

Welcome To Our Service

- + We welcome you to our service today. For more information on the programs offered here at First United Methodist Church please visit our website at www.fortmethodist.org. Our information desk can be located in the main entrance.
- + For more information on any of our activities please visit the "Events" tab on the church website.
- + If you have trouble hearing the worship service or reading the bulletin we have hearing devices and large print bulletins available. Please ask an usher.
- + If you would like us to contact you please make sure to fill in your contact information on the Communication Card which is in the worship folder.
- + The nursery is located in the north hallway. Childcare is provided from 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. in the nursery located in the north hallway. Please ask an usher for assistance if you need directions.
- + There is coffee available in the room behind the Sanctuary from 10:00 - 10:30. Please join us. We would love to meet you.

9:00 am Worship Today

- + Preaching: Paul Johnsen
- + Organist: Brenda Nitardy
- + Liturgist: Ron Stelse
- + Head usher: Dana Cushman
- + Greeters: Viola Congdon, Wava Austin, Lynne Heinz
- + Ushers: Jesse Kohl, Bob Schwab, Jim Geyer, Mary Ann Weber
- + Coffee Host: Cathy Daly

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Pastor Hispanic Ministry: Modesto Soto
Children & Youth Ministry: Kate Vance
Organist/Choir Director: Brenda Nitardy
Bell Choir Director: Karen Tordera
Office Manager: Elieen Slak
Custodian: Scott Albrecht



LIVE *and* LOVE

like JESUS

EVERYDAY. EVERYWHERE. EVERYONE.

9:00 am Worship
2nd Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2020
*please stand if you are able

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Bell Introit.....You Are My All in All.....

*Call to Worship

We look for help.

Where will it come from?

Our help will come from the Lord who created the heavens and the earth.

Let our hearts rejoice in God's kindness and love. AMEN.

*Opening Hymn.....To God Be the Glory.....#98

Prayer of Confession

God of salvation, you shower our lives and our world with love, yet we too often turn away from your blessing. It is just so easy to complain! There are little annoyances each day, but they pile up into a mountainous burden that becomes a curse on our lives. Free us from our unwise choices, O God. When we are distracted and confused, redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities to experience your love. During this Lenten journey, focus our hearts on you, that we may choose the blessing of salvation offered us each day through Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(During our flu season, please pass God's peace in a way that is comfortable for you.)

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Blessing of the Linus Blankets

Children's Message.....Kate Vance

(As the children come forward, please sing "Jesus Loves Me")
Jesus loves me this I know, for the bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but He is strong. Yes Jesus loves me. Yes Jesus loves me. Yes Jesus loves me. The bible tells me so.

Proclamation & Response

Scripture Reading from Genesis 12:1-4a

Video.....Coventry.....

Bell Anthem.....Lift High the Cross.....

Scripture Reading from Psalm 121

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon.....From Where Will My Help Come?.....

*Affirmation of Faith

We fast from judging others, but feast on patience.

We fast from apparent differences, but feast on unity of all life.

We fast from words that pollute, but feast on words that affirm.

We fast from complaining, but feast on appreciation.

We fast from bitterness and anger, but feast on forgiveness and mercy.

We fast from discouragement, but feast on hope.

We fast from suspicion, but feast on trust.

We fast from idle gossip, but feast on purposeful silence.

We fast on problems that overwhelm, but feast on prayer that strengthens.

*Hymn.....O How I Love Jesus.....#170

Offering of the Tithes.....Shout to the Lord.....

*Doxology.....#94

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn.....Lord, I Lift Your Name on High.....#2088

*Blessing

Bell Benediction.....Jesus, Lover of My Soul.....

Postlude

+Parents Group: Every 3rd Sunday of the month, parents are invited to get together at McDonald's after service to let the kids run around and let the adults talk about the troubles and triumphs of parenting.

+ Prayer Quilts: Prayer Quilts are available for anyone in need of a prayer. If you would like to have a prayer quilt delivered or mailed to anyone you put on the prayer list please contact the church office. Prayer Quilts are also available for pickup in the church office. If you would like to stop in and pick one up so that you can deliver it yourself please feel free to do so.

+ Lost & Found: We have several umbrella's and other items that have been left at the church. If you are missing anything please check with the office. All lost and found items not claimed by the end of March will be taken to Goodwill.

+ Circle 5: Circle 5 will be meeting on Tuesday, March 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the Wesley Room. Hostesses are Bev Notbohm and Wava Austin. The program will be presented by Diane Abendroth. All ladies are welcome to attend.

+ Food Pantry: Spring is coming and that means our turn to serve at the Food Pantry is right around the corner. The April sign up sheets are in the Chapel. If you can help on either a Monday or Thursday please sign up. The food pantry is also in need of plastic grocery bags. Bags can be left in the church office or in the Food Pantry donation box located in the Chapel.

+ Visit to Temple Beth El in Madison: At 2:00 PM on Sunday March 29, our confirmation class will be visiting Temple Beth El in Madison. Members of the congregation are invited to join. The hour-long presentation will go over the Jewish rituals including a mock wedding ceremony, talk about Shabbat (Sabbath), Judaism and take out and explain the Torah. If you are interested in joining the conformation class, please let the office know by Sunday, March 22.

First United Methodist Church
Announcements in Brief
March 8, 2020

Announcements:

+ WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH?
The May General Conference will consider denominational-changing proposals. Once-every-four-years debates have occurred for 50+ years over acceptance and leadership of LGBTQ persons. The growth of our church as an international body have made reaching a widely accepted resolution of differences challenging. A post-worship presentation on Sunday, March 15 will help explain what is proposed, the likelihood of adoption and the potential impact on local congregations. Overview and analysis by Steve Zekoff, a veteran of seven General Conferences since 1996. Steve was a staff member at four General Conferences and a clergy delegate to the last three, serving as Wisconsin Delegation chair for the Portland and St. Louis sessions.

If you are not able to be here on Sunday, March 15th the Conference is holding other informational sessions. You are welcome to attend any session. Here is the list of dates and locations:

South East District

March 10, 7:00 p.m.	Fifth Avenue UMC: 323 S 5th Ave., West Bend
March 19, 6:00 p.m.	Waukesha First UMC: 121 Wisconsin Ave, Waukesha
April 4, 1:00 p.m.	Milwaukee: Central UMC: 639 N 25th St, Milwaukee
April 18, 9:30 a.m.	Milton UMC: 241 Northside Dr, Milton

Wednesday Noon Lenten Services
At First Congregational Church
31 W Milwaukee Ave.

It's Happening Here!
The Week of March 8, 2020

Sunday

Sunday School: 9:15-10:15 a.m. in Classrooms
Hispanic AWANA Classes 2:00-5:00 p.m. in Classrooms
Hispanic Worship Service: 3:00-4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Monday

Women's Small Group— Discerning the Voice of God: 9:00-10:30 a.m. in Wesley Room
Loving Hands Crafters: 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Gathering Room

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study - Book of James: 6:30-7:30 a.m. in Wesley Room
Group Study - Acts : 9:00-10:30 a.m. @ 801 East Street
Trudy's Room: 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Room 202
Circle 5: 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. in Wesley Room
Middle School Youth Group: 6:00-8:15 p.m. in Bathroom
Wesley Ringers: 7:30-8:30 p.m. in Choir Room

Wednesday

Group Study - Jesus Up Close & Personal: 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Wesley Room
Noon Lent Service: 12:00-12:45 p.m. @ First Congregational Church
Group Study - The Bible from 30,000 Feet: 1:00-2:30 p.m. in Wesley Room
Trudy's Room: 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Room 202
High School Youth Group: 6:00-8:15 p.m. in Bathroom
Group Study— The Parables: 6:15-7:30 p.m. @ Reena Sr. Living, 737 Reena Ave.

Thursday

Loving Hands Crafters: 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Gathering Room
Staff Meeting: 1:00-1:30 p.m. in Church Office
Feed Your Soul: 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Sunday Sermon Preview: 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Chapel
Hispanic Ministry Bible Study: 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Bathroom

Friday

Trudy's Room: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in Room 202
Hispanic Ministry Band: 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Saturday

Hispanic Ministry Children's Band Rehearsal: 3:00 -5:00 p.m. in Choir Room & Fellowship Hall

Lord, We Lift Our PRAYERS To You!

For our members & friends...

God has called us to support each other in prayer and so each week we list members and friends from our fellowship so we can all pray for them.



Sam
Lauri
Shannon

Nathan
Kyler

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations...

Concerns & celebrations that have been shared with us:

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations:

Elaine —Leg Recovery

All people to spend more time reading their Bible and trusting God's Holy Word.

Deb —Nursing my mom at my house for a few weeks

Christians Around the World

Friends and Family in Hospice Care

Nancy —Recovering from Surgery

Guy —Flu Virus

Please write your prayer concerns on the back of the Communication Card that you will find in the bulletin. Place the Card in the offering plate. We will begin praying for your concern on Monday.

If you would like to be part of our e-prayer chain please make the request on the Communication Card or email office@fortmethodist.org and you will be added to the list of emails receiving the prayer concerns.

SHARING THE BEAUTY OF EASTER

Each year at Easter time we give you the opportunity to help us decorate the Sanctuary with Easter lilies, yellow daffodils, red tulips or purple mums. The flowers are always beautiful and the effect is wonderful. We appreciate your commitment to making our Easter celebration something special.

Again, this year we've decided to give you the opportunity to not only help us decorate for Easter but also to make a difference for someone in our community.

The cost of Easter flowers is the same as last year. We would like to again offer the opportunity to purchase a beautiful flower through the Church. We will be ordering them from Humphrey Floral. **The Lilies, Purple Mums, Tulips, and Daffodils will all cost \$17.60 each.**

In order to make this something that isn't just about us...we would like to encourage you to make a donation of an **additional \$2.00** (or any additional amount) for each flower you order. This additional contribution will be given to the Fort Food Pantry.

You can still make your contribution in honor or memory of someone you love and all donations will be acknowledged in our Easter Sunday bulletin insert. Please fill out the form on the other side of this sheet and drop it in the offering plate or return it to the office if you are interested in helping us decorate with Easter flowers and make a contribution to care about a needy family.

Easter flowers may be taken home after the Easter Sunday Service.

Make your check payable to FUMC

Please write "Easter Flower" in the memo area.

Last chance to order will be April 5th

Please indicate your flower choice by marking below:

Easter Lily _____ @ **\$17.60** each for a total of \$ _____

Purple Mum _____ @ **\$17.60** each for a total of \$ _____

Yellow Daffodil _____ @ **\$17.60** each for a total of \$ _____

Red Tulip _____ @ **\$17.60** each for a total of \$ _____

Fort Food Pantry Donation \$ _____

Total donation to this Easter Flower project will be \$ _____

I would like to bring in a plant that I will purchase.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Memory of: _____

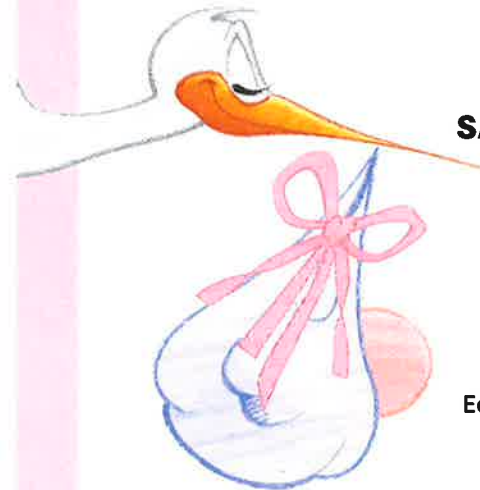
In Honor of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Help Us Help Our Community



BABY SHOWER FUNDRAISER



SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

10AM - 1PM

Fort Atkinson Club
211 S Water Street E

Tickets Available:

**Tuttle's Hallmark or
eventbrite.com**

Early Bird (purchase by March 15th)

\$25.00 each or Group of 5 - \$100

\$35.00 after the 15th

2 Grand Prize Drawings:

A couples stay at Inn on Lake Wissota

Weekend stay at the Kalahari in the Dells

(sponsored by **Badger Bank**)

***Silent Auction**

***Wine and Appetizers**

*Clothing Donations appreciated if you

choose (in need size 12M-4T)

**receive 1 ticket per item donated toward

floral door prizes

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