First Plant & Prairie Care Day of 2024 Saturday, April 20th from 9am until noon

Plant and Prairie Care Day Spring tasks:

Take off protective tree wraps Clean up winter garden debris Weed gardens Trim bushes Replant perennials if needed Spread fertilizer

Come when you can and stay as long as it works for your schedule.

No experience required. Just bring work gloves.





April 28th Celebration of Earth Day in Worship

Stay afterwards and walk the prairie! The Land Stewardship Team will be happy to guide walks and show people around if you haven't been out there yet or want to see what's new!

April 28th at 4pm:

Community Gathering for Peace

We are partnering with St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and Celebration Lutheran Church to have a Pray for Peace Walk at the lake near Sartell Community Center on Sunday afternoon.

Look for more details in the weekly church emails as it gets closer.



April 7, 2024

John 21: 1-19

Gathering Music
Call to Worship
Opening Music
Welcome
Story for All Ages
Music
Prayer
Scripture Reading

Message

Here's my heart

Special Music
Sacrament of Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Songs During Communion
Prayer
Music
Blessing

Postlude

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Welcome



We are glad you are here!

OUR STATEMENT OF INCLUSION:

As people who follow Jesus by putting love first, we celebrate the diversity of God's creation. We honor and affirm the sacred worth of persons of every age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental capacity, education, economic means, marital status, and faith story.

OUR MISSION:

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The further mission of First United Methodist Church is to create and build inclusive Christian community through INVITING, FORMING and SENDING faithful, active disciples of Jesus Christ.

Each Sunday there is a fellowship time with coffee, lemonade and treats after worship.

Turn left as you leave the sanctuary!

New with us?

We hope the following information will be helpful to you!

Accessibility: Portable amplification/listening devices are available in the lefthand (southeast) back corner of the Sanctuary at the Sound Booth. The entire building is on one level, and all areas are accessible. If you have accessibility needs, we want to make sure you feel welcome and safe! Please contact fumc@fumcscr.org and one of our staff members will work with you.

Single-stall Restrooms: Are available through the double doors at the end of the hall on either side of the hallway in the Education Wing.

Offering: During this time we encourage everyone, member and guest, to return their Connect Card with as much contact information and prayer requests filled in as you are comfortable with providing. Members may also take this time to give of their tithes and offerings if they haven't taken advantage of online options.

Communion: In the United Methodist Church, Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday each month at an open table. This means that everyone who wants to come and receive communion is welcome to do so. You do not have to be a member of the church or a United Methodist. All are welcome to receive God's grace through the bread and juice. If you are unable to come forward to receive the elements, please inform an usher. Home visitation Communion is available.

Learn more at www.lovefirstumc.org

Children & Youth

Ages 6 weeks - 5 years: Nursery is available Sunday mornings until 11:30am

Grades Kindergarten - Grade 2: Sunday School after worship until 11:30am

Grade 3 -Grade 6: Quest after worship until 11:30am

Grade 6 - Grade 8: Middle School Youth Group on Wednesdays from 6-7pm

Grade 9 - Grade 12: High School Youth Group on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm

Get Involved:

Please feel welcome to join in any opportunity you see that feels comfortable to you!





OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

Want to Put LOVE FIRST into Welcome? Would you like to usher or greet on Sundays?

Connect with Jan Fruth: fruity191@q.com or 320 - 380 - 3372

Liturgical Arts Group Looking for Volunteers

We would LOVE to have a few people to help with seasonal decorations in the sanctuary. We work hard, laugh a lot and have fun.

We are also looking for someone who can help doing a small calligraphy project.

if you are interested and have more questions just email Jill at: jillhaak@gmail.com

The worldwide UMC is meeting for the first time since 2019!

Come hear about the upcoming General Conference of the United Methodist Church. An information session and discussion will be held after worship TODAY by Jennifer Galovich.

Come to the Library and hear about what legislation we're hoping to see passed, what it will mean for the worldwide church, and what effects it may have on us locally.

Cultivating Companions SMALL GROUPS FORMING NOW

Are you undergoing a big change or time of transition? Would you like to connect with a small group of individuals who are also leaning in to their faith in the face of change. Reach out to Pastor Susie with your interest in joining a small group.

Big Questions, No Answers 2nd Monday at 10am in church library

This group is coming together to wonder out loud about questions of life and faith with each other. *Let's talk about judgement!*

Young at Heart (YAH)

Will not meet in April. Watch for a May Event! 2nd Friday of the month at 10am in fellowship hall

The group is created for people age 55+, but anyone is welcome. They share jokes and are focused on education and often have community organizations come share what they are doing so we can partner.