

Prelude ~

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader: Angie Gabel-McConkey

**(Please stand as you are able)*

Christ’s Light Enters

Introit ~ Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

***Call to Worship**

Today is a new day!

We come with the past behind us, and the future open. We come to celebrate the new life Christ brings.

Christ is with us!

Christ is with us indeed!

***Opening Hymn**

“Christ is Risen” #307

Opening Prayer

God of many blessings, come to us this day. Come and bless us. Come and lead us into the light of your love. For we come to you to find peace. We come to rediscover joy. We come to believe where we have not seen. We come to touch the glory of everlasting life, through the power of your Son. We come to truly live. For Amen.

Scripture Reading 1 John 1:1-10

Liturgist: Janessa Ade

Anthem ~

“Total Praise”

Children’s Moment

Nancy Wentz

[After Children’s Moment, children may go to the nursery or return to their parents.]

Scripture Reading Acts 4:32-35
1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Sermon “God’s Joy” Rev Melanie Adams

Calling Us to Prayer “All I Need is You” #2080

Time of Prayer
(Where have you seen God’s presence? What joys and concerns are in your hearts and minds?)

Lord’s Prayer #895

Offertory

***The Doxology ~** Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow #94

***Offertory Prayer [Unison]**
God of joyful surprises, with laughter in our hearts and song on our lips, we give thanks for the abundance of life and fullness of grace you offer. With generous hearts we offer these gifts so that others may know that your love is real and that it is for them, too. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” #327

Our Purpose

What is our purpose?

We come to experience Christ's love, and work together to live it out!

Benediction

Benediction Response ~ “Sing to the Lord”

Postlude ~

Connect Card
April 8, 2018

(Please print first & last name clearly)
About me (mark all that apply)

- This is the first time here.
- This is my second time here.
- I am a member
- I regularly attend FUMC
- Visiting for special occasion

Please complete the portion below if:

- You are new to FUMC
- or
- Your contact info has changed

Address

City State Zip

Home or Cell Phone

E-Mail address

If you have children under age 18, please tell us their name(s) and birth date(s).

How did you find out about FUMC?

Please place Connect Card in offering plate during Offertory.

Let us know if you would like more information on.....

- How to get involved at FUMC
- Other_____
- Would like to talk with Pastor
- Join the Choir
- Join Praise Band

PRAYERS

Please see the Prayer Board outside the office for ongoing prayer requests.

Pray for our congregation: For the ministry of making, nurturing, and sending out of disciples; because we believe that God's Love is the answer for the most difficult questions of our world today.

Jesus changes lives!

Gerald Campbell

Family of Estelle Howell

Susie Martin

Delores & Robert St. Pierre

John Vent

(Friend of Jan Novlan)

Family of Vicky Young

(Dorothy Swenson's niece)

Waterman Family



Thoughts to Ponder

In what ways will you reflect the joy of Christ's resurrection?

“God is light and there is no darkness in him at all.”

1 John 1:5b

Events this week in church

Sunday, April 8th

9:00 am Spring Fever Bazaar

9:30 am Sunday school

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Bazaar Luncheon

Tuesday, April 9th

7:00 pm Finance (Please note change in date)...This is not a typo!!!

Wednesday, April 11th

5:45 pm Table Talk

6:00 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, April 15th

9:30 am Sunday school

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Fellowship

11:45 am Discipleship

Change the World Sunday, April 29th

8:30–9:00 am

Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

9:00–9:30 am

Church Service in Sanctuary

9:30 am–Noon

Projects & Random Acts of Kindness, Lunch Preparations

Noon–1:00 pm

Lunch in Fellowship Hall

12:30 pm

Sharing Projects & RAoK Kindness with the Group

1:00–1:30 pm Lunch Clean-up

“How Do We Change the World?”

One Random Act of Kindness at a Time” ~ Morgan Freeman

The Random Acts of Kindness Wall is up and ready for you to take ACTION.

See the wall for details and/or ask Lisa for more information. Doing Random Acts is good for your soul, for our community and for FUMC.

Match Madness

Update: \$4,155 was donated. Funds were matched at 47.651% for a grand total of \$6,134.94!!!!

Thanks to everyone who donated!!

Interested in Membership and/or Baptism? Contact the church office to set up an appointment to visit with Pastor Melanie.

Welcome to our guests!

We are glad you are here. We hope you were blessed by your experience at First United Methodist Church this morning and will tell a friend!



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