

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 4/30: Men's Bible Study (7:15)
Women's Bible Study (1:00)
- ◆ 5/1: Wednesday Nighter (5:30)
- ◆ 5/5: UMW Craft/Bake Sale,
CrAfternoon, ELC Fun Run
- ◆ 5/15: final wednesday Nighter for
the season
- ◆ 5/19: Graduate Recognition &
Potluck

The Circle of Faith will meet Thursday, May 2, at 10:00 am in the conference room.

The next CrAfternoon is next Sunday, May 5, following the worship service. Kids and their families are welcome to join us for lunch and crafts in the fellowship hall from 11:30-1:30.

The Early Learning Center and FUMC would like to invite you to support the Fun Run, a family event at Kermit Tipton Stadium at Science Hill on Sunday, May 5 from 3:00-5:00 pm. There will be multiple running events, games, and activities for all ages. This is a run just for fun - no official time will be kept. The cost is \$15 for children under 10 and \$25 for ages 10 and up. Pre-registration ends 4/28 and includes a t-shirt. Registration after 4/28 is \$20 for those under 10 and \$30 for all others. T-shirts are not guaranteed on race day.

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of April, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are peanut butter, cereal, toothpaste, & diapers (size 4 & 5). Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Mike Eddy

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
Laurie Blayney
Paul Bowman & family
Jim Briggs
Bob & Carla Brown
Catherine Cartus
Karl Cavanary
Vernon Crawford
Thomas & Elizabeth Crowder
Eddie Deakins
Jackie Denny
Paul Duncan
Phyllis Eckerson
Vivian Eckerson
Tom Eorgan
Clint Ferguson
Cecilia Fleckstein
The Foster Family
Jim Furches
Betty & Earl Gouge
Casey Hamrick
Nora & Tony Haynes
Hannah Hensley
Sam & Jin Hopson
Family of Anakin Hoyle
Scott Huff
Keith & Jean Jones
Joyce Josie
Deni Kiehl
Tammy Kosa
Linda Kostreva
Karen Martin
Bob & Wanda May
Kent & Midge Merrill
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken
Helen Mills
Jason Mills
Tom Palmer
Ruby Payne
Bob & Athena Peebles
Carolyn Peeples
Bobby Seay
Ann Sharpe
John Staley
Family of Mike Terry
Fran Thomas
J.D. Toth
John & Susan Trotter
Steve Uelhof
Anna Grace West
Sarah Wilhoit
Manna House
General Conference of the UMC



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Prelude "The Church's One Foundation" Arr. Donna Hustad

First Things First

Call to Worship

Leader: With great joy we enter the House of the Lord.

People: We bow before the One who is our refuge and strength.

Leader: We lift our eyes to the One who offers us compassion and love.

People: We look to the One who gives us courage and lights our way.

Leader: We listen to the One who redeems us and makes us whole.

People: We come to worship Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #384

Affirmation of Faith

“The Nicene Creed”

#880

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven:
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
And became truly human.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
And His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and Son is worshiped and glorified,
Who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Graves into Gardens" Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology

Gospel Reading

Anthem “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

Sermon “Bedrock or Stumbling Block” Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "Jesus Calls Us" #463

Benediction

Benediction Response

O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
Until thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

This year's Hands-On Mission Project for the Three Rivers District is "Backpacks for Liberia." The school kits will equip some of the 16,000 students who attend United Methodist schools in Liberia and Guinea to learn and grow. This year our goal is 150 backpacks. To help reach our goal the Outreach team is once again ordering supplies in bulk. This means we can purchase all the supplies including the backpack and shipping for \$20. If you were to buy the supplies individually you could expect to pay at least \$40. We would love for each person or family to sponsor one backpack with a \$20 gift, or perhaps half a backpack for \$10. Please turn in donations by Sunday, May 5.

The New Moms Group is hosting a get together on Friday, May 10 at 5:30 at Powell Square Park. Bring the whole family for fun and food! Please contact office@1stchurchjc.org if you plan to attend so we have enough food.

The UMW will hold a craft and bake sale on Sunday, May 5 in the parlor following worship. There will also be a vintage/gently used purse sale (by donation). Some purses may contain surprises! Please begin now preparing items for the sale. Proceeds will go to the Salvation Army.

Do you have someone in your family graduating from high school, college, or other degree programs? Please let us know by sending the name, school, degree, future plans, and picture of the graduate to office@1stchurchjc.org

wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: Methodism 101

Menu: taco salad, dessert

Dinner begins at 5:30 and classes begin at 6:30.

Please make reservations by **Monday, 4/29 at noon** by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

Offering boxes are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.