:30 followed by food and fellowship. We have reserved the pool from 10 to 12.

New times for worship begin on July 16. Scottsbluff and Henry will worship at 9:00 am, while Mitchell and Morrill will worship at 11:00 am. We will still have worship in Scottsbluff on Saturday nights at 5:00 pm.

Vacation Bible School is July 23—26.

It is open to anyone from pre-school (potty-trained) to 5th grade. 6th Grade and older get to be our Crew Leaders. Please pre-register as soon as possible! We will be having a Kickoff BBQ at the Church from 4:30-6:00 on Sunday, July 23. This will be the only night we will be serving supper.

Merger Communications

Believing that open communications are the backbone of trust, our transition team has formed a Communications Team that will be led by Carolyn Applegate with Barb Ropp, Dawson Lasillo, Don Osborn and Joyce Hake taking various roles. If you would like to join our team, contact the church office. Pastor Craig is doing fine work with his Friday updates but more communication is needed. Your Communications Team will help, but everyone must realize no one person or group know all the hanging questions and answers. Your team will do its best but will require help from you with input and ideas and definitely following up by reading what is written, shown on line, posted on kiosks or bulletin boards and presented orally. Communications Team will appreciate and hear information and suggestions made to them.

The following are a few of the frequently asked questions with answers.

Who is on the Transition Team and why were they picked?

Names of persons serving on the Transition Team are listed on the kiosk in fellowship hall and include the Administrative Councils from each of the merging churches. These four committees, plus a few others who expressed interest in serving, make up the Transition Team. The role of the transition team is to lead us up to the point where the merger is completed and the church leadership voted on at charge conference will take over.

How long has the Transition Team been meeting?

The transition team met for the first time on March 26, 2023 at the Scottsbluff church. We met weekly on Sunday afternoons, in various locations to discuss the future, leadership, and direction of the merged church. Prior to the transition team, each church had up to five people serving on the exploratory team that met on a regular basis from August 8, 2022 to March 18, 2023. The time and dedication of both teams is appreciated.

How were the four names—New Vision, The Vine, Faith, Disciples selected?

The transition team considered over 50 names that had been suggested, and narrowed that list by multiple votes down to the four top names. These four had significantly more votes than all the rest.

Since the poll taken by the congregation was so close, are we locked into The Vine?

The decision made by the transition team prior to the opening of the poll, was that the name with the most votes would be the one we go with.

Who is making the decisions about operations in our new church?

The transition team is providing the leadership and direction for the new church until the charge conference on June 17 votes on leadership. Currently, we are relying on our existing leadership teams of each church to manage the work of their individual churches.

What is our timeline for becoming one church in four locations?

We will meet with our district superintendent, Rev. Cindy Karges, for our charge conference at 1 pm on June 17th where we will vote on the work of our transition team that requires charge conference approval, such as our nominated leadership team. We will begin as one church at our first worship service together on July 9, at Trails West at 9:30 am. All four locations will meet together for this celebratory event.

What are the employee positions in our new church? Who fills them? Who is writing the job descriptions and qualifications?

Pastor Craig Collins will be the Senior Pastor, and Pastor Joseph Schumacher will be the Discipleship Pastor. Their job descriptions are directed by the Book of Discipline and affirmed by the new SPRC and available for your review at the kiosk in Fellowship Hall. The transition team has discussed filling the position left by Missi Lasillo with a Director of Children and Student Ministries. We believe this could be a full time position subsidized with a grant from New Church Development from our conference. Other positions in the church have not been finalized and will be addressed by the transition team as time allows and then the new SPRC.

Why are we looking at new church school curriculum? Who is on the committee to decide the curriculum?

The pastors and transition team feel we need children, youth and adult curriculum that offers consistency across age levels while providing basic Christian and Wesleyan doctrine. We are utilizing our current children and youth leaders as well as some former educators in our churches as a subcommittee considering various curriculum.

What will be our new worship times? Will pastors rotate and how? Will sermon topics be similar in all churches?

Craig and Joe will work on the message together and rotate locations on a regular basis. Beginning July 15/16, the pastor preaching in Scottsbluff at 9 am will also preach in Morrill at 11 am, while the other pastor will preach in Scottsbluff at 5 pm on Saturday, and on Sunday preach at Henry at 9 am and Mitchell at 11 am. Our plan includes live streaming from both Scottsbluff and Mitchell locations.

Are we staying United Methodist or are we becoming something more evangelical?

We are a United Methodist Church and are committed to remaining such.

Is there a way to put forward my questions and concerns?

Communication is vitally important as we transition into our new church. Questions and recommendations are encouraged. You can post your questions to our pastors, lay leaders, communication team, current or upcoming leadership. This list is available on the kiosk in fellowship hall.