



**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

April 2, 2017

Prelude  
Words of Welcome and Announcements

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

O God, who through your word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

\* **Hymn #110 “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”**

\* **Call to Worship**

L: God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

P: **God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.**

L: God embraces the wounded and broken.

P: **God knocks down the walls of division and strife.**

L: God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

P: **God is the light of our lives.**

L: God is the one who makes all things new.

P: **Praise be to the Holy Triune God, who is faithful and steadfast for now and evermore! 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**            **2 Samuel 22:1-37/ 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

\* **Hymn #144 “This is My Father’s World”**

\* **Gospel Lesson**                    **Matthew 16:13-20**

**Message**                            **“Upon This Rock”**  
**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**

Living God, you are the Holy One of Israel. Our world cries out in pain, as children and adults bear heavy loads of injustice and sorrow. You respond with great assurance: ‘I am your Savior; I will give you a new life!’ Thank you for including us in the work of your church to bring help and renewal to people here and around the globe. Use our lives and these offerings to share the good news of your Spirit’s gracious, healing power. We pray through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen. *(Ezekiel 37:1-14)*

**Communion**

\* **Apostle’s Creed**

\* **Hymn #638 “This is the Feast of Victory”**

\* **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

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- April 2 April Ruddell, Bill Weidman
- 3 Chuck Fowler, Ben Fosdick
- 4 John Belander
- 6 JC Carey, Joseph Tirone
- 7 Glen Brunner
- 8 Karen Hoffman
- 9 Jeanine Mills
- 11 Rose Hartman. *Bill & Letty Weidman ‘52*

**Calendar**

**Sunday, April 2**            **Easter Flowers Due**

9 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship

4 pm First Sunday @ FUMC

**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

**Saturday, April 8**

8:30 am Weight Watchers- Fellowship Hall

5 pm Worship

**Sunday, April 9**            **Palm Sunday**

9 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship

**Monday, April 10**

9 am Body & Soul Yoga

7 pm Worship Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, April 11**

4 pm Women’s Bible Study

**Thursday, April 13**

8 am Breakfast (Café Crumbles)/ Bible Study

9 am Body & Soul Yoga

**Friday, April 14**            **Good Friday**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

12 pm Service @ St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

## 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 Randy Bonjour! You are the verifier for next Sunday!
3. 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!
4. **Easter flower order forms** are **due** in the office **TODAY!**
5. **First Sunday is TODAY!!** We will be meeting at the church from **4-6pm**. Bring your favorite board game and finger food! Hope to see you there. **EVERYONE welcome!**
6. **Join us** for our **Sunrise Service at 8am on Easter!** Following the service, we will have our **Easter breakfast** and then **Easter egg hunt!** We will also have normal service at 10:15am.
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  
**GROUNDKEEPER:** Don Kramer

### 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 Queckboerner  
**Liturgist:** Dave Davies  
**Media:** Susan Michelle Jepsen  
**Nursery:** Bonnie Davies, Hannah Guilinger  
**Ushers:** Melinda & Gary Dykema, Sharon & Joe Guilinger

### April 9 Palm Sunday

**Acolyte:** RJ Clemens  
**Audio:** Burt Prins  
**Children's Time:** Pastor Joey  
**Coffee Hour:** Christy Clemens  
**Communion:** x  
**Greeters:** Deb Long  
**Liturgist:** Susan Michelle Jepsen  
**Media:** Rhonda Badtke  
**Nursery:** Kathie Prins, Brennon Cavanagh  
**Ushers:** Jessica Boyer, Bruce & Garrett Badtke, Molly Andersen



## 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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