**Weekly Digital Newsletter**

**Greetings Church Family!**

**March 30th, 2025,** *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN** “To God be the Glory” UMH #98

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS JOYS AND CONCERNS**

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

**HYMN OF REFLECTION** “Cry of My Heart” TFWS #2165

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 15:1-2, 11b-32

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** “Grace Greater than Our Sin” UMH #365 vs. 1,2,4

**MESSAGE**  “Annoying Grace”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR LENT**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN** “Amazing Grace” UMH #378 VS. 1,2,4,6

**POSTLUDE**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS  
March 30th, 2025**

**Current Prayers**

**\*Joy for the birth of a healthy baby girl to Josh Hein and his fiancé.**

**\*Prayers for the family of Nancy Taylor McKean.**

**\*Prayers for Pastor Jill and Randy’s son, Shannon, who is in the hospital.**

**\*Prayers for Amy Maxwell as she recovers from knee surgery.**

**\*Prayers for Bart Paulsen as he deals with health issues.**

**\*Prayers for Shirley Brisker as she deals with health issues.**

**\*Prayers for Bill Carter as he recovers from surgery and deals with complications.**

**\*Prayers for Bruce Walker who is now at Lutheran Living in Muscatine.**

**\*Prayers for Kenny Koehler who is battling cancer.**

**\*Prayers for Lynn Latimer who had a fall and broke her right shoulder in three places.**

**\*Prayers for Chad Morgan, who has now entered hospice.**

**\*Prayers for Connie Zeleny as she deals with health issues.**

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

**\*Prayers for Ron Soenksen, 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’ brother, Ben, who continues his cancer treatments.  
\*Prayers for Pastor Jill’s uncle, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.   
\*Prayers for Adelyn Liebmann, as she awaits surgery.**

**\*Prayers for Judy Swanson, who had a stroke and is in rehab.**

**\*District Superintendent Brian Oliver has put together a District Church Prayer list. Listed each week are congregations and pastors to lift up in prayer. Please pray this week for: Muscatine, Spangler Chapel UMC - Muscatine, High Prairie, and Pastor Gerry Kahler**

**Continuing Prayers**

**\* 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  
        Cedar Manor, Tipton: Earl Denkman**

**Leland Smith Assisted Living: Rita Sloan**

**\*Prayers for those impacted by recent hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, and storms.   
\*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 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 that receive federal funding and are uncertain what funding will be cut, and all those who have suddenly lost their jobs.**

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**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Week of March 30th, 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**](mailto:rjmack203@gmail.com) **Pastor's phone - 563-419-1016**

**This Sunday Evening: Be sure to join us for an evening of fellowship and fun!  Starting at 5 PM, we are having a chili cookoff, followed by Bingo. Throw together your favorite chili and come join us – or just come to eat and enjoy the fun!  
  
Easter Candy is needed! If you could donate a bag or two of wrapped Easter candy to fill plastic Easter eggs for the Sunday school children, it would be appreciated!**

**Please bring candy to church to give to Terri Denkman.**

**Mailboxes: Have been relocated to the former fabric room.**

**United Women of Faith will meet this Thursday, April 3rd at 1:30 pm.**

**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 Mission committee has chosen as the special mission emphasis for Lent to support relief and recovery efforts through UMCOR for the victims of California wildfires. They have decided to match congregational giving up to $1000. Please give generously!**

**The next mission committee meeting will be on Tuesday, April 8th at 5:30.**

**Ecumenical Lenten luncheons are held at 12:10 pm. The schedule is as follows:**

**HOST PREACHER**

**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**

**The Habitat for Humanity Soup Luncheon will be held Sunday April 6th at Wesley United Methodist Church in Muscatine. We need ham bones for our contribution of ham and bean soup. Please leave the ham bones in the freezer at church.**

**Easter lilies have been ordered, but you still may purchase your own and bring it in. Just be sure you put a note on it telling us who it’s from and who it is in memory or honor of. Also share that information with the office so that it will be included in the flyer.**

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, April 17th 7 pm: Maundy Thursday Service**

**Friday, April 18th 7 pm: Good Friday Service**

**Sunday, April 20th Easter Sunday**

**7 am: Sunrise Service**

**UMM breakfast following service**

**9 am: Sunday School**

**10:15 am: Easter Sunday worship**

**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!**

**April Calendar are available online and at the church. 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**](mailto:umcwiltn@netwtc.net)

**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**](mailto: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 this Wednesday, April 2nd.  
Knitting Group- The 3rd Monday of each month 10am-Noon at the church.**