



**AN ORDER OF  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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# GATHERING

Gathering of the Congregation

Welcome and Announcements

**HYMN\***

*Gather Us In*

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading

Psalm 29 (NRSV)

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
worship the LORD in holy splendor.
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- <sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- <sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- <sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,



Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

Sermon

**BAPTISMAL REAFFIRMATION**

On Screen

Invitation to the Offering

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

(If you are a guest, please feel no obligation to give.)

# THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

# GOING FORTH

**HYMN\***

*Graves into Gardens*

Video

Dismissal with Blessing\*

Postlude\*

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## **TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house.
- Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastors, musicians, and leaders.
- Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn by mimicking you.
- If you have to leave the sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."
- If you need or want some time to yourself, there is a nursery available during each service. It is located in Room 205 at the south end of the church. Our ushers and greeters will be happy to direct you.

## **TO THE LARGER CONGREGATION**

- Remember that the presence of children is a gift of hope for the future.
- Remember that the way we welcome children in worship directly affects the way they think about the church, Christianity, and even God.
- Let children know that they are at home in God's house.
- A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children.

## **FEEL FREE TO REMAIN SEATED**

If, for any reason (health, comfort, personal preference, etc.), you need/prefer to remain seated throughout the service, please do so. Don't give into peer pressure. You be you!

# PRAYER CONCERNS

Please note: prayer concerns will be listed in the bulletin for four (4) weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise.

**MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:** Eloise Marshall [1/09]

**COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS:** Those grieving the loss of Laurie Leder. [1/09]

**THOSE WORSHIPING FROM HOME:** Gary Donley, Evelyn York, Velma Becker, Joe Clemence, Steve Crump, Margie Miller, Ray Power, Marla Rutz, Donna Smith, Martha Zutavern, Donna Richards, Dorothy Veach, Darlene Sexton, Melvin Leckron, Dorothy Snider, Linda Chase, Verl Eckman.

**THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:** Greg Austin, Tim Barns, Kayla Berven, Billy Brockman, Matthew Brinker, Ross Covington, Jessica and James Green, Christopher Griffith, Gavin Hanna, Cameron Hoskins, David Hoskins, Ryan Kriesch, Colby Miller, Samuel Miller, Jackson Randles, and James L. Wise, Jr.

**THOSE IN AUTHORITY:** The President, the Governor, the Mayor, County Commissioners, the County Attorney, and other elected officials and the judiciary (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

**DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR:** Today we pray for the Bennington-Solomon United Methodist Churches and their pastor Ever Mudambanuki.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **THANK YOU FROM STAFF**

The staff would like to thank those of you who remembered us this holiday season with cards, gifts, goodies and well wishes. We appreciate your generosity and support. We appreciate all you do for us!!

## **COOKIES NEEDED FOR COFFEE TIME**

We are looking for donations of cookies to be shared during coffee time each week. If you could share, please leave cookies in the kitchen. You don't need to be available to serve them.

## **BIBLE STUDY**

We're having fun and learning a lot with the Bible studies from the BibleProject ([bibleproject.com](http://bibleproject.com)) You can join us in-person in room 200 or online by going to [bit.ly/3hyMOhO](http://bit.ly/3hyMOhO) any Wednesday at 5:15. You don't need to read anything ahead of time to participate. We'll begin with a five-six minute video introduction and then continue the discussion from there.

If you're thinking about joining us, please consider this testimony from Velda Becker:

I highly encourage anyone to join the current Bible study. We meet weekly on Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. in room 200 for a 40 minute session, followed by communion at 6:00 p.m. if you choose to stay. We watch an engaging video and then have a discussion using the current topic study materials for that week. Each session could be appreciated as a stand-alone class. There is no long-term commitment. I look forward to every Wednesday. This is a great opportunity to grow in your faith. Come join us in person or on Zoom!

## **MUSICALLY SPEAKING** by Clark Williamson

Ernest Hemingway entitled one of his novels, "For Whom the Bell Tolls." Here at First UMC, we toll bells in worship and praise of God. Currently, our adult Bell Choir is in need of some more ringers.

I'd like to invite any adult or high school student to consider this unique musical experience. There's nothing quite like ringing handbells with an ensemble. The ability to read music is not required. This week we began practicing our new prelude piece for an appearance late in February. Please contact me after worship services or call me at 785-280-3355.

Your commitment could even be for this first handbell piece. Beginners will not be alone. Two of our current members started playing bells for the very first time just before the covid pandemic hit churches. Practices take place on Wednesdays at 7:00-7:45 p.m.

## **THANKS FOR YOUR 2022 COMMITMENTS** — 51

individuals/couples/families participated in this year's Stewardship Campaign by making a commitment for 2022. 14 were first time commitments and 17 others increased the amount they committed. A sincere thank you to everyone who participated.

**WANT TO TALK TO THE PASTOR?** — John's mobile number is 620-252-9622 and his email is [john@revcollins.com](mailto:john@revcollins.com), or you can write a note on the back of the attendance insert.

**NURSERY** — A nursery is provided for children during each service. It is located in Room 205 near the south entrance to the church. If you need assistance locating the nursery, our ushers and greeters will be happy to direct you, but please note our "to those with young children" section.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 9**

- 8:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service / Online Streaming
- 9:20 a.m. Small Groups & Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service / KABI 1560 AM

## **MONDAY, JANUARY 10**

- 6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees - 200
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Peatling
- 7:00 p.m. Sand Spring Rustlers 4-H
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Design - 200

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 11**

- 9:30 p.m. Cancer Support Group
- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex
- 5:30 p.m. Small Group Quilters

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12**

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Power & Light
- 6:00 p.m. Communion (in-person and Zoom)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 13**

- 5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil begins
- 9:00 a.m. Card Ministry Group
- 9:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex
- 5:30 p.m. Basketball Team Dinner - Wright Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

## **FRIDAY, JANUARY 14**

- 9:00 a.m. Pre-School Screening
- 9:30 a.m. Sewing for Service Set-up

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 15**

All Day - Judy's Sewing for Service Day

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 16**

- 8:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service / Online Streaming
- 9:20 a.m. Small Groups & Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service / KABI 1560 AM  
Youth Group Movie Day

## **MONDAY, JANUARY 17**

- 5:15 p.m. Memorials Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Peatling

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 18**

- 9:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex
- 7:00 p.m. EOTT Board

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19**

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. UMW Faith/Hope/Love Circle Meeting - 200
- 3:30 p.m. Power & Light
- 5:15 p.m. Bible Discussion Group
- 6:00 p.m. Communion (in-person and Zoom)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 20**

- 5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil begins
- 9:00 a.m. Card Ministry Group

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please note that **bold type** indicates congregational participation. An asterisk (\*) indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. "UMH" stands for *The United Methodist Hymnal* (blue book); "FWS" stands for *The Faith We Sing* (black book); and "WS" stands for *Worship and Song* (green book).

## OUR MISSION AND VISION

Mission: to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Vision: a church of open hearts, open minds, and open doors.

## CLOSING CREDITS

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