



**Events this Week:**

**Sunday, February 18, 2024**

9:30am All Church Sunday School  
"Bible Pictionary"  
10:30am Worship  
11:30am Missions Meeting  
2:00pm Lenten Study  
5:30pm Yoga  
6:30pm Emotionally  
Healthy Spirituality

**Monday, February 19, 2024**

5:30pm M&M's

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

5:00pm Sitting with Jesus  
5:30pm Choir Practice  
6:00pm Table Talk

**Sunday, February 25, 2024**

9:30am Crusaders  
9:30am Searchers  
10:30am Worship  
2:00pm Lenten Study  
5:30 Yoga  
6:30pm Emotionally  
Healthy Spirituality

Happy  
Birthday



18~ Jacqueline Ramsey  
19~ Maddie Johnson  
20~ Susan Haver  
20~ Erin Reedy  
21~ Dennis Reedy  
22~ MaryLisa Thoman

Prayer  
Requests

AMANDA WATERMAN  
LAURA CHRISTENSEN  
TRISH & DAN WATERMAN  
HARLEY & DARLA ADAMS  
BETH WHISLER  
CAROL RUUD  
FAMILY OF DOLORES ST. PIERRE  
JOAN KROHN

**Lenten Boxes**



**Pickup your Lenten Box TODAY!**

All proceeds go to Mission Agency Support.



**PICK UP YOUR LENTEN  
DEVOTIONAL PAMPHLETS  
IN THE RACK BY  
THE BULLETIN BOARD**



*"I offer my life to you, Lord."  
~Psalm 25:1*

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Monday — Thursday

9:00-4:00pm

Friday

Closed

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Rev. Mark Crist, Pastor



**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.

**Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God.  
John Wesley**



The Community Gathers

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Loren Swenson

PASSING THE PEACE

\*OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King"

UMH#61

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Lenten travelers, when you feel the security of God's love, affirmation of God's call, and covered in God's grace...

**PEOPLE: God comes near.**

LEADER: When you feel deserted and alone, starving and parched for a caring hand or an encouraging word, troubled and uncertain as the ground under you shifts like sand...

**PEOPLE: God comes near.**

LEADER: When you feel emboldened to act, inspired to speak, energized to live as bearers of the good news that the Kingdom of God is here...

**PEOPLE: God comes near.**

LEADER: In all seasons of our lives, God comes near to us and does not forsake us.

**PEOPLE: We gather to come near to God whose ever-present love remains near no matter where our journey takes us.**

SONG OF PRAISE "Spirit Song"

UMH#347

OPENING PRAYER

**Shepherd of our journey, we come to you during this Lenten season as servants of Jesus Christ. In our Lenten journey, we plead for your direction, your patience, and your spiritual support. As you sent your angels to care for Jesus during his forty days in the desert, send them also to us in our earthly journeys. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS

PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

ANTHEM "A Blessing of Assurance"

Renata Knox, Director

Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

*"I offer my life to you, Lord."* ~ Psalm 25:1



TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"

#95

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Holy God, we bring our tithes and offerings to your altar, understanding that on the journey in Lent, we can't avoid or detour around the wilderness. It is essential that we hear Jesus call us to repentance! Bless our gifts for your unfinished kingdom work. Remind us, as we worship here, that this redemption of our lives did not come without a price; without our own repentance, we can miss the enormity of the gift Jesus gave. Knowing we cannot earn this redemption and forgiveness, this wiping clean of our ledger, we can only hope to reflect such grace and compassion in our encounters with others. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 25:1-10

HYMN "Children of the Heavenly Father"

UMH#141 (Vs 1 &2)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:9-15

\* AFFIRMATION

The word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

*"The Journey of Baptism"*

*Pastor Mark Crist*

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Going into the World to Serve

\* SENDING SONG "Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days"

UMH#269

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE "On Eagles Wings"

UMH#143

POSTLUDE AND TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD