

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, March 8 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
- 10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 9

- 7:00 p.m. Arts Chorale Practice, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 10

Wednesday, March 11

- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner, First United Methodist Church

Thursday, March 12

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Anniversary Room

Friday, March 13

Saturday, March 14

Next Sunday, March 15 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

NO Choir Practice

- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
- 10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

Usher Schedule

- March 15:** Linda & Norm Bearman and Marty Games
- March 22** Bev & Larry Fall and Stuart Risendorph
- March 29:** The Cress and Portteus children
- April 5:** Lauren Kimbrough and Faye & Steve Ross
- April 12:** Carol Ringenberg, Marsha Rollins and Andrew Root
- April 19:** Becca & Kevin Portteus and Marty Games
- April 26:** Bev & Larry Fall and Vida Long

WELCOME

This is the third Sunday in Lent. May we worship as did the psalmist, who wrote: ***“So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory. Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You.”*** Welcome to worship!

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS worshiping with us this morning. We ask that you please include your name and address when filling out the Friendship Pads and pass the pad along the pew so others may do the same. After everyone has registered, send the pad back along the pew so you can learn the names of those sitting with you. Attendance Last Sunday: 91

The FLOWERS on the Communion table are given for the glory of God by Sue and Jerry Kinney.

- PASTOR:** Rev. Scott Cress
- WORSHIP LEADER:** Ruth Brown
- CHOIR/ORGANIST:** Dean James
- BUILDING CLOSER:** Kevin Portteus
- DEACON:** Doug Fench
- USHERS:** Tom Fink, Patti Pewe and Carol Ringenberg

PRAYER REQUESTS: First Lieutenant Spencer Eves (*USN-Grandson Judy & Ron Adams*) and Robert Jones (*Irma's Husband*)

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: Dennis Anders (*Brother Tammy James*), Charles Cress (*Pastor's Father*), Sarah Price (*Daughter B.Barron*), Marlene Risedorph (*Wife Stuart*), Barbara Craine & Susan Wilson (*Sisters C.Hoffman*), Nancy Leutheuser, Andre Portteus (*Kevin's Father*), Tom Osborn (*Brother-in-law B.Kneen*), Norma Baldwin, Melinda Foulke-Beckwith, Carissa Benavides, Jack Bowles (*Cousin Vida*), Keith Brown (*Friend H.Wood*), Elizabeth Burke (*Friend B.Kneen*), Kimberly Burlew, Rosie Dryer (*Friend S.Kinney*), Kevin & Bridget Fowler (*Parents B.Portteus*), Maxine & George Gaffney & Snookie Ham (*Friends B.Kneen*), Sheila Hall (*Friend C.Erholtz*), Ashley Hightower, Shirley McIntyre, JoAnne Rollins (*Sister-in-law M.Rollins*), John Scott (*Friend C.Ringenberg*), Lois Shrock, Theresa Tomas (*Friend C.Erholtz*), Laura VanWormer (*Friend L.Fogarty*), Amy Wright, and Elijah Wright (*Son Karen Lagasee-Wright*); **PRAY FOR MILITARY:** LT. Andrea Cornett (*USN*); LT. Col. Garron Garn (*US Marines*), Commander Zachary Laden (*US Navy—Grandson B.Taylor*), Major Ben Larson (*Nat'l Guard--Grandson C.Dear*); Army First Lt. Cheryl Jackson (*Granddaughter W.Schneider*), and LT. Sydney Rouble (*USN RN—Granddaughter Bishers*); **PRAY FOR MISSIONS:** Lingap Children's Foundation, Father's Table Food Pantry, King's Cupboard, Love, INC, Salvation Army, Samaritan's Purse, and Share the Warmth; **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:** Diane Eames and Warren Schneider

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR is a special time in our Church, and a sign of the health of our congregation as members and friends stay for afterwards for fellowship following most services. Coffee and snacks are provided by volunteers who sign up to host. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall if you'd like to be a host!

FLOWER CALENDAR: Please take a moment today to pick any Sunday desired to give flowers in memory of your loved ones or in celebration of your special event. Please call Irma in the Church office so your dedication of flowers can be printed in the bulletin on the Sunday which you are providing. Note: The flowers may be taken home by the giver after the service. To all of you who graciously donate flowers for our Sunday services, we thank you for your kind contributions that beautify our sanctuary each week.

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL: Classes are available for all ages each Sunday morning from **9:40-10:20 AM** before worship. It's a wonderful opportunity to study God's Word, ask questions and grow in faith together. Whether you're brand new or returning after a break, there's a place for you. Come learn, connect and be encouraged as we dive deeper into Scripture this year!

LENTEN DINNERS & STUDY: During Lent, we will gather with the folks from the First United Methodist Church on Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM for a light meal and a short video presentation. Please see the schedule on this page. Join us and our neighbors for food and a great study on the "Heroes of Faith!"

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Join our weekly Men's Bible Study on **Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM** in the Anniversary Room. We believe that studying God's Word together will strengthen our faith and build stronger relationships within our Church. So don't miss out on this chance to grow together!

SPRING BREAK IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, and we hope it offers your family a chance to rest, travel safely and enjoy time together. During the break, Choir members will pause for the week. **NO CHOIR ON MARCH 15th!** Sunday worship will continue as usual. We'll look forward to gathering again with full energy once everyone returns. Have a wonderful and refreshing spring break!

SPRING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP (March 22): After a cold winter, we are excited for the families of our children's ministry to join together for a time of

encouraging fellowship on March 22nd at 2:00 PM at the home of the Portteus family. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rebecca Portteus.

STRONG FOUNDATIONS CLASSES (February 3-April 28): The Strong Foundation Classes are sponsored by Love, INC and will conclude on April 28th. Classes are **Tuesdays from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM** with dinner included in the Anniversary Room. If you or someone you know would like to attend or you'd like to see your Church support this transformational ministry through volunteers, dinner, or incentives, speak to Pastor.

WE WANT TO INCLUDE YOUR CONCERNS IN PRAYER! It is important to pray for our members and friends of our congregation especially those who are sick, or hospitalized, home-bound, or serving our country around the world. Names can be added or removed from the prayer list by calling the Church office. Please notify the Church office for prayer requests/concerns, hospitalizations, illness, and anyone needing pastoral care. It is our privilege to lift you and those you love in prayer.



Followed by a short video study.

March 11, 2026 Hosted by the First United Methodist Church
March 18, 2026 Hosted by the First Presbyterian Church
March 25, 2026 Hosted by the First United Methodist Church

"As we journey towards Easter, let's deepen our faith, seek repentance, and embrace opportunities for spiritual growth, service, and renewed love for God and others."