

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 21
Youth Salsa Sale
Hospitality Team Info Meeting | 12 pm | FH

APRIL 22
GriefShare | 6 PM | Room 141
Prayer Shawl Ministry | 6 PM | Fellowship Hall

APRIL 23
Finance | 6:30 PM | Conference Room

APRIL 24
Wednesday Family Night | 5:30 PM | FH

APRIL 28
Acolytes: Ross and Elizabeth Anderson
Church Council | 12 PM | Fellowship Hall

APRIL 29
GriefShare | 6 PM | Room 141

May 1
Wednesday Family Night | 5:30 PM | FH

May 3
Tables of Grace | 6 PM | Cafe' Phoenicia

May 4
Family Bingo Game Night | 5 PM | FH

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHTS
 Wednesdays | 5:30 PM | Meal (FH)
Can you or your ministry/class provide a meal one week? Please let Donna King, or the Office, know which date you are available!

CONNECT AND SERVE

COMMUNITY HANDS FOOD PANTRY
 (225) 665-0855
 Tuesdays & Fridays | 10-11 AM

GRIEFSHARE
 Mondays | January 22-April 29 | 6 PM | 141

MODERN PRAISE BAND PRACTICE
 Thursdays | 7 PM | Casual Worship Center

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
 1st & 4th Mondays | 6 PM | Fellowship Hall

UNITED METHODIST MEN
 2nd Sundays | 4 PM | Fellowship Hall

AGAPE' WOMENS CIRCLE
 2nd Tuesdays | 7 PM | Fellowship Hall

MORNING GLORIES WOMENS CIRCLE
 3rd Tuesdays | 11 AM | Room 143

TABLES OF GRACE
Adult Fellowship Meal
 1st Fridays | Times & Locations TBA

YOUNG AT HEART
Adult Fellowship Meal
 3rd Thursdays | 11 AM | Sanctuary

WORSHIP

TRADITIONAL | 9 AM | Sanctuary
MODERN | 11 AM | Casual Worship Center



Digital Bulletin

Welcome! We are so glad you chose to worship with us today! Please scan the QR code to access the digital bulletin where you will be able to fill out the Connect Card and find other important resources!

Altar Flowers

Given to the Glory of God,
 In Memory of Nathan Crawford, Sr. and
 In Honor of Corinne, Charlotte &
 Frederick Drake, for their birthdays.

By Bill Drake, Margery Crawford,
 Elizabeth Crawford-Drake

WATCH ONLINE

Can't make it in person? Watch all our services online directly from our website:
fumcds.org/watch

LAST SUNDAY (4/14)

Attendance
182

Gifts to General Budget
\$10,458

Year-To-Date
\$147,883

2024 Budget
\$528,857

Gifts to Building Fund
\$3450

Building Fund Balance
\$26,079

Building Loan Balance
\$257,179

DISCIPLESHIP

NURSERY (Newborn-K)
Sundays | 8:45 AM

CHILDREN (1st-5th Grade)
Sundays | 10 AM | Children's Commons
Wednesdays | 5:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

PARENTS DAY OUT (2-4 Yr Olds)
Tuesdays-Thursdays | Aug-May | 9 AM

YOUTH (6th-12th Grade)
Sundays | 10 AM | Youth Cave
Wednesdays | 5:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

ADULTS
Sunday School | 10 AM
 Men's Class (137)
 US Class (138) | Adult Women
 Journey Class (141) | Mixed Adults
 Inquirers (142) | Mixed Adults
 Come Thirsty (143) | Adult Women
 Wanderers (Conf Rm) | Mixed Adults
 Second Sermon (108) | Mixed Adults

Wednesdays
 Men's Bible Study | 6 AM | Fell. Hall
 Family Night Meal | 5:30 PM | Fell. Hall
 Disciple Bible Study | 6-8 PM
 Adult Bible Study | 6-7 PM
 Choir Practice | 7 PM | Choir Room

All are invited!
There's something for all ages.

STAFF

Rev. Bradley Swire
Senior Pastor

Diane Carson
Administrator

Cloe' Landry
Admin Assistant

Courtney Murphy
Youth Ministry and Church Relations

Samantha Switzer
Children's Ministry

Kelli Quave
Hospitality/Hostess

Natalie Landry
Parent's Day Out

Annalise Pitts
Modern Worship and Digital Outreach

John Rohner-Rees
Choir Director

Douglas Perez
Accompanist

Jessica Gaboury
Organist

YOUTH

2ND SUNDAY SALSA SALE



Benefits Youth Ministry!

AFTER BOTH SERVICES
Coffee Commons | Casual Center

POLOS T-SHIRTS MUGS

LAST DAY TO ORDER IS APRIL 28

Sponsored by Agape'

T-Shirts	\$18
Polos	\$32
Mugs	\$20



Half of the proceeds go toward the building loan

MISSION PURPOSE

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

VISION

We Exist to Nurture Relationships With God and One Another.

MISSION PURPOSE

That All People Would Know That They Matter to God, and to Us!



APRIL 21, 2024
 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The 7 Next WORDS OF CHRIST
 Finding Hope in the Resurrection Sayings

What Are You So Concerned About?

Luke 24:13-35

✠ Please stand as you are able.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Bringing In The Light of Christ

Douglas Perez, Piano; Jessica Gaboury, Organ
Acolytes: Ryley Switzer and Karra Swire

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Bradley Swire

God is Good, **All the Time!** Christ is Risen, **Christ is Risen Indeed!**

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

When We All Get To Heaven

UMH 701

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostle's Creed

Courtney Murphy

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith, let us now declare:

Do you believe in God, the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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, dead, and buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

*Universal

✠ **GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

WE LIFT UP OUR PRAYERS UNTO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE 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.

✠ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

Rescue the Perishing

UMH 591, Vs. 1-2, 4

WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS UNTO GOD

✠ **DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

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

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

✠ **SCRIPTURE**

Luke 24:13-35

This is the Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

MESSAGE

"The 7 Next Words of Christ: What Are You Concerned About?"

INVITATION INTO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

✠ **CLOSING HYMN**

Only Trust Him

UMH 337, Vs. 1-2, 4

✠ **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

SERMON OUTLINE

Luke 24:13-35 (New Revised Standard Version)

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

I. Unfortunately, and far too often, while trying to make sense of the happenings in the world, we unknowingly cross paths with Jesus, but are unable to celebrate that moment of God with us.

- When we hear about tragedies, all our thoughts and emotions tend to be centered around what is missing rather than what is already there.
- This creates incredible sadness and sorrow in our hearts and causes us to begin to question the validity of preparation, and our faith.
- Our thoughts go into trying to figure out why evil is present as opposed to looking for the presence of God.

II. Jesus pointed out the fact that they were not using their full minds to gain understanding.

- They weren't putting together all the pieces of the puzzle, even though the pattern was right in front of them.
- Foolish, Slow of Heart- Means, "without comprehension."

III. Jesus looked at them as he looks on all of us today and says simply: "Please, just take the risk of entrusting your life on my established credibility."

- In spite of our misgivings and concerns, God is always present and truly cares for each of us.
- God's grace and goodness is so bountiful that it outlasts and outshines all the evil this world could ever throw at us.

IV. We may not know exactly where the journey will lead, but we can be sure of who travels with us.

PRAYER LIST

New This Week

Nancy Hall (surgery 25th), Rylan Pagel, Rhonda Helmke(Cary Neal), Mandy (Analynn), Debbie Anderson

Continued Prayers

Destin Adams, Sonny Haile, Anthony Fontenot, Madden Brown, Edna Watson, Robbie Lamm, Louis Spillman, Rita Horton, Aaron Morton, Dennis Walker, Tessa Glascock, Ethan Zurwell, Jesse and Tiffany Cripple, Laura Fontenot, Greg Komendanchik, Janice Remmetter, Bob Denham, Carla Ebright, Dean Fuselier, Monty Brown, Bob Hill, Jim Gilbert, Jeremie Long, Robin Baxter, Logan Gilbert, Joey Gomez

Prayers for those With Cancer

Jackie Fontenot, Jay Guy, Bill Chapman, Lydia Magee, Glenn Murphy, Melanie Rudolph, Lynn DeLeon, Madelyn Long, Joe Carpenter, Kathy Heard, Tim Roshto, Bradley Willis, Kim Hilgenberg, Joey Poland, Diane Gill, Norman Grantham, DiDi Breaud, Cary Neal, Jimmie Parker, Alex Ivanyisky, Dennis Houseman, Terry Woods, Larry Mitchell

In Nursing Homes

Greg Green, Janelle Carrier, Mary Ann Benton, Nell Blair, Janis Chopin

All affected by disease, natural disaster, or violence. Prayers for Unity and Peace, Our Nation, Missions, First Responders, Students, Educators, Military, Comfort in Mourning, Traveling Mercies, Unspoken Requests

April 7: *Who Are You Looking For?* April 28: *Peace Be With You*
 April 14: *Greetings! Do Not Be Afraid* May 5: *Have You Caught Any Fish?*
 April 21: *What Are You Concerned About?* May 12: *Go Into The World*
 May 19: *Wait For the Gift*