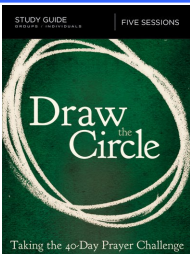
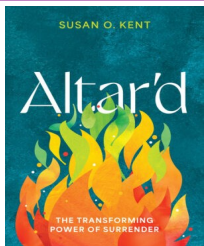


40-Day Prayer Challenge
During Lent, 7:14 am

2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land."
Have your prayers become stagnant? Do you long to see God move in fresh ways? Are you ready to move to new places in your walk with God? If so, it's time to take the 40-day prayer challenge and press into God like never before.
Registration: \$10, or Free-will donation.



Study on Draw the Circle
5 Thursdays in Lent, 10 am
Feb. 29, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28
In this five-session video study, the author reveals how taking up this prayer challenge will not only change the way you pray today but also dramatically impact the rest of your life. You will witness the miraculous results in your life, church, community, and world that only God can bring. Registration: \$10, or Freewill donation.

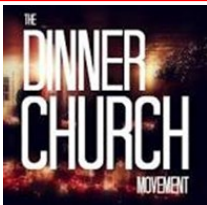


Bible Study in Lent
5 Wednesdays, 6 pm
Feb. 28, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27

Discovering how Jesus transforms and heals us through **altars!**
Altars have always represented change. They are the places where sacred space meets our surrender and leads into authentic spiritual transformation. From the beginning of time, God's people have built altars to mark the places where God spoke, gave direction, or gave his blessing. It is the place where God's people surrendered offerings to him in obedience. Registration: \$10, or Freewill donation.

UMC Family Directory

The church Family Directory is completed. Please take one copy for your use from the basket in the Gathering Area. If you find an error, please contact Carol Hornby or the Church Office.



MISSION OUTREACH

The start date for "**Dinner Church**" will be on **March 13th**. It is a gathering of people from our church and community to share food and fellowship.
Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve food, greet and mingle. Volunteer sign-up sheets in the gathering area. A coordinator is needed to help organize volunteers for Dinner Church. Computer knowledge is helpful. If interested, contact Marcia Hagen or Charlene Galston for further information about this.
Next meeting will be on Sunday, March 10th, 10:30 am

Youth Group

Join us for **Wesley Heritage Confirmation Retreat, March 1-2**, at Camp Lake Lucern, WI.
Contact Suzanne Goldsmith.



Leadership Gathering
Sat. March 9th. 4-6 pm

You're welcome to Leadership Gathering to envision our future. Dinner served.

Essential Needs Collection
40-Days of Lent Challenge

United Women in Faith are gathering supplies needed for the Essential Needs Pantry for Jackson County. Please take a list of items needed from the tub by east and back church entrances.

Upcoming Meetings

Sun	Feb 25	Mission Outreach	10:30 am
Wed	Feb. 28	Wednesday Connections	5:00 pm
		Youth	6:00 pm
		Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
Sat	Mar. 2	Bible Reading	8:00 am
		United Methodist Men	8:00 am
Sun	Mar. 3	New Member Class	10:30 am

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UMC Mission Statement:

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

** Indicates, please stand if able.*

Second Sunday in Lent February 25, 2024 9 am

Liturgist: Chuck Devendorf

WELCOME, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST,
& ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Carol Prindle

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Lenten travelers, who is this Jesus that we follow?

P: He is the Messiah.

L: What kind of Messiah is Jesus?

P: He is the Messiah who teaches that he will lose his life and who calls us to lose our lives in order to save our lives.

L: How does it feel to follow a Messiah whose teachings and call are so hard and uncomfortable?

P: Some feel fear and anger, while others feel uncertain and anxious, and still others feel resolute and ready to follow.

L: Lenten travelers, we are not alone in our feelings about following Jesus as our Messiah. It is a hard road. The blessing is that we do not travel it alone.

P: Thanks be to God that we share this journey with Jesus and one another as we lose our lives for the sake of the gospel to save our lives through Jesus, our Messiah. Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER

The season of Lent is here again and, as with so many times before, we find that we are not really ready for this journey of discipleship. So many things claim our lives and prevent us from being ready to take the steps in faith. As we look at our barrier of readiness, help us to remember that Christ is with us, every step of the way. We are not alone. Christ will help lift our hearts and spirits and direct our paths. Enable us, loving Savior, to take this journey of faith to new life with you. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN

UMH #568

Christ for the World We Sing

CHILDREN'S TIME

Roxie Hostrawser

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Guiding Lord, even though we hesitated on our Lenten journey; we vowed to come with you through all the trials and fears toward the Cross. Today we face the challenge which true commitment brings. Are we willing to offer our whole selves to you in service? We would like to think that we can do that, but we are aware of how many times we have turned away from service and instead focused on our own desires. Remind us again of the commitment you would have us give if we are to become disciples. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Lead us forward, gracious Lord, up these steps toward the Cross. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The journey of discipleship is never easy; but you can be assured that you will not be on this journey alone. Place your trust in Jesus. AMEN.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Shon

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In Unison)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Let us give thanks for the wonderful deeds of God, through our own generosity and faithfulness to others.

DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Shon

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.
⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.
⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.
⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.
⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity —
⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

TFWS #2175

Together We Serve

SERMON

Rev. Shon

Devoted Themselves to Sharing in Meals

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH #591

Rescue the Perishing

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE

Carol Prindle

Ushers: Jason, Kristin, and Ben Breining
Fellowship: Sunday School

Verse of the Week: Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.