**UMC of WILTON Weekly Digital News, February 23rd, 2025**

**PRELUDE**

**OPENING HYMN** “Let There Be Peace on Earth” UMH #431

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PRAISE BAND**  “Today is the Day”        “Mighty to Save”

**ANNOUNCMENTS JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER/SILENT PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN OF REFLECTION** “Lord I Want to Be a Christian”   UMH#402 vs.1,2,4

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SING**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 6:27-38

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** “Where Charity and Love Prevail” UMH#549  vs.1,4,6

**MESSAGE** “Unreasonable Love?”

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN** “They’ll Know We are Christians” TFWS #2223 all 4 verses

**JOYS AND CONCERNS
February 23rd, 2025**

**Current Prayers**

\*Prayers for Glenna Van Atta following eye surgery.

\*Prayers for Rev. Anne as she deals with eye issues.

\*Prayers for Connie Zeleny as she battles health issues.

\*Prayers for Emily’s husband as he travels for work.

\*Prayers for Connie Zeleny’s cousin, Bill, who has been diagnosed with brain cancer.

\*Barb Soenksen asks for prayers for her husband, Ron, who is now at Lutheran Living in

 Muscatine doing rehab.
\*Prayers for Penny McKillip’s brother, Steve, who is battling pancreatic cancer.

\*Prayers for Penny McKillip’s nieces, Julie and Davina, who recently had surgery.
\*Prayers for Joe Akers’ family as they mourn the recent loss of his niece, Stephanie.

\*Prayers for Joe Akers’ brother, Ben, whose chemo treatments are no longer effective.
\*Prayers for Pastor Jill’s uncle, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
\*Prayers for Adelyn Liebmann who will be having surgery in April.

\*Dorothy Dietz has asked for prayers for her friend, Judy Swanson, who suffered a stroke and is

 in rehab.

\*District Superintendent Brian Oliver has put together a District Church Prayer list. Listed each

 month are congregations and pastors to lift up in prayer. Please pray this week for: Quad Cities

 Korean UM Church and Pastor Kookjin Yun; Davenport, Faith UM Church and Pastor Collette

 Powell

**Continuing Prayers**\*Prayers for Chad Morgan, who did not get moved yet to Omaha and is still in the Veteran’s

 Hospital in Iowa City.

\*Prayers for Amy Maxwell’s cousin, Christopher, who had a stroke, is now home and doing out-

 patient rehab.
\*Prayers for Diane Budding.
\*Prayers for Jamie Holladay who is battling cancer.
\*Rosemary McCallister asks for prayers for her nephew. He is undergoing continued treatment

 and surgeries.
\*Martha McCallister has asked for prayers for Rosemary McCallister who is dealing with several

 health issues.
\*Joy Carter has asked for prayers for Jennifer Wheelock as she looks to get a kidney and

 pancreas transplant.
\*Sandy Kraklio has asked for prayers for her nieces, Nicole and Cindy, who are both battling

 cancer.

\*Please keep these members in your prayers and drop them a cheerful note:
        Homebound: Glenna Van Atta
        Wilton Retirement Center: Jean King
        Cedar Manor, Tipton: Earl Denkman

\*Prayers for those impacted by recent hurricanes and wildfires.
\*Prayers for the people of Israel and Palestine and the violence in the Middle East.
\*Prayers for the people of Ukraine.

\*Prayers for the people of Southern California who have been devastated by wildfires.

\*Prayers for all the places in the world where people are struggling and afraid.

\*Prayers for the cease-fire and peace talks between Israel and Hamas and the release of

 hostages.

\*Prayers for immigrants in this area and this country, that they will know they are made in God’s

 image, and that there are people reaching out with compassion.

\*Prayers for all the organizations doing good work who receive federal funding and are uncertain

 what funding will be cut.

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**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS
Week of February 16th, 2025**

Please keep an eye out in Fellowship Hall for the name tag rack and put yours on when you arrive. If you don't see a name tag with your name, please leave a note for Chris and put it in the box by her door. We want to help Pastor Jill learn everyone's names!

 **CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PASTOR JILL****rjmack203@gmail.com** **Pastor's phone - 563-419-1016**

**The Adult Sunday school class will be studying current event topics from the Wired Word until Lent. They will then begin a Lenten study entitled “Give Up Something Bad for Lent” by James Moore. All are invited to join Sunday mornings at 9 am!**

**March is our church's turn to provide volunteers at the Clothes Closet. We still need volunteers for Saturday, March 15th. 9:00 - 12:00. If you can help, please talk to Irene Petersen. 732-4199.**

**If you did not receive a giving statement for 2024 and you still need one, please contact the church office or Terri Denkman.**

**During February and March, the Mission team will again be collecting garden seeds for Redbird Missions and the Jackson Area Ministries.  There is a box in the entry to place your donations. Thank you in advance for helping with this important ministry and helping our brothers and sisters in need.**

**The ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be held on Wednesday, March 5th at 7 pm.**

**United Methodist Men will have their next breakfast March 9th, at 7:45 AM. All men are welcome.**

**Ecumenical Lenten luncheons will begin March 11th at 12:10 pm.**

 **The schedule is as follows:**

 **HOST PREACHER**

**March 11th: Grace United Church of Christ**

**March 18th: First Presbyterian                Mother Haugen**

**March 25th: St. Mary's Catholic                Pastor Axtell**

**April 1st: United Methodist of Wilton      Pastor Slessor**

**April 8th: Peace United Methodist (hosted at bank)         Pastor Mack**

**April 15th: St. Paul's Episcopal              Pastor Jennings**

**LITURGISTS: There is a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall for those who would be willing to be liturgists. Please include your phone number and email and Pastor Jill will send you the scriptures ahead of time. Thank you!**

**Our church secretary, Chris Putnam, coordinates the church calendar.  If you have items for the calendar, please email them to Chris at****umcwiltn@netwtc.net**

**REMINDER that it’s the time of year when weather can affect our worship service and church functions.  Please watch the forecast and make your best judgement before heading out.  If church is scheduled and you do not want to go out, please join us online at**[**www.facebook.com/umcofwilton**](http://www.facebook.com/umcofwilton)**.**

**NOTE: The church is using the One Call Now phone message service again. Please contact Lance Kephart to check or update your contact information or report any issues with receiving the call or message. He will need your names, phone numbers, and email addresses. You can email your information to him at** **lance\_kephart@hotmail.com****.**

**ONGOING EVENTS**

**Sewing Group - Meet at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings.
Praise Band - The Praise Band rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Choir – Practices will begin March 9th following worship at 11:30 am.
Family Fun Night - Every FIRST AND THIRD Wednesday evening at 5:30pm. The next one will be Wednesday, March 5th.
Knitting Group- The 3rd Monday of each month 10am-Noon at the church.**