

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 15th, and 29th, 5 pm - 6:30 pm. See Deb Meservey if you can help! Next 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 – 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 – Gary Asel

GREETER – The Pennell's

ACOLYTE – James Clark

USHERS – Jim Rickert and Lee Rouse

CHILDREN'S WORD – Linda Wend

COFFEE HOUR – Dea Beehler

WORSHIP TEAM – Next Week

LITURGIST – Doris Robertson

GREETER – Cindy Lee

ACOLYTE – James Clark

USHERS – Jim Rickert and Lee Rouse

CHILDREN'S WORD – Judy Asel

COFFEE HOUR – Sharon Alderton

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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.



— SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT —

Go from Your Country

LEARNING TO LIVE INSIDE OUT WORSHIP SERIES



March 5, 2023 –

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

+UMH #369 – *Blessed Assurance*

+CALL TO WORSHIP – *Gary Asel*

L. Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

P. We are learning to follow Jesus.

L. When God says, "Go!" without telling us the destination,

P. Show us, Christ, how to go forward in faith.

L. When re-birth is the impossible way forward,

P. Christ, be our midwife as we accept God's call to be reborn.

L. When we find ourselves in the in-between of where we've been and where we're going,

P. Christ, meet us on the way and bless us in the going.

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 – *Gary*

SCRIPTURE READING – *Gary*

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ ³Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ ⁴Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ ⁵Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ ⁹Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ ¹⁰Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?’

¹¹ ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

P. Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S WORD – *Linda Wend*

PRAYER TIME –

CELEBRATIONS – The Life of the Congregation

INTERCESSARY AND PASTORAL PRAYER

LORDS PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of unwavering love, you have held nothing back in your love for us, not even your Son. How we marvel at that kind of love, and how we long to reflect a portion of that devotion back to you. As we dedicate our offerings to you, lead us away from our tendency to hold back and worry that there will not be enough. Help us to live as the people of love and abundance you have called us to be. In Christ we pray. Amen.

TITHES and OFFERINGS

+DOXOLOGY – UMH #95

+TFWS #2008 – *Let All Things Now Living*

SERMON – Pastor: Helen Alford – *Go From Your Country*

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II – UMH #12

+W&S #3040 – *You Are My All in All*

BENEDICTION

+Congregation Please Stand (as you are able)

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Harper, Natalie, Baby George, Dean Clark, Mae Delaney, Krystal, John Nugent, Dixie’s brother Joe, Cindy Lee’s Dad & family, Wendy Coon, Lee O’Connor and sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Denny, Rod’s brother Roger, Pastor Helen and family, Military and First Responders, Search and Rescue

