

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color: Purple

March 16, 2025

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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
KIDS HANDBELLS | 5:45pm | Third Floor/Music Room | Grades 3rd-5th

CONTACT | Director of Children's Ministries
Lisa Cavallucci | lisa@fumcmorristown.org



SUNDAYS

RIOT | 9:15am - 10:15am | Grades 6-12 | Youth City
CHOIR | 5pm | Music Room
HANDBELLS | 6pm | Music Room

WEDNESDAYS

RALLY | 6pm | Youth City

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.

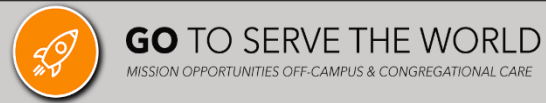


Joyful Hearts | Rescheduled for Thursday | March 20 | 11:00am

Brad Jones will be presenting and demonstrating some of the history of the instruments at FUMC. We will gather in the Sanctuary at 11:00am followed by lunch in the Community Room. Lunch is \$10 and will be provided by Jersey Girl.

United Women in Faith

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



Revelation Youth Choir Tour/Youth Mission Trip Deposit due | March 16

This summer, the youth and RYC will be traveling to Pensacola Florida for a week of mission work and (for the choir) singing and ringing. We hope you will join us! The price is \$200 and a \$50 deposit is due on March 16 to reserve your spot. You can sign up in person or on the Church Center app. See Ben or Lori for more details.

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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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

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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!

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