

## Events this week in church:

### Sunday, Oct. 18

9:30 am Crusaders  
10:30 am Worship Service  
2:00—4:00 Genevieve's 100th  
Birthday Party

### Monday, Oct. 19

5:00pm ADCO

### Wednesday, Oct. 21

9:45am Commodities

### Sunday, Oct. 25

9:30 am Crusaders  
10:30 am Worship Service



We wanted to update everyone about some of the activities we have re-started and are planning for this fall - and let you know that if you aren't able to attend right now, we are thinking of you!

[Concordia FUMC Video Hug - Fall 2020](#)

## Need a Softer Place to Sit? Contribute to the Pew Cushion Fund today!

Sample pew cushion  
available on the small  
pew in the narthex.



## LAYETTE SETS

We are collecting items to assemble 75 Layette Sets!



All items need to be returned by November 1st.

## Commitment Sunday is October 25th

You should have received via email or regular mail a letter from the Stewardship Committee and Pastor Melanie. It also contained an "Estimate of Giving" form for you to fill out. The more completed forms we receive back, the better we are able to estimate our financial health for the coming year. On Oct. 25th, We will receive these forms and celebrate our commitment to this mission and ministry of FUMC. There will be a special container for you to place your completed forms.

**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.



October 18, 2020

First United Methodist Church

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Office Hours: Office Hours:

Monday: 8:00-3:30

Tuesday: 9:30-3:30

Wednesday: 8:00-3:30

Thursday: 8:00-3:30

Friday: Office Closed

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Rev. Melanie Adams, Pastor

**Prelude ~** Pam Campbell, organist  
**Welcome & Announcements**  
**Worship Leader:** Amanda Morgan

*(• Please stand as you are able)*

**Welcoming the Light of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship**

We are here to worship our God today.

**Our hope in the promises of God draw us to this place.**

We know that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus: “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,

**Nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,**

Nor anything else in all creation.” *(Romans 8:37-39)*

**We trust in the promises of God!**

**Opening Hymn** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”  
organ solo #140

**Opening Prayer**

**Here we are again, God. We are here longing to be filled with your Presence. Speak to us today. Let us know you are near. Enter our hearts once more. Purge those things that hold us back from being fully and completely yours. Amen.**

**The Psalm** Psalm 23 #754

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 5:1-12 NRSV

**Sermon** “Blessed are Those Who Are Persecuted for Righteousness Sake”  
Final Week: The Beatitudes Series

**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** with meditation song

**Offertory Prayer**

**Loving and Eternal God, in whom we place our trust, we respond to you with joy as we lift up these gifts. The opportunity to share is a blessing for which we are very thankful. Your generous provision for our needs prompts us to be generous in return. May you use these gifts, as well as our lives, to accomplish your purposes.**

**In Christ we pray. Amen.**

**Closing Song** “God of the Ages”  
organ Solo #698

**Our Purpose**

What is our purpose?

**To provide a place for all to BELONG to our community, BELIEVE in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and BECOME his disciples.**

**BELONG! BELIEVE! BECOME!**

**Benediction**

**Postlude ~**



**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Sheila Flesher (Member at Trinity)**

**Steve Corp (Gerald Campbell’s  
Brother-in-Law)**

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!