

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, February 11

Worship Service 8:30 am - Chapel
Advocate Mizpah 9:00 Room 208
TGiW Band Rehearsal 9:00 am - Fellowship Hall
Worship Service 10:15 am - Sanctuary and Livestream
Sunday School

TUESDAY, February 13

Art Guild 9:30 am - Room 205

WEDNESDAY, February 14

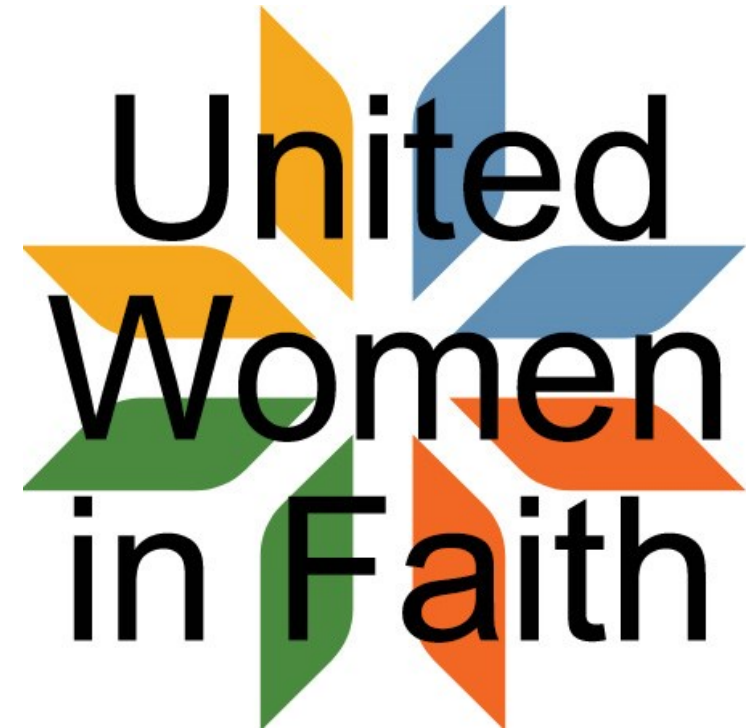
Imposition of Ashes 9:00 - Cossitt Entrance
Lenten Stunday 10:00 am - Room 205
Prayer Time with Pastor Cerna 11:00 am - Zoom
Ash Wednesday Meditation 12:00 pm - Chapel
Children's Choir 5:00 pm - Choir Room
TGiW Dinner - Imposition of Ashes 5:30 pm - Fellowship Hall
Bell Choir 6:30 pm - Sanctuary
Chancel Choir 7:30 pm - Choir Room

THURSDAY, February 15

Yoga 9:00 am - Room 208
Staff Meeting 1:00 pm - Pastor's Office
Board of Trustees 7:00 pm - Pastor's Office

FRIDAY, January 16 - Sunday, February 18

180 Winter Retreat - Offsite



Sunday, February 11, 2024

8:30 am and 10:15 am

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Exploring Our Faith, Extending Christ's Reach

With God's grace, our congregation's hearts, minds and doors are open to people of all races, ethnicities, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and economic conditions.



OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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Sunday, February 11, 2024

Thank Offering Sunday

Celebrating Black History Month

8:30 am Chapel ~ 10:15 am Sanctuary & Livestream

Prelude "Benedictus" Alec Rowley

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 100)

Leader Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

People **Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!**

Leader Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

People **We are the Lord's; we are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

People **Give thanks and bless God's name!**

Leader For the Lord is good;

All **God's steadfast love endures for ever;
God's faithfulness to all generations.**

***Hymn** "What Gift Can We Bring" Hymnal 87

***Prayer** (unison) Rev. Cerna Castro Rand
O God, our Guide and Guardian, you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house. Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth. To the comfort of our souls and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire. Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us, that we may not fear the coming of night, when we shall resign into your hands the tasks which you have committed to us. So may we worship you not with our lips at this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(The Book of Worship 1965, ALT)

New Testament Lesson 2 Corinthians 9:5-12

One The word of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment Rev. Cerna Castro Rand
The Lord's Prayer

Anthem "Spirit in the Wind" Lee J. Afdahl
Bell Choir

Joys and Concerns Rev. Cerna Castro Rand
Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Offering

(To give online go to fumclg.org or you may also text fumclg to 83256.)

Offertory "Order My Steps" Glenn Burleigh
Chancel Choir

***The Doxology** Hymnal 94

***Offertory Prayer** (unison) Rev. Cerna Castro Rand
Almighty and most merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies. Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us, your discipline has chastened us, your patience has borne with us, your love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

The One who said, "Let light shine," has shone in our hearts and illumined our lives with knowledge of the glory of God through the face of Jesus Christ. Let us share this grace and peace with one another.

Sermon "Offering Our Thanks to our Loving Father"
Wendy Miller, President United Women of Faith Lake South District

***Hymn** "Take My Life, and Let It Be" Hymnal 399

***Benediction** Rev. Cerna Castro Rand

Choral Response "Four-fold Amen" Stainer

Postlude "Allegro Maestoso" Felix Mendelssohn

The flowers on the altar have been donated by Carmen Woodring in appreciate for the work of United Women of Faith around the world.

Worship Leaders

Fran Colby 8:30 am ~ Jan Matheny 10:15 am

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