



STEWARTVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

9:00 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

The Motto of the United Methodist Church:
"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors: The People of the UMC."

WE GATHER AS THE FAMILY OF CHRIST

Prelude

Welcome

*Gathering Song *Holy Ground* FWS #2272

*Call to Worship

Holy God, your love for us is deep, holding strong even as we search for truth,
even as we gamble on other paths, even as we are ready to give in to temptation.

Walk with us this Lenten season and help us see beyond the quick easy answers.

Keep our eyes focused on Jesus, who knew temptation, disappointment and pain,
yet remained faithful to You.

**Hold us in your grace, loving God. Bring us to the end of the Lenten season
with open hearts and ready lives. Amen.**

*Opening song *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* UMH #269
(Tune: Amazing Grace)

Invocational prayer

O God, in mystery and silence, You are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that You do not leave us alone but instead work to make us whole. Help us to perceive Your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives and to attend to the gentle guidance of Your Spirit, that we may know the joy You give to us. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 4:1-11

Children's Moments

Gretchen Olson

The Message

Pastor Wane Souhrada

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH AND JOY

Sharing Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*The Doxology

UMH #95

Offering Prayer

Receive, O God, all these tithes and gifts. Put them to good work in building your Kingdom. Through them let faith strengthen, hope flourish, and love increase. Amen.

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

*Closing Hymn

Bind Us Together

FWS #2226

*Benediction

Know that it is not easy to keep our focus on God.

Many distractions tempt us.

Pray that God will be present in the face of temptation,

And give us strength and courage to be faithful.

Amen.

*Postlude

WORSHIP is over, let the SERVICE begin!

* indicates those who are able may stand

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

FWS: Faith We Sing, Song Book

Three Rules to live by: Do no harm! Do Good! Stay in love with God.

SUMC CALENDAR

Sunday, February 22: 9-10am Worship – Kid’s Choir Performance; 10:15-11am Kid’s Choir & Sunday School

Monday, February 23: 9am-12pm Office Open – Kristin; 4-7pm Open Hearts Food Shelf

Wednesday, February 25: 9am-12pm Open Hearts Food Shelf; 6-6:30pm Lenten Supper; 6:30pm Intergenerational Bingo Night! 😊

Thursday, February 26: 9am-12pm Office Open – Sarah; 6-8pm Racine Food Shelf

Saturday, February 28: 10am-12pm Soap Making Class (hosted by Kristin Gontea)

Sunday, March 1: 9-10am Worship; 10:15-11am Kid’s Choir & Sunday School

SUMC NOTES

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