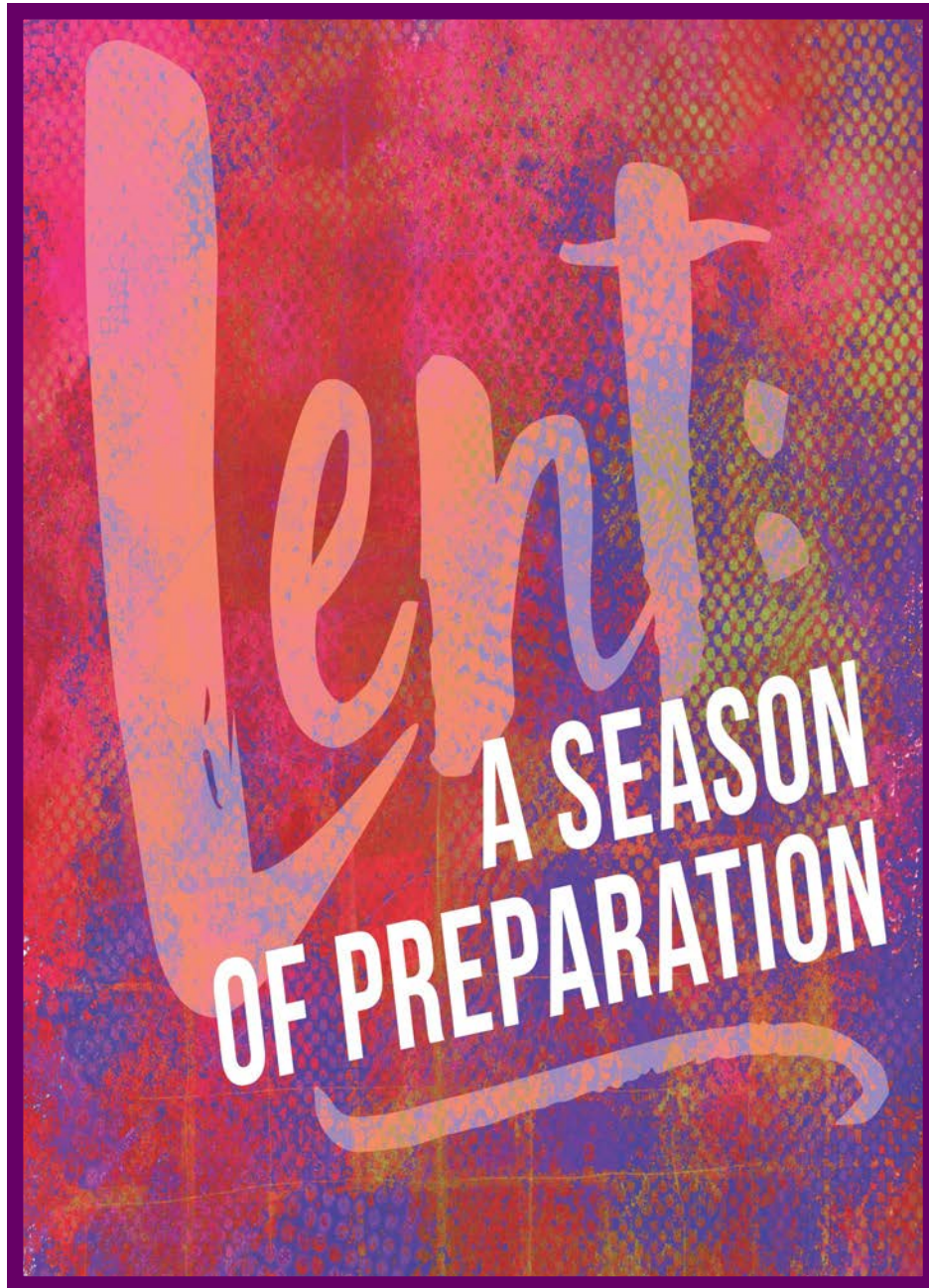


March 2022 Newsletter



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Ash Wednesday and Lent: Opportunities for Healing and Hope

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, and Lent is the season we prepare to celebrate Easter—Christ's resurrection and our resurrection! The foundational truth of the Christian faith!



Ash Wednesday focuses on *our mortality*; we are dust and to dust we will return. Without the promise of resurrection, that is a dark observation: life is short, then you die. But (and with God the 'but' is always huge!) Easter changes everything! Jesus said, "even though you die, yet you shall live" – and when Jesus says "live" he's not kidding! He's got eternal, abundant, full living in mind! The kind of living we can barely dream of—and therefore hope for—right now.

Ash Wednesday reminds us of *our humanity*. As human beings we suffer, we hurt, we experience loss, we grieve. The times we're living through have been times of suffering, hurt, and loss. We've all experienced it, and we've all grieved because of it.

So, this Ash Wednesday service will be a little different. While we will still remember that we are creatures of dust, we will also remember that we are creatures experiencing a season of grief. Our focus will be on grieving what we have lost during these past two years.

Why? So that we can move forward. As we acknowledge our grief, accept our loss, and ask God's forgiveness—both for ourselves and for others—we will begin to let go, so that we can move forward. Mary grieved at the empty tomb, but then she saw Jesus, and the emptiness of the tomb took on new meaning. It became a symbol of hope instead of loss!

Can we do the same with the empty places in our lives? I invite you to join me for Ash Wednesday—so that we can grieve, and in our acknowledgement of our grief, begin to heal, and find hope in places that previously just looked empty!

I also want to invite you on a Lenten Journey through Proverbs. The wisdom of Proverbs has blessed generations of those who have meditated on its challenging, often radical, words. It is a wisdom that can strengthen you, build your character, and ground you in a drifting world.

We live in a world of noise: phones, computers, TV's radios; constantly spouting information at us, much of it bad information, or so trivial as to be "white noise" that keeps us from thinking clearly. Is it any wonder we see so little around us that seems intelligent, honest and wise?

Join with me in cancelling out the white noise of our culture by reading one chapter of Proverbs each day in the month of March. We will start on Tuesday, March 1st, reading the 1st chapter of Proverbs...and we will end on March 31st with chapter 31. Easy to remember, easy to do!

You can simply make this a personal devotional time, or, if you desire, you can take it a little further and make it a personal Bible study by slowing down and reading each day's chapter and making deeper observations about how to apply its wisdom to your life. Meditate on a few verses that speak to you. Take notes. Ask questions. Pray. Listen. God will speak!

I hope you'll join me in this journey through Proverbs! God will bless us all as we do this together! And you will gain a better perspective on life and be better equipped to navigate the turbulent times we're living through.

Pastor Mike



Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9:00am—Noon

1:00—4:00pm

Church Family News

Congratulations to Pastor Mike and Kathy Jo who have been blessed with another granddaughter! Annie and Adden Chen welcomed their daughter, Phoebe Jo, on 2-2-22. Phoebe has two older siblings to welcome her home—Julie and Renson. Congratulations!

Thank you to the Missions team who packed 55 backpacks for the Backpack program in February.

Thank you to everyone who attended the gathering to discuss the communion table. Your input was greatly appreciated. Everyone was able to share their thoughts and many options were discussed. We will be looking into ways to possibly reshape the table in an effort to make it lighter and easier to move if needed. The option of replacing the table with something lighter and smaller was also discussed. We will plan to meet at a future date after those options have been looked into and information is available.

Reminder to change your clocks an hour ahead before bedtime on Saturday, March 12th.

Church Family, please continue to pray for the families who have had to say goodbye to loved ones this past month:

The family of Virgil and Betty Block
Laura Fresk's father and mother

The family of Shelby Woizeschke

The family of Rodney Snyder
Tim Snyder's father

Weather Announcements

Please check with the following media for weather-related church announcements:

Jackson KKOJ radio 1190AM

Windom KDOM radio 1580AM

Windom TV cable channel 3

Facebook.com/FirstUMCWindom

Please check your email for possible update.

(If the church does not have your email, please contact umcoffice@windomnet.com or call 831-3284)

When school is canceled due to weather,
the church office is also closed.

Church services and activities are automatically cancelled if there is a **BLIZZARD WARNING** or a **WINDCHILL WARNING**. Lesser weather conditions are decided on a case by case basis. Please check ahead before venturing out if you are unsure. The safety of our church family is our first priority.



You are invited....

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 2nd

5:30 pm Meal in Fellowship Hall

Freewill offering

6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

Windom Farm and Home Show

First UMC Booth

Saturday, March 5th • 9:00 am—2:30 pm

Windom Area Schools

Community Lenten Services and Lunch—Noon

Wednesdays—March 9th—April 6th

Windom Presbyterian Church

Women's Bible Study - The Women of Easter

Wednesdays-March 16, 23, 30 & April 6 • 9:00 am

Wednesdays-March 16, 23, & April 6, 13 • 6:30 pm

Movie Night!

Wednesday, March 30th • 7:00 pm

Showing—Jesus Music PG-13

Windom Theater

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 10 • 10:30 am

Children Singing

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 14th • 6:30 pm

Communion Service, Sanctuary

Easter Service

Sunday, April 17th • 10:30 am

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Join us on March 2nd for a meal together and worship. There will be a meal at 5:30pm in the fellowship hall. On the menu—sloppy joes, pasta salad, chips and cookie. We will be taking a freewill offering. Following the meal will be our time of worship at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. We invite you to join us!



First UMC will have a booth at the Windom Farm and Home Show on March 5th from 9:00am to 2:30pm. Come check it out!



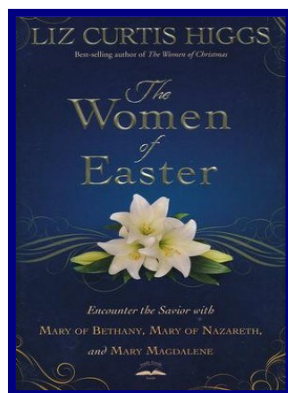
Community Lenten Services starting Wednesdays, March 9th through April 6th at the First Presbyterian Church. Please join us for noon Lenten messages and a meal. These are community services, open to everyone. Pastor Mike will be speaking on March 16th.

All women of the church are invited to an Easter Bible Study!

You will meet three women named Mary, each of whom has a life-changing encounter with Jesus. **Mary of Bethany** prepares the way for the Lord's burial when she anoints His feet and fills the air with her perfume. His mother, **Mary of Nazareth**, remains by His side from His first breath to His last, her loyalty unwavering. **Mary Magdalene**, delivered of seven demons, bravely supports her Teacher through His darkest hours, then proclaims the glorious news of His resurrection.

What a trio. What a Savior!

Your mind and emotions will be engaged and your faith strengthened as each scene unfolds, preparing your heart for a richer, deeper Easter experience. Liz Curtis Higgs, a seasoned Bible teacher and award-winning novelist, combines her storytelling skills with a thorough verse-by-verse study of Scripture as together you explore the remarkable lives of *The Women of Easter*. **Sign up at the information center in the church lobby.**

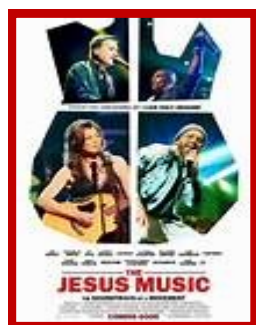


Date: Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.—March 16th, March 23rd, March 30th and April 6th
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.—March 16th, March 23rd, April 6th and April 13th

Where: First United Methodist Church

How long: Just 4 weeks!

Leader: Kathy Jo McInnis



Join us Wednesday, March 30th at 7:00pm at the Windom Theater. First UMC will be sponsoring a free movie - "Jesus Music". This movie is rated PG-13. With stirring songs of faith, love, and hope, Jesus music rose from America's 1960s counterculture movement to become a worldwide phenomenon. This fascinating documentary reveals the music's uplifting and untold story — from its humble beginnings at the Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, California through its transformation into the multibillion-dollar industry of Christian Contemporary Music today. *The Jesus Music* is the definitive love letter to CCM fans that features intimate interviews with the genre's biggest stars including Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith, TobyMac, Kirk Franklin, and Lauren Daigle.



Mission Opportunities

MARCH 2022

February Dinner Table was cancelled due to the weather. Thank you to those who had signed up to volunteer.

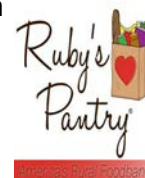


Our next Dinner Table will be March 22nd. Serving begins at 5:30pm

Volunteers are needed, contact Kathy Jo McInnis or church office at 831-3284, or sign up in the church lobby at the Information Center.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

Ruby's Pop-up Pantry is America's Rural Food Shelf. This is for anyone! The next distribution date is Monday, March 21st. Bring \$22 (**Note price change**) **cash** to the Regional Worship Center located at 2 Crossroads Drive in Sherburn MN from 5:30—7:00pm. Volunteers will place food in your trunk. Please make sure you have made room in your trunk for your food share. More information about Ruby's Pantry is available on their Facebook page at Ruby's Pantry-RWC-Sherburn.



For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in a special offering, laying the foundation for the [United Methodist Committee on Relief's ministry](#) of relief and hope. UMCOR's work of alleviating human suffering around the world includes disaster relief and supplies, disaster risk reduction, health, and humanitarian development.



Gifts to the UMCOR Sunday offering (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) cover UMCOR's costs of doing business. This helps UMCOR keep the promise that 100 percent of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs. The UMCOR Sunday offering is the primary funding stream for the administrative costs of UMCOR.

Because of UMCOR Sunday, when you hear about a disaster or humanitarian crisis and you give to UMCOR, you can be assured that one hundred percent of the money you designate goes toward people in need. Giving envelopes will be available for your donation. **This special offering will take place on Sunday, March 27th.**



Join us Tuesday, March 8th at noon for a time of sharing a meal together and hearing from our guest speaker, Joel Luitjens, Pharmacist, Lewis Family Drug. Join us for a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to pass if possible. All are welcome to attend. Invite a friend, or two or three! If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 831-3284.

Future date and guest speaker:
April 12th—Citizen Publishing

YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Thank you to everyone who donated toothbrushes and dental floss last month for our Sunday School mission, Operation Christmas Child. This month we will be collecting Easter basket type items to send in our boxes this November. Smaller stuffed animals, paddle ball, pinwheels, jump ropes, toy cars, etc. Just remember they need to fit in our shoeboxes! If you are able to help us with this month's donation, please leave items in our collection box in the church lobby. We are so excited and **THANKFUL** for all the help that has been offered for this project from our church family!



**Graduate Recognition will be
Sunday, May 22nd**

COMING THIS SUMMER.....



TREASURED!

Come for games, snacks, friends, and FUN! And discover YOU ARE priceless to God!

**Mark you calendars!
Monumental VBS ~
June 5th—9th**

March 2022

Special points of interest:

- *Wednesday, March 2nd KFC meets after school until 5:30pm. Church supper served at 5:30pm.*
- *Fridays are for McPrayer! For 7th-12th graders, enjoy friends and breakfast at McDonald's, 6:30am*
- *Saturday, March 5th— Check out FUMC's booth at the Farm and Home Show*
- *Sunday, March 6th Youth group meets from 4:00-6:00.*
- *Sunday, March 13th Danishes with Dads (or Grandpas, uncles, neighbors, etc...) at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall.*
- *Sunday, March 13th Junior high youth group will meet immediately following Worship Service, approximately 11:30. Lunch will be provided. We will meet until 1pm.*
- *Sunday, March 20th NO YOUTH GROUP*
- *Wednesday, March 23rd Youth gather after school, watch for information.*
- *Sunday, March 27th Youth group and over 55 game day in the Fellowship Hall from 2:00-4:00pm. Refreshments will be served.*
- *Wednesday, March 30th, Enjoy the movie, Jesus Music, at the Windom state theater. Movie begins at 7pm.*

God loves you no matter what.



**KFC
KIDS FOR CHRIST**

**WE WILL MEET WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND
AFTER SCHOOL.—5:30PM
THERE WILL BE A CHURCH MEAL
SERVED AT 5:30 IN THE FELLOWSHIP
HALL, PRIOR TO ASH WEDNESDAY
SERVICE. PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED
TO ATTEND WITH THEIR CHILDREN.**

**Calling all Dads!!!
(or uncles, grandpas,
neighbors, teachers or
friends)**



We will be having
Danishes with
Dads on Sunday,
March 21st at
10:00am in the
Fellowship Hall.

**Please join your favorite student(s)
in the Fellowship Hall for a special
treat and FUN activities until
worship starts at 10:30!**

Hey Parents ~ Check out all the summer camps available for our students! We have \$100.00 camperships available. Applications are in the newsletter or in the church lobby. For more information and to find the camp that is right for your student, please check out these websites, or talk to Robin!

campminnesota.org
okobojicamp.com
inspirationhills.org/summer-camp.html




SUMMER 2022
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**Camp
Minnesota**

www.campminnesota.org | camps@campminnesota.org | 855-622-1973 (Toll free)



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2022 SUMMER CAMP**
REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1

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WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA TO REGISTER
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INSPIRATIONHILLS.ORG
SAVE MONEY BY REGISTERING BEFORE APRIL 15

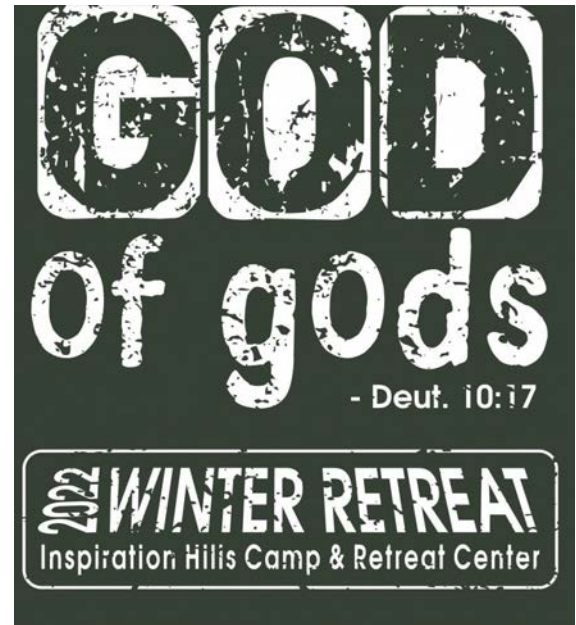
CHECK OUT OUR
NEW CAMPS
FOR 10TH - 12TH
GRADERS!
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Inspiration Hills
1242 280th St. | Inwood, IA 51240
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UNITED METHODIST CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

Thank you so much to our generous church family who donated the funds for our kids to go to the Winter Retreat in Inspiration Hills in February. Thank you also to Heather Olsem, Emma Snyder, Jens Hansen, and David Derickson for all they did to make sure we got to and from safely! The kids all had a GREAT time, and have learned that our God, is the God of gods! And thanks for the prayers that went with us!



Thank you to everyone who purchased toilet paper in February to support our Oklahoma mission trip team! July is coming fast! For the month of March we will be selling flavored coffee, tea, hot cocoa, honey sticks, and popcorn through Driven Coffee. Driven coffee is based in Minneapolis, MN. Watch for our team members in the lobby to order, or contact Robin.

February memories



Children singing at the Nursing Home



Youth group emotional roller coaster

Children singing in church

Mission team toilet paper tower

KFC games





Campership Application Form

Camp & Retreat Ministries

Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

The Camp & Retreat Board feels strongly that everyone who wants to attend camp can do so, and that no camper will ever be turned away because they can't afford to pay. Camp Minnesota provides campership funds to individuals who need them most, based on the individual's and family's needs. Our expectation is that your local church, personal funds, other sources of support and conference support will combine to cover the registration cost for one conference camping event of your choice. Please allow enough time for this application to be reviewed prior to your camp experience.

I. Personal Information:

Name _____ Camper Name(s) *(if different from applicant)* _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

My local church name (if a member or affiliated) _____

Pastor _____ Phone _____

II. Camp Information

I am attending Camp # _____ Camp Title _____

Camp Location _____ Dates _____

III. Campership Request – Please check all that apply

- ☐ **General Campership Fund** – Need based camperships for United Methodist members.
- ☐ **Religion and Race Campership Fund** – Need based camperships for campers of the following ethnic groups: African-American, Asian, Hispanic, and Native-American
- ☐ **Our Future Kids in Camp Fund** – Special outreach camperships for youth & families not connected to a church.

Camper Name(s):		
Total Cost of Camp Event:		
	\$	\$
Sources of Income Available to Me	Personal Funds:	- \$
	My Local Church Support:	- \$
	Other Sources:	- \$
Balance Needed*:		= \$

***I understand that funds are limited and I will be notified of my actual campership award.**

IV. Questions & Reference

1. Please briefly explain your reason for request of funds in support of the above camper(s).

2. Is this the only camp/retreat event this camper will attend this calendar year? **YES** **NO**

If not, please share the other camp/retreat events this camper has or will attend, if you have received a campership grant, and how much that campership grant was for.

3. Please share briefly what your local church or other resource agency is doing to help you, or what you have attempted to use as a resource.

Please list a reference (non-family) who we can contact who would have some knowledge of your situation. Suggestions are your church pastor, secretary, youth worker, Sunday school teacher, school counselor, social worker, scout leader or other such person.

Reference Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Reference Email: _____

Signature of reference (required): _____

V. Completion - Please complete all fields. Incomplete applications may not be accepted. Campers with no connection to a local church may contact the Camping Office for information on available support. Some special limitations may apply to camp events held outside the Minnesota conference. Your privacy in this matter is important and we will do all we can to maintain that integrity.

We hope to see you this summer at camp, a life-changing and faith shaping experience, and promise to do whatever we can to make this possible!

God's blessings,
Camp & Retreat Board

Return Completed Applications to:

Camp Minnesota
122 W. Franklin Ave Suite 400
Minneapolis, MN 55404
Fax: (612) 870-1260
camps@campminnesota.org



2022 Camping Scholarship Application Form Windom First United Methodist Church

I. Personal Information:

Camper Name _____ Parent's Name(s) _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

II. Camp Information:

I am attending Camp(camp title) _____

Is this a Methodist Church Camp? _____

Camp Location _____ Dates of Camp _____

Cost of Camp _____

Is this the only camp/retreat event this camper will attend this calendar year:

YES

NO

Please share briefly why you would enjoy going to this camp?

*I understand that funds are limited and I will be notified of my actual campership award.

Parent Signature

Date

Scripture Writing Plan

March

The Armor of God

Day 1: Belt of Truth: Ephesians 6:14

- ☐ Day 2: 1 John 2: 20-21; 1 John 3:18-20
- ☐ Day 3: John 3:19-21; John 4:23-24
- ☐ Day 4: John 8:31-32; John 14:6
- ☐ Day 5: John 17:17-19; Psalm 25:4-5
- ☐ Day 6: Psalm 119:41-44; Psalm 145: 17-19

Day 7: Breastplate of Righteousness: Ephesians 6:14

- ☐ Day 8: 1 Corinthians 1:27-31; 2 Corinthians 5:20-21
- ☐ Day 9: Psalm 5:8; Psalm 36:6
- ☐ Day 10: Romans 1:16-17; Romans 4:3-5
- ☐ Day 11: Romans 5:18-21
- ☐ Day 12: Romans 6:15-19
- ☐ Day 13: Romans 6:20-23

Day 14: Helmet of Salvation: Ephesians 6:17

- ☐ Day 15: Hebrews 2:1-4
- ☐ Day 16: Isaiah 12:2-3
- ☐ Day 17: Psalm 13:3-6

Day 18: Shoes of Readiness/Peace: Ephesians 6:15

- ☐ Day 19: 1 Peter 3:13-15; 1 Peter 5:8-9
- ☐ Day 20: 2 Timothy 2:15; Isaiah 26:3-4
- ☐ Day 21: John 14:27; John 16:33
- ☐ Day 22: Psalm 119:165

Day 23: Shield of Faith: Ephesians 6:16

- ☐ Day 24: 1 John 5:3-5; Galatians 2:19-21
- ☐ Day 25: Hebrews 10: 37-39; Hebrews 11:1-6
- ☐ Day 26: Hebrews 11:7-12; Luke 17:5-6
- ☐ Day 27: Matthew 21:21-22; Romans 5:1-2


Day 28: Sword of the Spirit: Ephesians 6:17

- ☐ Day 29: 1 John 2: 14; 1 Peter 1:22-25
- ☐ Day 30: Hebrews 4:12; Luke 11:28
- ☐ Day 31: Matthew 4:4



First United Methodist Church ~March 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30a UMW Executive Meeting	2 ASH WEDNESDAY 3:30p KFC 5:30p All Church Meal 6:30p Ash Wednesday Service	3 6:30a Men's Breakfast - Hardees	4 World Day of Prayer 6:30a McPrayer	5 Windom Farm and Home Show 9:00a-2:30p First UMC will be there!
6 COMMUNION 9:00a Sunday Sch 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11:30a First Things 4:00p Youth Group	7	8 12:00p Friendly Fellowship	9 Noon – Lenten Svc @ Presbyterian Ch 3:30p Lois Circle 6:30p Confirmation 7:00p Trustees 7:30p Finance 7:30p SPRC	10 6:30a Men's Breakfast - Hardees 6:30am McPrayer	11 No School	12 Tonight 
13 Doughnuts w/Dads 9:00a Sunday Sch 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 10:00a Doughnuts w/Dads 10:30a Worship 11:30a First Things 11:30a Jr High Youth Gr	14	15 1:00p Missions Meeting	16 9:00a Bible Study Noon – Lenten Svc @ Presbyterian Ch - FUMC Serving 6:30p Bible Study 6:30p Confirmation 6:30p Congregational Trust	17 St Patrick's Day 6:30a Men's Breakfast - Hardees	18 6:30am McPrayer	19
20 9:00a Sunday Sch 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11:30a First Things	21 5:30p Ruby's Pantry - Sherburn	22 5:30p Dinner Table Served @ Presbtn	23 Youth Gr after school 9:00a Bible Study Noon – Lenten Svc @ Presbyterian Ch 6:30p Bible Study 6:30p Confirmation	24 6:30a Men's Breakfast – Hardees 6:30am McPrayer	25 No School	26
27 UMCOR Sunday 9:00a Sunday Sch 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11:30a First Things 2:00p Youth/Over 55 Game Day	28	29	30 9:00a Bible Study Noon – Lenten Svc @ Presbyterian Ch FREE MOVIE NIGHT – "Jesus Movie" Windom Theater 7:00p – 9:00p	31 6:30a Men's Breakfast - Hardees	Corrections? Please let the church office know	

First UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~ March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Black = birthdays Green = anniversaries		1	2 Betty Crowell Chloe Snyder	3 Darrel Bramstedt	4 Braydon Kreofsky	5 Marian Torkelson
6 Claire Adrian	7 Pastor Art Miller Jaden Schowalter	8 Jody Buresch	9 Ashlyn Altman Cliff & Betty Crowell	10	11 Sami Bartelt	12
13 Kyle Curry Sue Nelson Jackie Thiessen	14	15	16	17 Jon Diemer	18 Emily Axford	19 Sharon Diemer Norm & Mary Kuehl
20	21 Larry & Becky Stevens	22 Emily Buresch Pauline Buresch Elsbeth Showman Leroy Wiebe	23	24	25 Renee Green Arleen Rodman	26 Charles Brandt Pat Raverty
27 Irene Bochman Donn Nelson	28	29	30	31 Phyllis Woodcock	Please let the office know if we are missing anyone.	