

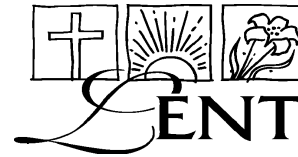
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Sunday, March 7
Communion/3rd Sunday in Lent

8:30 & 10:00 AM Worship

Sunday, March 14

4th Sunday in Lent
One Great Hour of Sharing

8:30 & 10:00 AM Worship

Sunday, March 21

5th Sunday in Lent
 8:30 & 10:00 AM Worship

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday
 10:00 AM Worship
 (No 8:30 Worship)

Rethink 20/20

On the morning of January 30, a group of 28 from our congregation met to discuss "What's going on and where are we going?" The order of the day was to develop guidelines for short, mid, and long term plans for First United Methodist Church. We have had a long enough time to recover from the move to our present location and we (as a congregation) need to look forward.

With this as our background, the group focused on the following three areas: **facilities, ministries, and missions.** Along with previously identified needs and requirements, the group came up with new visions for serving and growing our congregation. Here is a non-exhaustive list of ideas for future discussion and approval:

Facilities

- Room Signs
- Playground
- Community Garden
- Tile in kitchen windows
- Basketball Hoop
- Family Bathroom

Ministries

- Hospitality Committee
- Disciple Bible Study
- Name Tag Board in Place
- Name Tag Patrol
- Sunday School for Adults at 10:00
- Web Streaming
- Meals for people in crisis

Missions

- Group volunteer project at UMCOR West Depot
- Sunday Service work at St. Anne's
- Training for mission trip

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Upcoming Events and Activities

May 16 Heritage Sunday and
 -Church Potluck

May 23

Confirmation Sunday/Pentecost



June 6 Graduation Sunday

June 7- 11

Ecumenical Vacation
 Bible School



June 11-13 Jr. High
 Camp at Pinecliff

July 19-23 Elementary
 Camp at Pinecliff



Sunday Worship Services

8:30 Modern 10:00 AM Traditional

Sunday School for all Ages
 Nursery Care Available

Church Office Hours:

Tues—Thurs, 9 AM—4 PM, Friday 9-Noon

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St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Save the date! The United Methodist Men will be hosting their second annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 20, at the Marriott-Slaterville City Building, 1570 N. 400 W., just about 1/3 mile west of the church on the north side of 400 North. The festivities will begin at 6:00 PM. Menu will consist of Corn Bread &



Irish Stew, Corn Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots and a Green Pistachio Torte. Please plan to join us for a fun-filled evening of fine food, fellowship, and entertainment, all with an Irish flair. The cost is \$14 for adults and \$5 for children.

Tickets are available for purchase during fellowship time or by contacting Duane Denney at 801-776-1664.



Set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour
 on Saturday, March 13

Thoughts from Our District Superintendent

They say that opportunity only knocks once. But temptation seems to pound on my door forever. Even opening up and letting it in doesn't seem to make it go away. More temptations come along and the beating goes on.

Those temptations that cause me the most problems are those that pull me away from being my best self. So I can relate to the Swiss woman who was served dinner on a domestic American flight. She opened up her dessert – a delicious looking piece of chocolate cake – and immediately sprinkled a generous layer of salt and pepper over it. A shocked flight attendant exclaimed, "Oh! It's not necessary to do that!" "But it is," the woman replied, smiling. "It keeps me from eating it." She found a way to drive temptation away from her doorstep, at least for a while.

The most persistent temptations in my life are distractions that keep me from doing what is in my best interest. I forgo some much-needed exercise because I "just don't feel like it" today. Have you ever felt like that? You may want to quit that reading group, that difficult class or those music lessons. It's easy to become distracted and get discouraged. Or maybe we say we just "can't find the time" to spend with those closest to us, such as family. We may want to do these things; it's just that sometimes we need a nudge.

Something baseball great Hank Aaron once said can help out here. "My motto was to

keep swinging," he said. "Whether I was in a slump or feeling badly or having trouble off the field, the only thing to do was to keep swinging."

Sometimes we just need to keep swinging. And if we tell ourselves that all we need to do today is to take one more swing, that may be enough. We can always take one more swing. And who knows...today we might hit a home run.

I think that's true in the church, too. As I travel the district I too-often sense that people are discouraged. Money is tight. Some churches feel as if they just can't make one more cut in programs or staff. Others worry about the next dip in attendance.

Jesus must have felt discouragement when he fasted in the wilderness for forty days. He was sorely tried and tested.

But the answer for churches, too, is to keep on swinging. It takes as much effort to be the best church we can be as to be the best people we can be. Keep on swinging. That is the only way to hit a home run.

This Lenten season I hope you will keep your eyes on the hope of Easter as you strive to be your best self, and as you strive to make your church the very best it can be. Be faithful and keep on swinging. And don't forget that God can make something wonderful happen.

Steve Goodier

March Youth Group Schedule*

- March 7 - Movie
- March 14 - Game Day
- March 21 - TOADS
- March 28 - Game Day

*schedule subject to change



Join the Youth Group

Newcomer Gathering

We will be having a Newcomer Gathering on Sunday, March 14 following the 10:00 service. If you are new to our church or are interested in joining as a member, this gathering is for you. We welcome your questions about our community of faith, programming and future



New Member Class

plans. We will tell you a little about the history of First UMC and try to cover all of our current happenings as well. Come and meet other new folks and learn about our ministries. Contact the church office at 801-393-5662 if you plan to attend or have questions. A light meal will be served.

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 AM. There will be crafts, treats, activities and fun for everyone! And, of course, we will be searching for those eggs full of surprises! All children ages 2 years old – 6th grade are welcome.



Invite a friend! We are asking for donations of **plastic Easter eggs** and **wrapped candy**. Donations can be placed in the container located outside of the Sunday School rooms. We need items no later than March 28. If you would like to help on the day of the hunt, contact Brenda in the church office.

During the season of Lent, we are having our 2nd annual *Dough for Dough* campaign. Each Sunday in Lent, you will be able to purchase a loaf of Bread for \$4. Proceeds will benefit the Ogden Food Bank. The type of bread varies, but all are delicious. If you would like to help provide the bread we sell, just bring your loaf or two on Sunday morning and place it on the *Dough for Dough* table.

Holy Week Calendar

- March 28, Palm Sunday**
10:00 AM Worship (no 8:30 worship)
- April 1, Maundy Thursday**
Service at 7 PM at Community UMC
- April 2, Good Friday**
Service at 7 PM at First UMC
- April 4, Easter Sunday**
Sunrise Service 7:00 AM
Celebration Service 10:00 AM

So, what can you do? What is required is time, energy, enthusiasm, and commitment. So, as we move forward with ideas to grow our church, be supportive and enthusiastic in your willingness to step-up and help. This is your opportunity to serve and to provide your own visions for the future of First United Methodist Church. Call Pastor Alane if you want to serve on any committee or if you would like to share ideas.

Rethink 20/20—continued

FUMC VISION TEAMS

Facilities Gary Phillis, Ray Christian, Carl Jeerings, Bob George, Mike Manning, Justin Nelson, Rev. Alane

Ministries Nancy Granducci, Karen Lee, Denise Carlson, Carolyn Moore, Judy DeLong, Duane Denney, Jenni Nelson, Rev. Michelle

Missions Marty Smith, Jack Troyer, Vern Blair, Ginger DeHeer, Rev. Michelle, Robin Crook, Gennie Alderson

Shawl Ministry

The Ogden Area Shawl Ministry group recently donated 27 afghans and lap robes to the George Wahlen Ogden Veteran's Nursing Home. Several of our members made "squares" for the afghans. Ruth Landrith made 6 completed afghans and Gloria Merritt made 3 lap robes. In addition, we continue to give an afghan to

each new area Habitat for Humanity family. If you know of anyone who needs comfort and you would like to give that person a shawl or lap robe, please contact Betty Christian (801-479-6541) or the church office. As of mid-February, we have given 154 shawls/lap robes to those needing comfort.

The **Book Talk** book of the month is *Velva Jean Learns to Drive* by Jennifer Niven. Join us on Monday, March 8 at 6:30 pm at the home of Cheryl Thompson for our book discussion. Contact Cheryl at 801-773-1782 for further information.

March Mission Box Project

The March Mission Box Project is the United Methodist Women's School Kits for UMCOR. These kits are distributed domestically and internationally as needed. Items for the kits are:

- 1 pair blunt scissors
- 1 30-centimeter ruler
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener



- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 eraser, 2 1/2"
- 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24).

Paper is being purchased in bulk and a \$1.00 donation for each kit would cover this cost. Cloth bags for the kits are being made by UMW. Also, donations of

drapery weight material would be appreciated. Anyone interested in obtaining the pattern and helping with the sewing of the bags contact Mary Huggins at 801-771-1211. Several work days will be scheduled between now and September so watch for more information on those in Sunday bulletins. Money collected from the mission box and offering plate loose change will go to purchase items for the kits and material for the bags. Thank you for your support.

United Methodist Women

On Saturday, March 13, at 10 AM, the United Methodist Women will meet for their General Meeting. The book "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson will be reviewed. This is a great book in which to learn about Pakistan and Afghanistan and schools for girls. The leader will be Nora Hughes. Come and learn about one of our Reading Program Books. All women are welcome.

UMW Conference Retreat at Estes Park is April 24 -25 with Bishop Elaine Stanovsky. Registration is due by March 16.



For more information about United Methodist Women, contact Mary Huggins at 801-771-1211.

Faith Circle Meeting: 1 PM on Wednesday, March 10

Friendship Circle Meeting: 1 PM on Thursday, March 18

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SAVE THE DATE

Women's Spiritual Retreat

June 4-6, 2010

Pinecliff Camp and Retreat Center

"Seeking the Sacred" led by Rev. Dr. Cheryl Popple

The retreat will begin on Friday at 4:30 PM and end on Sunday at Noon. Registration forms and additional information will be available soon.

Church Women United World Day of Prayer

"Let Everything That Has
Breath Praise God"

Saturday, March 6, 2010

9:30 AM Registration (\$3 donation)

10:00 AM Meeting

St. Patrick Center

(St. Joseph Catholic Church)

2350 Adams Avenue, Ogden

Bring canned goods, paper products or other nonperishable items for "SHARE"

Single, Furry, Feline Seeks Companion

Hi! My name is "Cali." I am 10 years old. I have four pretty white feet and a lovely white bib under my chin. I have all of my shots; I am spayed; I have a microchip; I am declawed on my front feet, and very loving. I come with a covered litter box, a large feeding station, a watering station, and carrying cage, and my punkin bed with fleece blanket. I love to hide under blankets. I also have a silver mouse that I love to chase, and other toys. I also come with a large bag of Science Diet food,

a large bag of kitty litter, and my night time treats.

My family is selling their home and will move in with their son for awhile. Their son has 2 cats and a very HYPER DOG! They are praying that someone will take me and give me a loving home. I am very good with children. I enjoy sitting on my families lap while watching the TV. If you would like to give me a home please call: Ken and Nora Hughes at (801) 593-9184

Lenten Movie Series



Join Pastor Alane for a Lenten Movie Series (can two be a series?) on

Fridays, March 5th and March 19th at 6:30pm. Discussion will follow. Bring your own supper and snacks. Nursery care will

be provided.

March 5 – "Chocolat" 2000, PG-13 for some sensuality and violence. Alternate movie for children: "Pollyanna," 1960 G

March 19 – "Jesus" 2000 not rated. Alternate movie for children: "The Story of Jesus for Children"

Words of Thanks

Thanks to everyone who supported the youth during their 40 HOUR Famine. Our goal was to raise \$2100 to help fight world hunger. As of this writing we are very near that goal. All the youth who participated did an excellent job and your prayers and support were very much appreciated. Without it, they could not have done it.

Pastor Michelle

Ken and I would like to sincerely thank each one of you who have been so faithful in praying for our son-in-law Randy Nedegaard while he was in Afghanistan. Randy told us that he felt all of the prayers and that many times knowing that prayers were for him kept him

One Great Hour of Sharing

Necessities of life include food, shelter and clothing. However, many people around the world lack these basic necessities. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Sunday, March 14, makes those necessities a reality by sharing the goodness of life with those who hurt.

When a catastrophe occurs, your offerings to One Great of Sharing enables the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to reach out and ease the pain and suffering by providing humanitarian aid of food, shelter, health and peace.

By giving to One Great Hour of Sharing, you help UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of designated gifts go to the specific causes. Unlike other mission programs, UMCOR receives no World Service or other apportionment money. This is why your faithful support of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering is crucial.

God calls us to be the hands, heart and hope of the church for people who are suffering. Through the One Great Hour of Sharing, we make sure the church is able to answer that call.



Easter Flowers

Celebrate the resurrection of the Lord and remember a person or event that has great meaning in your life by sponsoring an Easter flower. The Easter flowers will be placed in

the sanctuary during Easter services. If you would like to sponsor a flower, complete the information on the form and mail to the church office. Forms will also be available in the Sunday bulletins. Cost is \$7 and deadline is March 28.

I/We would like to sponsor an Easter flower:

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____