

Announcements

Scout Sunday will be March 30th. A fundraiser luncheon celebration is planned following the service. Troop 40 will be 100 years this year. Anyone who has any scouting pictures or memorabilia from over the years, please bring it to the church by March 9th or contact Jonathan St. Gelais at 901-508-7207 or Lisa St. Gelais at 901-230-9174 or by email at stgelaisfamily@gmail.com.

Sherwood Elementary School Easter Clothing Drive We will once again be collecting spring dress clothing for the boys and girls of Sherwood Elementary. Cute Spring sweaters and dresses, ties and dress shirts are welcome. If you would like to help, please hang or place the clothing on the rack located in the hospitality hall by the desk.

VBS Interest Meeting: It is that time of year to prepare for everyone's favorite week, Vacation Bible School! VBS will be held on June 9-12 from 5:30-7:30 pm and we will be holding an initial interest/planning meeting immediately following Church on Sunday, March 23rd in the Lounge. Lunch will be provided. Please plan to stay if you would like to help with VBS in any big or small way.

Children's Choir Gearing up for Easter: Parents, please make sure your kids are on time to Sunday School because we will be practicing for a Palm Sunday performance weekly starting March 16th from 10a-10:20a in the Day School Lobby.

Combined Kids Sunday School Class for Lenten Season: Parents we will be bringing back our combined class for the Lenten Season that will start on Sunday March 23rd and will be meeting downstairs in the Day School building.

Easter Egg Hunt: Volunteers are needed for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! The event will be held on Saturday 4/12 from 10:30a-12p in Fellowship Hall. In addition to needing helpers, we will be taking donations of small pieces of individually wrapped candy to stuff our eggs with as well as Little Debbie Snack Cakes for the cake walk and empty easter eggs. Please leave donations at the front desk and reach out to Mary Page Contreras to volunteer.

Prayer Requests

Tom Burkett, Marty Cobb, Diane Hayne, Fred Kuhns(friends of the Colters), Jill Dye Congdon(former member), Kim Davis (brother in law Melinda Kaler), David and Mike Smith, and Bette Colter.

We are Leveling up Mary Kay Kuhns to the Prayer Warriors.

If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pat Anderson at pata9276@gmail.com or call the church office at 452-6262

Monthly Stewardship Report

Pledged and Non-Pledged Contributions

February 2025

Actual Giving: \$43,787

Budgeted: \$53,384

YTD 2025

Actual Giving: \$109,454

Budgeted: \$106,767



March 9th 2025
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are becoming a faithful community of
disciples striving to share the heart, mind and hands of Jesus
Christ with all people.*

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Church Office Hours

Monday- Thursday- 8:30am-3:00pm
Friday- Closed

Order of Worship

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Vic Feisal from Carole and family.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Arr. John Innes

Fantasia on Bryn Calfaria

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this first Sunday in Lent, we join Jesus in the wilderness, a place of wild and dangerous things, of testing and temptation away from the security of home.

People: God, rescue us in the wilderness!

Leader: Once again, we face our own frailty and realize that the wilderness is not nearly as dangerous as our choices to prioritize selfish gain and hoarding of power.

People: God, rescue us through the wilderness!

Leadership: Once again, we call upon God in the wildernesses of our lives, and we trust God's faithful reply:

All: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 117

O God Our Help in Ages Past

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Let us declare our faith in God.

All: We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

CANTICLE OF THE KINDER *(sing response on the screens) While we sing this song, children ages 4 through 3rd grade are invited to come forward for a children's sermon, then they are dismissed to Children's Worship in the Lighthouse.*

WORD AND WONDER- A Time For Children

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Pew Bible Old Testament Page 174

ANTHEM

Larry Shackley

23rd Psalm

Chancel Choir

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of the righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies. Thou annointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

MESSAGE

Rev. Jim McKinney

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, as we present to you our tithes and offerings we pray that you would help us to remember that all we have comes from you. Bless what is upon these plates and what is in our hearts that together we may bring you glory and show forth the wonder and the power of your love to the world. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Arr. Raymond Haan

Jesus, Love of My Soul

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

*SENDING HYMN

UMH 156

I Love to Tell the Story

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Arr. Mary McDonald

The Church's One Foundation

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

*Congregation stand as able.

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If you are interested in uniting in membership, please contact Pastor Jim.

