

**Blessing Bag Mission**

We need your help! We often come in contact with people who because of unforeseen circumstances are in need of some immediate assistance to help them until a more permanent solution can be found. To better serve them we would like to have something prepared to assist them. Therefore as one of our first mission projects this year, our youth along with some visiting Wesley college students will be packing Blessing bags on Sunday, March 5th. This is where we need help. We need some basic items that they can put together in a backpack. These items include basic hygiene items, non-perishable food items and some seasonal items like socks, sunscreen, or blankets. We have started an Amazon list with items to fill our backpack pantry. It's similar to a baby or bridal registry where you choose an item to purchase from the list and those items will then be shipped here to the church. There is also an option for an Amazon gift card that you can donate any amount to and that will be used towards items on the list.

The link and list are in the daily email. Thank you for your help in being the hands and feet of Jesus here in our community.  
*Traci Bowlin, Serve Committee Chair*



**Worship, Nurture & Serve in Love  
 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
 February 12, 2023**

**ENTRANCE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Amanda Crice & Dave Politte**

**ACOLYTES**

**Max Haley & Liam Sallee**

**PRELUDE**

**Roger Johnson**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leslie Ary**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Andy Lewter**

**OPENING HYMN**

*The Church's One Foundation*

**546**

**APOSTLES CREED**

**Andrew Lewter**

**PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**Pastor Amanda**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Andy Lewter**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

**ACT OF PRAISE**

*God is Calling Us*

**Choir**

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 5:21-37**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Amanda**

**PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS**

**MUSIC OFFERING**

*Love, The Lord Your God*

**2168**

**OFFERING**

*Offering steward: Nick Dunagan*

**DOXOLOGY**

**Sunday, March 19, 2023**

*Coffee & Donuts @ 8:30 in the Narthex  
 Holy Land Presentation @ 9:00 in the Sanctuary*

**This is a church-wide Sunday school event  
 All children & youth will be encouraged to attend**

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

*Ash*

WEDNESDAY  
 WORSHIP

12:00 noon in the sanctuary  
 or  
 6:00 pm in the sanctuary

*martin first united methodist church*

**Shrove Tuesday  
 Pancake Supper**

Tuesday, February 21st  
 5:00PM-6:30PM

Fellowship Hall

MARTIN FIRST

ALL DONATIONS GO TO THE YOUTH TRIP FUND

*Colton Dixon*

BUILD A BOAT TOUR  
 2023

FEATURING  
**JORDAN ST. GYR**

W/ SPECIAL GUESTS  
**APOLLO LTD**

Presented by  
 Compassion

**CHURCHWIDE  
 FREE CONCERT  
 COLTON DIXON  
 @ BETHEL U**

MARCH 26, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.  
 CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE  
 TO SIGN UP AND RESERVE  
 YOUR SPOT! SPACES  
 LIMITED!

## THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

### COMMUNION

**COMMUNION SERVERS**                    **Dave Politte, David Ary, Leslie Ary, Will Ary,  
Andy Lewter, Megan Lewter, Andrew Lewter, Mitchell Lewter**

### SENDING FORTH

**HYMN**    *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*    **430**

### BLESSING

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER CONCERNS:** *We ask for your prayers and continued prayers for these we know of. There are several more who have asked us to keep their situations private. If God places someone's name on your heart, please consider sending a note their way or giving them a call.*

**Ongoing Concerns:** Confirmation Class and mentors. Dave Covington. Al Childrey. Donna Flynt. Lon May. Wally Crider. Pat Page. Vicki Smith. Paula Moore. Lindy Johnson's mother, Sherry. Phyllis Pritchett. Allison Stockton. Michael Johnson. Diane Broughton. Donna Webb. Gail Smith. Peggy, Terry & Will King. Bishop Bill McAlilly. Linda Hall. Marilucile Counce. Marion Pitts. Janice Noble. Angie Damron. Vernon & Aloha Prather. Mary Nethery. Harry Henderson. Keath Turner. Sarah Byars. Angie Farmer. Dotsie Clifton. Kristin Havener's foster son, Kaden. Jim & Gina Johnson. Karen Johnson. Bob Carroll. Gail Beard Yates. Chris Smith. Janiece Peeler. Virginia Clendenin. Cooper Johnson & family. Frances Brewer. Chris Bowman. Charline Freeman. Alan Moody. Billie Sue Walker. Bob Smith. Kathy Prewett. District Superintendents David Weatherly & Nancy Varden. We Care Ministries. UTM Wesley. Dresden First United Methodist.

**Prayers for Friends and Relatives:** The people of Syria and Turkey who have died in the earthquake and those who survived it. Jen Galey's mother, Janet Flynn. Pastor Amanda's father, Ron Birkner. Kari Beth Woods' father, Jay Woods. Dave Politte's brother, Alan. Caroline Ideus' father, Marlan Ideus. Amanda Jackson's friend, James Lensbouer. Kayci Borden' father, Gary Henline. Michael Johnson's aunt, Jennifer Johnson. Susan Kilgas' friend, David Sheridan. Megan Kilgas-Crawford's mother-in-law, Robin Crawford. Janice Noble's sister, Peggy. Dee Cannon's friend, Ann Stuart. Roger Johnson's mother. Staci Mancusi's brother, Phil Peiffer, and grandmother, Doris Davidson. Carla Field's friend, Clara Hays. Crawford & Nancy Gallimore. Steve McConnell's girlfriend, Faye. Amy Todd Brown. Renee LaFleur and Ricky Garlitz. Kristy Shumake's mother, Brenda Dublin. Rosemary Coleman's daughter-in-law's mother, Joyce Ashe. David Murphy. Peggy King's son-in-law, George Frels and friend, Leslie Justice. Jenise Butler's Cousin, April.

**Mississippi River District Meeting United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith** Saturday, February 25, 9:30-noon in the Fellowship Hall All ladies are invited to come to hear Virginia Mohundro speak as part of this meeting. It would be helpful if you would sign in by Wednesday, February 22, in the church office if you plan to attend. Our circle members will be hostesses for this meeting.

### Staff Opening

Our SPRC and Church Board would like to announce that we are hiring for the position of **Director of Discipleship and Spiritual Formation**. This position is a fulltime position that works alongside the pastor, church leadership, and church staff in programatic and administrative capacities to shepherd the discipleship and spiritual formation of the intergenerational church community. This person is a coordinator, motivator, servant leader and vision caster for existing ministry with an eye toward the ways God is calling us to grow and deepen our ministry with one another and in the community. To request a full job description, contact the office. To apply, please submit your resume and a cover letter to Pastor Amanda (pastor@martinfumc.org). The deadline to apply is February 17<sup>th</sup> by noon.

### What Happens at Emmaus?

The "Walk to Emmaus" is a 72-hour experience to discover how grace is real in your life, and how you can life in that grace and bring it to others. The next men's walk is March 2-5 and the women's March 16-19. If you'd like more information, contact the church office or Chrissy Hamilton.

### United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith Prayer Calendar

**Mission Focus—USA** Lydia Patterson Institute, El Paso, Texas—Providing quality education and forming bilingual and bicultural leaders for church and society in Juarez, New Mexico—El Paso border region  
**Mission Focus—International** Cameroon—United Methodist Women Association—Training rural women in poultry faming and providing feed and young chicks for them to open poultry farms in various communities and localities

### Calendar

#### Sunday, February 12 Scout Sunday

1:30 Youth Lunch & Bowling  
4:00 Hands for Him

#### Monday, February 13

2:30 ROOTS

#### Tuesday, February 14

9:30 Laura Wells Circle/Parlor  
Ann Mckenzie Circle/FHall

#### Wednesday, February 15

6:45 United Methodist Men/FHall  
9:30 Bazaar Workshop  
5:30 **What is a Methodist?**/FHall  
6:00 Disciple 1 & 2  
7:30 Choir

#### Mark Your Calendar

Feb. 21 Youth Pancake Supper  
Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday