

Events this Week:

Sunday, March 17, 2024

St. Patrick's Day

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

Monday March 18, 2024

5:30pm M&M's

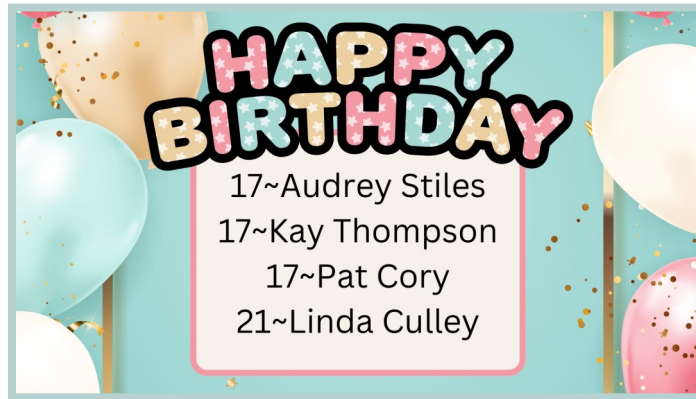
Wednesday, March 20, 2024

- 10:00am Commodities
- 5:00pm Sitting with Jesus
- 5:50pm Choir Practice
- 6:00pm Table Talk.

Sunday, March 24, 2024

- 9:30am Crusaders
- 9:30am Searchers
- 10:30am Palm Sunday Worship
- 11:30 Potluck
- 2:00pm Lenten Study
- 5:30 Yoga
- 6:30pm Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

See insert for Holy Week Activities



17~Audrey Stiles
17~Kay Thompson
17~Pat Cory
21~Linda Culley



Prayer Requests

AMANDA WATERMAN
LAURA CHRISTENSEN
TRISH & DAN WATERMAN
HARLEY & DARLA ADAMS
BETH WHISLER
CAROL RUUD
JOAN KROHN

Attendance & Financials		
	Attendance	Offering
February 25	59	\$3504.00
March 3	54	\$7020.48
March 10	51	\$2765.00
Monthly Budget		\$16,783.00
March Offering to date:		\$6,680.00
Year-to-Date:		\$45,333.00



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~Psalm 51:12



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Monday —Thursday
9:00-4:00pm
Friday
Closed

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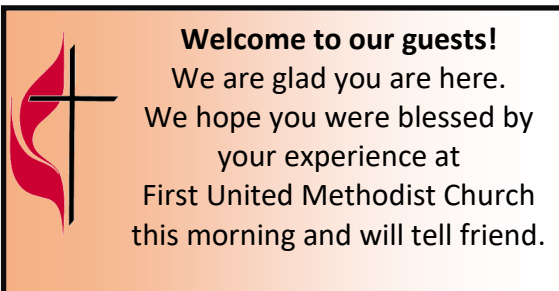
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Rev. Mark Crist, Pastor

Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God.

John Wesley



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 friend.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



The Community Gathers

PRELUDE, CHIMES AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Pam Campbell
 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Loren Swenson
 PASSING THE PEACE
 * OPENING HYMN Here I Am, Lord UMH#593
 * CALL TO WORSHIP
 LEADER: Lenten travelers, how long have you traveled this road with your gaze pointed down at the dust and gravel and asphalt as you walk or limp or roll down the path?
PEOPLE: Sometimes it is easier to look at the road than at the people who share the journey with us.
 LEADER: Lift up your heads! Look, listen, reach out a hand. Who are your neighbors on this road?
PEOPLE: We lift our heads and look to our Savior who journeys with us and helps us notice our neighbors all around us.
 LEADER: This is the Lenten journey—to learn to love God and love our neighbors just as Jesus showed us.
PEOPLE: Our journey teaches us to lose our lives to God as we find and follow Christ in our service to others.
 LEADER: Come, let us worship God who caravans with us on this road to the cross.
PEOPLE: Come, let us worship!
 SONG OF PRAISE Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine UMH#606
 PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE
 LEADER: We confess that the circle of love is repeatedly broken because of our sin of exclusion. We exclude people who are not in our circle, Lord, and it causes great harm.
ALL: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.
 LEADER: We confess that the circle of love is broken and that brokenness makes us insensitive and hard-hearted.
ALL: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.
 LEADER: We confess the circle of love is broken when we affirm our differences far more than seek unity in you, O Lord.
ALL: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.
 SILENCE
 LEADER: Through God's grace we are forgiven by the mercy of our Creator, through the love of Christ, and the power of the Spirit.
ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad. Glory to God! Amen!
 JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS
 PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Thanksgiving

PRAYER SONG Change My Heart, O God TFWS#2152
 SCRIPTURE SENTENCE
"Restore me to the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit." ~ Psalm 51:12
 TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS
 * DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #95
 * PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Almighty and forgiving God, we are humbled by your goodness and love. You bless us with every blessing life has to offer, and we are blessed by the immeasurable love you revealed in Jesus Christ. We pray that we would live with an awareness of your mercies, so our hearts may always be thankful, and live with a generous gratitude instead of letting scarcity guide our lives. Bless the offering we place on your altar today; may it change our hearts, Lord, because you are more faithful to us than we can ever imagine being to you. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.
Hearing and Responding to the Word
 SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34
 HYMN Tell Me the Stories of Jesus UMH#277 (First stanzas only)
 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pam Campbell
 * GOSPEL LESSON John 12:20-33
 # AFFIRMATION
 The word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.
 MESSAGE *An Honest Journey* Pastor Mark Crist
 PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER
Going into the World to Serve
 * SENDING SONG This is a Day of New Beginnings UMH#383 (Stanzas 1-4)
 * BENEDICTION
 * BENEDICTION RESPONSE On Eagles Wings UMH#143
 POSTLUDE AND TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD