



SUNDAYS

NURSERY | 9:15am - 11:45am | Newborn - 5yrs | Main Floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL | 9:15am | Ages 0-4: Main Floor | Grades K-5: Third Floor
CHILDRENS CHURCH | 10:30am | Third Floor
KIDS CHOIR | 5pm | Third Floor | age 4- 5th grade **NO CHOIR TONIGHT**
KIDS HANDBELLS | 5:45pm | Third Floor/Music Room | Grades 3rd-5th

CONTACT | Director of Children's Ministries
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SUNDAYS

RIOT | 9:15am - 10:15am | Grades 6-12 | Youth City
CHOIR | 5pm | Music Room **NO YOUTH CHOIR TONIGHT. Spring Break.**
HANDBELLS | 6pm | Music Room

WEDNESDAYS

RALLY | 6pm | Youth City **NO RALLY. Spring Break.**

CONTACT | Youth Director
Lori Hotel | LorenHotel@yahoo.com



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES | Sundays (year around) | 9:15am-10:15am
Please scan the QR code on the front of the bulletin to explore which class is right for you!

CONTACT | Sunday School Coordinators
Mike & Sandy Pittman | mspitt@charter.net

EASTER LILIES

We are taking orders for Easter Lilies to celebrate Easter Sunday, April 20. You may purchase a lily *in honor of* or *in memory of* a loved one or as a gift. Cost is \$15 per plant. Mark your check with "Easter Lilies" and send it to the church office with the order form. Quantities are limited so place your order soon. You may also place your order by calling the church office or on the Church Center app. Orders placed by Tues., April 15, will be listed in the bulletin insert on April 20.

Given by _____

(check one) In Memory of In Honor of Gift

of plants _____ Amount enclosed _____



Talent Show and Dinner | Wednesday | April 9 | 5pm meal | 6pm show
Share your talent with your church family! Signup now in Church Center or the office to participate in this year's talent show. We already have some very special acts planned that you won't want to miss. Please come and watch or share your talent with us. You can also sign up for the meal on Church Center or in the church office.

Candy Needed

We are in need of individually wrapped candies for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Donations can be dropped off in the silver can outside the main floor elevators. Lisa also has a huge bin of empty eggs to be filled! Feel free to grab a bag of eggs to take home and fill with candy. Filled eggs are due back by April 16.

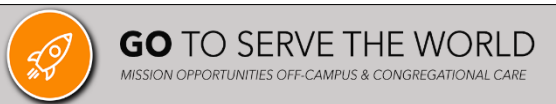


United Women in Faith

Elizabeth Circle | Wednesday | April 2 | 11:30am | Regency Assisted Living
Ruth Circle | Monday | April 14 | 11am | FUMC Library

Day of Prayer | Wednesday | April 2 | 6am-6pm

Come join us to pray for our country, the world, and whatever is on your heart. This is a drop-in event and you are welcome to stay as long as you wish. We will have a prayer guide for anyone who would like one. There will be a station outside under the port cochere, to paint rocks with whatever is on your heart. A prayer wall (made of chicken wire) will be at the altar for you to write a prayer, roll up and place inside the chicken wire. These prayers will be between you and God. No one will read these.



Rummage Sale | Friday and Saturday April 4 and 5

Drop off items Wednesday, April 2 from 5pm and Thursday, April 3 8am-7pm. Sign up on Church Center or call Ben to volunteer.

Reverse Lent Calendar | Weekly through April 20

Pick up a list of food items to collect in the Narthex. This week's items- Canned green beans, Grape Jelly, Pancake mix, Pancake Syrup, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce. Bring to church next Sunday.



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First United Methodist Church

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March 23, 2025

Making disciples as we gather, grow, and go.

WELCOME to **F**irst **U**nited **M**ethodist **C**hurch (FUMC). We would love to have you fill out your name and any information you feel comfortable sharing on the red attendance pad. If you need help with anything today, please contact one of our ushers, pastors, or security team members. We hope you will join us again as we *Gather, Grow, and Go* at FUMC.



GATHER



GROW



GO

CONNECT WITH US



Scan our QR code to find FUMC on social apps, including the Church Center app, which connects you to our Small Groups, events, calendars, and more!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color: Purple

March 23, 2025

8:15am and 10:30am

Please remember to silence cell phones.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and devices for the hearing impaired are available for this morning's service. Please see an usher.

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Johann Walther

Choral Introit (10:30am) Richard Farrant
Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

***Hymn** UMH 545 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

***Prayer of Confession** (8:15am) Pastor Dennie (10:30am) Pastor Asa
Holy God,
Some days, we are quick to declare your goodness.
Like Peter, we see you in our midst and we are confident in our faith.
Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers.
Forgive us for losing sight of you.
Some days we are quick to trust your blessings–
trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference.
Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in.
Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves.
We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith.
But for the days when we are far from you and far from ourselves,
we ask for your tender grace.
Pull us closer toward you. Remind us of the mountaintop moments
of our faith. Amen.

*Words of Forgiveness

Anthem (10:30am) *Many Will Come* Thomas Keesecker
Chancel Choir
Many will come from east and west,
Many will come from north and south,
and will eat in the kingdom of God.
Oh, blessed are they who eat bread in the kingdom of God.

Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer (8:15am) Pastor Dennie (10:30am) Pastor Asa

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

(8:15am) John Fielder (10:30am) Rich McGowan
Holy God, For generations people have bowed their heads, and asked for your presence in their lives.
For generations people have whispered,
"May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable and pleasing to you, O God."
For generations we have gathered here, and prayed to feel your presence in our midst.
So once again, just as the generations before, we turn our hearts to your Word. Still our busy minds so that we might hear what you have to say to us today. With joy and hope we pray, amen.

Musical Response NETTLETON
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
(Solo)

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 19
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Response NETTLETON
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
(Duet)

***Gospel Lesson** Matthew 16:13-20
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn** UMH 400 NETTLETON
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
(All sing verse 3)

Sermon (8:15am) Pastor Dennie (10:30am) Pastor Asa
Wandering Heart: Praise the Mount

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 885
(8:15am) John Fielder (10:30am) Rich McGowan

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Worship of God by Giving Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Victor Labenske

***Doxology** UMH 95 OLD 100TH
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn** UMH 369 *Blessed Assurance* ASSURANCE

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction** (10:30am) Farrant
Amen

***Postlude** *Improvisation*
(Please remain standing and silent as the organ concludes our worship.)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS this morning are given in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Watkins by their grandchildren.

MARCH USHER TEAMS

8:15am Capt. Jerry Cranford, Jeff Cranford, Susan Frazier, Charles Goddard, Darwin Kilday, and Jeff Wright
10:30am Capt. Randy Corlew, Dan Fisher, John Hodge, Mike Pittman, Tommy Sanders

ACOLYTE (10:30am) GraceAnne Hoffmeister
CRUCIFER (10:30am) Emory Galbreath

Music Notes

Many Will Come

Words: Luke 13:29; 14:15

Music: Thomas Keesecker

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