



First United Methodist Church of Windsor
News From The Pews
February 2024



Christ is counting on us to *Know, Love, and Serve God.*

Our doors are open for all to join us in worship every Sunday at 10 am.

9:00a Adult Sunday School (Church Basement)

10:00a Worship Service (in-person and online)

10:10a Children's Church

11:00a Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)

Pastor's Pen



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Many of you are already aware of the fact that I love to travel. As long as there is a destination in mind and I'm not just heading to the grocery store, I'm all in. I get very involved in the travel process as well. I will pull up maps online to determine the best route, I will connect with hotels to stay at along the way, and I'll even check the local restaurants to see if anyone in the towns we will be visiting serves sushi!

Each year my daughter Danica and I (and sometimes the whole family) venture out during the month of June to attend Annual Conference. This has taken us to exotic places like Pueblo, Colorado Springs, and Denver here in Colorado as well as to Billings and Helena, Montana, and this year we get to go to Casper, Wyoming! Fun times to be sure!

I've also been privileged to travel to other countries like Mexico, England, China, Haiti, Israel, France, and Japan. Sure, with all these international trips you need to get to the airport, wade through slow security lines, check your extra bags, hike through miles of airport terminals, and then finally arrive at your gate and sit for two hours for the plane to leave only to be told there is some sort of a delay. But once on board, the plane soars into the skies for destinations yet to be visited and if you are lucky, someone will serve you a very small bag of pretzels and a soda. But for some reason, I really enjoy this! I guess it's the adventure of not really knowing exactly what is going to happen and for a time, I can feel like an explorer, charting unknown corners of the earth. And yes, I am something of a dreamer, so this fits very well with my personality.

Today, I want to talk to you about a journey that we can all take together, and it doesn't involve airports, cars, or security lines, or hotels. It is a journey of the Spirit that we each have an opportunity to take together or if you wish, you can take it on your own. On February 14th, we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. Now lest you forgot, Lent is a 6-week journey that we take each year as we prepare our hearts, souls, and minds for Holy Week which leads us to the death of Jesus on a cross as well as His glorious Resurrection on Easter morning!

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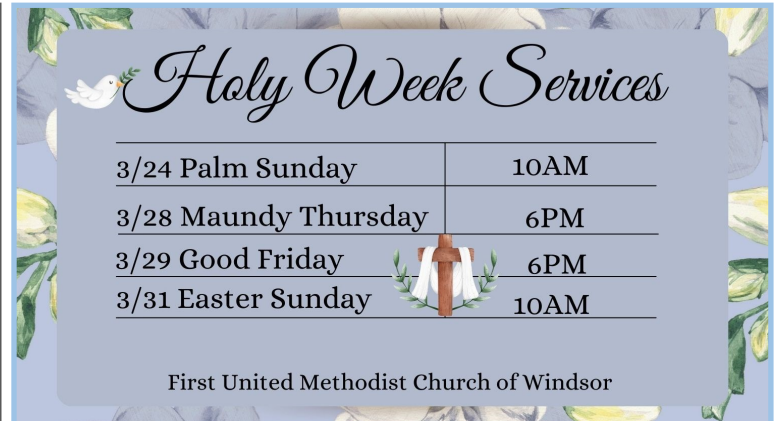
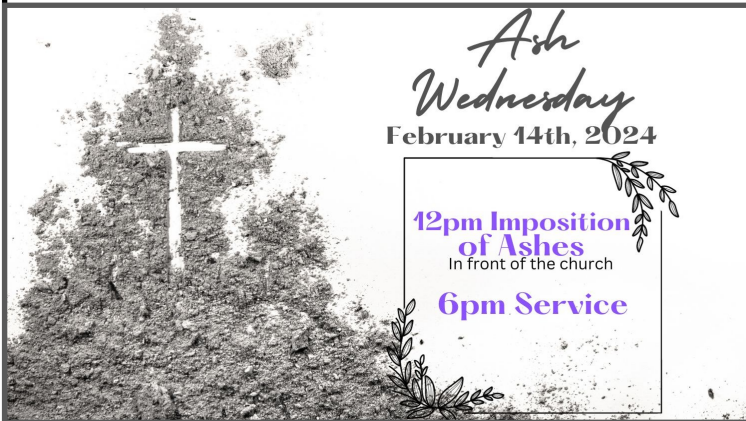
Now the question is: Can you just ignore the season of Lent and skip right to Easter Morning? Well, sure, but I think you will be missing something. You will be missing the stories of Jesus and His disciples as they journey through the Upper Room, to the Garden of Gethsemane, and as they travel the area of Galilee sharing the Good News of the Kingdom of Heaven. The journey makes Easter morning richer, because you have traveled with Jesus, you have suffered with Jesus, you have eaten with Jesus, and you have laughed with Jesus. Lent, for me, makes Easter real. Without this preparation, I walk into Easter Sunday, and I see the nice clothes, I see the pastel colors and the Easter Egg hunts but do I really get it?

This year, I very much want to encourage you to take Lent seriously as we journey with Jesus to the Cross and beyond. You can attend one of our Sunday school classes focusing on Lent, you can decide to attend worship services each Sunday during Lent, you can even perhaps, attend services during Holy Week like Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

I will be taking this journey with Christ as I do each year. I will laugh, I will smile, I will be upset, I will be sad, and I will be full of joy because of this very same journey. So, how about it? Will you take this Journey with me? I'll bring the snacks and you can bring the sodas as we make this most exciting trip of our lives together!

Blessings,

Pastor Phil



February Scriptures & Sermons

02/04 Isaiah 40:21-31 "Lets Go For A Run"

02/11 Mark 9:2-9 "What Did I Just See? "

02/18 Mark 1:9-15 "Water and Deserts!"

02/25 Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 "Changed By God!"

FUMC Windsor Missions

February Mission Focus: Covenant Missionary Partnership



Windsor FUMC first met Jennifer Moore, United Methodist Missionary to North Macedonia, in early 2019. We enter our fifth year of a Covenant relationship with Jennifer.

Jennifer Moore has served as a Missionary to this small Eastern European country since May of 2016. Her main focus is to help with leadership development in the church. She works with the local pastors and is team leader of the Translation Team for developing literature in Macedonian for use in various ministries. She is also very involved in the development of ministries for women, children and youth.

The Covenant Missionary Partnership program allows churches to closely partner with Missionaries, giving financial as well as spiritual and emotional support. This partnership is much more than a financial commitment. It is a relationship where the church and the missionary pray for one another and communicate regularly.

A Covenant Relationship is based on committing to a goal of \$10/church member per year. If you would like to be a part of this exciting Mission opportunity, any amount is welcomed. You may either make your check out to FUMC Windsor, place cash in an envelope, or give online at: www.firstumcwindsor.com/donate. Be sure to mark your donation "Missionary Support". Please check out the poster in the Narthex for information about Jennifer and her ministry in North Macedonia. We look forward to our fifth year of learning more about Jennifer and her ministry in North Macedonia.

It's time for some SOUP!

The Mission Team soup sale this year will be on March 3rd. Chicken Orzo and Beef Chili will be available for \$10/qt. We will have a table in Fellowship Hall starting at 11:00 and selling until 1:00 or until we run out.



Feed My Starving Children update: Thank you for your support of FMSC. The Noisy Offering on Feb. 11th was amazing, with \$390.88 collected! We will present a check at Slammin' Famine on (Feb 15 & 16), when two groups will represent us at the local food packing event at The Ranch. What a joy to be together with a group of people working together to help feed children around the world.

Children's Coat & Sock collection and Snacks for HS students: This will continue through the school year. Donations may be placed in the large box in the narthex. We will transition to collecting lighter weight jackets as we go into spring.

Christmas Eve Special Offering for Missions: This offering brought in \$1076.05. The Missions Team will use \$500 for meals at Guadalupe Community Center. The remaining \$576.05 will go toward our commitment to our missionary partnership with Jennifer Moore. Thank You!

The Mission Team meetings are open to all. Our next meeting is on February 18, immediately following worship. Meet us in the upper room!

Squeaky's Corner

Hi Everyone and welcome to February! Did you know that February is one of my favorite months? Yep, it sure is and its all because of a fellow rodent named Punxsutawney Phil who just happens to be a Ground Hog. Well, not a normal Ground Hog but THE Ground Hog who is able to predict when winter will be over! It's said that if Phil emerges from his burrow and is able to see his shadow, then there will be six more weeks of winter. If Phil cannot see his shadow, then spring will arrive early!

He is really quite famous and since we are friends I sometimes get to go to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania on occasion to witness the reveal of reveals from the prognosticator of prognosticators about the date of the coming of Spring! He was made even more famous when the movie Ground Hog Day came out that tells a tale of a man who has to change his life and is stuck in Ground Hog day until that happens.

As it happens though, Ground Hogs are more closely related to Squirrels than they are to us mice. Oh, an interesting fact about Ground Hogs is that they will eat about 20 percent of their body weight daily when preparing to hibernate for winter. This would be like you and I eating one pizza every hour from sunrise to sunset! That's a lot of pizza!!!

Oh, and all of this happens in a place called Gobblers Knob in the early morning hours of February 2nd so make sure to set your clocks early for that day so you can watch the events live! Another interesting fact about Punxsutawney Phil is that he is only right about predicting the coming of spring about 40 percent of the time! So, you may want to wait before you pack up all of your winter clothes!

I was thinking the other day about how often Ground Hog Phil is right compared to how often God is right and wowzers, is that a world of difference!! To me, God is NEVER wrong. Like EVER! I wish I could be right a lot more than I am, but the good news is that I don't have to be because I have a God who is and all I need to do is listen to God and to follow with all my heart and when I do this I find that everything usually turns out all right!

What about you? Who do you trust 100 percent of the time?? I have some friends and family members who I trust A LOT but not quite 100 percent. That is why having Jesus around me all the time is so comforting because Jesus will never lead me astray nor will Jesus ever let me go out into this crazy wide world without Him by my side!

Oh, I have one joke and one riddle to share with you if that's okay. Ready? Here we go! Knock, knock. Who's there? Pun. Pun who? Punxsutawney Phil. Get it? Pun...Punxsutawney Phil! Ha, ha, ha, that was awesome. Ready for another one? Here we go!

How does Punxsutawney Phil greet his parents? With hogs and kisses!!! I love that one, don't you? Anyway, where was I? Oh, that's right, talking about Ground Hogs and God. If you want to have a really fun time for a few days, make sure to follow Punxsutawney Phil and his spring weather predictions. If you want to have fun all the days of your life, make sure to follow Jesus, who is with you 100 percent of every day!

Well, I better get going, the sun is finally shining today so I need to go outside to play with my friends.

Take care and I'll see you around the church!

Squeaky.



-Squeaky

Adult Ministries

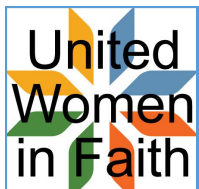
There are a variety of ongoing opportunities for Adults to connect each week. For more information about any of the groups please feel free to reach out to the leaders listed below.

Sunday School: All are invited to join our Adult Sunday School Class at 9:00 am each Sunday in the church basement. **Class Leader Bruce Hyink (Bruce@Hyink.org)**

Vera's Bible Study: Vera's Bible Study meets each Tuesday at 12:30pm in the church's Upper Room. All are welcome to join. **Contact: Paula Allard (paulaallard38@gmail.com).**

Women's Bible Study: They meet each Thursday at 5:30pm. All are welcome. For more information contact Pat Ferrell. **Contact: Pat Ferrell (patferrell59@yahoo.com).**

United Women In Faith



All ladies are welcome to attend the United Women in Faith meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Meetings start at 1:30pm and are held in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Paula Allard @ paulaallard38@gmail.com. This month, we'll meet on the 14th and 28th. We hope to see you there.



UWF has Beef Vegetable soup for sale, \$10.00 per quart. Please see Meg Persavich to get yours, before it's gone!

Here's what we are learning during February in First Kids Zone!

First Kids Windsor
Here's what we're learning....



God LOVES Me?

A John 3:16 Valentine



Come Join Us!



Valentines Party
Sunday Feb. 11th
@ 10am

Exciting things are happening in the First Kid's Zone! Jenni is collecting lids and bottle caps of all kinds, for a special project. There is a box outside of her office, where you can place your donations. Thank you!



Announcements

BYU | *Organ* TRAVELING WORKSHOPS

Northern Colorado Organ Workshop February 23-24, 2024

Hosted by the Windsor Colorado Stake
6521 Carmichael St., Fort Collins CO 80550



Organ Concert
Friday, February 23
7:00 - 8:00 pm
refreshments served

Organ Training
Saturday, February 24
8:00 am - 2:00 pm
light breakfast and lunch provided

Events are free and open to the public from any area.

3 Tracks of Classes Available:

YOUTH - Experience the Organ
HOW TO - Be confident at the organ with the basics
BEYOND THE BASICS - Receive advanced training

Register Online to attend Saturday Training:

www.organ.byu.edu/workshops/colorado/
Please register by Feb. 20th

Local Coordinator: Memorie Dudley

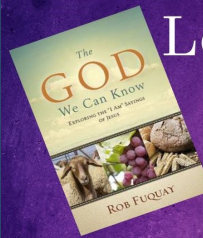
For questions, contact Memorie at memoriejd@gmail.com



Jon Persavich will be offering an Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation course consisting of four 90-minute sessions. An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28th, at 11:15am, In the Upper Room. Dates and times for the class will be chosen at the meeting. All are welcome.



Mindfulness Meditation



Lenten Book Study

The God We Can Know
by Rob Fuquay

2/18 Adult Sunday School at 9am on Sunday
or
2/15 Ladies Study, Thursday at 5:30pm

All are welcome. Books are available for \$7.99

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

02/03 Joyce Johnson
02/04 Shawn Spirek
02/07 Paige Freitag
02/08 Ryan Macaluso
02/14 Sarah Macaluso

02/14 Francy Henderson
02/22 Julie Cogburn
02/23 Greg Harrison
02/23 Barbara Hyink
02/24 Cole Gerstner

Happy Anniversary

No Anniversaries this month

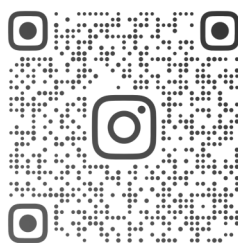
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Announcements

Join Us For A Celebration Luncheon

FUMC is turning 110!

TICKETS
\$14.00 Adults
\$7.00 kids under 12



Sunday, February 25th
11am

*Tickets will go on sale 2/11 during Fellowship Time
or they can be purchased in the office.*

**We ask that you please purchase tickets in advance.
If you would like to volunteer please contact Pat or Jessica*

Celebration Luncheon

This year is the 153rd Anniversary of our congregation holding worship services in Windsor and the 110th Anniversary in our current building. To celebrate these impressive landmarks, a church heritage Birthday celebration Luncheon will be held on Sunday, February 25th following worship service. The traditional roast beef meal will be served. All are invited to attend. Ticket sales will begin in Sunday, February 11th during fellowship hour and will also be available in the church office Tuesday through Friday during office hours. The cost for an adult ticket is \$14.00 for adults and \$7.00 for kids under 12. *Please purchase your tickets in advance to allow for the proper amount of food to be prepared. If you would like to volunteer to help with the celebration, please contact Pat Ferrell 970-227-4034 or Jessica Freitag 970-302-0635.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- MAC & CHEESE
- PEANUT BUTTER
- JELLY
- RAISINS
- CORN MUFFIN MIX
- OIL (SMALL BOTTLES)
- TOMATO PRODUCTS
- BROTH
- TUNA FISH
- CEREAL
- VEGETABLES (NO CORN OR PEAS)



ADDITIONAL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

THESE ARE DISTRIBUTED TO H.S. STUDENTS

- ☐ Ramen Noodles
- ☐ Small cans of Spaghetti O's
- ☐ Mac & Cheese Already Prepared with a pop top
- ☐ Cheese/Peanut Butter Crackers
- ☐ Fruit Snacks & Fruit Cups
- ☐ Trail Mix (Individual Size)
- ☐ Juice Boxes
- ☐ Raisins
- ☐ Granola Bars

DON'T FORGET ABOUT COATS FOR KIDS!



Updated Church Financials

	December	Year-to-Date
Revenue	\$17,191	\$209,790
Expense	\$15,502	\$207,145
Net	\$1,689	\$2,645

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:30p Women's Bible Study	2 10a UWF Craft Group 6p Troop 88 Training	3 Troop 88 Training
4 9a Adult S.S. 10a Worship/ Kids S.S. 11a Fellowship	5 5:30p Choir 7p Boy Scouts	6 12:30p Vera's Bible Study 6:30p Troop 88 meeting	7 5:30P Trustees	8 5:30p Women's Bible Study	9 10a UWF Craft Group	10
11 9a Adult Sun- day School 10a Worship/ Kids S.S. 11a Fellowship	12 5:30p Choir 7p Boy Scouts	13 10a PEO JN 12:30p Vera's Bible Study	14 12p Imposi- tion of Ashes 1:30p UWF 6p Ash Wed. Service 	15 5:30p Women's Bible Study	16 10a UWF Craft Group	17
18 9a Adult S.S. 10a Worship/ Kids S.S. Scout Sunday 11a Fellowship	19 5:30p Choir 7p Boy Scouts	20 12:30p Vera's Bible Study 3:30p DAR Meeting	21 9a C-PS Book Club 5:30p SPRC	22 5:30p Women's Bible Study 6:15p BSA Pack 57 Committee	23 10a UWF Craft Group	24 11a Eagle Scout Court of Honor
25 9a Adult S.S. 10a Worship/ Kids S.S. 11a Fellowship	26 5:30p Choir 7p Boy Scouts	27 12:30p Vera's Bible Study	28 1:30p UWF 5:30p Leadership	29 5:30p Women's Bible Study		