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CAPITAL CITY METHODIST

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear First Friends,

We are having a good Lent. That seems strange to say, but any opportunity to grow in our love of God and our love of others should be good, don't you think?

Our Mardi Gras bASH was so much fun, and a great success! Ash Wednesday saw just over one hundred people total attend worship at noon or 6:00 pm in the sanctuary, or come for drive-by ashes in the early evening. (There were even two dogs who received the marking of ashes!)

Many folks are finding our Lenten devotional book *Pauses for Lent* by Trevor Hudson meaningful and transformative. Whether you are reading the devotional or not, there is still time to join us for Lenten Reflections and Communion on Wednesdays at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary or to share in Lenten Reflections online on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Contact Leanne for the Zoom link if you would like to join that group.

You all have done a wonderful job of filling up our Easter Baskets of Love. I am so encouraged by the excitement among us as you bring your weekly items, as well as the joy on everyone's faces as the children collect the items every Sunday during worship. Indeed, Lent isn't just about *giving up* something, it's also about *giving* to help others.

As we near the end of the first quarter of 2025, I want to remind you that in January we cancelled one Sunday of worship and experienced very low attendance on another, both due to extreme weather. Because of that, giving to the operating fund in January was very low. We saw improvement in February, but we really need to make up for those lost Sundays so that we don't get further behind and become distracted by financial worries. In the church, we turn money into mission and ministry. Please help as you can, as much as you can.

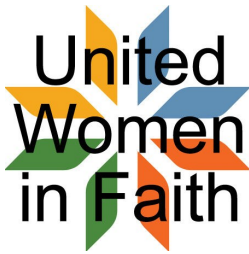
I also want to encourage *everyone* to participate in our monthly Church Council meetings at 1:00 pm on the first Sunday of each month in the Susanna Room. We begin with a time of prayer and reflection, share ministry area reports and business, then engage in a time of focused working conversations around a certain aspect of our current and/or future ministry. *Everyone* is needed and valued at the table. If you want to listen to God, keep up on our ministry as it is happening, and help shape the future of FUMC, please come!

Finally, Holy Week will be here soon. Your FUMC staff has worked prayerfully and intentionally to plan meaningful activities and worship services between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. I urge you to make those activities and worship services a priority in your schedule. These are some of the most important and holy days of the Christian year. I promise you that Easter will be much more meaningful and joyful if you take the time to engage in the church's offerings during Holy Week. Keep your eyes on FUMC communications for the specifics.

May God bless your journey of faith each day. May we be faithful together in following God wherever and however the Holy Spirit is leading First United Methodist Church.



Faithfully yours,
Pastor Tom



Ladies – our United Women in Faith unit will meet on Monday, April 21, at 6:30 pm, in the Wesley Center Susannah Room. We will start at 6:30 pm with refreshments and fellowship, and move to the program at 7:00. This will be an informative and interesting

meeting. A member of First Baptist (around the corner and down the street), Clay Mason, will tell us about their ministry helping those less fortunate. They have a free medical clinic, a clothes closet and they provide help to people struggling with payday loans. Here is something you can bring to the meeting – new, packaged underwear, all sizes and genders. We look forward to welcoming Clay, and learning about their ministry.

Missing!!

A few of the books belonging to the United Women in Faith "First Readers" reading group are missing from the bookcase in the library: *Too Soon Old, Too Soon Smart*; *The Nickel Boys*; and *Faithful Families*. There is a pocket in the back of each book with a card. If persons who borrow one of those books would sign their name and put the card in the black box on the shelf, we would know who has the book. Those books were not included in the "free books" from the library. In any case, whoever has one of those books should return the book(s) to the bookcase just inside the library whenever you have finished with your reading. We are willing to share, but want to keep a record of who has checked out any of the books. Thanks a lot.



Following March's successful Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, United Methodist Men will meet on Monday, April 7, in Asbury Hall.

The meeting will start with a delicious dinner at 6:00 pm. prepared by Karen and Roy Nance, followed by Rev. Richard Smith's program updating GAP.

UMM is open to all Methodist men. Come and sample our mission-minded organization. You are certainly welcome to the food, fun and fellowship!

UMM. We do OUR thing so you can do YOUR thing!

Finance Report - February 28, 2025

February synopsis

General Fund Receipts:	\$51,381.11
General Fund Expenses:	\$66,636.56
Profit/Loss	-\$15,255.45
Mortgage Balance as of 02/28/2025	\$825,730.67

Year to Date Synopsis

General Fund Receipts:	\$82,684.11
General Fund Expenses:	\$137,252.09
Profit/Loss:	-\$54,567.98



Sunday, March 30:

We will not be meeting because so many of our youth are in performances that weekend! Leanne will see you after the show! Break a leg!

Sunday, April 6:

We will enjoy dinner together, finish our Labyrinths and stuff Easter Eggs for the Egg Hunt! See you in the Lighthouse at 5!

Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday):

- 11:00 am: Please meet at the welcome desk in the Wesley Center to hide Easter Eggs and help at the Egg Hunt!
- 5:00 pm in the Lighthouse: Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt and dinner!

FISH

(First In Serving Him)

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday:

We will meet after the Easter Egg Hunt (1-2:30 pm) for Stone Soup lunch and we will be making homemade butter for our Maundy Thursday Dinner. Please gather in the Susanna Room after the Egg Hunt! Friends are welcome to come to the Egg Hunt and FISH!





Growing Impact of our GAP Ministry

March has been a busy month with more individuals seeking assistance from our church. As the weather moderated, more individuals have been able to make the trip to our church for spiritual comfort, a lunch bag full of food, a few essential supplies like flashlights and toilet paper, and the desperately needed Kroger cards.

In the bitter winter weather, our unhoused neighbors were deeply grateful for the supply of warm socks, cozy hats and winter gloves that seemed to arrive regularly just as our supplies were growing low. Thank you to everyone who sent in supplies to ease their misery.

Despite the cold and snow, our GAP friends have a cheerful attitude. They live each day, one day at a time, and we are blessed by their friendship as deeply as they are blessed by our generous church.

We are getting ready to launch some new initiatives, including a laundry ministry thanks to Tonya and Paul Kenner, as well as a literacy initiative dubbed the David Project after Connie Jones' husband. She was moved to honor his servant's heart and is working to set up a room with free books and educational "toys" for children affected by homelessness.

We have been blessed by the faithfulness of the Upper Room Sunday School class. They pack lunch bags each month to offer to our GAP neighbors.

The GAP Ministry was deeply honored to be selected for the Easter Sunday offering for our Lenten Easter Baskets of Love and to speak on Wednesday of Holy Week during our luncheon series.

Current needs:

- \$20 Kroger cards
- OTC Allergy medicines
- Eye glass readers
- Toilet paper
- Shaving cream
- Hair brushes & nail care
- Dog food
- Pocket crosses and inspirational/uplifting books (gently used is fine!)
- Amazon items: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3A9JG9XYMR3YQ?ref=wl_share

FUMC Grounds Workday Saturday, April 12

A general Spring work day to clean up church grounds before Easter will be held on Saturday, April 12, from 10 am until 12 noon. We are hoping for enough volunteers we can accomplish several simple tasks in a 2-hour span. (Bring your own rakes, brooms, work gloves, clippers or we will have extra.)

These tasks include:

- Trim shrubs in front of Youth building and rake the bed
- New mulch spread over existing beds and around shrubs
- General weeding and cleaning up of flower beds
- Weed pulling around Todd House and from under trees in front of Todd House
- Trimming dead spots from boxwoods
- Clean up under outdoor stairway of Todd House and outdoor basement stairs behind Averill House
- Clean/ carry to trash pieces of deteriorating concrete in small bed behind Averill House
- Sweeping and raking around all buildings and edges of brick wall to tidy up.



Would you like to add a little sweetness to FUMC?

We are having an Easter Egg Hunt for our children and youth on Palm Sunday and need candy. If you would like to donate, please bring it to the front desk in the Wesley Center or to the Church office anytime between now and Sunday, April 6. Remember to get the size that fits into a small egg.

We are having an Easter reception for our guests and loved ones who visit FUMC on Easter morning and we need cookies! If you would like to donate, please contact Rosie Doerting or Leanne Hadley (719)-930-3598 or leanne.hadley@fumcfrankfort.org.

Thank you for your loving hearts and all you do to support this church!

Wednesday Lenten Reflections

Wednesdays, March 12-April 9

- **Daytime:** Lenten Reflections and Communion

11:00 am—Rogers Chapel

Led by Tom Corum and Leanne Hadley.

We will reflect on some of the 40 words found in Pauses for Lent and share communion together.

- **Evenings on Line:** Wednesday Evenings Zoom Reflections on Pauses for Lent

7:00 pm

Led by Leanne Hadley

Please reach out to Leanne for the Zoom Link.

Lenten Easter Baskets of Love

Each Sunday our Lenten Easter Baskets of Love overflow with gifts of love!

March 30: Please bring Laundry Pods or colorful dish towels for FRESH START.

April 6: Please bring your loose change for a “Noisy Offering” for Wesley Academy of Music lessons.

April 13 (Palm Sunday): Bring outdoor playthings for the King Center.

April 20 (Easter Sunday): We support GAP by bringing Kroger gift cards!



Simon House & The Evergreen

invite you to attend the

2nd Annual Tea Party

Thursday, April 17th, 2025

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

@ The Evergreen

\$40 Ticket

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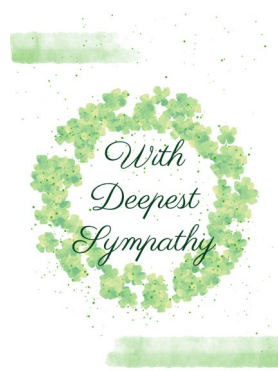


April Birthdays

2 Katie Huckaby	Patrick Jacobs	Sue Coles
3 Melissa Hardison	16 Charles Bradshaw	Becky Gillig
4 Alice Fuller	Stefan Brunson	Donna Heltzel
	James Hale	Travis McCrystal
5 Joan Goins	18 Jim Hall	Iris Winkler
Regina Hellard		
6 John Good	20 Dawson McCoun	25 Ray Baldwin
Scott Stevenson		Lucas Hart
	21 Henry Collett	Ramsey Quarles
7 Brooklyn West	Lane Jacobs	Melissa Wiard
	Kristi Kays	Fran Wells
8 Embry Thomas	Bill Newman	28 Brent Higgs
Beckham West		Melinda Nunley
9 Elijah Brunson	22 Makenzie Allen	29 Erin Miller
Sandra Burton	Kaja Jaques	
	Deena Moore	30 Greg Hardison
11 Carole Wilson	Dave Salyers	
	Addison Trent	
13 Emily Wilson	23 Palmer Collett	
	Carolyn Eads	
14 Beth Case	Regi Reed	
Cameron Kenner		
15 Pat Bacon	24 Emmett Burton	



Sympathy



- Our sympathy to the family and friends of LARRY EPLEY who passed away on March 10. You may send condolences to his wife, Sandra Epley.
- Our condolences to Sally Knight on the death of her husband, TOM KNIGHT, on March 13.
- CLELAND WHITE passed away on March 19. Cleland is survived by Bill White, Crystal White Higgins, Stuart White and Paul White.
- We express our condolences to Liz Ramey in the recent death of her grandmother.

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Chris Powell

- *Director of Contemporary Worship*

Roy Nance

- *Organist*

Diana Gregory

- *Interim Administrative Assistant*



Sunday, March 30
Fifth Sunday
Combined Worship Service
10 a.m.
Sanctuary
No Sunday School
No First Spark (Youth)

Sermon Title: "Crazy Love: Enamored"

Scripture: II Corinthians 5:16-21 and
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.

Baskets of Love Gifts for Fresh Start
Laundry Pods and Dish Towels



Youth Art Sale Nearing the End

If you haven't had a chance to place a bid on some interesting and beautiful art in Gallery Hall, The funds will be used to help with mission trips (gas for the bus is expensive) and youth activities. The last day to place a bid is Sunday, March 30.