

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* On Sunday, March 12th our DS Reverend Kasper, will give a presentation on, Disaffiliation of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. He will explain the steps involved and answer any questions we have about this process. This will be after church services, in the Family Center during coffee hour.

* Wednesday Night Suppers – March 1st, 15th, and 29th – See Deb Meservey if you can help! This week is Soup and Salad supper.

*Chair Yoga – Thursdays at 10 am in the Family Center

*The Victorian Tea is scheduled for Saturday March 18th at 12 pm. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from any UWF member until March 11th.

*TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY – led by Mike Brick will span the book - 1 Thessalonians. Each lesson is a free-standing session. 2 pm at Cedar Tavern and Grill and is one hour long. Several participants often meet at 1pm and have lunch and fellowship. Please join us as you can. No RSVP needed!

WORSHIP TEAM – This Week

LITURGIST – Nick Holton
GREETER – Julie Belek and Steve Kimball
ACOLYTE – James Clark
USHERS – Jay Pennell and Fred Delaney
CHILDREN'S WORD – Deb Pennell
COFFEE HOUR – Evelyn Delaney

WORSHIP TEAM – Next Week

LITURGIST – Gary Asel
GREETER – The Pennell's
ACOLYTE – James Clark
USHERS – Jim Rickert and Lee Rouse
CHILDREN'S WORD – Linda Wend
COFFEE HOUR – Dea Beehler

Pastor: Helen Alford

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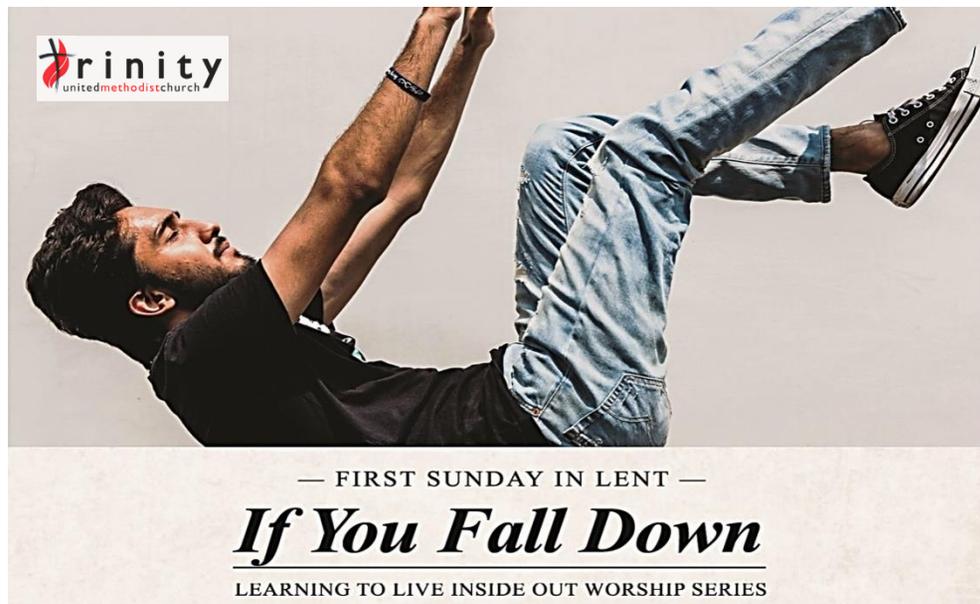
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Please remember if you want to use any of the buildings (family center, church and/or church basement) for any function (whether church related or not) you need to check with Lee to ensure the building has not already been reserved.



February 26, 2023 –

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

+UMH #127 – *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

+CALL TO WORSHIP – *Nick Holton*

L. Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

P. We are learning to follow Jesus.

L. For those who feel Christ near,

P. May we not turn away from the discomfort of the journey ahead.

L. For those who feel as far from Christ as the desert is from the ocean,

P. May we find Christ in the wilderness with us.

L. For all of us who stumble and fall in our silence, indifference, and lack of generosity,

P. May we reach for the hand of Christ, who raises us up to continue on the journey.

L. Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

P. We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The Life of the Church – *Nick*

SCRIPTURE READING – *Nick*

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.’ ⁴But he answered, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”’

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”’ ⁷ Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’ ¹⁰Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’ ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

L. The word of God, for the people of God,

P. Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S WORD – *Deb Pennell*

PRAYER TIME –

CELEBRATIONS – The Life of the Congregation

INTERCESSARY AND PASTORAL PRAYER

LORDS PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, as we remember Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness, we acknowledge the temptation that pursues so many of us: to measure our worth, our power and our security by what we have. As we offer these gifts to you this morning, we pray that you might deliver us from the temptation of building our lives around what belongs to us. Continually lead us to the conviction that what matters is that we belong to you. We pray in the name of our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

TITHES and OFFERINGS

+DOXOLOGY – UMH #95

+TFWS #2112 – *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

SERMON – Pastor: Helen Alford – If You Fall Down

+TFWS #2272 – *Holy Ground*

BENEDICTION

+Congregation Please Stand (as you are able)