

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Candle Lighter (8:15) Andi Pomeroy and Olivia Evers **(9:30)** Mark Muzzy and Colin Freeman
Coffee Servers – The Adult Fellowship Group **Nursery Worker (9:30)** – Dana Bartheld
Last Sundays Worship Attendance – 260

Today 8:15 & 9:30 a.m. Worship Services
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
UMW Sunday

Tuesday, February 16 7:00 p.m. Council of Ministries Meeting

Wednesday, February 17 1:15 p.m. Hope Circle
5:30 p.m. Soup Supper
5:45 p.m. Youth Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. Sunshine Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
7:15 p.m. SPARK
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, February 18 9:30 a.m. Morning Marys
6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Saturday, February 20 7:00 a.m. Men's Group
2:00 p.m. Morning Mary's Service Project at Guardian Angels

Sunday, February 21 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. LUX
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Pastor Phil will be on vacation through February 15th

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**Live Like Jesus: Love God!
Love Others! Reach Out!**

8:15 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

United Methodist Women Sunday
Diane Wesloh, Worship Leader and UMW President

Doreen Borntreger, Organist

Kim Miller, Sunshine Choir Director

Valentine's Day, a time when thoughts turn to love. But what is love? Is it a box of chocolates, or a pretty valentine? Is it a red rose, or maybe a dozen? It is a peck on the cheek, a fond embrace, or a big bear hug?

Well, sometimes love is known in those ways. But love, real love, is how we relate to God and to one another if life is what it ought to be – beautiful!

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

QUIET MEDITATION – Feasts are often a sensory experience. Today’s worship center and experience incorporate this. We include breads and grains from around the world to remind us of the sustenance, which all God’s children need and to remind us of the Bread of Life given for us. We include water, a symbol of life and a necessity for living. We have a cornucopia of fruits and vegetables to remind us of the life cycle, God’s abundance, those who provide the food, and those who aren’t welcome at our feast. We have a small bag of rice to demonstrate the discrepancy of what we eat in the United States compared to what the majority of the world eats in the best of times.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)

God of Healing and Reconciliation, here we are, at this place, in your presence, trusting in your mercy and healing power, asking you to equip us to be your ministers in a hurting world as we make room at our table for everyone who is part of your kingdom.

HYMN “Spirit of the Living God” No. 393, Red Hymnal

SPECIAL MUSIC “God Made Me” The Sonshine Choir

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:42-47, New Testament Pg. 120 Readers: (8:15) – Cassi Sanford, (9:30) – Diane Wesloh

FEERLESS CLIP

HYMN “We Are Called” No. 2172, Black Hymnal

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:35-45, New Testament Pg. 29 Readers: (8:15) – Jenny Downing, (9:30) – Karen Nesbit

MESSAGE Georgia Thometz

Presentation of UMW Mission Recognition Certificates or other special features

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

PRAYER TIME (In unison sung to the tune of “Johnny Apple Seed”)

Oh, the Lord’s been good to me! And so I thank the Lord, for giving me the things we need, the birds and the bees, and the apple seeds, the Lord’s been good to me! Amen

Gracious God, as we sing the familiar childhood prayer of mealtimes, we thank you for the sustenance you give to us on a daily basis. It fills both our body and it reminds us of your goodness, which is always with us, during meals and throughout your earth. You feed our souls as we marvel at the wonder of your creation that we speak about so simply in this prayer. The seeds produce growth, the birds participate in a great ecosystem, the bees pollinate and produce sweet honey. As we enjoy your bounty, may we also care for it, always in remembrance of you, Creator. Amen.

HYMN “Where He Leads Me” No. 338, Red Hymnal

BENEDICTION (In Unison) - We leave this place with the love and peace of Christ in our hearts. God knows the inner workings of our mind and soul and will use even the most wilted and weary of us, recreating us, making us ripe for growth and mission. As we go forth, we present ourselves to you once again. Help us to respond to all of your children with openness and hospitality – welcoming them to your table. Enable us to remember your children who labor daily in fields, factories, driver seats and markets, so that we may eat. Allow us to experience you through enjoying the feasts and relationships you have sent to us. May we see your face in each person around the table and absent from the table. Thanks be to God!

Announcements

THE FLOWERS ON THE SIDES OF THE ALTAR today are given in memory of Mary Anderson, Vonnie Christensen’s mother.

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LINENS/TOWELS/HELPNEEDED! Thank you to everyone who responded so generously last week when I passed around the sign-up sheet to help the homeless. I know there were even more people who wanted to help but the sheet didn’t make it around before the service ended. A more organized list of needs is in the Fellowship Hall by the windows. Please sign yourself in anywhere you are willing to help. I haven’t yet entered in all the people who said they’d help last week but the more who help the less the strain on any one person’s time and energy. Again, thank you. The response last week was so supportive it nearly made me cry. Call with any questions. Barb Wisniewski (763) 566-4991.

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URGENT NEED! 2 LITER CLEAR POP/SODA BOTTLES! (RINSED) Please leave them in Stacy’s office. Thank you!

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JUST A REMINDER – There is a Council of Ministries meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. here at the church.

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HOPE CIRCLE meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month, February 17th, 1:15 p.m. at 350 Evans, the Guardian Oaks, 2nd floor party room. Please enter at the Senior Dining door. If you have any questions please call Colleen Olson. Thank you!

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SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE will be held the first week of March to approved the proposal from the Finance Team to refinance our present loan with United Methodist First Choice Federal Credit Union at an interest rate of 5.5% APR, amortized over 30 years, balloon in 5 years. Amount of loan will be approximately \$300,000 which includes payoff and closing costs. There will be no penalty for early payments. A date for this meeting will be announced next week upon Pastor Phil’s return from vacation. Note: This special Charge Conference and 4 weeks worth of notices is a requirement of the State of Minnesota and the legal office which will be handling the closing of the refinance of the present loan.