



**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 Service**

**March 26, 2017**

**Prelude  
Words of Welcome and Announcements**

**\* Prayer of Invocation (In Unison)**

**Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light, may we see life clearly and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\* Hymn #451 “Be Thou My Vision”**

**\* Call to Worship**

**L:** The Holy One shows us the way, even when we do not know where to go.

**P:** **We are called to live as children of light, abiding in all that is good and right and true.**

**L:** The Holy One leads us in pleasant places, filling our hearts with the waters of life.

**P:** **We are called to follow Jesus, bringing Christ’s light into the shadows.**

**L:** The Holy One shows us the paths of peace, comforting us in times of trouble.

**P:** **We are called to become the body of Christ, pouring out our lives for the healing of the world. Amen**

**Words from the Cross**

**\* Sharing the Peace of Christ**

“Peace be with you. And also with you!”  
(Take this time to greet one another in Christ’s love.)

**Children’s Moment**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer**

**Silent Prayer  
Lord’s Prayer**

**Scripture Lesson Psalm 51:1-12/ Philippians 2:1-11**

**L:** This is the word of God for the people of God.

**P:** **Thanks be to God.**

**\* Hymn #473 “Lead Me, Lord”(x2)**

**\* Gospel Lesson Luke 11:37-52**

**Message “Hearts of Stone”  
Rev. Joey Garcea**

**Offertory Sentence**

Please use this time to register your attendance in the red booklets found at the end of each pew and pass it along your row.

**Offertory**

**\* Doxology # 95**

**\* Offering Prayer**

**Holy God, you offer abundance to all who are thirsty and hungry. You call out, drawing us near so that we will listen and delight in your ways. Thank you for giving us new life in Christ. Help us to set aside that which is not worthy of our time. May we turn our attention to you and the joy we find in serving our communities. Accept the offering of ourselves, our time, talent, and treasure in Jesus’ name. Amen**

**\* Apostle’s Creed**

**\* Hymn #140 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

**\* Benediction**

**\* Postlude**

**In Our Prayers**

John Hamm, Glen Brunner, John Powell, Rex Felten, Eli, Bill Remrey, Jerod Wood, Savannah Jones, Wilma Brunner, Ed Arb, Susan Mangler, Judy Orn, Joan Miller, Bob Law, Joan Casselius, Elizabeth Rath, Shawn Roling, Tom Eckhardt, George Hastings, Jeremy Leitzen, Ruth Kelly, Robin Cook, Family of Cody Donahue, Military Personnel and their families

**Altar Flowers in Honor of  
Katie Hoffman’s 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- Mar 26 Don Kramer, Rex Kreuder
- 29 Burt Prins, Susan Ingersoll, Susan White
- April 1 Lance Wallace, Nicole David, Sarah Murphy, Katie Hoffman, *Paul & Charlene Mayer ‘64*
- 2 April Ruddell, Bill Weidman
- 3 Chuck Fowler, Ben Fosdick
- 4 John Belander

**Calendar**

**Sunday, March 26**

9 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship

**Monday, March 27**

9 am Body & Soul Yoga

**Tuesday, March 28**

4 pm Women’s Bible Study

**Wednesday, March 29**

7 pm Lent @ St. John’s Catholic

**Thursday, March 30**

8 am Breakfast (Café Crumbles)/ Bible Study

9 am Body & Soul Yoga

**Saturday, April 1**

8:30 am Weight Watchers- Fellowship Hall

5 pm Worship

**Sunday, April 2 Easter Flowers Due**

9 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship

**Monday, April 3**

9 am Body & Soul Yoga

**Tuesday, April 4**

4 pm Women’s Bible Study

**Wednesday, April 5**

7 pm Lent @ UCC

**Thursday, April 6**

8 am Breakfast (Café Crumbles)/ Bible Study

9 am Body & Soul Yoga

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **We welcome all visitors** to our Worship time today. We are glad you're here. Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors. We are the people of the United Methodist Church.
2. **Friendly reminder** to Suzanne Atherton! You are the verifier for next Sunday!
3. Please **pick up** your **Telstar** after the service! They are located in the Narthex!
4. If you need to get ahold of **Pastor Joey** and he is not in the office, please call him on his cell! 815-656-0362!
5. **Easter flower order forms** are **due** in the office by April 2<sup>nd</sup>!!
6. **Women's Bible study will meet at 4:00 Tuesdays** beginning **March 7 through May 2** at Suzanne Atherton's home. We will be studying the book of Philippians – Jesus Our Joy. Cost of the book is **\$9.50 payable** to Peg Dauphin. All women **WELCOME!**
7. **Want to become a member?** We will be having a class starting soon. **Date is TBA.** If you or anyone you know what like to join please contact Pastor Joey or Shauna in the office.



## Worship Helpers

**PASTOR: Rev. Joey Garcea**

**MUSICIAN:** Vivian Eaton  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASST:** Shauna Roberts  
**CUSTODIAN:** Kay Cavanagh  
**GROUNDSKEEPER:** Don Kramer

### March 26

**Acolyte:** Norah Brigham  
**Audio:** Kris Yingling  
**Children's Time:** Dave Davies  
**Coffee Hour:** Badtke Family  
**Communion:** x  
**Greeters:** Jackie Walker, Ann Larsen  
**Liturgist:** Randy Bonjour  
**Media:** Paula Mayer  
**Nursery:** Sophia Edwards, Hannah Brigham  
**Ushers:** Merle Law, Paul & Charlene Mayer, Julie Brigham

### April 2

**Acolyte:** Brigit Jepsen  
**Audio:** Kris Yingling  
**Children's Time:** Pastor Joey  
**Coffee Hour:** Peg Dauphin  
**Communion:** Burt & Peg Dauphin  
**Greeters:** Merle Law, Alice  
**Liturgist:** Dave Davies  
**Media:** Susan Michelle Jepsen  
**Nursery:** Bonnie Davies  
**Ushers:** Melinda & Gary Dykema, Sharon & Joe Guilinger



## First United Methodist Church

**Sunday, 10:15am**

*"You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind, and with all your strength,  
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

*--Jesus Christ*

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