



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WINDSOR NEWS FROM THE PEWS

APRIL 2026

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



As I write this, the date is March 20th, 2026. Do you know the significance of this day? It is the date of the Spring or the Vernal Equinox, which simply translates as Springtime for us! The sun is shining longer with each passing day, warming the land and dispelling the darker days of Winter. The date of Easter is closely connected with the Vernal Equinox, and it is what we call a movable Feast Day, meaning that each year the date of Easter is different. This is because the date of Easter is based upon the following formula: It is the first Sunday, after the first Full Moon, after the Vernal Equinox. This makes sense when you see that the Jewish calendar is based upon the cycles of the moon as well.

This year has been exceptionally warm, and we are setting record highs during the day. The snow has somehow forgotten to fall this past winter here in Windsor, Colorado. In short, it's been a weird winter. But hope is in the air because we have the knowledge that Jesus is with us no matter how strange our lives or our world may get.

In a few short days, we will be gathering for Palm Sunday and celebrating the triumphal entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. And we, here in Windsor, will be gathering at Bethel Lutheran at 9:45am to bless the Palms and to process here to the First UMC to begin our celebration service. This is something that I look forward to each year because we are ONE church, not many. We are ONE people celebrating and honoring what Jesus has done for us all.

Palm Sunday also ushers in Holy Week, as we remember and relive some of the events that Jesus was a part of. On Thursday we will gather to recall the events of the Last Supper in the Upper Room of Jerusalem. On Friday we revisit the tragic arrest and crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a hard week as we are given time to reflect on what Jesus has done for each one of us. I also believe it is a reminder to us all that we should be living sacrificially for others, putting their needs ahead of our own. It is in this way that we truly honor what Jesus did for us during the original Holy Week so long ago.

Then comes Easter Sunday, arguably the most holy day in Christendom as we witness the Glorious Resurrection of Jesus from the Empty Tomb. The world is changed in an instant; the world becomes hopeful again because we know that even death cannot stop our Messiah! Our sins have been washed away, and we have been made clean by His sacrifice for all of us! Alleluia!! Alleluia Indeed!!!

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Pastor's Pen Continued

I pray that the Hope and Joy of Easter finds its way into your hearts this year so that you may celebrate the Risen Son who raises us into a new life!!

Happy Easter,
Pastor Phil

Join us for Holy Week

Palm  
Sunday

JOIN US ON
Palm Sunday
AT 9:45AM
IN FRONT OF
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOR A PALM PROCESSION



Holy Week



3/29 Palm Sunday 9:45am
In Front of Bethel Lutheran Church

4/02 Maunday Thursday 6:00pm

4/03 Good Friday 6:00pm

4/05 Sunrise Service 6:15am
At Boardwalk Park

4/05 Easter Service 10am
Easter egg hunt to follow

MARCH 29-APRIL 5

Windsor Community
Easter Sunrise Service



Sunday, April 5
6:15am
Boardwalk Park

Hop on over for FUMC's
EASTER
Egg hunt
Join us on
April 5th at 11am
for some egg-citing fun!
On the front lawn of the church



April 

Scriptures and Sermons

April 5th: Easter Sunday, Matthew 28:1-10
"Halleluia He Lives!!!"

April 12th: John 20:19-30
"Who's Knocking On The Door?"

April 19th: Luke 24:13-35
"Revelation"

April 26th: John 10:1-10
"A Hedge Of Protection"

Squeaky's Corner

Hi Everyone!

I wasn't sure what to write about this month because there is something amazing and incredible happening on April 5th! You may have already guessed but its Easter!!! This day is just so full of joy and hope that it is really hard to just put into words. My heart is bursting with so much excitement that I can barely stand it and us mice already have a high heartrate!

I'm excited because of what Easter means: That Jesus, our Lord and our Savior, has risen from the dead and He has defeated sin and death itself! This is so wonderful, isn't it?? Jesus loves us so much that he was willing to do this for us, for me and for you!!!

You know, I was talking to Frederick the other day, he's the local cat around here, and he was asking how in the world do we pay Jesus back for what he has done for us. And this is a great question!! How would you answer it?

Well, I just told Frederick the cat what I thought: That Jesus doesn't need to be paid back for anything because what he did for us he did because of his compassion and love for us. However, maybe we could try something: Maybe go into the world and be a little nicer? Or kinder? Or friendlier? Do you think this would make Jesus happy?? I do!! And it would show the world that we have learned something from Jesus: that it is okay to be kind and to love everyone around us no matter who they are or what they think. It's simply doing what Jesus would do and isn't this what He was trying to teach to us in the first place?

Okay, I have some Knock, Knock jokes. Are you ready? Okay, here they come!

Knock, Knock!

Who's there?

Holly.

Holly who?

Hollyulujah – it's Easter! That one was awesome! Want another one? Okay, here it comes!

Knock, Knock!

Who's there?

Zeke

Zeke who?

Zeke and you shall find Easter eggs! Get it? Seek and you will find! Ha, ha, ha, that was too cool!

Okay, where was I? Oh, that's right, I was just reminding you of all the very cool and amazing things about Easter but that the most amazing thing is that Jesus loves us!!! He loves unconditionally and he loves forever! Doesn't that warm your heart and make you feel amazing?

Well, I better get going, I have to stuff some of those plastic easter eggs so our neighbors' kids will have something to search for on Easter morning.

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

Squeaky



-Squeaky

Mission News

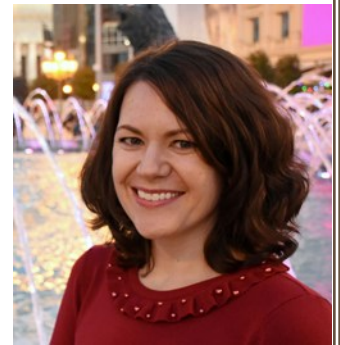
April Mission Highlight: Jennifer Moore Missionary in North Macedonia



Jennifer Moore is a missionary with the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, serving as a Christian educator with The United Methodist Church in the Republic of North Macedonia. She was commissioned in May 2016. Windsor FUMC is beginning our 7th year in a Covenant Missionary Partnership with Jennifer. Many of you met Jennifer and were able to visit with her when she was in the US last April.

The United Methodist Church in Macedonia officially began in 1922. Their community of 11 congregations is a testament to perseverance through harsh economic times, wars and religious oppression. After the fall of socialism in the 1990s and Macedonia gaining its independence from Yugoslavia in 1991 came increased religious freedom and a desire to expand the church. As a Global Ministries missionary, Jennifer walks alongside congregations to help them develop ministry resources, train new leaders and reach surrounding communities for Christ.

Drawn by God to mission work after participating in a short-term mission journey in college, Jennifer prepared for a life of cross-cultural Christian service through educational, volunteer and vocational endeavors. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia; a Master of Arts in intercultural studies from the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri, and a master's degree in teaching English to speakers of other languages from Azusa [California] Pacific University. She taught English classes to recent immigrants in the U.S. for two years, elementary school in Virginia and Missouri for four years, and university students in Phnom Penh, Cambodia with English Language Institute/China, for four years, and partnered with a church-planting team in Cambodia for two years before moving to North Macedonia in 2016.



Jennifer mainly works with the Commission for Working with Children and Youth in the Macedonian district. The commission aims to bring the gospel to every child, teenager and young adult on the Macedonian district by providing training, resources and spiritual support for leaders of children, teen and young adult groups, as well as organizing district-wide events. Jennifer strives to model and establish good practices for running the commission and investing in other members as they work together.

A Covenant Missionary Partnership allows churches to become involved in international missions closely, through financial giving as well as spiritual and emotional support. It is a relationship where the church and the missionary pray for one another and communicate regularly. **The financial commitment is \$10 per church member per year. If you would like to be a part of this effort, any amount is welcomed. Please make any checks out to FUMC and note "Missionary Support".**

Missions Update

Missions Soup Sale- The Missions Team thanks all who supported our Soup Sale. The profits of around \$900 will go toward various projects. There are still a few quarts of Chili and Chicken Orzo available. You will be able to catch a Missions Team member at Fellowship Time to purchase.

UMCOR Sunday- The offering taken on March 15 brought in \$747 for UMCOR. Thank You!

The next Mission's meeting is on April 19 at 11am.
Join us in the Upper room.

Adult Ministries

We offer a variety of weekly opportunities for adults to connect, study the Word, and build community. If you'd like more information about any of these groups, feel free to contact the leaders listed below. As always, *all are welcome* to join anytime.

Adult Sunday School: Sunday mornings at 9am in the basement Fellowship Hall. Bruce Hyink is the group leader. You can reach him at: bruce@hyink.org.

Vera's Bible Study: Tuesday at 12:30pm in the Upper Room. Paula Allard is the group leader, you can reach her at paulaallard38@gmail.com.

Thursday Evening Bible Study: This ladies group meets on Thursday evenings at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pat Ferrell is the group leader, you can reach her at patferrell59@yahoo.com.

Prayer Group: Wednesday afternoons at 3pm in the Prayer Room. Pat Ferrell is the group leader.

Stork Support

We are continuing to serve our Spring due date families, but also starting to plan and prepare for our Summer due date families, which shifts our greatest needs.

Top 5 greatest needs:

1. Spring/summer baby outfits and pajamas in size 0-3M
2. Spring/summer maternity clothes any size, but especially medium and large
3. Diapers size 4
4. Diaper Bags
5. Volunteers for our Diaper Bag Packing Party April 18th 10am-12pm in the basement

With gratitude ~ Nikola



First Kid's FUN!

Get ready for VBS!

The image contains two identical promotional posters for VBS. Each poster features a cartoon dog wearing a red hat and a yellow scarf, sitting on a road sign that says "Cokesbury Kids ROAD TRIP ON THE GO WITH GOD". The background is light blue with clouds and trees. A banner at the top says "AND SO THE Adventure Begins". In the center, there is a QR code with the text "VBS Wishlist Scan QR Code for Details". Below the QR code, it says "Event: June 22nd - 25th" and "Ages: 3yrs to 5th grade Dinner Provided". A logo in the top right corner reads "FIRST KIDS WINDSOR BUILDING A FORTUOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST".

Announcements

Exciting News! Starting this Sunday, (April 29th) the Nursery will be open for parents to drop off their children between the ages of 0-3. Please welcome Cindy Vogels as our new Nurse Attendant. Luke Bainer will be our new AV Tech. Welcome Luke!

Celebration of Life for Melinda Stephan: Held on her birthday, May 7, at 11am at our church. If you would like to attend please RSVP with a text to (970) 539-2601 or email to jmjkstep@comcast.net or a letter to 321 Telluride Dr., Windsor, CO 80550 with the number of people and any allergies (food will be provided after the service) The Service will also be broadcast on our YouTube link from the firstumcwindsor.com (Worship & Adult Education, Online Worship) website.

Prayer Shawls: Paula Allard and Sharon Hinton are collecting Prayer Shawls, for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. These will be blessed at a later date, then ready to distribute to those in need of a little extra care.



Special Music

Musicians Wanted for Special Music!
Sign Up:
Choose the 1st or 5th Sunday of the month
—or—
Any Sunday from May 24 - September 6
Scan the QR Code
or visit the church website to sign up.




April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

- 4/01 Kathy Hinde
- 4/04 Linda Burr
- 4/07 Danice Vogels
- 4/12 Sarah Spirek
- 4/18 Betsy Peterson
- 4/20 Bo Chapin
- 4/22 Dan Klema
- 4/25 Katie Turnwall
- 4/26 Mary Mumby
- 4/29 Uldis Reinfelds
- 4/30 Connie Hill



Happy Anniversary

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



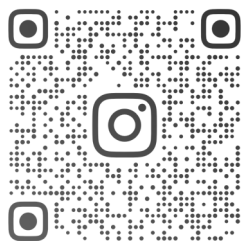
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April

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10a Stork Sup 3p Prayer Grp. 5:30p Trustees	2 1p Stork Support 6p Maundy Thursday Service 	3 10a UWF Craft Group 6p Good Friday Service 	4
5 6:15a Sunrise Service 9a Adult S.S. 10a Worship & First Kids 11a Fellowship/ Easter Egg Hunt	6 5:30p Choir 7p Scouts HAPPY EASTER 	7 12:30p Vera's Bible Study 6:30p Troop 88 Committee Mtg.	8 10a Stork Sup 1:30p UWF 3p Prayer Grp. 5:30p Finance	9 1p Stork Support 5:30p Thursday Night Bible study	10 10a UWF Craft Group 8p Troop 88 Lock In	11 Troop 88 Lock In
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