

FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

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# The Story

March 2024

## Monthly Calendar

(subject to change)

**Daylight Savings Time begins**  
Sunday, March 10  
Spring FORWARD One Hour

**Endowment & Trustees**  
Sunday, March 10 (5p)  
Fellowship Hall

**UWF Executive Committee**  
Monday, March 11 (9a)  
Parlor

**United Women in Faith**  
Monday, March 11 (10a)  
Spruill/Koinonia Fellowship Classroom

**April Newsletter Articles Due:**  
March 15

**United Methodist Men**  
Sunday, March 17  
(8:45a) Fellowship Hall

**Agape Class provides evening meal at Davidson County First Hope Ministries**  
Tuesday, March 19 (5:45p)

**Faith Seekers**  
Thursday, March 21 (6:00p)  
Home of Karen Bias

**Palm Sunday**  
**Walk to the Square** March 24  
Following 11a worship service

**Maundy Thursday**  
**Evening Service** March 28 (7p)  
Sanctuary

## Weekly Events

### Sundays

- Early Worship (8:45a)
- Sunday School (9:45a)
- Morning Worship (11a)
- YouTube Live (11a)
- Godly Play (11:15a)
- Teens of Life Youth (refer to monthly postcard on back page)

**Grief Share**  
Sunday, March 3, 10, 17 & 24  
(2:30p-4:30p) First Presbyterian

**Mondays**  
**DISCIPLE Bible Study**  
(7p) ZOOM online

**Lexington Choral Society**  
(7p) Fellowship Hall

**Tuesdays**  
**DISCIPLE Bible Study**  
(10a) Conference Room

**Prayer Warriors Lunch**  
(12p) Barbeque Center

**Wednesdays**  
**Community Lenten Prayer Services & Lunch**  
March 6, 13, & 20  
(12p) Sanctuary—Lunch follows in the Fellowship Hall

**Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal**  
(6p) Bell Room

**Chancel Choir Rehearsal**  
(7p) Choir Room

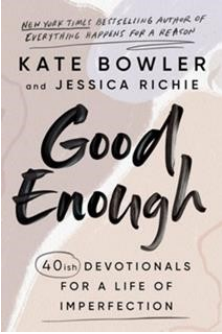
## Our Lenten journey continues with the “Good Enough” Worship Series

**Suggested Daily Readings for Lent**  
**Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection**  
By Kate Bowler & Jessica Richie  
Available for \$11.49 through [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

**2nd Sunday in Lent—**  
“So much is out of our control.”  
Mar. 1—Gondola Prayers, pg. 184  
2—The In-Between, pg. 210  
  
Mar. 3—**3rd Sunday in Lent—**  
“Lots of things can be medicine.”  
4—Buoyed by the Absurd, pg. 9  
5—When You Are Exhausted, pg. 56  
6—Hopping off the Treadmill, pg. 98  
7—Kindness Boomerangs, pg. 140  
8—2:00 AM/2:00 PM, pg. 205  
9—Too Few Sparrows, pg. 215

Mar. 10—**4th Sunday in Lent—**  
“We often believe we are the problem.”  
11—Needing Rules at All, pg. 74  
12—For the Exiles, pg. 79  
13—The Bad Thing, pg. 92  
14—Becoming Real, pg. 117  
15—To My Body, pg. 156  
16—Refuge, pg. 173

Mar. 17—**5th Sunday in Lent—**“We are fragile.”  
18—Right After It’s Over, pg. 68  
19—Hello, Goodbye, pg. 103  
20—Loving What Is, pg. 129  
21—The Burden of Love, pg. 167  
22—The Reality-Show Gospel, pg. 195  
23—Bright Hope, pg. 220



Mar. 24—**6th Sunday in Lent/Palm Sunday—**  
“You are a group project.”  
25—The Foundation, pg. 51  
26—Say Potato, pg. 150  
27—The Cost of Caring, pg. 189

**28—Holy Thursday—**  
“We are blessed, regardless.”  
#Blessed, pg. 122

**29—Good Friday—**  
“Even today, God is here and somehow, that is good enough.”  
Mourning a Future Self, pg. 15  
30—When Words Fail, pg. 200

Mar. 31—**Easter Sunday—**  
“A Good Enough Faith”  
A Good Gardener, pg. 226

## Worship & Events for Lent & Easter

**Community Lenten Prayer Services & Lunch**  
**Wednesdays March 6, 13 & 20**  
(12:00pm) Sanctuary followed by soup & sandwich lunch



**Palm Sunday—March 24**  
Walk to the Square following the 11:00 a.m. service  
Local congregations join together for a walk to the square for a time of fellowship, music, devotion, & prayer.



**Holy Thursday—March 28 (7:00pm)**  
**First UMC sanctuary**  
Joint service with our neighbors from First Presbyterian commemorating the events of Holy Week

**Easter Sunday—March 31**  
Services of Celebration at 8:45am & 11:00am

You are invited to bring fresh flowers from your spring gardens to adorn the flower cross that will be ready to receive your flowers in the sanctuary.



**Order your Easter Lilies EARLY** The Altar Guild will place 75 lilies throughout the sanctuary and narthex on Easter Sunday. If you would like to purchase lilies in honor or in memory of someone, please complete an order form and place it in the offering plate **or** return it to the church office **with your payment**. The names of your loved ones will be included in an bulletin insert on Easter Sunday. **Cost: \$13/each Order deadline: March 24**





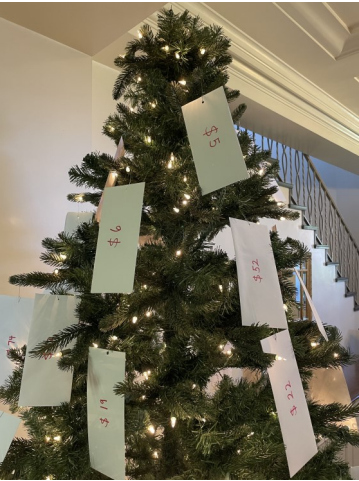
Updated Contact Information

- Betsy Buchanan, 209 Hedrick Drive, Thomasville, NC 27360
- Peggy Everhart, [peggyeverhart4@gmail.com](mailto:peggyeverhart4@gmail.com)

**2024-2025 Scholarship Applications** are due back to the church, to the attention of the **Scholarship Team** at the church mailing address, by **March 13, 2024**. The Scholarship Team requests that the student **complete the application in its entirety**. If you need assistance or have questions, please contact Jane Hedrick (336)250-9450 or the church office. In addition, please note that **applications received after the deadline will not be considered for scholarship**.

A Thank You Note from the Teens of Life Youth

We are grateful for those who were able to dine in and to those who ordered quarts to go at our soup/chili fundraiser on Sunday, February 18. The gift of your prayers, support, and kind donations is greatly appreciated! You continue to help us to change the world one step at a time with your encouragement. Thank you! **Please note:** Soup leftovers were shared with First Hope Ministries.



**The Giving Tree sponsored by Teens of Life Youth Ministry**  
You are invited to visit the Giving Tree located in the narthex and pick an envelope to support the Teens of Life Youth with their upcoming mission trip to the Dominican Republic and future youth activities and mission projects. Place your monetary gift in the envelope—**match the amount on the front**—seal it, and return it to the church office. Please keep the letter and picture as a way to remember us July 6-12, 2024. Make checks payable to: FUMC Teens of Life Youth.



(F): Brooklyn, Melinda, Christie, Katie, Jennifer, DeLee, & Jackson  
(B): Dominic, Xander, T. J., & Lee

**United Women in Faith Mission Study** on Saturday, February 24 at Millford Mills UMC in Salisbury. The program was titled “Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord’s Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation.” Hands on mission project: Project Agape needs.



(F): Pat, Abby, and Ellen  
(B): Patricia, Gay, and Jane (These women hold office as Team Leaders in the Uwharrie District UWF)



United Women in Faith —Clean Up Day, March 18

The former UMCOR room on the second floor, up the stairs from the Narthex, is now being used by UWFaith.

Currently, there are supplies and other items in the room left over from VBS and other church projects. We plan to reduce, reuse, recycle and clean the room out on Monday, March 18.

**PLEASE note:** We encourage anyone who may have stored items in the room to remove items that you may want to keep from the room before Monday, March 18.

Notes of Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Cindy Davis and family upon the occasion of the death of her husband, David Dean Davis on February 6, 2024.

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Elaine (Alan) Cory and family upon the occasion of the death of her mother, Elizabeth “Betty” Klimek, on February 14, 2024.

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to the family of Lacy Carol Belcher upon the occasion of her death on February 22, 2024.

Lexington High School

presents the musical, “Footloose.”  
Two of our youth had roles in the production:  
(L-R) Max O’Connell and Colin O’Connell.



Teens of Life Youth Ministry Events & Happenings

MARCH 10 - BOWLING AT YMCA  
MARCH 24 - KICK BALL & PALM SUNDAES AT GRIMES PARK

MAR 3	(5p-6p) Activity with FBC (FBC planning—TBA)
MAR 10	(5p-6p) Bowling with FBC & First UCC, YMCA, no cost—shoes included
MAR 17	(5p-6p) DR Mission Trip Planning, First UMC Fellowship Hall—REQUIRED for participants
MAR 24	(5p-6p) Kick Ball & Palm Sundaes with FBC & First UCC, Grimes Park
MAR 31	EASTER SUNDAY! No meeting—Enjoy time with your family!

And as always, invite a friend(s)!

For more information about Teens of Life Youth Ministry:  
Lee Mabe, Director of Youth Ministry 336-248-2886 or [maestromabe@gmail.com](mailto:maestromabe@gmail.com)

Our Participation in the Worship of God

- Weekly mailer (to those without computer access)
- 8:45a (in-person)
- 11:00a (in-person)
- YouTube Livestream (participating on Sunday)
- On Demand Livestream (participating at other times)
- WED Midday Prayer Gathering (in-person)

FEB	Weekly Mailer	8:45a	11:00a	You Tube	On Demand	WED	Weekly Total
4	35	20	106	73	43	14	291
11	35	18	104	105	43	14	319
18	35	13	132	58	25		260
25	34	17	104	82	23		260
Avg.	34	17	112	80	34	14	283

Without Exception. God Loves Everyone. Come Join Our Journey at First UMC.