

First United Methodist Church



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Come Worship with us!

Every Sunday at 9:30a.m.



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PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 24th

Worship Service

@ 9:30a

Holy

Thursday

Thursday, March 28th

Service @ 8p



GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Friday, March 29th

Service @ 8p



EASTER Sunday

HE IS RISEN

Sunday, March 31st

Worship Service @ 9:30a



Sunday, March 10th @ 1:30p

LAITY SUMMIT

GREAT PLAINS UNITED METHODISTS

Everyone is welcome to attend the "Watch Party" or if unable to attend it at church you can enjoy it at the comfort of your own homes.



Sunday, March 10th

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME SPRING FORWARD

Remember to set
your clocks forward.

No U-Church

Wednesday March 13th.

SPRING BREAK!

Menu

WFD Dinner

3/6- Chilidogs

3/13- NO Meal/No U-Church

3/20- Pizza

3/27- Ham and Potatoes



Financials

Income Statement		
As of December 31, 2023		
Income		\$ 215,117.44
Office Administration		\$ 6,493.75
Board of Trustees		\$ 50,423.27
Finance Committee		\$ 3,675.00
Worship Committee		\$ 4,566.43
Mission and Ministry		\$ 13,274.02
Nurture, Outreach and Witness		\$ 7,139.81
Staff Parish Relations		\$ 180,574.22
Net Income/Loss		\$ (51,029.06)

Disaster Response News

“Jesus traveled among all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, announcing the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion for them because they were troubled and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, the size of the harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for His harvest.” Matthew 9: 35-38

Rev. Hollie Tapley, Great Plains Conference Disaster Response Coordinator, needs to enlarge their volunteer base due to the strong prediction for strong and severe late spring and early summer storms in our conference area.

Are you looking to grow in your discipleship and make a difference in someone else's life at the same time? The Great Plains Disaster Response Ministry is for you! Our ministry is based on making disciples by showing compassion and care to all people affected by a disaster. If you are 18 years and older, we need you! Volunteers are crucial and serve as the “hands and feet” of Christ. Without an abundance of willing volunteers, the work does not get done for those who cannot afford insurance or have limited insurance.

You are needed to make a difference! You are needed to make disciples! Contact Rev. Hollie Tapley, htapley@greatplainsumc.org for more information and to sign up

Letter from the Pastor

Faithfull members Ulysses First United Methodist,

Lent is observed as a time of spiritual discipline, repentance, and renewal. It is a time for God's church to examine their hearts before celebrating Jesus Christ's resurrection.

I know that sometimes it is hard to hold onto faith and trust in God, especially when things have gone wrong in our lives, relationships have fallen apart, and we can see and feel nothing apart from the hurting of our hearts. But, how do you respond to circumstances that test your faith?

As I struggle to give an answer to the question, the first word that comes to my mind is "Fellowship." Fellowship is an integral part of church life. We all need it, whether we like to admit it or not, especially as Christians!

Acts 2:42 reads, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

There is something powerful about having fellowship and togetherness with one another that helps us get through the bumps and bruises of life. We gain strength when we realize we don't have to walk through things alone.

I know some might argue that they have tried church, and found it to be failing, and even though they didn't expect "perfection", they at least, were hoping for something close! If all we are doing as the body of Christ is looking to avoid conflict, then we're probably not really enjoying the Christian life: the mark of community, the true biblical unity, is not the absence of conflict but THE PRESENCE OF A RECONCILING AND UNIFYING SPIRIT. This kind of spirit is not some sort of mask we wear, but a strong aspiration we find in Christ no matter the situation.

We live in a challenging moment, yet there is nothing quite so powerful as the strength we receive from the Lord as we fellowship together. Fellowship implies putting into action the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Thus, I urge you, faithful members of Ulysses First United Methodist Church, to not let trials turn you away from faith in God. Don't let the tests make your heart wane. Call upon the Lord for help and trust in His strength. Remember the prize that awaits you in Christ Jesus.

Blessings in Christ!

Pastor Willy Banza



MARCH

2024

Birthdays:

Shirley Tillotson (2)
Christy Wooley (3)
Dennis Deyoe (3)
Bella Sanchez (11)
Trent Baker (12)
Ashley Orosco (12)
Ryan Nightengale (13)
Ashley Irvin (16)
Jacob Gum (18)

Mark Faulkner (22)
Margaret Nightengale (24)
Kara Dunn (31)

Anniversaries:

Tim & Margaret Nightengale (5)
Scott & Annette Buxman (8)
Trent & Rakell Baker (16)
Mike & Christy Wooley (25)

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

					1 Office Closed	2
3 Worship Service @ 9:30a	4	5	6 U-Church WFD (Chilidogs)	7	8 Office Closed	9
10 Worship Service @ 9:30a Laity Summit @1:30p Daylight Savings	11	12	13 No U-Church Or WFD	14	15 Office Closed	16
17 Worship Service @ 9:30a	18	19	20 U-Church WFD (Pizza)	21	22 Office Closed	23
24 Palm Sunday Worship Service @ 9:30a.m.	25	26	27 U-Church WFD (Ham & Potatoes)	28 Holy Thursday @8p.	29 Office Closed Good Friday Service @ 8p.	30
31 Easter Sunday Worship Service @ 9:30a						