

Events this week in church:

Sunday, May 16, 2021

- 9:30am Crusaders
- 9:30am Searchers
- 10:30am Worship Service

Monday, May 17, 2021

- 5:30pm ADCO

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

- 9:45am-? Commodities
- 5:00pm Sitting with Jesus
- 5:30pm Confirmation Class

Thursday, May 20, 2021

- 1:00pm UMW

Sunday, May 23, 2021

- 9:30am Crusader
- 9:30am Searchers
- 10:30am Worship Service

Upcoming Events:

May 23, 2021

- 2:00pm Fishing for Fellowship



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.

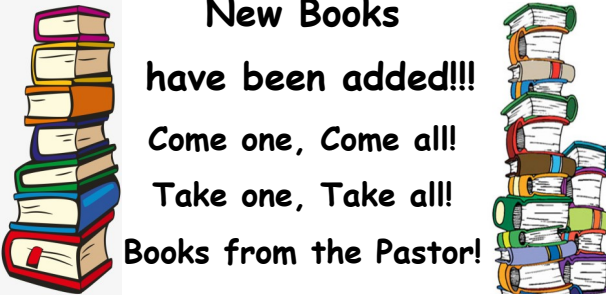


**Missions Buckets
"Noisy Offering" Today**

*Native American
Ministries
Special Offering*



**New Books
have been added!!!
Come one, Come all!
Take one, Take all!
Books from the Pastor!**



**May 23, 2021 @ 2:00pm
Fishing for Fellowship
at the Kocher's Pond**



**DON'T FORGET:
CHAIRS, FISHING POLES, FOOD**



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First United Methodist Church
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Monday — Thursday
8:00am to 4:00pm
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Prelude ~ Pam Campbell, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader: Loren Swenson

Christ's Light Enters

(• Please stand as you are able)

***Call to Worship**

Though we are engulfed by our needs,

The Lord hears our prayers.

God is listening.

God weeps when we hurt, and yet has the power to bring life to any situation.

So, offer your praise! And watch for the morning with renewed hope.

We will, with Christ's help. Amen!

***Opening Hymn** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
#117

***Opening Prayer**

God of Love, you have loved us first and continue to love us. We come before you as a people longing to love you in return. We hunger for your healing love in our lives, for we long to love ourselves and our neighbors. Come to us this day and fill our longing. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Children's Moment

The Psalm Psalm 130 #848

Sermon "The Gospel in a Nutshell"
Rev. Melanie Adams

Prayer Song "Precious Lord" #474

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

***Doxology** #94

***Offertory Prayer [Unison]**

Gracious and Generous God, once again, we rededicate our lives to your service, along with these gifts given with great gratitude for your love and presence among us. May our gifts and our lives be used in such a way that others will know that your grace and love is real, and that it is for them, too. In gratitude we pray. Amen

***Closing Song** "Grace Alone" #2162

***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 ~



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!

7:40 Prayer initiative

Set your phones to remind yourself to stop at 7:40 am and/or 7:40 pm each day to pray for our Church and the mission and ministry we are called to do.