



“RETURN TO ME”

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Mission Statement

“The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World”.

Apple Pie Ridge Campus:

362 Apple Pie Ridge Road,
across from the elementary school.

WE WELCOME YOU TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

THE TEAR SHEET IN THE BULLETIN is provided for your convenience. As you arrive for worship, please fill it out including your prayer “joy and concern” as well as indicating your desire to participate in some of the ministries and activities provided by our church. Thank you!

WORSHIP IS CENTRAL to the life of our church. Next week, Rev. White continues the series titled “Return to Me” with the sermon “Imitating”. In preparation, you are invited to read Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 & Philippians 3:17-4:1.

TODAY!!! MARCH 10TH JOIN US FOR THESE EVENTS:

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH LEADERS

At both worship services, our church’s leaders will be recognized and consecrated to their church functions. See the insert for the list of the 2019 Leaders.



Join us for the Ministry Fair at 9:45am in The Gathering Place. Explore your gifts and the different ways to share them with your church. *Is God calling you to serve? Come explore!*

FIRST FEEDS: A FUMC MINISTRY

At 11:00am, please join the Enochs family in the kitchen to assist with the preparation of meals to the Budget Motel on Rte 522. *Join us in this ministry.*

CARROTS AND POTATOS FOR THE WINCHESTER RESCUE MISSION!



During Lent this year, you are invited to participate in a church-wide act of piety and devotion to the Lord, by bringing in 12 oz. cans of carrots and potatoes (any variety) and placing them in a designated area within our sanctuary when you come to worship.

The collection began on Ash Wednesday, March 6, and continues through Easter Sunday, April 21.

Children Are Important at First Church!



FUMC offers Children’s Church during our 8:30 & 11am worship services at the downtown campus. We also provide a nursery during our 9:45am Sunday School hour.

For a list of upcoming topics in Children’s Church, please visit the information board located outside of the nursery, Room 105.

Easter Lilly Order Form



The insert in this bulletin is available to order your Easter Lilly. The cut-off date to order is Monday, April 1st. They will arrive in time for display in the Sanctuary for Palm Sunday.

Upcoming Events



Serving in Worship Next Sunday, March 17th, at 8:30 and 11:00am

Acolytes: William Meredith 8:30am & Kaitlyn Nichols 11:00am

Reader: JoEllen Smith

ABBREVIATION LEDGER

APR - Apple Pie Ridge Campus	NT - New Testament	TGP - The Gathering Place
FUMC - First United Methodist Church	OT - Old Testament	UMC - United Methodist Church
GF - General Fund	RNP - Reaching New People	UMH - United Methodist Hymnal
HO - Hunger Offering	STZ - Stanza	UMM/W - United Methodist Men/Women
LVT - Lay Visitation Team	TFWS - The Faith We Sing	

FUMC Basics

What does it mean to be a Christian?

What does it mean to be a United Methodist?

What does it mean to be a member of FUMC?

Come join Rev. White and explore these questions in a series of three classes that will meet on March 17, 24 and 31 at 9:45am in The History Room.

Please sign up on the Tear Sheet.

KID’S FISHING DERBY

SATURDAY APRIL 27!

Accompanied by a parent, or another adult, kids are invited to meet Rev. White in the church’s parking lot at 8:45am. From there, they will carpool/convoy to the Izaak Walton Park on Rte. 50 East. After registering, the kids will be allowed to fish until 2:30pm, or when their parent or adult sponsor decides to take them home. The kids will receive a hotdog, drink, and chips.

Kid’s under 12 do not need a fishing license.

The cost of the derby is covered, but you must sign up, using the Tear Sheet.



HIGHLIGHTING Save-a-Sole This recycling effort collects shoes, sneakers, boots, cleats, sandals, slippers, heels, handbags, belts, hats, luggage, backpacks and laptops bags in any condition! Items that would otherwise be thrown away (those too worn, torn or out-of-style for yard sales and local charities) are accepted. These items are shipped to West Africa, refurbished and then sent to the impoverished region’s charitable network. Look for our “Shoe Drop” inside our education building entrance. The only requirement is that shoes be dry and banded, bagged or tied together as a pair. For information, please contact Gary Dunn at (540) 665-9791.

LENT & EASTER ACTIVITIES

THE EASTER EGG HUNT!!!

on Saturday, April 13 at 1:00pm at the Apple Pie Ridge Campus located at 362 Apple Pie Ridge Road. For children ages 2-10



Sign up on the Tear Sheet and join in the fun!!!



Passion/Palm Sunday, April 14th in the time between worship services. Join the Processional to the Old Courthouse on the Downtown Mall.

Holy Thursday, April 18th at 6:30pm Snack Supper and Spontaneous Drama. Join us in The Gathering Place for some refreshments and then in the Sanctuary for the worship experience.



Easter Sunrise Service, April 21st, at 6:30am at the Old Church Wall in Mount Hebron Cemetery. We will join other local churches in this Ecumenical worship.

Easter Worship Services and Breakfast Services at 8:30 and 11:00am with a meal at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall.



See the First Word Newsletter for additional details. Or call the Church Office at 540-662-3151.

“Crucial Conversations” Book Study

Join us Tuesday, March 19th at Rev. White’s house at 6:30pm and a book study of “Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When The Stakes Are High”. Dinner will be provided. See you there.

Tear Sheet

Visitors & Members

Please fill out as applicable, then hand to the Reader during the first hymn.

Name(s): _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

- Visitor: 3/10/2019
- Desire a Call/Visit
- Wish to become a Member
- Am a Member
 - Please update my info!
- Desire a Call / Visit

Prayer Request / Joy / Concern

Submitted by: _____

Phone: _____

- Do not read aloud
- Please share with congregation
- Church Prayer Chain (to be shared in the Pastor’s weekly congregational e-mail)

Monthly First Word Newsletter

Please include me on the:

- hardcopy mailing
- e-mail distribution
- both hardcopy and e-mail (helps church)

Congregational E-mails from the Pastor

Please send e-mails to:

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Order of Worship

8:30 & 11:00 am

Welcome Everyone! We are delighted to have you in worship.

If you are visiting with us for the first time, please use the Tear Sheet portion of the bulletin to provide us with your information.

If you would like to join our church, please indicate this on the Tear Sheet portion as well. We hope this service helps you in your walk with God. Please greet those around you as you gather for worship.

Reader: Janie Dickens-Bowman **Acolyte:** 8:30 am - William Meredith & 11:00 am - Zeke Wilfong

Chimes		Peter Uhler
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. White
Prelude		Peter Uhler
Entrance of The Light of Christ		Acolytes
Collection of Bulletin Tear Sheets		Janie Dickens-Bowman
*Hymn	"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" <i>Please hand your "Tear Sheet" to the Reader during the hymn.</i>	#127 (UMH)
Children's Time		Rev. White
	<i>Parents may pick up their children in Room 105 after the service.</i>	
Leaders Consecration		Church Leaders & Rev. White
Pastor:	Dear friends, rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards. Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?	
People:	We will.	
Anthem	"Who at My Door is Standing"	Choir
*Scripture Reading	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and Romans 10:8b-13	Janie Dickens-Bowman
*Hymn	"Lead On, O Cloud of Presence"	#2234 (TFWS)
Sermon	"God's Generous Heart"	Rev. White
Offering Our Tithes and Gifts		
Offertory		Peter Uhler
*Doxology		# 95 (UMH)
*Offertory Prayer (Unison)		Janie Dickens-Bowman
	God of Deliverance, you led your chosen people long ago out of the wilderness and into the Promised Land. Your people rejoiced and worshipped you with the first fruits of their labors. Their contributions were a symbol of devotion to your mighty presence in their lives and in the lives of following generations. Guide our gifts so that they may be multiplied to help those still languishing in the wilderness of uncertainty. Help our giving to inspire others as they journey toward the promise of Eternal Life. Through your holy son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.	
Prayer Requests and Joys		Rev. White
Our Witness Last Week		Rev. White
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. White
The Lord's Prayer (Unison)		#895 (UMH)
*Hymn	"God of the Ages"	#698 (UMH)
Benediction		Rev. White

* Stand as you are able

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERIES:

"Return to Me" Lent 2019 Worship

As always, we approach the 40 days of Lent from a variety of different perspectives and points along the Christian journey. We have planned worship services, mission activities, and events that are purely fun around the theme, "Return to God With All Your Hearts".

Lent mirrors Advent in length. Both, are seasons of preparation. In the former, we prepare for Jesus birth. In the latter, we prepare for His resurrection. The scripture readings in worship will make clear the path that begins with God's call (Ash Wednesday) and continues through the process of our own repentance, reconciliation with God and one another, and preparation to publicly proclaim our belief in the risen Christ. Every year, this season becomes a place for us to renew our beginnings in the Christian journey of salvation. Palm/Passion Sunday and Easter Day, tell the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, His passion, and resurrection. Understanding these events is a vital part of Christian discipleship. May we enter into this time of challenge, fun, commitment, and support for one another, as the church responds to the call of God, "Return to Me With All Your Heart" (Joel 2:12).

Ash Wednesday, March 6	"Return to Me"	Joel 2:1-2, 12-172 & Corinthians 5:20-6:10
THIS WEEK: March 10	"God's Generous Heart"	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 & Romans 10:8b-13
March 17	"Imitating"	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 & Philippians 3:17-4:1
March 24	"Repenting"	Isaiah 55:1-9 & 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
March 31	"Coming Together"	Joshua 5:9-12 & 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
April 7	"Making a New Thing"	Isaiah 43:16-21 & Philippians 3:4b-14
Passion Sunday, April 14	"Preparing"	Isaiah 50:4-9, Philippians 2:5-11 & Luke 19:28-40
Easter Sunday, April 21	"Believing"	Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 & John 20:1-18

THIS WEEK (March 11 – March 17)

- Monday** - 6:00pm, Trustees Meeting, Parlor
- Tuesday** - Noon, Staff Meeting, The Gathering Place
- Wednesday** - 6:30pm, Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
- Thursday** - 1:00pm, Coffee with the Pastor, Espresso Café // 6:30pm, Church Council, The Gathering Place
- Friday** - April Newsletter Article Due
- Sunday** - 8:30am, Worship Service // 9:45am, FUMC Basics, The History Room // 9:45am, Sunday School Classes // 11:00am, Worship Service // Noon, UMM/W Meeting, Fellowship Hall

LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS

ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP: 8:30am: 39 **11:00am (includes Facebook):** 144 **Sunday School:** 8 **Small Group:** 39

OFFERINGS TO GOD:

General Fund Received: \$ 8,372.00	GF Needed Weekly: \$ 6,065.00
GF Received Year To Date: \$ 44,447.34	GF Needed YTD: \$ 54,585.00
Hunger Offering: \$ 20.00	Capital Improvements: \$ 105.00
Hunger Offering YTD: \$ 1,578.10	

A LOOK AHEAD

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events and keep an eye on your bulletin for more information!

March 19, Staff Meeting, The Gathering Place, Noon	March 25, Lunch with the Pastor, Mission BBQ, Noon
March 19, "Crucial Conversations" Book Study, The Parsonage, 6:30pm	March 26, Staff Meeting, The Gathering Place, Noon
March 20, Choir Rehearsal, Chapel, 6:30pm	March 27, Choir Rehearsal, Chapel, 6:30pm
March 21, Coffee with the Pastor, Espresso Café, 1:00pm	March 28, Coffee with the Pastor, Espresso Café, 1:00pm
March 24, FUMC Basics, History Room, 9:45am	March 28, Dinner with the Pastor, TGI Fridays, 6:00pm

Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers:

Andy Kiser, Nancy Crim, Phyllis Lee, Elsie Benegar, Herbert Darr, Gloria Darr, Phyllis Steele, Reba Cooper, Emily Dick, Amy and Stanley Barnes, Tabby Starks, Oline Wright, Melvin and Aleane Wine, Nick Fisher, Bob Gray, Sandy Elrick, John Otto, Leon Ray, Dick O'Hara, and Rev. Dan Garrett, Bishop Sharma Lewis, and the United Methodist Church.

Sign Me Up!!!

SMALL GROUPS

If you are able to make it to one, some or all of these member/guest events, please let us know by checking the box(s) below.

FUMC BASICS

- I am interested in attending the Classes on March 17, 24 and 31 in The History Room at 9:45am.

"CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS" BOOK STUDY

- I will attend the next meeting of this book study on Tuesday, March 19th, at 6:30pm at the Parsonage, 324 Ridge Ave. Winchester.

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

- We will join in on April 13th at 1:00pm at the Apple Pie Ridge campus.
Number of children _____
Number of adults _____

KID'S FISHING DERBY

- We will attend the Fishing Derby on April 27th.
Name of Parent/responsible guardian _____

Children's Name(s) and age _____

JOIN THE PASTOR

- Coffee with the Pastor**, Every Thursday, Espresso Bar & Café, Downtown Walking Mall, 1:00pm
- Lunch with the Pastor**, on the fourth week of March, Monday, March 25th, Mission BBQ, Noon
- Dinner with the Pastor**, on the fourth week of March, Thursday, March 28th, TGI Fridays, 6:00pm