

**First United Methodist Church**  
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## First United Methodist Church

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### CHURCH Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday  
 9am-3:15pm  
 Friday  
 9am-12pm

Church Office: 995-8691



### Greetings from the Finance Committee

Thank you everyone for your donations to the church during our transition. Going forward we hope you continue to help the church with your giving. There is going to be great changes in the coming months. Easter is just around the corner and the Finance Committee has decided to use the Easter giving to aid the Mission Committee in a Book Drive for Holdrege Head Start. Any donations made to this Program need to be mentioned on the check for this Drive. We are going to be very transparent in the expenses, tithes and gifts this year to show what we do with operating expenses every month.

**If you have any questions, please ask.**

2023	Total Income Giving	Expenses ( utilities and others	Payroll expenses	Total Expenses	Net Income
January	\$ 13,402.81	\$ 19,296.64	\$ 13,666.14	\$ 20,662.63	\$ (7,259.82)
total for the year					\$ (7,259.82)

### Sandra and David Calvin

We would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to **Sandra and David Calvin** for their dedication to the SunMart Receipt Program



#### **FACTS:**

- ◇ Since 2014 HFUMC has participated in the Sunmart's Direct Your Dollars Program
- ◇ For every \$150,000 in receipts turned in, we received a check for \$1,000
- ◇ During this duration we have received \$18,000
- ◇ Sandra and David Calvin organized and tallied the receipts
- ◇ The Program has been discontinued as of March 1st.





## MARCH BIRTHDAYS



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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1-Samantha Schemper | 14-Nita Beam        |
| 2-Keara Miller      | Chase Bailey        |
| 3-Haley Kunz        | 16-Wes Nelson       |
| Trey Weaver         | 17-Brett Tilson     |
| 5-Les Grimm         | 18-Grady Ganser     |
| Janet Larsen        | 19-Shennon Helms    |
| 6-Don Shield        | Brent Beiriger      |
| Lanette Gleason     | 21-Ryan Johnson     |
| 7-Mark Abramson     | 22-Kristen Wilkins  |
| Jeff Sisson         | Clayton Nelson      |
| 8-Tye Marquardt     | 23-Avery Michalski  |
| Tammi Sturgis,      | 25-Tiffany Wiser    |
| Carly Stewart       | 26-Chris Helms      |
| 10-Heidi Rademaker  | 27-Taylor Patterson |
| 12-Stacee Stabenow  | 28-Brad Johnson     |
| 13-Laura Linden     | 31-Al Hollertz      |
|                     | Kyle Rademaker      |

### Happy Hookers Crochet Group

**Tuesdays @ 1:30 p.m.**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall to work on your Crochet projects!



If you are interested in serving the Church in any of these capacities please contact the Church Office.

- \* Sound Booth Technicians
- \* Communion Stewards
- \* Announcement Speakers

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Tuesday Mornings  
7:30 a.m.  
@ The Cozy

### AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

**1:00 P.M.**

POPCORN AND FELLOWSHIP PROVIDED



## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

### Children/Youth Wednesday Kids Rock Schedule

- Preschool- 6th grades meet 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- 7-12th grades meet 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday church is a safe place where ALL kids are welcome to learn about and explore their faith by being free to ask questions and engage in activities that help them live as disciples.



Thank you for bringing food each week for the Food Pantry

The Mission Committee will be reaching out to the Holdrege Head Start School in April. The children will be learning about their community and we are participating in their classrooms. We will share more news about this in the coming weeks.

**God bless each and every one of you!**

### Quilters Guild Meeting

March 14th @ 6:30 p.m.  
In the Fellowship Hall

Thank you for supporting our **FOOD PANTRY**  
Because no one should go to bed hungry.

**MOVIES STREAMED ON PUREFLIX**

If you have brought containers to the Church

Please collect them from the kitchen

**THANK YOU!**





### OFFERING REPORT

Needed Monthly: \$25,000.00  
February to date: \$18,138.00  
Last Week: \$3,733.00

### Sunday Worship Services:

8:30 a.m. Praise Café  
in Fellowship Hall  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
in the Sanctuary

If you are unable to be with us  
in person, please join us on  
Sunday's @ 11:00 on  
YouTube or Facebook  
for Livestreaming

### MARCH LENTEN TRIVIA

- ◆ Lent was formalized in 325 C.E
- ◆ The Wednesday before Easter is called Spy Wednesday because Judas spied on Jesus and his disciples in the garden of Gethsemane
- ◆ "Alleluia" was not said during Lent so it would remain special and used to celebrate and praise God on Easter Sunday
- ◆ Traditionally there are 40 days of Lent, (but they do not include Sundays, they do include Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday)
- ◆ The 40th day is the Holy Saturday, the Day before Easter
- ◆ Jesus spent 40 days fasting and being tempted in the desert
- ◆ Up until 1966 Catholic Church law prohibited meat on all Fridays. A new law was implemented in 1983 to "abstain from meat" in observance of Ash Wednesday, the Friday of the Passion and the Death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Whether Christians observe Lent or not, what really matters is our embrace of Christ crucified and the empty tomb.**

## Prayers to all our Military Members



If you have Someone in your family or that you want recognized, please contact the office.

### Forgiveness: A Lenten Study

Forgiving others and humbly asking for forgiveness are central disciplines for all Christian believers. Lent, a time to reflect on our Christian journey, is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness.

In six sessions, the author uses biblical examples and real-life situations, illustrating each chapter's theme in an informative and engaging way.



Starting Tuesday, February 28, 2023  
9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Council Meeting

**MONDAY, March 27th.**  
Committee Meetings 6:30 p.m.  
Ad Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.



United Women in Faith

## United Methodist Women is now United Women in Faith

UMW has been very proactive in becoming UWF. The changes are designed to be welcoming and to expand options for membership and participation. **ALL** women in the community are welcome to become a member of **United Women in Faith**.

**United Women in Faith** seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spirituality, leadership development, creativity and education so they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

**These women fellowship together to learn, grow spiritually, and serve their church and community. By serving funeral dinners, supporting youth and mission projects, altar flower ministry, and visiting shut-ins. Activities that our circles sponsor are: A Thanksgiving Coffee & Program, A Cookie Walk in December and a April Salad Supper.**

### Current Circles and Chairwomen:

**Elisabeth:** Merry Johnson: 991-7956/Sandra Raddatz:999-7649  
**Hannah:** Nancy Morse:991-2864  
**Naomi/Rebecca:** Gwen Harden: 991-6036/Shirley Messersmith:995-8024  
**Ruth:** Ruth Johnson: 995-8379/ Judy Schrock:991-1036

## ALL WOMEN WELCOMED TO JOIN US!

Please contact anyone of our members listed for more information.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you have belonged to any Methodist Church for 50,55,60,65,70,75,80 or 85+ years and you have not received your Certificate and Pin, **PLEASE** contact the Church Office.

# March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 1:00 p.m. Movie in Fellowship Hall 4:00 p.m. PreK-6 7:00 p.m. 7-12th Youth Group	<b>2</b> 9:30 a.m. UWF Executive Mtg.	<b>3</b> World Day of Prayer	<b>4</b>
<b>5 Lent</b> 8:30 a.m. Praise Café 11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary Worship Livestream via Website or Facebook	<b>6</b> 1:30 pm HMM Communion	<b>7</b> 7:30 a.m. UMM Coffee @ Cozy Inn 9:30 a.m. Lenten Study Group 1:30 p.m. Crochet Group 2:00 p.m. Communion @ Christian Homes 5:30 p.m. Lenten Study	<b>8</b> 9:30 a.m. Elisabeth Group 9:30 a.m. Ruth Group 1:00 p.m. Movie in Fellowship Hall 4:00 p.m. PreK-6 7:00 p.m. 7-12th Youth Group	<b>9</b> 9:30 a.m. Naomi Group	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12 Lent</b> 8:30 a.m. Praise Cafe 11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary Worship Livestream via Website or Facebook	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:30 a.m. UMM Coffee @ Cozy 9:30 a.m. Lenten Study Group 1:30 p.m. Crochet Group 5:30 p.m. Lenten Study 5:30 p.m. Hannah Group 6:30 p.m. Quilters Guild	<b>15</b> 1:00 p.m. Movie in Fellowship Hall	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 Lent- UMCOR Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m. Praise Café 11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary Worship Livestream via Website Or Facebook	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:30 a.m. UMM Coffee @ Cozy 9:30 a.m. Lenten Study 1:30 p.m. Crochet Group 5:30 p.m. Lenten Study	<b>22</b> 1:00 p.m. Movie in Fellowship Hall 4:00 p.m. PreK-6 7:00 p.m. 7-12th Youth Group	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26 Lent</b> 8:30 a.m. Praise Café in Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary	<b>26</b> 6:30 p.m. Committee Mtgs. 7:30 p.m. Ad Council Mtg.	<b>28</b> 7:30 a.m. UMM Coffee @ Cozy 9:30 a.m. Lenten Study: Forgiveness 1:30 p.m. Crochet Group 5 p.m. Bethel Food Packing in FH 5:30 p.m. Lenten Study	<b>29</b> 1:00 p.m. Movie in Fellowship Hall 4:00 p.m. PreK-6 7:00 p.m. 7-12th Youth Group	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	