

**Announcements**

1. Sunday, March 30, one Worship service at 10 am, commissioning of

Congregational Care Ministers.

1. United Women in Faith Spring Brunch – Rev. Dr. Susan Murithi – speaker

Saturday, March 29 at 9:30 am, bring a friend, Dining Room

1. Volunteers needed to assist with WOW meal- Susan Jansonius 785-650-2401.
2. ospsiHosA nursery is provided with trained staff located on the first floor.
3. Sunday School is available to children and adults. Children meet on Second floor, room 204 at 9:45. Two adult classes at 9:30, rooms 103 and 207.

Flowers are in loving memory of Elton Beougher from Wendy.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Don Barton.

Our sincere sympathy to David & Sandra Quint in the loss of her mother,

Delsia Dee Grover.

**Prayer Concerns**

Donna Cooper, Rachel Palmberg, Zachary Kuntz, Kyler Burk, Delsa Grover, Carla Cornett, Will & Finley Hayden, Kristin Haskett (cousin of Melissa Pyle), Pat Zwickle,

Virginia Johnson, Donna Weaverling. (If you or a family member are in the hospital, please call the church office if you would like to be on the prayer list or to let the pastor know at 785-625-3408.

**Birthdays**

March 23: Sarah Schumacher; March 24: Jeff Curtis, Mallory Henderson, Michelle Holdeman; March 25: Kathy Harper; March 27: Donna Cooper, Jan Edwards; March 28: Benton McGrath; March 29: Summer Schneider; March 30: Logan Cunningham.

**Altar Foundation 2025**

Joe & Jan Edwards; Eric Leuschner & Jacinda Johnson, Greg & Gwen Daughhetee, Ken Griffin & Marcia Bannister, Jeff & Marla Copper, Keith & Kathy Harper, Dave & Karen Hendrickson, Curt & Jennifer Kitson, Rodney Ruff, Jim & Hannah Barrett, Jaci Gottschalk, Donna Weaverling, Wendy Beougher, Marilyn Davidson, Eric & Carol Harfman, Betty Innes, Ernie & Pam Bryant, Sue Dolezal, Keith & Renee Eilts, Jarilyn Staab, Josh & Callie Thomas, Sheryl Dreiling, Lorena Kellogg, Rick & Diane Wolfe, Steve & Marilyn Wood, Gary & Sheryl Blair, Marva Miller, Phil & Linda Stahlman, Mike & Donna Cooper, Virginia Lehman, Ron Katt, Mike & Laura Gaughan, Harvey & Susan Jansonius, Carolyn Miller, Tom & Debra McDonald.

**Welcome to Worship**

**March 23**, 2025

Prelude *How Deep the Father’s Love* (arr. Hayes/Gaspard)

Hannah Barrett, organist

Welcome & Announcements please pass attendance pads

**Silent Reflection and Opening Prayer** Susan Murithi, Senior Pastor

**Greeting time** (You may stand up and greet those around you with a hand shake or an elbow bump)

**\*Opening Hymn *Come, Thou Almighty King* UMH 61**

**Call to Worship** Mary Meckenstock-Gribben, Lay Leader

Leader: Jesus said, “Unless you repent, you too will all perish.

**People: Then he told them a parable: A man had a fig tree planted in his**

**vineyard.**

Leader: “For three years, he came looking for fruit, but found none.”

**People: “He said to the gardener, ‘Cut it down! Why should it take**

**up the ground?”**

Leader: “The gardener replied, ‘leave it one more year, I will dig around

it and fertilize it.’”

**People: “If it bears fruit next year, well and good, if not, then cut it**

**down.”**

Leader: Lord Help us to be a fruit-bearing generation.

**People: May we not take the grace given unto us.**

**Children’s Time** Matt Dumler

**Special Music***Amazing Grace* (John Newton)

Raymond Brent and Martha Miller

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**Rev. Dr. Susan Murithi – Senior Pastor Troy Miller, Associate Pastor**

**Matt Dumler – Director of Discipleship Bev Bearley – Administrative Secretary**

**Prayer Hymn** *The Lone, Wild Bird* (Vs 1&5) FWS 2052

**Prayers of the people** Troy Miller, Associate Pastor

**Lord’s Prayer** UMH 95

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 13:1-9Mary Meckenstock-Gribben

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon** *Journey with Jesus: Into Confession and Repentance*Susan Murithi, Pastor

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought word and deed. By what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son, Jesus, have mercy on us, and forgive us. That we may delight in your will and walk in your way to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**Call to Faithful Stewardship** Matt Dumler

**Offertory** *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* (arr. Page)

**Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

**Offertory Prayer** Pastor Troy **\*Closing Hymn** *Go to the World*  W&S 3158 \***Benediction \*Postlude** *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* (Hayes/Gaspard)

03-16-25 Attendance 279

Sunday School 26 On-Line Worship Attendance 400

Greeters: 8:30 Virginia Johnson 10:45 Joe Edwards

**THE CHURCH CALENDAR**

Today: 8:30 am & 10:45 am Traditional Worship

9:45 am Contemporary Worship (downstairs)

12:00 pm Congregational Care Team meeting-parlor

5:30 pm Servicio de Adoracion en Espanol – 507 Elm

5:30 pm HS Girls- Stacey Jones, HS Boys-Matt Dumler

Monday: 10:30 am Staff

7:00 pm Administrative Board – dining room

Wednesday: 6:00 am Men’s Bible Study

12:10 pm Powerhouse Prayer – chapel

4:00 pm Kids Club

5:00 pm WOW or Worship on Wednesday

Meal: hot dogs, mac n cheese, green beans, chips, salad, dessert

6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:15 Chancel Choir

Thursday: 7:00 pm Trustees, rm 207

Saturday: 9:30 am UWF Spring Brunch, Rev. Dr. Susan Murithi, speaker