

Announcements & Community News

March Second Mile Giving for FUMC & WUMC: Heifer International. Heifer International is a global nonprofit working to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable values-based holistic community development. Heifer International distributes animals, along with agricultural and value-based training, to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency.

The Agape Ringers are returning to Woodmar UMC— Join us **Today, March 9 at Woodmar UMC at 4:00 PM** for a concert by The Agape Ringers, Chicago's premier handbell ensemble. You can learn more about the ensemble at their website www.AgapeRingers.org, and on Facebook and YouTube by searching for "The Agape Ringers." This year's program encompasses musical styles from transcriptions of classical works to Broadway hits to original compositions.

Easter Flowers — We would like to have spring flowers beautify the church again this Easter. If you would like to Order a flower. Please complete form in your bulletin and place it along with your payment in an envelope, in the church offering plate, by mail, church office or the church website. **NO Later than Thursday, March 20. Cost is \$15.00 for Lilies, \$10.00 for Tulips & Hyacinths.** Please specify the flower and quantity. Questions, please call the church office.

Messy Church — The Next Messy Church event is on **Tuesday, March 25** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Woodmar UMC Community Center.

Genesius Guild presents "Sweeney Todd" - Performance dates are on **March 7, 8 at 7:30pm, March 9 at 3:00pm, March 14, March 15 at 7:30 p.m., and March 16 at 3:00 p.m.** at First UMC, 6635 Hohman Ave., Hammond, IN. Room 8 (Fellowship Hall). For more information and ticket reservation you may call (219)501-8228 or visit their website at www.genesiusguild.net.

Holy Week Worship Opportunities — Join us on **Palm Sunday, April 13** at First UMC at 10:15am, **Maundy Thursday Service, April 17** at First UMC at 6:30 pm, **Good Friday, April 18** will be at Griffith First UMC at 7pm, **Easter Sunday Worship, April 20** at 10:15 a.m., First UMC.

Easter Cantata — Woodmar UMC, First UMC, Ridge UMC, Christ Lutheran Church are sponsoring an Easter Oratorio on **Palm Sunday, April 13 at 4:00pm at Woodmar UMC, sanctuary.** The concert will feature three soloists performing with a combined choir from the four sponsoring churches and a 22-piece orchestra.

(For This Week Schedule & Prayer Concerns, please see your Bulletin Insert)

1st Sunday in Lent



*Hammond First/Woodmar
United Methodist Churches*

*Worship 10:15 a.m.
March 9, 2025*

Our Mission Statement

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We welcome you and pray that you will be blessed in worship this morning. Please remember to send your joys and concerns to the office so we can continue to pray throughout the week. Online worship will be offered *via Zoom* and streamed *via YouTube*.

March 9, 2025

10:15 a.m.

1st Sunday in Lent

*Please stand, as you are comfortable.

Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, open my lips,

People: **and my mouth will declare your praise.**

* Opening Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

UMH 110

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

The children are invited to head to Sunday School with Ms. Maureen Tedesco in the Fireside room following the Children's Message.

Maureen Tedesco

Prayer Hymn

Jesus, Remember Me,x2

UMH 488

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

Hear Us, O God

UMH 490

Choral Anthem

On Eagle's Wings

Chancel Choir

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Luke 4:1-13

Leader: The Word of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

"Rescue Me"

Pastor Jim

Baptismal & Reception of New Members

New Members: Robert Heady, Harold Fink

Baptismal Renewal: Katie Isaacs

Offering our Gifts to God

The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

* Closing Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH 117

Breakthrough Prayer

Dismissal with Blessing

The altar flowers in worship are in memory of **my brother, Joe**, given by Nancy Jarmula.

Bishop:

Rev. Tracy S. Malone

Conf. Supt:

Rev. Dr. Marti Lundy

Assoc. C.S.:

Rev. Paul Arnold

Lay Leaders:

Nancy Craig &
Pat Mosley

Worship Leader:

Joan Link

Accompanist:

David Bieschke

Greeter(s): RJ Heady, Sherrill Stanford, Phyllis Sovola

Usher(s): RJ Heady, Georgia Heady

Acolyte: Sofia Smith

The pastor may be reached through the office, and, when needed, via cell phone.

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