



First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We're glad that you are here.

*To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;
all who are lonely and need companionship;
all who want sheltering love, all who sin
and need a Savior; and whosoever will*

—we open wide our doors and say, "Come; let us worship together."

10:15am Sunday Worship March 3, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Boyd Law

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE THIRD WORD FROM THE CROSS John 19:26-27

"When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother."

When Jesus saw His mother and John, one of his disciples, standing nearby, He asked each to take care of the other. Judas had betrayed Jesus; Peter had denied Him; the others had fled. Through the years, John had been drawn close to the heart of Jesus and now was asked to care for Mary. From that day, John took Mary into his own home. Jesus had no garments to leave to his mother, no money, no land and no security to give to her. But now, the Son of God has arranged a place for his mother.

*CALL TO WORSHIP LaVona Grissinger

L: We stand in the need of the presence of God.

P: Our lives can so easily become corrupted by our own greed.

L: But the Lord has heard our cries and calls us forward on this journey.

P: Lord, guide our steps.

L: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

P: Let us open our hearts to the healing, restoring love of God. Amen.

*SONG: "In Christ Alone" Worship DVD

OPENING PRAYER LaVona Grissinger

O God, your weakness is mightier than human strength, your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. We rejoice that you are with us today. Open our hearts and discipline our will.

Teach us to follow your perfect ways. Test us with your righteous decrees. As with a whip, drive us from unholy living, and turn us toward your holy light. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, comfort and redeem us with your holy gospel.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881 LaVona Grissinger

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME LaVona Grissinger

SCRIPTURE Exodus 20:2-17 (CEB) LaVona Grissinger
*GOSPEL John 2:13-22 (CEB) Pastor Dave Yim

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

A: Thanks be to God!

HYMN #2164 "Sanctuary" (X2)

MESSAGE "Step out of Your Comfort Zone" Pastor Dave Yim

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (Email the office)

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION/CONFESSION AND PARDON

OFFERING OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY #95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, all we have comes from you and has been given to us as stewards that we might live and love as your beloved children. As we bring our gifts this morning, we realize what a small portion they are compared to what you have given to us. As we have sought ways to fund church ministry without raising our level of sacrifice, forgive us. If there have been times when we unconsciously favored reaching those with more assets to

give and overlooked those who live and struggle with little, forgive us. Guide us in the path of repentance. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*HYMN #549 "Where Charity and Love Prevail" (v. 1-3 only)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

In Our Prayers

Emilee Derrer, Rhonda Harlock Smith, John Irons, Gi-Tae Yim, Sandy Froehlich, Barb McFadden, Glen White, Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Alice Riffe-Torrison (Ronda's mom), Dale Wurster, Owen Davies (Bonnie's son), Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend), Steve Runge (Ronda's friend), Connie Zink, Pastor Lee (Pastor Dave's friend), Don & Judy Greenfield, Sandy Pratt, Shirley Fritz, Lexi Tsoukalas (Molly's great niece), Alyssa Volkers (Burt & Peg Dauphin's granddaughter), Debbie Bilik (Janet Morlock's friend), Tim Cavanagh, Louise Brouillard (Ronda's friend), Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Miles Purchis (Max & Martha Purchis' grandson), Dee Helle, John & Linda Jachino, Paul Mayer, Angie (Paula's friend), Roger Farrow, Kurtis (Susan Michelle's friend), Eli (Bob & Lavona's grandson), Paula Mayer, Young-Ho (Bang-Wool's father), Tinslee, Sally Ritchie, Chris Falk's father, Jeff (Backwater Gambler dad), Ed & Barb Jepsen, Todd Orn (Mary Iron's nephew), the family of Mary Ann Larsen, our Confirmands (Jon, Aidan, Jiho, Asia, Caleb, and Lexi), and WC staff & students.

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenny, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb, Sandy & Ben Pratt, Florence Bevins-Powell, and Shirley Fritz.

Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars, Syria, Israel, the Gaza Strip, peace in the Middle East, and the victims of everyday violence and their families.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March 4 – Pam Darrow
 4 – Kelley Johnson
 5 – Greg Jepsen

CALENDAR

Monday, March 4
 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
 3:30 to 5 pm – WC Food Pantry
 Tuesday, March 5
 4:30 pm – Trustee meeting (Special)
 6:30 pm – United Women of Faith
 Wednesday, March 6
 6:30 pm – Lenten Service (St. John's)
 Thursday, March 7
 9 am – Bible Study
 4:30 pm – Lenten Bible Study
 7 pm – Zoom Prayer meeting
 Saturday, March 9
 10 am – Marital Counseling
 Sunday, March 10 (Turn Clocks Back)
 UMCOR Sunday
 Pretzel Sunday
 8:45 am – Adult Sunday School
 9:30 am – Children & Youth Sunday School
 10:15 am – Worship

WORSHIP HELPERS

	March 10	March 17
Acolyte	Ellie Johnson	Jisung Yim
Liturgist	Burt Prins	LeaAnn Michels
Counter	Molly Andersen	Cori Moore
Verifier	Tom Michels	Sharon F Guilinger

Last Week's Attendance: 51

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing Basket – We are in need of laundry soap, and paper towels. We always need paper products. Your support is greatly appreciated!

The Women's Group is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.

Weekly Zoom Prayer Meetings – will be every Thursday, @ 7 pm.

Pastor Dave will email you a link each week.

Sunday School Wish List – Crayola crayons, Crayola 8 pack markers, Elmers white glue, glue sticks, scissors.

Rice Meal Packing – will be April 20th! Baskets will be out for raising funds. Once again, 4 churches will go together to do this mission project.

Pictures for Church Directory – Sign up sheets for picture times are in the Narthex! Please sign up! Really want everyone in the directory!!! See Ronda if you have any questions or concerns.

Communion offering – goes to Rice Meal Packing

United Women in Faith – meeting will be March 5th @ 6:30 pm

No Choir practice on March 6th!

Special Trustee Meeting – Wednesday, March 6th @ 4:30

Lenten Services – on Wednesday, March 6th @ 6:30 pm at St. John's Catholic Church. See bulletin boards for following services.

Soup & Lenten Bible Study – will be on Thursday, March 7th @ 4:30 pm. "Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith" by Adam Hamilton.

Finance/Growth – meeting will be March 12th @ 5 pm

New Mission – meeting will be March 12th @ 6:30 pm

Trustees/Ad Council – meet Sunday, March 17th @ 9 am/11:15 am

Ice Cream Social – Sunday, March 17th @ 11:15 am to support Ronda going to National PAUMCS Conference in April.

Confirmation Class – Sunday, March 17th @ 3:30 to 5 pm.

Soul Sisters – Popcorn & a Movie – stay tuned for details!

Please make sure the doors are closed & locked – when you come to the building after hours!

Nursery Room Usage – per NIC Safe Sanctuary policies, no child/children are to be in there without a parent or certified adult (18 or older) present.

For Your Safety – once church starts, all doors will be locked except the handicapped doors. So please use those if you are running late.

New Sewing Ministry – We invite all sewers to get involved in our sewing ministry by getting a kit in the sewing room. Several are available. (Pattern & material) Check out this ministry in the sewing room after church or ask any member of United Women in Faith. This gives those who cannot come Monday afternoons to sew a chance to be part of this important ministry by sewing at home at your convenience. Check this out!!!



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Sunday, 10:15 am
March 3rd, 2024

Vision Statement

“Our faith calls us to action in the body of Christ and in the local community to love God and to love others”

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