



The Tower

First United Methodist Church

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Every Christian

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Ministry, Education
and Technology
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Nancy Finley

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& Property
Randy Vanderpool

Music Director
Julie Woodring

Organist
Chance Alquest

Nursery Director
Mandie Speegle

The Lord's Day Worship
8:30 and 10:45 am

Sunday School
9:45 am

March 7, 2018



Lois E. Cole

August 19, 1947 – February 27, 2018

A celebration of Lois' life will be Thursday, March 8, at 2:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church. First United Methodist Church will be closed Thursday afternoon from 12:00 to 3:30 so the staff may attend the service.

**Thank you, Lois, for your many years of dedicated service.
We will miss you.**



It's Time to Sign up for Camp!

It is time to sign up for Summer Camp. There are camps for all ages at Camp Horizon. You can register online through the church web site www.winfieldfumc.org. There are scholarships available through the church. Please come in and fill out a card indicating the amount of assistance you need, or make that request through our website. Early bird deadline for a \$10 discount is May 1st.

Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to "spring forward" one hour this Sunday, March 11, as we begin Daylight Saving Time.



Safety and Security Meeting

In response to recent acts of violence in our world, the staff and the Board of Trustees have begun looking at measures that our church can take to ensure the safest possible church environment.

We invite each member of the congregation to meet with Lt. Robbie DeLong, Winfield Police Department's security specialist, as he leads us and members of other churches in a training session. The staff and Trustees have already taken this training and we encourage everyone to take part in this worthwhile event. Ushers, greeters, Sunday School teachers and small group leaders are particularly encouraged to attend. The training will take place in our Sanctuary this Sunday, March 11, 4-6 pm and Monday, March 12, 4-6 pm. You need only attend one of the sessions. Speak to one of the pastors if you have any questions.

Locking the Church

In an effort to increase our security at the church, and upon advice from Lt. DeLong, we have decided to start locking all of the church doors except the east parking lot door, during office hours. If you need to get in through the north courtyard doors, or the west door (for handicap accessibility or other), please call the church office and we will meet you at the door to let you in. Thank you for your understanding as we work on our security plan.

Desserts for Tuesday's Table

If you would like to help with our free weekly community meal, Tuesday's Table, but aren't able to serve at the dinner, we can always use people to provide desserts (cakes, cookies, brownies, etc.). If you would like to help in this way, contact one of the weekly coordinators: Susan Dean, Cindy Goertz, Todd DeMint, or Kent & Nancy Miller. Your help would be appreciated!

A Look at Our Loyalty

	Feb. 25	Mar. 4
8:30 Worship	65	86
10:45 Worship	220	197
Total Worship	285	283
Sunday School	170	155
Offering	\$7,005	\$11,349
Needed Weekly		\$13,060

Office Schedule

It has been decided that we will close the office on Friday afternoons at 1:00. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Our new office hours are 8:00-5:00 Monday through Thursday, and 8:00-1:00 pm on Fridays.

Summit Conference

We have a couple of students planning to attend the Summit at SC this summer. This is a conference that helps juniors and seniors explore their calling in life. If you would be interested in sponsoring one of these youth talk to Bill or Dave.

Coffee with the Pastors

Our next "Coffee with the Pastors" is Sunday, April 15, at 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in church membership or in knowing more about First United Methodist Church, please join us!



Easter Lilies



We will purchase Easter lilies for the Sanctuary again this Easter. If you would like to purchase an Easter lily in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the coupon below and return it to the church office by Monday, March 26. The cost is \$10.

Given by _____

In honor of _____ or

In memory of _____

I will pick up after the 10:45 service _____ or

Please deliver to a homebound member _____

I would be able to deliver a lily _____

Paid _____

Prayer List

Winfield First Family

Lynn Biddle	Ray Dewell	Barbara Ghan
Pat Davis	Ronald Eastman	

Extended Family and Friends

Valerie Aladieff	Vernadene Hiatt	Kelley Murphy
Kenna Biddle	Sgt. Jason Hull	Susan Nettrouer
Dixie Broadhurst	Curstin Jenkins	Karla Peters
Gary Butler	Jason Jenkins	Kandy Stuart
Raylene Butler	Terry Johnson	Brantley Taylor
Peggy Everett	Ashley Law	Aaron Toney
Chance Gates	Carla Mohlstrom	

A young man named Willie
 Darci Morland's sister's friend, Alyssa
 Chandra Snively's cousins, Anna and Bobbie
 Brailey McMinn's grandparents, Jack and Janelle Cobb
 Linda Vasey's stepmother, Lee Garrison

Grief and Loss

The family of Steven Sultz
 The family of Marsha Stout
 The family of Lois Cole
 The family of Jane Duncan

World Concerns

Military & their families, families in transition, peace for all nations.

Summer Intern Position

We are now accepting letters of interest for our full time Summer Intern position. Please talk with Bill Podschun if you are interested in applying for the position.



Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating birthdays in March. The birthdays of the members and friends for whom we have records are listed below. If you have additions please call the office so we can update our records.

Send a card, make a phone call, or do a little something to help recognize these birthdays when you can.

- 3/1 Kamy Hopper, Carley Lewis, Bob McGregor, Karen Rohr
- 3/2 Jayna Bertholf, Ray Dewell, Rachelle Speer
- 3/3 Kaden Lattimore, Tyelor Rozell, Gail Sawyer, Russell Wallrabenstein
- 3/4 Linda Byerley, Jim Davis
- 3/5 Marj Logsdon, Linda Vasey, Monte Wyckoff
- 3/6 Braxton Bradbury, Jay Buffum, Brenda Lloyd, Mary Carol Spears, Chris Wilson
- 3/7 Merrill Gordon, Allison Homan, Cory Lindenman, Cooper Sumpter
- 3/9 Elias Miller
- 3/10 Chris Madrigal, Bentley Moore, Brandon Wampler
- 3/11 Clint Bradbury, Melissa McCaslin
- 3/12 Jane Bosie
- 3/13 Sarah Boline, Al Holdeman, Janene Lattimore, Roger Moore
- 3/14 Lin Lewis, Marj Webb
- 3/15 Bill Bridges
- 3/16 Caleb Hartman, Kelle Hutto, Helene Lynn
- 3/17 Clark Kingsbury, Zach McCaslin, Mark O'Neil
- 3/18 Graham Donals, Adam Eastman, Cindy Pray
- 3/19 Eric Andreas, Abby Bertholf, Adam Everett, Marty Mutti
- 3/20 Jean Hein, Mark Thomas
- 3/21 Larry Flick, Kaitlin Shimon, Mandie Speegle
- 3/22 Judy Haynes, Brian Horner, Kristin Humphreys, Olivia Phillips
- 3/23 Sarah Miller, Jack Speer
- 3/25 Kyra Cornejo
- 3/26 David Lashier, Hayes Pipes-Ternes, Josh White
- 3/27 Braylon Homan, Kyan Mattingly, Trish Wagner
- 3/28 Nate Adler, Ayla Butler, JoLynn Parsons
- 3/29 Michael Bosie, Mary Brummett, Michael Harding
- 3/30 Sydney Fox, Ross Hicks, Don Lawing
- 3/31 Kody Brenn

National Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Think about the people in your life whom you see on a regular basis. If you took away the people who are paid to be there (health care professionals, workers, etc.), who would be left? For many people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, there's no one left. They're often isolated from others, not by physical space, but by society's attitudes toward disability. You can help change that. March is National Intellectual and Development Disabilities Awareness Month. If you know someone with a disability, take the time to become a friend. You both will benefit! Visit www.mosaicinfo.org for more information.



Extending Thanks to . . .

Bill & Debbie Bridges and Dennis & Julie Rice for helping with commodity delivery in February.



Miranda Priddy joined our church family on Jan. 25. Welcome Miranda!



March 25– PALM SUNDAY

This will be a wonderful Sunday with lots of special music, palm branches for everyone and a children's palm processional. Don't miss this special Sunday as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem!

March 26-30 HOLY WEEK LUNCHES

You are invited to lunch and worship each day during Holy Week, Monday, March 26, through Friday, March 30. The lunches are sponsored by Ministerial Alliance and will be held this year at the Aviator Church (former First Christian), 904 Alexander, from Noon until 1:00 pm. Each day will feature speakers, lunch and special music from local churches. Our church will provide the meal on Monday. A free will offering will support our local Lodging Assistance program for those without shelter.

March 29 - HOLY THURSDAY

Please join us for a Family Celebration of Holy Thursday at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will provide the meal and the evening will include music, hand washing, and worship. All ages are welcome and childcare will be available for children ages 0-4, if desired.

March 30 – GOOD FRIDAY

There are several opportunities for Good Friday worship in our community. The First Presbyterian Church is presenting a Cantata, "We Remember Calvary", at 8:00 pm in their Sanctuary, 1101 Millington.

APRIL 1 – EASTER SUNDAY!

Three special worship services will be offered on Easter Sunday, April 1. We'll start with a beautiful SonRise Service at 7:00 am at the Southwestern College Football Stadium. Then there will be two glorious worship services with beautiful music in the Sanctuary at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. The children and their parents are invited to the Empty Tomb Celebration in Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30 am. This time of celebrating, learning and exploring will be intentional in encouraging and equipping parents as their child's primary faith nurturer. It is sure to be a sacred time that you don't want to miss!

Remember to bring back your Lenten Prayer Calendar offerings! Gifts this year go to Camp Horizon's new Aquatic Facility.

Christ is risen - He is risen indeed!

Because We Care Sunday

This Spring's "Because We Care" Sunday on February 25th raised funds to support ten different local, national, and global missions and ministries. The Missions Team served a pancake and sausage breakfast to over 85 people throughout the morning. As of last Sunday, \$3,446 has been received for the "Because We Care" ministries. A huge thank you goes out to Brittany Donley and the Missions Team for all their time, love, and hard work in putting together such a successful event in support of missions.

Homebound Callers Needed

Do you enjoy visiting with people? Would you like to extend the hospitality of Christ to members of our church who are no longer able to attend worship? If so, perhaps the church's Homebound Ministry Team is for you! Members of the team call on one of our senior adults once a month and take a copy of our Senior Adult newsletter. If you would like to know more about this important ministry opportunity, please speak with Pastor Beth.

Prayer Chain

If you have concerns or joys for the prayer chain, please email Carolyn Eastman, jce1936@gmail.com or the church, office@winfieldfumc.org.

Let us Know?

Thank you for letting the church office know if you move or change your phone number. (If you go to just a cell phone, your name will not be listed in the phone book.). If you move and we do not have your new address, the newsletter comes back and we have to pay. Thanks!

Online Donations

We have the capability of accepting online donations through our website, www.winfieldfumc.org. If you are traveling, or aren't able to be here for worship, you can still make a donation on-line. You can make a one-time donation, or set up an automatic recurring donation. Donations can be made by bank transfer, debit card, or credit card. Simply go to the "Donate" page on the website to make a donation to the general budget and click on "Make a Donation".

Youth Activities

Mission Trip

Our Junior and Senior Mission Trip for 2018 will be to Washington DC and is July 2-11. It will be a great opportunity to serve, grow spiritually and be in our nation's capital.

Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday is April 8. We are very excited that we will have a number of youth join our church as part of the community of faith. We will have visits with each student in the coming weeks.

H.S. Summer Retreat

Our HS trip this summer will be to the Branson area. We will be boating, going to the Passion Play and Silver Dollar City, and doing a service project. The cost is \$315 for all expenses, with support for the cost coming from camperships and fundraisers. Please sign up with Bill or Mariah by March 11. This retreat is for youth who will be in high school next fall.

Taco Salad Luncheon and Auction

The Youth Auction is April 8, at noon, so youth should begin to collect things for the auction to help with your summer retreat costs.



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Mark Your Calendar

Mar. 25 Palm Sunday
Mar. 29 Holy Thursday Worship
April 1 Easter
April 8 Confirmation Sunday
April 8 Taco Salad Luncheon & Auction

Church Ladies

The "Church Ladies" meets the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am at College Hill Coffee. Each month we share a devotion, discussion & prayers. All women are invited to join this fun and informal group. The next meeting is Saturday, March 10. Speak with JoAnn Parsons or Pastor Beth for more info.

Communion Servers

We are looking for people to assist in serving communion during worship. If you would be interested, please contact Pastor Beth at beth@winfieldfumc.org or call 221-2700.

Blood Pressure Checks

Our Parish Nurse team takes Blood Pressures every second Sunday of the month from 9:00-10:30 am in Pastor Beth's office. The next Blood Pressure day is this Sunday, March 11.

Missing Wheelchair

We are missing one of the wheelchairs that belongs to the church. If you have borrowed it, could you please remind the church office so we know that you have it?

Youth Taco Salad Luncheon

Sunday, April 8, at noon is our Taco Salad Luncheon and Auction to support youth going on retreats this summer. It will be a fun day of food and fellowship.