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## FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL 2026



### Feb. 2026:

3- Vicky Hildreth  
Dorothy Sherard  
9- (ANNIV) Ron & Terry Vore  
18- Wendy Wall

### March 2026:

7- Karen Merklin  
12- Donna Newland  
30- Shari Kendall

### April 2026:

2- Duane Wall  
7- Nancy Evagelatos  
9- (ANNIV) Duane & LuAnn Wall  
12- Virginia Erdmann  
Tammy Jo Brue  
17- Gary Cloyd  
23- (ANNIV) Paul & Connie Fournier  
25- Lois Hansen  
29- (ANNIV) Jeff & Vicky Hildreth

### May 2026:

7- Russ Howe  
Gregg Scott  
9- (ANNIV) David & Carolyn Winter  
11- Chuck Burger  
13- Jeff Hazen  
18- Linda Talkington  
21- Ellen Jaeckel  
29- Shari McWilliams

Mother's Day  
May 10th





# Seeds of Faith

Faith United Methodist Church Feb-Mar-April 2026

**The Vision of Faith United Methodist Church** is to empower all people to seek the fullness and assurance of God's Love.

**The Mission of Faith United Methodist Church** is to invite everyone into a loving community, explore the Good News of God's Love, and serve God and our neighbor throughout the world.

**FEAR NOT**  
For I am  
with you  
**ALWAYS...**

In times of unrest, it is easy to see the harm that is happening to all the things we hold dear. Jesus said to his disciples, **"Fear not, for I am with you always even unto the ends of the earth."** Ash Wednesday, the days of Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are about Jesus, his life teachings, the corrupt government, and his death and resurrection. Let us not forget that the horrors of governmental decisions have been a factor for centuries. So what are the things we hold dear? The right to free speech, the right to assemble, the pursuit of happiness for all, just to name a few. These things aren't material goods per se; they are not tangible in our hands but yet, they are more than important...more like essential, almost like an identity. But what if these intangible assets are taken away? What do we have then?

In John, Jesus tells his disciples there will come a day that they will be persecuted because they do not belong to the world and the world's comforts and idle promises will not be given to them anymore because of their allegiance to Him and God the father. But in John 16:33 Jesus tells them, **"I have said this to you so that in ME, you may have peace. In this world, you will have trials and tribulations, but take courage, for I have overcome the world!"**

Somewhere I read a statement that said, **"The horrors persist, but then again, so do I."**

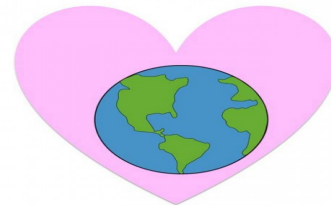
Our identity is in Jesus the Christ. The Easter story is many things. It is about overcoming death. Overcoming fear and oppression. Overcoming injustices. Overcoming sin. We have been made more than conquerors. We have been made eternal through Jesus. When all that we hold dear has been stripped away, we find we have more than we need. **We have Jesus.**

Through Him by the Spirit,  
Pastor Virgie

John 16:33

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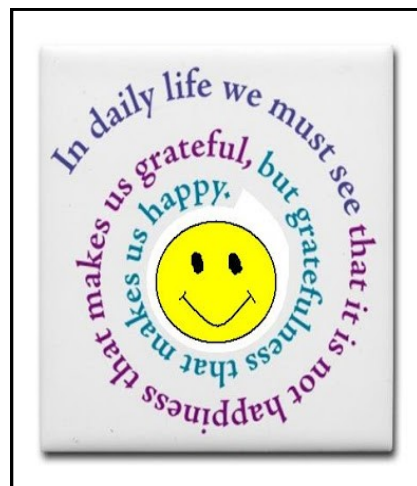
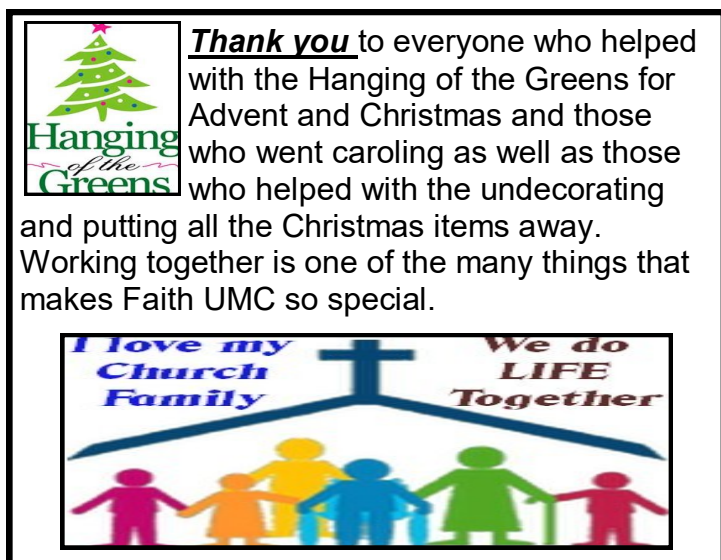
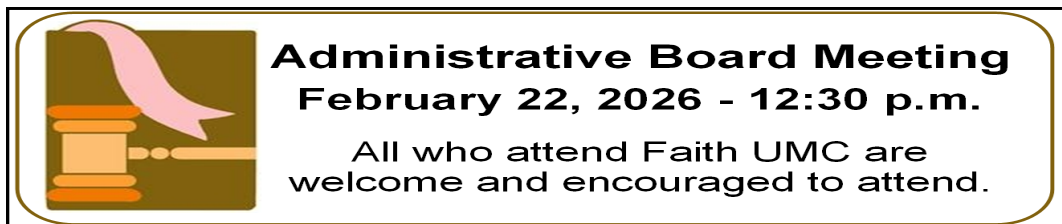
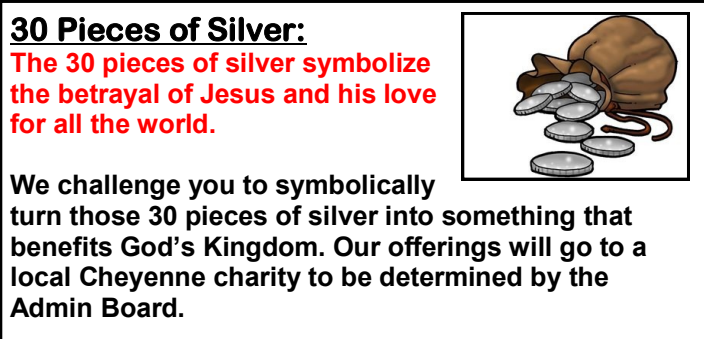
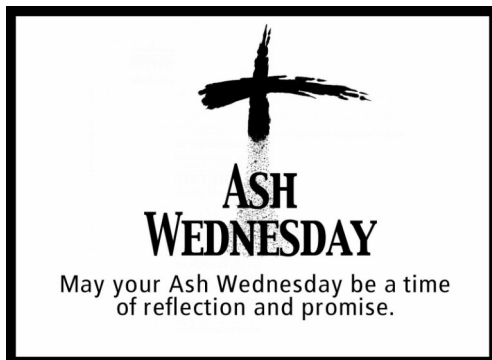
## Guatemala Mission Team Spring 2026 Updates

The Mission Team will be hosting a souper bowl Sunday on **Sunday, Feb 8, 2026** following second service at First United Methodist Church. Stop over following service to enjoy a yummy assortment of soup(s) before the big game.

The date for **"Pancakes for Pautalup"** is yet to be determined. It is a pancake breakfast featuring homemade sourdough pancakes served with sausage and an assortment of homemade syrups.

The team will also be making and selling an assortment of breakfast burritos. Sales will be by pre-order. Order blanks will be provided as soon as the dates are determined.

Dates are being discussed for the trip to Guatemala this summer. It will be sometime in the middle of July, after the 4th and before CFD. Once the dates have been determined, participants will need to make a \$400 deposit. The final cost is dependent upon airline fare. The trip costs approximately \$1,700 to \$2,000 per person, out-of-pocket. A current passport is required.





## POPE FRANCIS' WORDS

Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

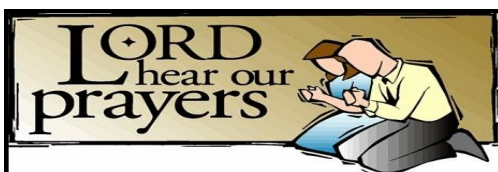


I want to share a little snippet of the devotion that was shared at our meeting- think of all the "P" words that

help you grow your faith- we came up with quite a few- Prayer, Praise, Peace, People, Problems, and Pastors stand out. We learned that we need people and pastors to learn, praise, and worship with.

Our congregation is **POWERFUL** and **MIGHTY**. We are filled with **POSSIBILITIES!**

**God Bless!**

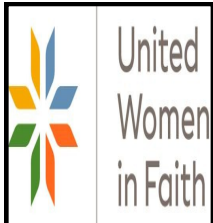


United Women in Faith is committed in sharing our Faith with the world. We encourage all women of the church to join us as work toward the mission set before us to share Christ with the World. Our next meetings are on February 25th, March 25th, and April 22nd at **6:30 pm** in the Upper Fellowship hall. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

**Come join us!**

Do not ask God  
to guide Your  
footsteps...  
If You're not willing  
to move Your feet.

[LoveOfLifeQuotes.com](http://LoveOfLifeQuotes.com)



During the months of March and April, we will be accepting donated items for a Garage Sale on **Saturday, May 2, 2026**. The garage sale will be from **9 am to 4 pm**. We would like to have the items at the church by **April 25th**.

If you want to price the items, then bring them marked. Otherwise they will be **"make us an offer"** items. The money we raise will be used for several of our mission projects throughout the year. At our last sale, we were able to raise \$500. So, this is your chance to start clearing out those items you no longer need or use!



THANK YOU EVERYONE  
WHO REACHED OUT  
AND WISHED ME A  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!


# Thanks



**Thank you** to all of you who sent me cards for my **90th** birthday. It was a surprise to receive so many cards and good wishes from all of you! You made my birthday very special.

**God Bless You All!**  
Bonnie Merklin





## UMCOR

United Methodist Committee on Relief

**Special Offering Sunday - March 15th, 2026**

The UMCOR Sunday offering underwrites UMCOR's administrative costs. This offering allows UMCOR go use 100% of all funds given to humanitarian response and recovery efforts directly to communities in need. These gifts ensure UMCOR can respond swiftly to disasters around the world and as a source of hope and healing for those left most vulnerable.

This special collection will support UMCOR, our organization which arrives quickly to represent the hands and feet of Jesus.

Support for UMCOR is intended to be a donation in addition to your usual tithing. Please prayerfully consider your loving support of UMCOR.







The United Women in Faith want to again say **thank you** for all of the donations for our Giving Tree during the Christmas season. We were able to give 5 containers of supplies to **Family Promise**. Lois, Wendy and Melanie delivered them to Audrey and she was so very thankful for the show of love for her families!



**Thank you** for your generous donations to our “**Giving Tree**” for **Family Promise**.

Audrey Apodaca, Executive Director, was thrilled to receive the carload of supplies delivered by Lois Hansen, Melanie Burger, and Wendy Wall. The following items were collected from the start of Advent through Epiphany.

Hygiene Items: Bar Soap (23); Bath Sponge (2); Body Wash (14); Dental Floss (16); Dental Packs (travel) (4); Dental Picks (travel) (3 packs); Deodorant (15); Facial Cleaner/Mask (6); Fingernail Clipper (100); Hand Cream (4); Lotion (2); Nail File (6); Razor (184); Shampoo (travel) (3); Shampoo/Conditioner (1 set); Toenail Clipper (3); Toothbrush (361); Toothpaste (29); Toothpaste (travel) (5); Toothpaste/brush Kid Kit (3); Tweezer (120); Vicks VapoRub (1); Wipes (6 packages)

Household Items: Air Fresheners (4); Antibacterial Wipes (3 canisters); Antibacterial Wipes (travel) (20); Blanket (2); Cleaning Erasers (6 boxes); Crayons (2 boxes); Degreaser (4 bottles); Dish Soap (11); Disinfecting Spray (1 bottle); Dry Cleaning Sheets (1 box); Dryer Sheets (1 box); Fitted Sheet (1); Gloves (1 pair); Ibuprofen (1 bottle); Laundry Pods (278); Microfiber Cloth (10); Paper Towels (8 rolls); Planners (2); Sheet Set (1); Sponges (22); Sweeping Refills (1 box); Tissues (7 boxes); Tissues (travel) (1); Toilet Cleaner (5 discs); Toilet Paper (40 rolls); Wool Dryer Balls (3 ball set)

**Cash Donations: \$500.00**



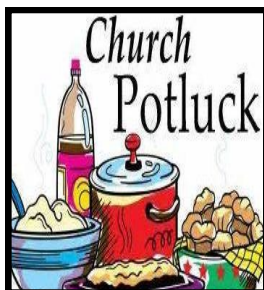


## 2025 Church Conference

Our 2025 Church Conference, the annual business meeting of the church, was held in two parts. A brief Zoom meeting with Rev. Mark Calhoun, Wyoming District Superintendent, was held on December 2, 2025.

On January 11, 2026, we then gathered for our All-Church Celebration. This time together allowed us to reflect on all that God did at Faith during 2025 and to look ahead with hope to 2026.

If you were unable to attend the Church Conference, you may request a copy of the report from **Wendy Wall** or review the documents in the Administrative Board notebook located on the library shelves. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions or need clarification.



**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped get it organized and set up and to everyone who brought food and snacks and to everyone who came and enjoyed the good food and fellowship.

We continue the well-known tradition as Methodists:  
**We do food well!**

### Prayer Basket:

The Worship Team has provided prayer cards and a basket on the table in

the back of the sanctuary for times when you have a concern that you prefer not to share verbally during the church service. These cards will be given to Pastor Virgie to pray over. Please note on the card if you'd like your concern shared in church or on the prayer line. These cards can also be used for joys and announcements.



### Worship Assistance:

We are looking for people who would like to assist by being an usher, greeter, candle lighter, or bell ringer on Sundays.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary for those who are interested in helping.



2026 Administrative Board Meetings

February 22

May 31

August 30

November 15

2026 Congregational Meetings

May 3

October 11

"IN *Happy* MOMENTS, PRAISE GOD.  
IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS,  
*SEEK* *God.*  
IN QUIET MOMENTS,  
*Trust* GOD.  
IN EVERY MOMENT,  
*THANK* *God.*"

## Special Thank You

We are blessed to have three talented pianists- **Connie Fournier**, **Tawn Howe**, and **Karen Merklin**- who faithfully share their gifts in worship. Through their unique styles, dedication, and care, they enrich our services and deepen our experience of worship each week. We are grateful for the joy and excellence they bring to our church family. Each of our pianists was recognized and thanked with a pair of piano socks that read, *"Of course I'm awesome- I play the piano."*



## 2025 Quiet Disciple

Pastor Virginia Erdmann recognized **Chuck Nye** as our 2025 Quiet Disciple. Chuck was thanked for his faithful dedication to the many special projects he oversaw throughout the year. He devoted countless extra hours to the boiler and water heater project and quietly took care of numerous maintenance needs, often offering creative and thoughtful solutions along the way.

Thank you, Chuck, for your dedication to Faith UMC.





As we welcome Jesus on this Palm Sunday,  
may His presence in our lives bring us hope,  
strength, & courage to face life's challenges.

**Wishing You a Blessed**  
*Palm Sunday!*

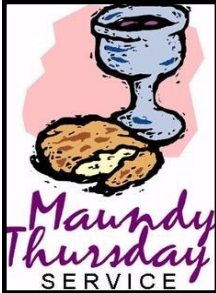


*Palm Sunday*  
it's the day we  
remember Jesus'  
triumphant entry  
into Jerusalem  
exactly one week  
before his  
resurrection.

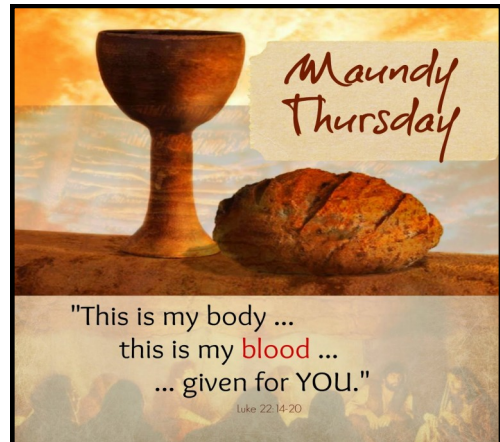
**Palm Sunday March 29th, 2026**  
Join us for this special service!



**JOIN US: Thursday, April 2nd at 6 pm**



The Last Supper was a Pass-over Seder meal that Jesus Christ and his disciples ate to celebrate this event. Jesus taught his disciples that the wine and the bread at the meal signified that he would become the sacrificial lamb by which sins are forgiven and reconciliation with God can occur.

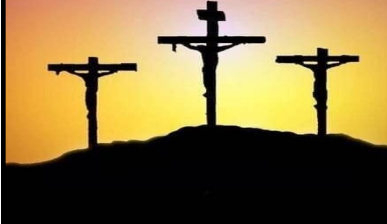


## Maundy Thursday

This service is a meaningful and sobering prelude to the Easter weekend. It simply means we will focus on the Lord's Supper and what happened the night before Jesus was crucified. It is indeed a somber time but we need to be reminded regularly of what it cost God to save us.



GOOD FRIDAY MARKS THE  
SLAYING OF OUR JESUS  
THE UNBLEMISHED LAMB,  
THE PERFECT SACRIFICE.  
HE TOOK OUR GUILT AND  
BLAME UPON HIMSELF  
SO WE COULD BE WITH HIM  
IN PARADISE.



Good Friday Service,  
April 3rd at Faith Church  
Service will be at 6 pm

Please Join Us!



BLESSINGS TO ALL ON THIS  
GOOD FRIDAY

WE ARE SAVED NOT BY  
WHAT WE DO  
BUT BY WHAT CHRIST  
HAS DONE  
IT IS FINISHED

Celebrate the  
resurrection of  
our Lord!

*Happy*  
EASTER



**Easter Sunday, April 5th**

Easter service 10:30 am

We will have a **BRUNCH** on Sunday April 5th, Easter morning at 9 am in the **Lower Fellowship Hall**. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers. We always have delicious food and great fellowship. Then join us for our special Easter service at 10:30 am.

We will have a sheet in the back of the sanctuary to indicate if you are coming and how many people in your party (an estimate is great) so we have an idea how much food to prepare. **JOIN US FOR A GREAT BREAKFAST!!!**

