



THE CONNECTION

**April 2023
Newsletter**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Holy Week Worship Services

Come join us for the special worship services leading up to our Resurrection Celebration.

April 2, Palm Sunday, 10:30 AM. We will have one combined worship service in the Main Sanctuary at 10:30. Children will march in with Palm branches. It will be a great celebration. After church, we will have dinner on the grounds with lots of activities for children. Invite all you know to join us!



April 6, Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 PM. We will celebrate Holy Communion as we remember the last supper in the Upper Room.

April 7, Good Friday Service, 6:30 PM. Our worship service this year will be a Tenebrae service of shadows. This is honestly one of the most moving worship services you might attend. I encourage all to journey to the cross with us in worship.

April 9, Easter Sunday, 8:30, 9:45, 11 AM. We will hold our three regular worship services. Be sure and invite a friend. This is a great opportunity for evangelism. Many would be open to attending worship with you on this special day.

The Ministerial Association of Crestview will also hold a sunrise service in Old Spanish Trail Park at 6:30 AM.

Disaffiliation Report

On March 12, our congregation voted 93% to Disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. We voted 98% to join the Global Methodist Church. We also voted 85% to go back to our name of "First Methodist Church" (our name from 1939-1968).

There are a few more steps and all will not be complete until the whole Annual Conference votes on May 7. If approved, the name and denominational affiliation change would take effect on Sunday night, May 7. We will report events as they happen on our Facebook page.

If approved, there will be a lot of work for many volunteer hands. Signs will need to begin changing, new name tags created, and a whole lot more. There will be work inside and outside. I encourage you to look for ways to help.

We are still taking donations for our Disaffiliation Fund if you'd like to make a contribution. You can do that through our fumcrestview app or notate your check with 'Disaffiliation'.

Our first Sunday as a GMC church will be May 14 (Mother's Day). Then, on May 21, we will have a special New Covenant Day (one combined service at 10:30 in the Main Sanctuary) where we will all renew our membership vows. I have already been asked: what about a shut-in or someone away at college who cannot be here that day but wants to continue being a member of our congregation? It is not a mandatory meeting. Instead, please think of this as a great moment in the long journey of our church history. We are planning a big service that day and I hope you will join us. Also, this will be the first day in a while that we receive new members.

On a personal note, I will share that this has been a season of mixed emotions for me. I have been a part of the United Methodist Church since its formation in 1968 and I have given over 40 years of my life to her from the moment God called me into full-time ministry in November of 1982. For 40 years I have been working for reform. It was a hard decision for me personally to come to the point where I felt God moving me in a different direction. On the day of our disaffiliation vote, more than one person told me it was a day of joy and grief. I know what they mean.

I grieve that issues in the UMC have become so grave. I also grieve over the loss of church members and friends who did not feel they could travel this path with us. Make no mistake, this is a time of loss in our church. We should name it and not hide it.

But it's also a hopeful time- even a time of joy. I know several people who shed tears of genuine joy because of the new path we are now on. They felt a sense of relief because they could more faithfully serve God in a new setting. There is an excitement for the days ahead. We believe there will be greater freedom to do the ministry God has called us to do. Will there be challenging days ahead? Sure. But many people believe that there are signs of a revival that are just beginning to sweep our land and we want to be a part of it- something people have been praying about for decades.

New Members

If you are interested in learning more about what it means to be a full member, please make that notation on a Grace Note and drop it in the offering plate at worship. There are already 6-10 people who have communicated to me they

were waiting to see which way our vote went and are now eagerly looking forward to explore full membership.

Membership Transfer

And lastly, if you are one of those that wants to stay UMC and not join the Global Methodist Church, please let us know in the church office. We can transfer your membership to the Pensacola District Roll. Since every UMC church within almost 30 miles is disaffiliating, I am pretty certain Bishop Graves and the Pensacola District will want to plant a new UMC church in the Crestview area one day (for example, they have already planted one in Pace, Florida). Having your name on the District Roll will provide Conference leaders with a pool of people for planting this new congregation.

If you join another church here or elsewhere, or even simply want your name removed, please let us know.

Let me say, that while I know some folks were disappointed with the vote, we still hope you will continue on this journey of faith with us. Our name is simply returning back to our old name and we will have a new denominational affiliation. However, the core of who we are is not changing. In many ways, this will be the same congregation where you have worshiped for years. We would love to continue this journey together for many more years to come.

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness.

-Pastor Ronnie

HEART FELT THANKS!

An open letter of thanks to all who provided assistance with the Community Dinner on March 8, 2023 for the Children's Ministry. My most heartfelt thank you to each and every one who gave so generously of their time in preparation of the meal, baking all desserts, setting up, serving, and clean-up after the dinner.

The food was delicious and well received.

Many great compliments were given by those in attendance. Thank you for all the donations.

I feel so richly blessed to be a part of such a caring and supportive community of Christians, as demonstrated by the members of First United Methodist Church, Crestview.

-Bobbi Burton, Womens Service Group



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday ~ April 2

One combined service at 10:30AM in the Main Sanctuary.
FB Livestreamed.*
Lunch & Children's Festival to follow.

**No evening activities
scheduled for Wednesday, April 5**

Maundy Thursday Communion Service ~ April 6

6:30PM in the Main Sanctuary. FB Livestreamed. *

Tenebrae / Good Friday Service ~ April 7

6:30PM in the Main Sanctuary. FB Livestreamed. *

Easter Celebration ~ Sunday, April 9

8:30, 9:45 & 11:00AM services will be celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior!

9:45 & 11:00AM services will be FB Livestreamed.*

**Nursery available for children 6 weeks to age 4 for all Holy Week Services.*



Palm Sunday Schedule

Will we will celebrate Palm Sunday on **April 2** in a combined service at 10:30AM in the Main Sanctuary and then have our annual Palm Sunday Event on Alabama Street which includes a light lunch.

The children will meet in the lobby of the Sanctuary at 10:15AM for the Procession Of The Palms.



- Adult Sunday School 9:30-10:15AM
- Kids' Street open at 9:15AM, 6wks-5th grade
- Kids Sunday School -9:30-10:15AM
- Kids will line up at 10:15AM to carry the palms into the Sanctuary
- Children's Church—10:45 -11:30AM
- Lunch served at 11:40AM outside of the Christ Chapel (Alabama Street)

Children's activities begin at noon with games, face painting, bounce house and our annual Easter Egg Hunt (bring your basket)! All children are to be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times during this event.

Youth Discovery Weekend

Our Youth retreat will be held from **Friday, April 14- Sunday, April 16.**

Needed are:

1. PRAYERS! Please pray for our youth and our volunteers.
2. Adults for supervision and security.
3. We will be accepting donations of canned sodas, capri-suns, bottled water, and single serve chip bags. Please drop off in Youth Rm or church office.

If you have any questions or would like to help our in anyway, please reach out to Paul Adams at fumcrestviewyouth@gmail.com.



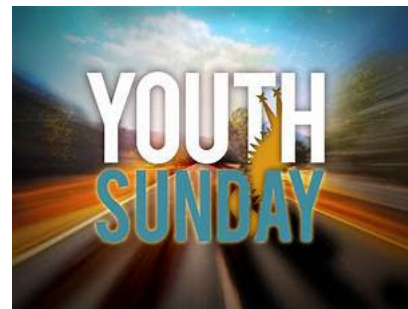
Youth Discovery Weekend Prayer Service

On Saturday, **April 15**, at 7:00pm, we will be having a **HUGE** prayer service in the Main Sanctuary. All in our church are invited to come! We would love to have the main sanctuary filled with the congregation praying for our youth! -Paul Adams



Youth Discovery Sunday

Our annual Youth Discovery Sunday is a dynamic worship service that will be held on Sunday, **April 16** at the 9:45AM 'The Well' service. All are welcome to come support our Youth- you will be mightily blessed!



CommUNITY Dinner

SAVE THE DATE!

Our next CommUNITY dinner will be held on

Wed, **May 10**.

A Silent Auction will begin two weeks prior in the CRC, from April 30- May 10. All proceeds will benefit Pastor Kris and his ministry in Poland.



One Blood

One Blood's Big Red Bus will be on campus on Sunday, **April 30** from 8:00AM-1:00PM in the parking lot across from CRC.

All donors will receive a \$20 eGift card & a OneBlood Big Red Bus T-shirt. Plus, a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening. Save a life and give blood!



Graduation Sunday

Congrats to all our Grads!

We will be celebrating with all of our High School and College graduates on Sunday, **May 14** in all services. Please send your graduate's name, school and the service time of the worship service that they attend

to office.fumcrestview@gmail.com and we'll make sure to add them to our roster.



Vacation Bible School

VBS Registration is open!

Dates this year are **June 19 - June 23**.

We have a day program for the preschool ages 3 to 5 years old

AND an evening program for K to rising 5th graders!



MINISTRY UPDATES

Traditions Service Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed for our Sunday Traditions/11:00 Service in the Main Sanctuary. Please see Viki Luster or Corolla Anderson to sign up, or notate your grace note.

Bow ties optional!

(Here we have our FUMC ushers from way back when our church was on Main St!) Pictured left to right are: Mr. Brown (?), Curtis Bolton, Leroy Griffin and Buck Stokes.



Childrens Ministry

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE AND EASTER EGG HUNT

April 2, 2023 we will celebrate Palm Sunday in a combined service at 10:30AM and then have our annual Palm Sunday Event on Alabama Street and a light lunch.

The children will meet in the front of the church Sanctuary at 10:15 am for the procession of the palms. The following is a schedule of the days events and some announcements for all.



- Adult Sunday School 9:30am-10:15am
- Kids' Street open at 9:15am, 6wks—5th grade
- Kids Sunday School—9:30am to 10:15am
- Kids will line up at 10:15am to carry the palms into the Sanctuary.
- Children's Church—10:45am to 11:30am
- Lunch served at 11:40 am outside of the Christ Chapel (Alabama Street)

Children's activities begin at noon with games, face painting, bounce house and our annual Easter Egg Hunt (bring your basket)! All children are to be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times during this event.

Volunteers: Kids Street needs you! We would love to have more volunteers on Wednesday nights and for our special events. See Angela Long or any Children's Ministry Team Member for more information.

Seedbed Curriculum: Our children have had a blast in the 11:00 Chapel Time and on Wednesday nights this month. They have begun Seedbed Kids curriculum where they are focusing on becoming Trackers to a Life of Discipleship. Trackers is a program designed to develop the basics of Christianity in our children, instilling in them a knowledge of where truth is found, examples of Biblical "Trackers of Truth," and a desire to seek truth for themselves.

Using a mixed agriculture and time-travel theme, the children will go through the Old Testament in chronological order, learning many highlights of the Old Testament stories. At the same time, they will learn of the many glimpses of the coming Savior, as revealed in the New Testament. They will soon understand that in the Old Testament, Jesus was present but concealed, whereas in the New Testament, Jesus was revealed. Each week, the children will also learn practical lessons of personal application to assist them in their own spiritual growth. Kids Street Trackers began the study on the Life of Discipleship session and will be focusing on this for 10 or more weeks. The first two modules over view is as follows to give you an idea of what we will be exploring. **Trackers of Discipleship Module One:** Who is God? The children will discuss God is Trinity, God is Father, God is Son, and God is Holy Spirit. **Module Two:** Word of God: The Big Story, Loving God's Word, and The Power of God's Word.

VBS Dates are June 19 to June 23. We will have a day session for preschool age children and evening session for K to 5th graders. Registration is now open at fumcrestview.com. for Preschool, K to 5th Grade and Adult Volunteers.

We are excited to announce that this year we will serve a light meal during our evening snack time to help out with the late night requests for a second meal when your children get home!

Palm Sunday Song & Procession Practice: We are practicing for our Palm Sunday procession on Wednesday night and at the 11:00 Service. Kevin Lusk has been rehearsing with the children so they can join the choir in praise as we enter the church on Palm Sunday. Don't forget that each year the children meet in the front of the Main Sanctuary at 10:15 to enter the church with Palms before walking over to Kids Street for Chapel Time. (See details in the Palm Sunday announcement in this newsletter or get with Angela Long for additional questions.)

May Parents Night Out Save the Date: Parents Night Out is scheduled for **May 12, 2023**. Registration will open in April.

-Angela Long / Family Discipleship Coordinator
kidsstreetcrestview@gmail.com , fumc.smallgroups@gmail.com

[Youth Ministry](#)

Hello, Church!

There is a whole lot going on with our youth this month! For starters, we have Discovery Weekend taking place from **Friday, April 14th to Sunday, April 16th**. This is one of the biggest weekends for our youth program of the whole

year! The youth will spend the weekend at the church growing closer to the Lord and having fellowship with one another. This is a very special time of revival and growth within our youth. We will start Friday evening at 7pm and end after the 9:45am service on Sunday.



There are multiple ways that you can help with this event. One is by simply praying for us. A lot goes into Discovery Weekend. We ask that you pray for our high schoolers as they prepare the weekend and that they lead the middle school students closer to Christ through their testimonies and talks. We also ask that you pray for our middle school students, that God would open their hearts over the weekend and that all of the youth would strengthen their relationship with the Most High. Also, please be in prayer for our volunteers and staff.

Another way you can help is by volunteering. We need adults to help give supervision and security over the weekend. If you are interested in staying overnight, or even just coming by for a few hours, please reach out to fumcrestviewyouth@gmail.com. On Saturday, **April 15th**, at 7:00pm, we will be having a huge prayer service in the main sanctuary. All in our church are invited to come! We would love to have the main sanctuary filled with the congregation praying for our youth!

Then, on Sunday morning, we are having our special Discovery Weekend service, where the youth lead the 9:45am service in Wesley Hall. We ask that if possible, no matter what service you usually attend, that you support our youth by also coming to the 9:45 service. We will be accepting any donations of canned sodas, capri-suns, bottled water, and single serve chip bags in the youth room until Discovery Weekend. Please help in anyway you can!

Lastly, I wanted to give an update on the Youth Yard Sale. It was a tremendous success! We raised over \$3,000 for our youth program! This will primarily go towards our summer trip to Camp Baldwin from July 27th-July 30th of this year, but also will support other things that we do throughout the year. Thank you so much to all who donated items to make this event so successful! It wouldn't have been possible without you! And thanks to all who supported us by showing up that Saturday to by some stuff! God surely blessed that whole event and I am so thankful to have a supportive body of people who care about our youth and helped make this happen.

Youth will not be meeting on Wednesday, **April 5th** due to Holy week. And on Wednesday, **April 12th**, only the high schoolers will be meeting for Discovery preparation. That means the first real Wednesday night youth meet will not be until Wednesday, **April 19th**.

If you have any questions or would like to help our in anyway, please reach out to Paul Adams at fumcrestviewyouth@gmail.com.

In Christ,
-Paul Adams

More on Discovery Weekend 2023

April 14-16 - Save the dates!!!!

Who's Invited? *All current 5th through 12th graders*
Volunteers needed? YES AND AMEN!

What is it?

Discovery Weekend is a spiritual formation retreat modeled after the Chrysalis and Emmaus retreats that many of you have attended at Blue Lake Methodist Camp. We are very excited that 2023 will be our 7th year hosting a Discovery Weekend! The retreat is

hosted by our High School students (9th-12th graders)

for our current 5th through 8th graders at the Crossroads Center. Through skits, games, worship, personal testimonies, and leading discussion groups the High School students create and lead an experience where they and the Middle School students can deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and with each



other. *Discovery Weekend invites the entire church family to live out its Baptismal covenant of "surrounding these children with a community of love and forgiveness so they may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal." We need your help!!!!*

Please connect with me if you would like to help in any way - we need adults on deck for prayers, set up, organization, meals, transportation, overnight chaperones, small group monitoring, & event clean up.

Blessing to you and yours,

Sara Fordyce

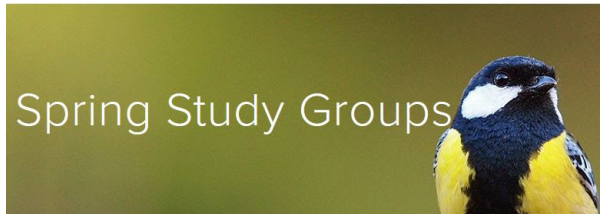
Volunteer Discovery Chairperson

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Adult & Family Ministry

Our Wednesday Night Adult Small Groups will pick back up the week after Palm Sunday, marking the week of March 10th as the first week. We have several groups for you to choose from and hope that you are all excited for this spring session. It is only 8 weeks and a perfect chance to join a group or come back to our studies for those of you who have taken a break. Please see the following choices for you and visit our website for additional details.



Wed nights 6:00 PM. Beginning April 12th:

***Parables and Proverbs- Gods Wisdom for Living**

Led by Susan Hill / RM 212 Breezeway

Same class and description: to pick back up on April 12th. (They decided to meet until the end of this month and then come back on the 12th. Dates are updated in planning center)

***Encounter the Spirit: by Carolyn Moore**

Led by Aimee Keller / Crossroads Center Asbury Room

***Knowing and Believing God's Love: Exploring The Gospel of Christ by Phylcia Masonheimer**

Led by Callie McGraw / Crossroads Center Room 402

Monday morning Moms Group

***The Best Yes by Lisa TerKeurs**

Led by Vicky Anchor / Room 212 (on Breezeway close to Kids Street check in)

Reminder- There will be no Sunday School classes on Palm Sunday. Please bring family, children, and grandchildren to our combined service at 10:30AM and join us for a light meal and Easter Egg Hunt after the day as we celebrate Palm Sunday.

-Angela Long, Family Discipleship Coordinator

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[Soup Kitchen News](#)

Are you interested in serving the hungry in our community the first Saturday of every month? Our Soup Kitchen is looking for a 1st Saturday leader! For more info please contact our Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Deb Lubas, at 401-742-4898.

Respectfully,
-Deb Lubas, FUMC SOUP Kitchen Coordinator



Matthew 25:35 – I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

[Yarn Ministry](#)

Yarn is the gift that keeps giving!

Pam, Connie and Cathrin took a load of blankets & shawls to Eglin's Fisher House on Thurs, March 9. Fisher House's hospitality extends to military members and their families who come to Eglin's regional hospital for treatments and appointments. Each patient is given a gift bag including a prayer shawl or blanket. They have received many comments on what a comfort a Yarn Ministry item brings them while they are guests. What a joy to be a part of their ministry!
Yarnies will meet on Tues, **April 11 & 25** at 6:00PM in Rm 213.



-Cathrin Owens

"May the kindness of the Lord our God be upon us; And confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands." Psalm 90:17

"We look for wool and linen, And work with our hands in delight." Proverbs 31:13

[Crestview Prayer Network](#)

The Crestview Prayer Network meets the first Wednesday of each month to share fellowship and goings-on in the different churches in the North Okaloosa Area. Here are some highlights of the March 2023 meeting:



- Continued prayers asked for the 1st Presbyterian Congregation as they deal with the aftermath of the vehicle crashing into the front of their church. They are currently worshiping in their fellowship hall.

- The Holy Spirit is moving throughout the world and touching people of all ages at universities across the nation. Pray that the outpouring moves into our High Schools, Middle & Elementary Schools!

- Mayor Whitten announced the City will be hosting a community-wide Easter Sunrise Service on April 9th at 6:30 am at Old Spanish Trail Park. All are welcome to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior!

- There is a great need for mentors at Richbourg School, just a couple blocks away from our church. Monday mornings, community members go to the church and meet with the students who are in crisis and need someone to talk to or just listen. They are in desperate need of Godly men to go and minister to the young men who are students at that school--so many are in crisis and at risk of not fulfilling their potential. If you are interested please contact Dr. Karen Brown at 706-414-8352 and let her know you are interested in Motivational Mondays!

The Monthly Prayer Focus for March was: Praying for our Churches and Pastors. We prayed for God's protection over our churches and our congregations. We prayed for the Pastors and leadership in each church to be blessed with good health and wisdom. We prayed that we would all be refreshed in mind and spirit through the study of God's Word and prayer.

The next meeting for the Crestview Prayer Network will be Wednesday, **April 5th**, at noon, at Hideaway Pizza downtown...all are welcome!
-Kristin Sallberg

CALENDARS

April Greeters, Ushers, Liturgists

Morning Glory / Christ Chapel 8:30AM

Greeters:

April 2- John & Cynthia Leitschuck

April 9- Palm Sunday 10:30AM Combined Worship in the Main Sanctuary

April 16- Lowell & Maryrose / Scott Easter Sunday

April 23- Mike & Betsy Roy

April 30- Kit Callahan

Contemporary / The Crossroads Center 9:45AM

Greeters & Ushers: Aimee Keller & Dan Taylor

Liturgists (In Sunday order): 1. Allen Bell 2. Dan Taylor 3. Nell Sutherland 4. Ronnie Bearden 5. Dan Taylor

Traditions / Main Sanctuary 11:00AM

Greeters

April 2- Viki & Terry Luster- also side aisle ushers- Palm Sunday 10:30AM Combined Service

April 6- Tom & Edie Giovanini- Maundy Thursday service 6:30PM

April 7- Margaret Larson & Connie Stapp - Good Friday / Tenebrae service 6:30PM

April 9- Corolla Anderson & Edie Giovanini

April 16- Glenda McMasters & Jamie Davis also side aisle ushers

April 23- Margaret Larson & Mark Owens also side aisle ushers

April 30- Tom & Edie Giovanini also side aisle ushers

Office door: 2- Gary Johnson, 6- Kit Callahan, 7- Kit Callahan, 9- Connie

Stapp, 16- Connie Stapp, 23- Mark Owens, 30- Rollin Anderson

Ushers

April 2- David Ordonez & Tom Saunders- Palm Sunday 10:30AM Combined Service

April 6- Melanie & Gary Zick for communion rail only - Maundy Thursday service 6:30PM

April 9- Tom Giovanini & Rollin Anderson side ushers Edie Giovanini & Connie Stapp- Easter Sunday

April 16- Dax Reeves & Tom Sanders

April 23- Tom Giovanini & Rollin Anderson

April 30- David Ordonez & Dax Reeves

Choir - Jim Hight

Liturgists:

April 2- Mike Steen / Palm Sunday 10:30AM Combined Service

April 9- Jody Woodward / Easter Sunday

April 16- Mike Steen

April 23- Paul Adams

April 30- Claudia Creamer

Important Dates In April

April 2-April 9 is Holy Week!

April 2- **Palm Sunday Combined Service**- 10:30AM in the Main Sanctuary, Lunch & Children's Festival (begins directly after lunch)

April 5- Crestview Prayer Network 12:00PM Hideaway Pizza, No Kid's St. or Youth activities this week

April 6- **Maundy Thursday Service** at 6:30PM in the Main Sanctuary

April 7- Women's Service Group 10:00AM Rm 212, **Good Friday Tenebrae Service** at 6:30PM in the Main Sanctuary

April 9- **He is risen indeed! Easter Services** at all 3 regular worship times

April 10- Easter Monday- church office will be closed, 8th Ave Men 6:00PM FH

April 11- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213.

April 16- Youth Discovery at 9:45AM worship service

April 24- May Newsletter Deadline

April 25- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213

April 29- Youth Soup Kitchen & Ice Cream Social

April 30- One Blood on campus 8:00AM-1:00PM, Silent Auction to benefit Pastor Kris begins in the CRC (a part of our Community Dinner program on May 10)

*FH- Fellowship Hall, Conf Rm- Conference Room, CRC- The Crossroads Center, Youth Rm- Youth Room

Please see <http://fumcrestview.com/calendar-1> for any updates or changes

Looking Ahead to May

May 1 through May 4- National Week of Prayer in Main Sanctuary during regular business hours.

May 3- Crestview Prayer Network 12:00PM Hideaway Pizza, Senior High Schoolers night at Youth

May 5- Women's Service Group 10:00AM Rm 212, Parent's Night Out on Kids St.

May 7- Youth Committee 12:15PM Conf Rm, Trustees 3:00PM FH, Finance 5:00PM Rm 212

May 8- 8th Ave Men 6:00PM FH
May 9- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213
May 10- CommUNITY Dinner to benefit Pastor Kris in Poland
May 12- Parents Night Out 5-8:00PM
May 14- Senior Recognition Sunday
May 16- Missions 6:30PM Rm 213
May 21- New Covenant Day- combined service at 10:30AM in the Main Sanctuary, Children's 12:15PM Kids St
May 22- June Newsletter Deadline
May 23- Worship Committee 5:30PM Conf Rm, Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213
May 25- Spring Session of Bible Studies end
May 26- ***Pastor Ronnie's Birthday***
May 28- Pentecost Sunday **WEAR RED!**
May 29- Memorial Day / Church Office Closed
May 30- - Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Panera's
May 31- Choir On Summer Hiatus until Wed, Aug 9

*FH- Fellowship Hall, Conf Rm- Conference Room, CRC- The Crossroads Center, Youth Rm- Youth Room

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A MOMENT OF REFLECTION



He is not here; He has risen!
-Luke 24:6

Easter Morning Prayer

As the world sings triumphant cries to heaven over death that you conquered, help us, Lord, tomorrow as well, when the dresses are put away and the candy is all eaten and on with life we go let us not forget.

The celebration of your resurrection over death is a celebration of life that should continue well beyond the sunrise service and the music, rehearsed for days prior; it is beyond the sign of spring, beyond the lily, beyond new lambs grazing in open fields.

Resurrection is a daily celebration over fear; man's greatest and most powerful enemy. Fear of tomorrow, fear of our yesterdays, fear of what shall become of our young our old our unborn. Resurrection is replacing fear with physical action.

This alone, the most touching and profound of your signs that fear is dead and belief in you brings, not just hope but life.

What better living parable could You have brought? All fear death. All. Even in the garden, You took on our fear if for only moments, it was as real as our fears can be real and You knew then that this single enemy must be destroyed.

And, You sacrificed your life, leaving those who had been comfort, and follower; You left them behind, to conquer fear. I shall cling to this now, and the tomorrows given me. Peace and thanksgiving lifted unto you.

Amen.

— *Author Unknown*

FUMC INFO

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Morning Glory at 8:30AM
Christ Chapel

The Well / Contemporary at 9:45AM
The Crossroads Center / FB Live

Traditions at 11:00AM
Main Sanctuary / FB Live

First United Methodist Office Schedule

Mon - Thurs 9:00AM- 4:00PM
Staff Meetings Mondays 9:30-11:30AM
Lunch 12:00-1:00PM
Office Closure Monday, April 10 / Easter Monday

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