

Sunday, March 15, 2026

9:00 a.m.

As you feel called, offering plates can be found at the back of the sanctuary.

***Please rise in body or spirit as you are able**

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Aimee Hare

INVOCATION Ed Gresser

PRELUDE Stacey Miller and Priscilla Gresser
"He Looked Beyond My Fault and Saw My Need"
Londonderry Air Arr. Wyrzten & Hustad

*"Amazing grace, shall always be my song of praise
For it was grace that brought me liberty
I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary
To view the cross, where Jesus died for me
How marvelous, his grace that caught my falling soul
He looked beyond my fault and saw my need."*

*CALL TO WORSHIP Ed Gresser
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" verse 4 #57

*OPENING HYMN *"The Church's One Foundation"* #545

PRAYER Ed Gresser
Christ, you continue to teach us just how shallow we use some words. We confess we often say things without truly reflecting on them, without always meaning them. You taught us a friend is one we would lay down our life for. Jesus, you did just that. As we work to love our neighbors, as we work to have friends, may we remember what it means to call one another friend. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE John 15:1-17 Ed Gresser
(Pew Bible, New Testament, page #109)

WORSHIP TIME *"Great Are You Lord"* Praise Team

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS Pastor Aimee Hare

SILENT MEDITATION/PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER
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.

OFFERTORY Praise Team
"What a Beautiful Name"

*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #95)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF BLESSING Pastor Aimee Hare

HYMN #480
"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

CHOIR *"You Are God"* Adult Choir
Kristie Bradenton

SECOND SCRIPTURE Pastor Aimee Hare
John 18:28-40
(Pew Bibles, New Testament page #112)

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Pastor Aimee Hare
"How many friends do you have?"

*CLOSING HYMN #171
"There's Something About That Name"

*BENEDICTION Pastor Aimee Hare

*POSTLUDE Priscilla Gresser
"Down at the Cross" Hoffman and Stockron

Announcements

Young at Hearts activity bulletins are available at the back of the sanctuary.



Brunch, Sunday, March 29

Register at the round hallway table.
Don't forget to order **Easter flowers**-forms at hallway table

CHURCH SIGN CAMPAIGN
Our current funds are at \$6,210.

HOLY WEEK
SCHEDULE

PASTOR JAMES
Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7 PM
Church of the Cross

Good Friday, April 3, 7 PM
Smithville UMC

PASTOR AIMEE
Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7 PM
Moreland UMC

Good Friday, April 3, 7 PM
Oak Chapel Cantata

Easter Services
Sunday, April 5

Pastor James
Apple Creek & Moreland

Pastor Aimee
COTC & Smithville



~Please pray for... [health concerns]

Ukrainians, Jackie Becker, Jenny Wagers, Paul Finley, Barb Tennent, Cathy Rhymer, Lynn Turnbow, Sandy Chapman, Diana Yoder, Martha Scaggs, Gail Bersch, Joyce Surrell, Mary Christopher, Ronald Cogar, Dean Laird & others in our Church Family

~Please pray for our Shut-ins...

Elda Imhoff

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK ...

SUNDAY, March 15

9:00 a.m. Worship Service [*In-Person & Facebook Online*]
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
4:00 p.m. Lenten service at New Pittsburg
4:00 p.m. Hygiene Closet

MONDAY, March 16

5:30 p.m. Praise Team
6:00 p.m. Choir
6:30 p.m. Basketball

TUESDAY, March 17

7:00 p.m. 4H

WEDNESDAY, March 18

8:00 p.m. Basketball

THURSDAY, March 19

8:30 a.m. Prayer Group [*parlor*]
Noon Young at Hearts
6:30 p.m. Basketball

FRIDAY, March 20

Scout set-up

SATURDAY, March 21

9:00a.m. Pinewood Derby
6:00 p.m. Scout Banquet

SUNDAY, March 22

9:00 a.m. Worship Service [*In-Person & Facebook Online*]
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
4:00 p.m. Lenten service at Oak Chapel



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Carol Thompson**

ORGANIST/ PIANIST: Priscilla Gresser

FLAUTIST: Stacey Miller

LITURGIST: Ed Gresser

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Beth Robb or Marty Byall**

GREETERS: Dave and Peggy Kearnes

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Smithville

United Methodist Church



*There is a friend who sticks
closer than a brother.*

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We're glad you joined us today!

"To Love Christ, To Serve Christ, To Share Christ,

No Matter What It Takes"