



The Community Gathers

PRELUDE, CHIMES AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Pam Campbell
 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Cindy Kocher
 PASSING THE PEACE
 *OPENING HYMN "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling" UMH #384
 *CALL TO WORSHIP
 LEADER: Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.
PEOPLE: We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.
 LEADER: We are branches of the Vine—sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.
PEOPLE: We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.
 LEADER: When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us,
 we bear the fruit of Love.
PEOPLE: We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.
 LEADER: Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?
**PEOPLE: We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work, and build
 community with God and one another.**
 SONG OF PRAISE "I Need Thee Every Hour" UMH #397
 PRAYER OF CONFESSION
**Merciful One, you know when we are afraid to love and too cowardly to
 show mercy. Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears and that we
 can rely on your perfect love. Surround us and strengthen us, even in the face of
 our imperfections. Imbue us with a love so strong, with such growth toward
 perfection, that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of love.**
 WORDS OF ASSURANCE *(based on John 15)*
 LEADER: Christ is the vine. We are simply branches. If we abide in Christ, Christ's
 words will abide in us. Ask for whatever you wish in Christ's name and it will be
 granted. In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven!
PEOPLE: In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven!
 JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS
 PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY
 CHORAL ANTHEM "Held by His Grace" Renata Knox, Director



Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE
*"My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that
 you are my disciples." ~ John 15:8*
 TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS
 *DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94
 *PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
**Gracious God, as we offer our gifts today, we reflect on the wisdom in the words
 from John's gospel. In this imagery, we recognize our role as branches,
 connected to you, the source of our strength and vitality. Help us stay rooted in
 your love, producing fruit that brings glory to your name. May these gifts signify
 our commitment to abide in your teachings and work joyfully in response to
 your love. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**
Hearing and Responding to the Word
 SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 John 4:7-21
 HYMN "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" UMH #277
(First stanzas only)
 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Bells" Angie Gabel-McConkey
 *GOSPEL LESSON John 15:1-8
 # AFFIRMATION
 The word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.
 MESSAGE "The Possible Impossibility" Pastor Mark Crist
 PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER
Going into the World to Serve
 *SENDING SONG "How Can We Name a Love" UMH #111
 *BENEDICTION
 *BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431
 POSTLUDE AND TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Events this Week:

Sunday, April 28, 2024

9:30am Crusaders
 9:30am Searchers
 10:30am Worship
 2:00pm Bridal Shower for
 Andrea Condray

Monday, April 29, 2024

5:30pm One Board Meeting
 (FUMC Council and M&M's)

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

5:00pm Sitting with Jesus
 5:30pm Choir Practice
 6:00pm Table Talk Meal & Classes
 (Last night until next School year!
 Have a great Summer!)

Sunday, May 5, 2024

8:30am Breakfast
 9:00am Change the World Sunday

Sunday May 12, 2024

Mother's Day!



Prayer Requests

KYLE SWENSON	AMANDA WATERMAN
JAN NOVLAN	LAURA CHRISTENSEN
MARVIN PETERSEN	TRISH & DAN WATERMAN
BOLIVIA THOMPSON	HARLEY & DARLA ADAMS
JOSH FREEBORN	BETH WHISLER
DAKOTA BROCKMAN	CAROL RUUD
WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST	JOAN KROHN



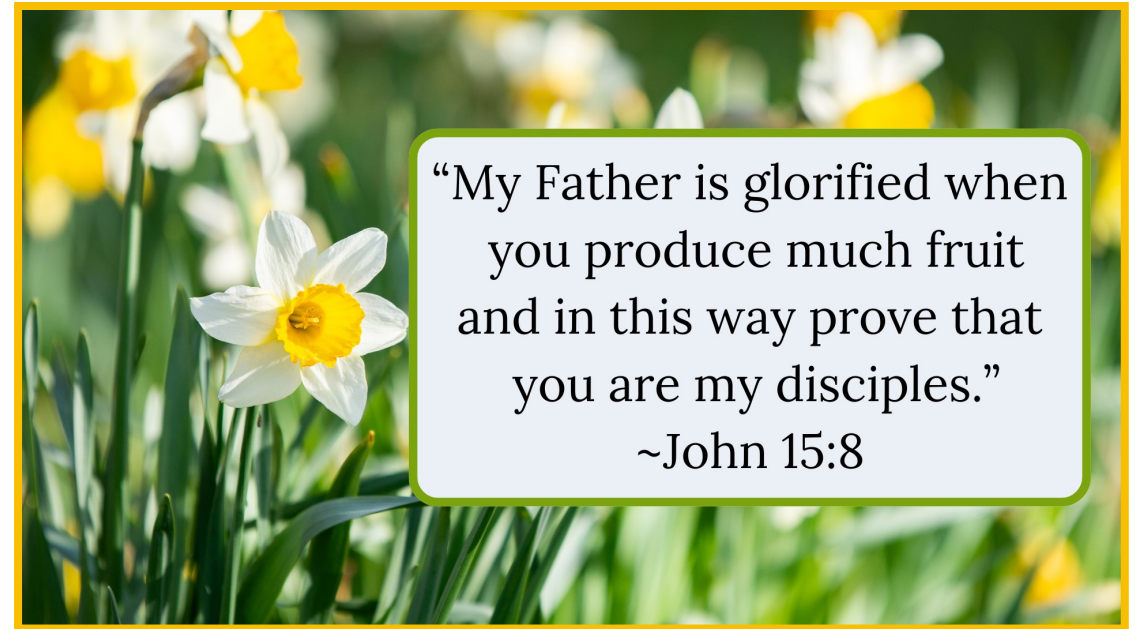
Happy Birthday

28~Patty Mosher
 29~Chad Andersen
 30~Loren Swenson
 30~Nancy Wentz
 May
 1~Jagger Johnson
 3~Kenneth Johnson

Attendance & Financials		
	Attendance	Offering
April 7, 2024	40	\$3,300.00
April 14, 2024	56	\$2,114.00
April 21, 2024	47	\$649.00
Monthly Budget		\$16,783.00
April Offering to date:		6,063.00
Year-to-Date:		61,170.00



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April 28, 2024
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Office Hours:
 Monday —Thursday
 9:00-4:00pm
 Friday
 Closed

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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.