



First United Methodist Church of Windsor
News From The Pews
April 2025

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 Hour (Fellowship Hall)

Pastor's Pen



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

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5. As you read this, we are in the midst of the Lenten season, awaiting the triumphal resurrection of our Savior. This six weeks has given us an opportunity to grow closer to Christ as well as the opportunity to really prepare our hearts for the events of Holy Week. This last week in the life of

Jesus was filled with joy, despair, grief, celebration, betrayal, and triumph.

On Maundy Thursday (or Holy Thursday) we re-live the events in the Upper Room which gave us the gift of the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. We watch as Jesus humbled himself by washing the feet of the disciples, and we are called to be humble with each other. We watch as Jesus asks his friends to simply stay awake with him, but like us, we tend to our needs of sleep and the world.

Good Friday arrives and we are left speechless. The events of the arrest of Jesus, his beatings, his imprisonment, his false trial, and the eventuality of him being nailed to cross outside of the city of Jerusalem. We ponder "Why?" Did this really have to happen? Did we really just lose our Rabbi, our teacher, our guide to a better life? One lone Roman centurion declared "*Surely, this was the Son of God!*" - Matthew 27:54

Saturday comes, and we are left in silence. Our savior has died, darkness has fallen across the world, the temple curtain has been torn in two, the earth shook, and we are left alone. What do we do now? What was this all for? Is this really the end? How could He have left us?

Then, on Sunday morning, a miracle happens! The tomb of Jesus is empty! He is NOT there, He IS Risen! The woman saw him first and thought he was the gardener so they ran and told the men, who were in disbelief. Death had been defeated, Sin had been erased, and we had been Forgiven! The pure Joy of Easter Morning should shake us to the core, knowing that the Son of God gave everything so that we might have life and have it to the fullest. We are the new miracle, a new creation in Christ, with a new way forward. *Continued on the next page.*

Pastor's Pen Continued

Friends, this Easter I invite you to renew your relationship with Christ. There are no forms to fill out, there is no money you need pay, there is only you and Christ. Jesus simply wants to know you, to care for you, to help you. I encourage all of us to simply ask Jesus into our hearts so that He can make us whole again, so that he can redeem us and so that we will know, once and for all, the incredible LOVE of Jesus.

Happy Easter to all of you and I pray that Jesus will remain in your hearts today and tomorrow.

Pastor Phil



April Mission News

Jennifer Moore visit on April 5 and 6!



The Missions Team hopes you will join us in a get-acquainted pot luck dinner for Jennifer on Saturday, April 5. We will have a meet and greet time, with appetizers at 4:30, followed by dinner at 5:30. The Missions Team will provide the main dishes. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Please join us in welcoming Jennifer. We will be taking a free will gift offering (cash please) at the potluck to help Jennifer with her travels.



Mission Update

Stepping Stones- During the month of February your donations of \$500 for Stepping Stones of Windsor, was matched with \$500 from Missions undesignated giving. A check for \$1000 was presented to Stepping Stones to help our neighbors who are experiencing financial difficulties and unable to pay rent or utilities. Thank You!

Join Missions for their next meeting. March 30th at 11am in the Upper Room. All are welcome.

GPS Book Group invites you to join us...

We will meet on April 16, at 9:30am in the Upper Room.

GPS meaning- As a GPS guides us so we can find places and people, books guide us also. Through reading we Gain knowledge. We read for Pleasure. Books bring us together through Sharing the books we love and the lives and experiences of the characters in the books.

Our book for April is 'Tell Me Everything'. From Pulitzer Prize winning author, Elizabeth Strout, comes a hopeful, healing novel about new friendships old loves, and the very human desire to leave a mark on the world. Brimming with empathy and pathos, Tell Me Everything is Elizabeth Strout operating at the height of her powers, illuminating the ways in which our relationships keep us afloat.

Squeaky's Corner

Oh, Hi there! Sorry, I didn't see you at first, I was busy working on a Sunday school project for Easter. What was I doing? Oh, I was coloring Easter eggs! Have you ever colored Easter eggs? It's really a ton of fun and there are so many different ways to color eggs. You can use crayons to make designs on them, you can paint them, you can wrap them in paper, and you can even dye them different colors. It's a lot of fun and I hope you get the chance to try it.

What was that? Why am I coloring eggs and what do eggs have to do with Easter? Well, let me tell you! Easter is a time of new life and of new beginnings because Jesus rose from the dead and became alive again. That's really a neat thing, isn't it? God is so amazing!

Anyway, eggs symbolize new life because if you have an egg and let it hatch, what happens? You get new little baby chicken or duck or platypus or whatever! It's new life! So, we color these eggs to help us remember the new life that we have because of Jesus.

I was also watching some kids work on a really neat project the other day. They had a round folded up piece of paper with another piece stuck inside it. When they pulled out the paper from inside the tube, out came a paper butterfly!! It was really cool looking!

Why butterflies? Well, that is a great question so I'll try to explain it to you. A butterfly starts out as a caterpillar who spends all its time crawling around and eating leaves and things. Then one day, it spins a cocoon (a sort of tube), gets inside and closes it up. And it sits in there for a few weeks and then one day, Wham! Out comes a beautiful butterfly! The caterpillar is given a new life as a butterfly so we use butterflies to help us understand what it means to change from one way of life to another. Wouldn't it be cool to be a butterfly and just fly around all day! That would be awesome!!!

Oh, hey, I almost forgot but I have some Knock, Knock jokes for you! Do you want to hear them? Okay, here they come!

Knock, knock

Who's there?

Some bunny

Some bunny who?

Some bunny has been eating my carrots! Ha, ha, ha, that was super funny! How about a joke this time? Are you sure? Okay, here it comes!

Question: Where does the Easter bunny eat breakfast?

Answer: IHOP! Get it? I Hop!!! Wow, that was funny too!

Okay, where was I? Oh, that's right, getting ready for Easter. You know, I've learned a lot about Easter from Sunday school. If you want to know more about Easter, why don't you ask your Sunday school teacher or a parent or even your pastor about it?

Well, I've gotta get going, I have some more Easter projects to work on but I'll be keeping my eyes open for you during Church so even if you don't see me, I'll see you!

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

Happy Easter!

Squeaky



-Squeaky

It's a BABY SHOWER

United Women in Faith (the women's group at the church) is hosting a BABY SHOWER on April 23rd at their 1:30pm meeting. The baby shower will gather items requested through one of our local missions-Stork Support. Stork Support is a non profit organization committed to providing essential maternity, postpartum, and newborn needs to under resourced Northern Colorado families throughout the baby's first year. The opportunity to donate baby items is open to all church members. There will be a collection box under the library table in the Fellowship Hall throughout April. But if you haven't attended a baby shower in a while, COME JOIN US FOR TERRIFIC FOOD, PLAY SILLY GAMES AND ENJOY SUPPORTING THIS WORTHWHILE GROUP. Wednesday, April 23rd at 1:30pm.

Oh Baby!

Join United Women in Faith for a
BABY SHOWER
Benefiting

Stork Support

MARCH 30TH THROUGH APRIL 23RD

All donations will benefit
moms & babies in our community.

Join UWF & Stork Support
for a Baby Shower on
April 23rd
1:30pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Stork Support Needs

- Diapers (especially Preemie, NB, sizes 1 & 6)
- Wipes (unscented or sensitive)
- Diaper rash cream
- Formula (sealed & unexpired, please no toddler)
- Baby soap & lotion (sensitive skin)
- Hypoallergenic laundry soap (laundry sheets)
- Baby socks
- Baby clothes for Preemie to 3 months old
- Baby towels & wash cloths
- Portable bassinets
- Baby monitors
- Sound machine
- Baby bottle drying rack
- Baby bottle cleaning brushes
- Strollers and double strollers
- Baby carriers and wraps
- Bottles (new please)
- Small toys (must have all parts, be clean & have batteries if needed)
- Compression socks for moms

All donations can be dropped off in
the Fellowship Hall in the box
marked Stork Support.

One Man's Junk Is Another Man's Treasure

A few church members are hosting a rummage sale the first Saturday in June as part of Crazy Days-the Windsor town wide yard sale & sidewalk sale! Most items are welcome, however, we cannot accept large pieces of furniture or clothing. We will have tables outside on the front lawn for this June 7th event. Collecting items NOW-drop off location in the corner of the downstairs area behind the gray screen. Funds raised will go to the Elevator Fund. Any questions? Talk with Pat Ferrell (970) 227-4034 or Sharon Hinton (425) 879-9838 Let's make this FUN!

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 (patferrell59@yahoo.com).

Prayer Group: Prayer group meets on Wednesday afternoons at 3pm in the Prayer Room.

United Women in Faith



Join United Women in Faith on April 9th at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for their monthly business meeting. All are invited.



UWF will have their delicious hot cross buns available for a free will offering after service on Easter Sunday. Stop by the Fellowship Hall to get yours.

Get ready for some VBS fun!!!

If you would like to sign up to participate in VBS or volunteer, see Jenni. It's sure to be a trip you don't want to miss!

AND SO
THE
Adventure
Begins

VBS
June 23rd
-
June 26th
5pm - 8pm

Cokesbury Kids
ROAD TRIP
ON THE GO WITH GOD

FIRST KIDS WINDSOR
BUILDING JOYOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

Announcements



Battery Recycling: If you have old batteries that you would like to recycle, there is a bucket in the Fellowship Hall where you can leave your old, used, household batteries for recycling.

Windsor/Severance Food Pantry Event: Empty Bowls: Thursday, April 24th at 5:30pm held at the Windsong Event Center. To purchase tickets, follow this link:

<https://secure.givelively.org/event/windsor-severance-food-pantry/2025-empty-bowls>

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

4/01 Kathy Hinde
4/04 Linda Burr
4/07 Danica Vogels
4/09 Sandy Lee
4/12 Sarah Spirek
4/18 Betsy Peterson
4/20 Bo Chapin



Happy Anniversary

4/03 Vicki & Steve Christian
4/27 Kerry & Nick Spirek



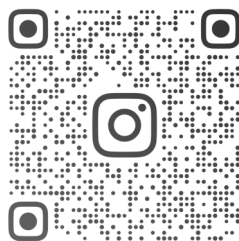
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:30pm Vera's Bible Study 6:30pm Troop 88 Mtg.	2 10am Memorial Service for Fred Lohry 3pm Prayer Grp. 5:30pm Trustees	3 5:30pm Thursday Night Bible Study	4 10am UWF Craft Group	5 4:30pm Potluck w/ Jennifer Moore
6 9am Adult S.S. 10am Worship/ First Kids 11am Fellowship 12:30pm DAR	7 5:30pm Choir 7pm Scouts	8 12:30pm Vera's Bible Study	9 10am Stork Support 1:30pm UWF 3pm Prayer Grp. 5:30pm Finance	10 5:30pm Thursday Night Bible Study	11 10am UWF Craft Group	12
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20 6am Sunrise Service 9am Adult S.S. 10am Worship/ First Kids 11am Fellowship Easter Egg Hunt	21 5:30pm Choir 7pm Scouts	22 12:30pm Vera's Bible Study	23 10am Stork Support 1:30pm UWF 3pm Prayer Grp. 5:30pm Leadership	24 5:30pm Thursday Night Bible Study 6:15pm BSA Pack 57Mtg	25 10am UWF Craft Group	26 10am PEO Mtg.
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