

Doxology.....

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,  
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer

**God of overflowing abundance, you bless the earth and it brings forth food. We, who have been given so much, rejoice in our ability to aid those who are in need. As we present our offerings this day, bless these gifts, the bounty of this good land, that they may reach those who need it most. May we, who call ourselves Christ's disciples, continue to give freely of our worldly riches, just as Christ gave freely of this heavenly riches. Amen.**

Closing Hymn.....This Is a Day of New Beginnings.....#383  
vs 1-3

Benediction

In Christ, we are a new creation.  
**In Christ, we are made anew.**  
In Christ, the lost are found.  
**In Christ, we find our true home.**  
In Christ, those who were dead find new life.  
**In Christ, those who drank bitter dregs are invited to God's heavenly banquet.**  
In Christ, we reside with the saints.

Choral Benediction.....Sent Forth By God's Blessing.....

Postlude

10:00 am Worship Today

- + Preaching: Pastor Maribel Celiz
- + Organist: Brenda Nitardy
- + Liturgist: Kyla Pulkrabeck
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LIVE *and* LOVE

like JESUS

EVERYDAY. EVERYWHERE. EVERYONE.

# 10:00 am Worship

March 27, 2022

87.9 FM

*The God who made us also can remake us. – Woodrow Kroll*

Prelude

Gathering & Announcements

Choral Introit.....Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place.....

Centering Words

The lost are found. The dead return to life. This is the Lord's doing; it is wondrous in our sight.

Call to Worship

Like a loving Father, God offers us freedom to choose our own path.

**In God's freedom, we are a new creation.**

Like a merciful Mother, God offers us compassion when we lose our way.

**In God's mercy, we are a new creation.**

Like a forgiving Parent, God welcomes us home with open arms.

**In God's embrace, we are a new creation.**

Come! Let us worship the one who makes all things new.

Opening Prayer

**Merciful God, you seek the lost sheep of your pastures; you call out to all who have strayed. As the father welcomed the prodigal son home, receive us back into your loving arms. Your steadfast love, O God, knows no bounds. Your loving embrace is always there for us. Be with us in our time of worship, that we may feel your presence and know that you are our true home. Amen.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

In Christ, the lost are found and the dead return to life. In Christ, we are a new creation. Let us celebrate our inheritance and the joy of our homecoming, as we pass the peace of Christ this day.

**The peace of Christ be with you always.**

Opening Hymn.....Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling.....#348  
vs 1, 2 & 4

Scripture Reading from Psalm 32

Joys & Concerns

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Moment with Children

Choral Anthem.....Mighty to Save.....

Hymn.....What Wondrous Love Is This.....#292

Scripture Reading from Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon.....The Old Has Passed Away.....

Affirmation of Faith

(Apostles Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\*church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Invitation to the Offering/Passing the Offering Plate

"If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away!" In Christ, we are reconciled indeed, for we have found our new home. With that assurance, let us give freely.

**First United Methodist Church**  
**Announcements in Brief**  
March 27, 2022

**Announcements:**

**+Food Pantry Volunteers Needed:** Our church is scheduled to staff the Food Pantry during the month of April. You can sign up using this link:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B48AEA72CA5FE3-food1>

Or you can email [office@fortmethodist.org](mailto:office@fortmethodist.org) or call the church office at 920.563.4903 and Eileen will be happy to help you sign up.



**Volunteer in Mission Opportunity**  
**May 15 – 20, 2022 –**  
**Pine Lake UMC Camp, Westfield, WI**

Camp preparations and repairs for summer camping.

Participants will be staying at the Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader Retreat Center, which includes the Don and Elaine Mevis Wing. Each room has one double and one single bed with private shower and bathroom facilities. Bedding and towels are also provided.

Projects include installing piers and docks, general spring cleaning and preparation for the summer season. The camp always plans a major project for us to complete.

Cost: \$180 per person for the week; \$36 per day.

You are encouraged to come for a day or two if you are not able to spend the week. This is a drive to camp.

Please register in advance whether coming for the week or a day.

A deposit of \$36 is due with the registration form ASAP.

Checks should be made payable to WAC/VIM Camp and sent to Don Bastian.  
Deadline is April 9, 2022.

Co-leader and Registrar: Don Bastian, 1240 St. Huberts Drive, Hubertus, WI 53033. (414)467-5015; Email: [don-felice21@gmail.com](mailto:don-felice21@gmail.com)

Co-Leader: Don Mevis, Westfield, WI; (608)296-2827; Email: [mevis@frontier.com](mailto:mevis@frontier.com)

**Thursday Spiritual Renewal & Prayer**

Every Thursday  
6:30 p.m. In the Sanctuary

**Easter Services**

Bonfire Easter Sunrise Outdoor Service 6:30 a.m.

Bring your own lawn chair

Light breakfast & fellowship following Sunrise Service

Traditional Easter Service 10:00 a.m.

# 40 Days of Prayer Walks



## Neighborhood Prayer Walks

Daily walking my street and covering my neighborhood with prayer.

Starting April 2—May 18

Closing with a trail walk at Haumerson's Pond on May 21, starting at 8:30 a.m. We will finish with a celebration picnic lunch at noon on Sunday, May 22 at the church.

Prayer walks are powerful; as believers, we need to step out and pray for our church, ministry, and community. If you are not able to walk, you can do 40 hours of prayer in your own home. Print out your route map, select a time and pray for your community and church

Join us For

## FUMC Social Activities for April 2022



Join your FUMC family for fun, fellowship, and bowling (if you'd like). Food, beverages, and arcade games are available for purchase as well.

**Where:** Rock River Lanes, Fort Atkinson

Lane bumpers and adaptive ramps for people with physical limitations are also available.

**When:** Good Friday, April 15th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. No RSVP required.



Join your FUMC family for fun, fellowship, fresh air, fitness (walk, bike, scooter or skateboard) and Frostie Freeze. We will go down the trail, stop at Frostie Freeze for some treats, and then return to the parking lot. **\*\*\*Frostie Freeze is CASH ONLY\*\*\***

**Where:** Meet at the Glacial River Bike Trailhead parking lot on Farmco Lane. Farmco Lane is off of Business Hwy 26/Janesville Ave., between Spacesaver and Kwik Trip.

**When:** Saturday, April 30th 2:00 p.m.

If the weather is bad, we will reschedule.

Everyone is welcome. No RSVP required.

# 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.

We would like to offer the opportunity to purchase a beautiful flower through the Church. We will be ordering them from Humphrey Floral. **See order form on back for cost of flowers.**

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 10th**

Please indicate your flower choice by marking below:

Easter Lily \_\_\_\_\_ @ **20.00** each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Purple Mum \_\_\_\_\_ @ **18.00** each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yellow Daffodil \_\_\_\_\_ @ **18.00** each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Red Tulip \_\_\_\_\_ @ **16.00** 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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.



Wava Austin  
Cassandra Jacobs  
Myles Sharlow

Mary Ellen Findlay  
Betty Murley  
Mary Ann Weber

### Prayer Concerns & Celebrations...

Concerns & celebrations that have been shared with us:

#### Prayer Concerns & Celebrations:

Bernice Neff—In Hospice Care/Final Days  
Eduardo – Cancer  
Paul Babcock—Continuing Health Concerns  
Dave Stedman—Recovering from a Fall  
Gail—Open Heart Surgery End of March  
Sally Ropicky—Breast Cancer  
Lennox Kohl—Happy 10th Birthday  
The Kline Family—Dan's on the Transplant List  
Sharon—Multiple Myeloma

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](mailto:office@fortmethodist.org) and you will be added to the list of emails receiving the prayer concerns.