

First United Methodist Church of Windsor
NEWS FROM THE PEWS
March 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



I was asked a really good question the other day: Why should I volunteer at the church? My response was rather rambling in nature, so I wanted to take a few moments to answer this question in a better way. I have this narrowed down to five reasons, but I know there are many more that I could go into but for now I think this list should answer some of this.

1. **Get Closer to God.** Everything we do in the life of the church; we do for God. We serve because we want to further the Kingdom of God in our little corner of the universe. God has given us each special gifts or talents; does it not make sense that we can and should use these gifts for the Kingdom? And as we serve, we grow closer and more connected to God because we are not only serving our Savior, but we are serving our neighbors as well.
2. **Help our Community:** Each time we bring in a can of food, or write a letter to a Missionary, or pack food at Slamin Famine, we are helping both our local and world wide communities. Our servant hearts go far beyond just the people in our local towns, they resonate with people halfway across the world.
3. **Increase Self Confidence:** When we work for people, we begin to discover a sense of accomplishment, like our actions really are helping others! We smile and we can take pride in our work, allowing us to feel better about the person we are becoming through our servanthood to Christ.
4. **Build a skillet:** Yes, the more time you spend making church coffee, the better you get at it. Or maybe you can increase your arts and crafts skills building sets and props for Vacation Bible School. Or perhaps you can get better and sewing as you help create new banners for the sanctuary!

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Pastor's Pen Continued

5. Get a sense of Purpose: Having somewhere to go where you can help others and to further the reach of the local church gives us a sense of purpose. When we find selves straying and wondering what we can do, the church is here to welcome your time, your talents, and your special gifts. In short, we need you!

Volunteers run the local church. From providing special meals for families in need, handing out food, changing lightbulbs, leading Bible Study, providing for the church building, and praying: There is something that you can do to help. In fact, we are always in need of Greeters, Ushers, and Liturgists for Sunday morning.

If you have any questions about where you might be able to serve, please see Pastor Phil or Kerry in the church office. We need you to keep things running so that we can reach people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,
Phil



March Scriptures & Sermons

- March 2nd: Luke 9:28-36
"Can You Transform?"
- March 9th: Luke 4:1-13
"I'll Give You The World If..."
- March 16th: Luke: 13:31-35
"Tears"
- March 23rd: Luke 13:1-9
"How Many Chances Do You Need?"
- March 30th: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
"Can You Be Replaced?"

March Mission News

March 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 6th year in a Covenant Missionary Partnership with Jennifer.

Jennifer will be visiting soon! Put the weekend of April 5-6 on your calendars. There will be an All-Church Potluck on Saturday evening, the 5th and she will take part in the worship service on Sunday, the 6th. Watch for more details to come!



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".**

Please check out the new Mission's Master Calendar. Located on the table under the Mission's bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. You can see what projects are coming up and choose what missions to support.

Squeaky's Corner

Hi Everyone and welcome to March! Did you know that a long time ago that March was the first month of the year? Yep, its true! It's because March brings with it the celebration of Spring and new life along with the Vernal Equinox. I had to look up those last two words and they simply mean: When the Sun is exactly above the equator of the Earth and where day and night are of equal lengths. I was like "Wowzers!" isn't that cool? But then January and February were created and that is how it is on our modern calendars.

Let's see, what else happens in March? Well, this year Ash Wednesday is on March 5th and we celebrate this in church as the start of lent.

Oh, and I guess we have to move our clocks forward an hour on March 9th? What is that all about?? I don't normally use a clock anyways because they don't make them small enough for us mice to wear.

Guess what? March 3rd is "What if Cats and Dogs Had Opposable Thumbs Day!" Yep, it's a thing! And then on March 16th we have National Panda Day! I wonder when National Mouse day is? Hmm....I'll have to see about that one.

Okay, do you want to hear some Knock, Knock Jokes? Okay, here they come!

Knock, Knock:

Who's There?

Hawaii.

Hawaii Who?

I'm Good, Hawaii you? Get it? How are you?? Ha, ha, ha! That was awesome!! Wait, here comes another one!

Knock, Knock:

Who's There?

Dozen.

Dozen Who?

Dozen anyone want to let me in? That was really funny too! I Love it!!

Okay, where was I? Oh, that's right, talking about March being the beginning of six weeks of Lent. And guess what? After those six weeks of Lent are over, we have Easter Sunday and we get to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!!! That is so very exciting, and I can't wait to share in the joy and hope of that day with all of you!

Well, I better get going, I hear some folks coming in to clean up one of the storage rooms. I hope they don't find my secret stash of cheese!

Take care everyone 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 (patferrell59@yahoo.com).

United Women in Faith



United Women in Faith will meet at the church at 1:30pm on March 12th and 26th. All ladies are welcome.



The UWF are collecting prayer shawls that you have made for the next prayer shawl blessing. Please give them to Paula, Sharon or you can leave them in the office.

First Kid's FUN!

Children's Ministry
is asking for
Candy donations
for our
**Easter Egg
Hunt**

Please give to the office
or to Jenni

**TEACH KIDS THE
FRUIT OF
THE SPIRIT**

- LOVE
- JOY
- PEACE
- PATIENCE
- KINDNESS
- GOODNESS
- FAITHFULNESS
- GENTLENESS
- SELF-CONTROL

Sunday @ 10am

GPS Book Club



Do you enjoy reading? Did you know that FUMC Windsor has a Book Group that meets at the church? The GPS Book Group meets in the upper room on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 9:30. We welcome you to visit us.

Our March book is, *American Dirt*, by Jeanine Cummins. *American Dirt*, the #1 New York Times bestseller that has sold over two million copies, is finally available in paperback.

From Goodreads: “Lydia lives in Acapulco. She has a son, Luca, the love of her life, and a wonderful husband, who is a journalist. And while cracks are beginning to show in Acapulco because of the cartels, Lydia’s life is, by and large, fairly comfortable. But after her husband’s tell-all profile of the newest drug lord is published, none of their lives will ever be the same. Forced to flee, Lydia and Luca find themselves joining the countless people trying to reach the United States. Lydia soon sees that everyone is running from something. But what exactly are they running to?”

This is a casual group, who enjoy reading many different genres. We invite anyone (male or female) who enjoy reading and discussing books.

For additional information, see Cathy Bell or any GPS member.

Lenten Book Study

Embracing The Uncertain

A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times
by Magrey R. deVega

Sunday Mornings at 9am
Starting March 9th

Thursday Evenings at 5:30pm
Starting March 13th

Books are available on Amazon

Missions Soup Sale

March 16: 11am-1pm \$10/qt

Pre-order: [firststumpwindsor.com/missions soup sale](https://firststumpwindsor.com/missions-soup-sale) or on March 2 & 9, or purchase on day of sale



Beef Chili



Chicken Orzo

Thank you for your support of Missions at FUMC Windsor

Announcements



Ash Wednesday: Join us for Ash Wednesday on March 5th. There will be an imposition of ashes at 12pm in front of the church, as well as an Ash Wednesday service at 6pm.



Mission's Annual Soup Sale: Get ready, Mission's soup sale is right around the corner. This year they'll be selling beef chili and chicken orzo for \$10.00 per quart. Pre-sale is available on the church website, or you can scan the qr code. Pick up will be March 16th from 11am to 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pre order is appreciated, but not necessary. All proceeds will benefit various missions supported by our church.

Help Wanted

We're looking to assemble a team of volunteers to be Office Angels that we can call on to help out in the office occasionally. No experience is necessary. You can even bring crafts or reading with you. Office Angels will answer phones, direct visitors where go and check the mail. There may be a few other small tasks. Please call or email the office if you would like to be added to the list.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

- 3/07 Carl Bronson
- 3/09 Bruce Hyink
- 3/10 Lois Huckabee
- 3/10 Max Zimmerman
- 3/13 Cindy Gleason
- 3/21 Sadie Measel
- 3/23 Ruth Ann Roberts
- 3/31 Judy Harrison



Happy Anniversary

3/12 Katie & Jake Turnwall



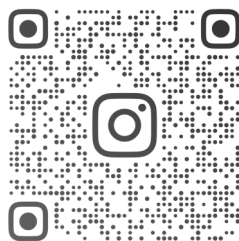
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 9am Adult S.S. 10am Worship/ First Kids 11am Fellowship</p>	<p>3 5:30pm Choir 7pm Scouts</p>	<p>4 12:30pm Vera's Bible Study 6:30pm Troop 88</p>	<p>5 10am Stork Support 10am Quilters 12pm Imposition of Ashes 6pm Ash Wed. Service</p>	<p>6 5:30pm Thursday Night Bible Study</p>	<p>7 10am UWF Craft Group</p>	<p>8 9am Scouts</p>
<p>9 9am Adult S.S. 10am Worship/ First Kids 11am Fellowship</p>	<p>10 5:30pm Choir 7pm Scouts</p>	<p>11 10am PEO 12:30pm Vera's Bible Study</p>	<p>12 10am Stork Support 1:30pm UWF 5:30pm Finance</p>	<p>13 5:30pm Thursday Night Bible Study</p>	<p>14 9am Missions Soup Prep 10am UWF Craft Group</p>	<p>15 9am Missions Soup Prep</p>
<p>16 9am Adult S.S. 10am Worship/ First Kids 11am Fellowship & Mission's Soup Sale</p>	<p>17 5:30pm Choir 7pm Scouts</p>	<p>18 12:30pm Vera's Bible Study 3pm DAR</p>	<p>19 9:30am GPS Book Club 10am Stork Support 5:30pm SPRC</p>	<p>20 5:30pm Thursday Night Bible Study</p>	<p>21 10am UWF Craft Group</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 9am Adult S.S. 10am Worship/ First Kids 11am Fellowship</p>	<p>24 5:30pm Choir 7pm Scouts</p>	<p>25 12:30pm Vera's Bible Study</p>	<p>26 9:30am GPS Book Club 10am Stork Support 5:30pm Leadership</p>	<p>27 5:30pm Thursday Night Bible Study 6:15pm BSA Pack 57Mtg</p>	<p>28 10am UWF Craft Group</p>	<p>29</p>
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