

Wednesday Noon/6:00 p.m. Lenten Services

Theme: GOODBYE WORDS

Feb. 22 – “This is my body...Remember me”

The Lord’s Supper

Feb. 29 – “You will not always have me”

The Anointing of Perfume

March 7 – “Before the rooster crows”

Peter’s Denial

March 14 – “Watch & Pray”

The Garden of Gethsemane

March 21 – “Put Your Sword Back”

Jesus’ Arrest

March 28 – “It is, as you say---I am the Christ”

Jesus before Sanhedrin & Pilate

Noon Services are followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon

Valentine Dinner & Concert

**Singles & Couples Sunday, February 12,
6 PM, in Church Gym**

Cost is \$12 per person – Purchase Tickets by February 5th

Prairie Harmony Singers, a Gospel singing group from the Hosmer, SD and Jamestown, ND area, will present a concert following dinner. This group consists of 3 cousins who have been singing together for several years. They perform mainly Gospel music with a hint of country and bluegrass mixed in. They share inspirational music, including familiar hymns. Tickets are on sale in the church office.



MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a Full Member of First UMC, please sign up today or call the church office. Membership Class, led by Pastor Reich & Pastor Haggar will be held Sunday, Feb. 26 at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Rm.



Membership Class

LEARNING TREE

Feb. 19 Kindergarten “The Lord’s Prayer”

2nd Grade “Books of the New Testament”

Feb. 26 Grade 4 “Books of the Old Testament”

Grade 5 “The Apostle’s Creed”

March 4 Grade 1 “Psalm 23”

Grade 3 “The Ten Commandments”

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**“Trusting God-
Finding Life”**
Romans 1:17



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10:45 CLC Gym
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FEBRUARY 2012

February 3 & 4 Acquire the Fire

9:30 a.m.- Youth Meet at MOC to load and depart.

Sunday, February 5

Sacrament of Holy Communion

12:00 p.m. Financial Peace –N. Dining Rm. (Last time)

Sunday, February 12- UMW Sunday

UMW Members- Wear Red

Prayers For Healing

6:00 p.m. Valentine’s Banquet-CLC Gym

Sunday, February 19 – YOUTH Sunday

The Learning Tree Grades K & 2

Wednesday, Feb. 22 -Lent Begins

Lenten Services at Noon & 6:00 p.m.

Noon Services are followed by a soup and sandwich lunch

Sunday, February 26

Blood Pressure Checks following worship in sanctuary

The Learning Tree Grades 4 & 5

12:00 p.m. Youth Baked Potato Feed- CLC Gym

2:00 p.m. Membership Class-Community Room

PASTOR'S CORNER REICH'S REACTION



The Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church has called for vital congregations in the next decade. SMALL GROUPS in the local churches is one of the keys to a vital congregation.

Here at First UMC, we offer seven adult Bible classes on Sunday morning with class size varying from 8 to 50! There is room for you on Sunday mornings! During the midweek, we have ten midweek study or prayer groups, varying from 8-20 persons. On top of that, we host eight support groups that meet monthly with 6-12 persons each. The United Methodist Women offers five circles, including an Organ Guild. The church is organized into nine ministry teams to do the work of their area's responsibility.

What I'm saying is that we have opportunity for you to be part of 39+ SMALL GROUPS. And we are always open to beginning new groups. In 2011 new fellowship groups included "Faithful Flyers" –remote controlled airplanes; "Kitchen Konnection" – monthly dinner club; "Parents with Babies" – fellowship lunches, "Church League Basketball", as well a group that makes prayer shawls and blankets.

SMALL GROUPS are a historic trait of Methodism. In fact, being an early Methodist required one to belong to a "class", or "band" or "society" (a SMALL GROUP), meeting together to watch over one another "In Love" as we help each other grow in holiness of heart and life.

Are you part of a SMALL GROUP? If not, join one at First UMC – you will be welcomed, loved, and disciplined in Christian growth.

In His Service,

Eldon Reich

PACK WELL!

During Lent, as we focus on Christ's journey to the cross, let's also examine the journey of our lives. The first task when leaving on any adventure is packing. What have you placed in your bag? Are you weighed down with temptations, self-doubt, money worries, relationship troubles? Have you overlooked any important items? Maybe your bag feels too empty for the challenges ahead. Remember to pack mercy, grace and forgiveness.

Thanks to Easter, we know that our journey in Christ continues, even when the road becomes difficult. So as you prepare for Lent, carry with you the hope made possible by Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf.



February Altar Flowers

5th – Priscilla Hamilton

12th - Shawn Schultz Family

19th – Family of Arlene Pulfrey

26th Connie Bengs Family

Sign up now if you want to furnish altar flowers for a special occasion in 2012.

Christian Reading Group will meet Sunday, Feb. 5 in the church library and the book will be GIDEON'S GIFT by Karen Kingsbury.

United Methodist Women

UMW Sunday-February 12 Wear Red, Members!

United Methodist Women are Christian women working together to make a difference. To accomplish this we meet together (we have 4 circles: two mornings, one afternoon, and one evening), laugh together, study, learn and pray together. We support mission projects locally, statewide, nationally and globally.

Cemetery Plots Donated To Church For Resale

Two grave sites have been gifted to our church at Sunset Memorial Gardens in the Christus Section. For more information contact Mary Scott at 225-5680.

Griefshare

Support Group for those who lost loved ones.
Mondays at 4:00 p.m.
Community Room
Facilitator- Pastor Eldon



New Women's Study – Starts Feb. 13
Meets on Mondays 1:00 p.m. in Community Rm.
6 Week DVD Study by Max Lucado
"Questions & Answers on Life"
What happens when a person dies?
Why does God allow good people to suffer?
Facilitator Barb Pharis

FIRST UMC DECALS – WINDOW CLINGS

Cost- \$5.00 Each



Support your youth's group's mission trip and advertise your church with the window clings that are available in the church canopy entry hall.

Wednesday Lenten Study- 1:15 Community Room

FORTY DAYS IN THE WORD study by Rick Warren will be led by Pastor Tom at 1:15 in the Community Room beginning Feb. 22 for six weeks. You are invited to Love, Learn, and Live the Word this Lenten season.

PARISH NURSE POSITION AVAILABLE

This position will be available in 2012. For more information and a job description, stop in the church office or see Pastor Reich.

A NOTE FROM PRISCILLA HAMILTON

Dear Friends and family of FUMC: It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with and for you for the past 12 years. My life is richer because of the friendships I've made in this church. I trust God has intervened in some way during your times of crisis that made Him more visible to you. Thank you for allowing me to share your lives and health needs with you. I leave this position with some mixed emotion, missing the activities, but yet knowing I have another area to fill for the kingdom in our area of the world. May God bless you and keep you in His care.

Sonshine & Rainbows Preschool
Fall 2012 Registration Has Begun

Tues. Wed. & Thur. Morning 8:30-11:00 OR
Tuesday & Thursday Afternoon 12:45-3:00

Non-Refundable Registration Fee \$50

Must Be 4 By Sept. 1-Reserve your spot today.

Cost for Fall 2009 2 Days a week \$75.00/month

3 Days a week \$100.00/month

