

Announcements & Community News

April 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.

Pancake Breakfast — Join us **today April 13 after worship from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall (Room 8) for a free Pancake Breakfast. We will be serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, and more.

Easter Oratorio — Woodmar UMC, First UMC, Ridge UMC, Christ Lutheran Church are sponsoring an Easter Oratorio **Today, 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.

Holy Week Worship Opportunities — Join us on **Maundy Thursday Service, April 17** at First UMC at **6:30 pm**, **Good Friday, April 18** will be at Griffith First UMC (currently located inside Immanuel United Church of Christ) 2201 Azalea Drive, Highland, enter at Door B) at **7pm**, **Easter Sunday Worship, April 20 at 10:15 a.m.**, First UMC.

UWIF Agape Meal - On **Tuesday, April 15 at 12:00 pm**, Woodmar UMC will be having an Agape Meal at Woodmar UMC Narthex. Everyone is invited to come celebrate the love for our God, the sacrifice of his son Jesus Christ, the presence of the Holy Spirit and love for one another. Our meal will consist of olives, cheese, and Kuegle. In reverence of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, we do not have a dessert. We also celebrate the last supper by having Holy Communion served. Please consider this opportunity and mark your calendar.

Living Last Supper — Please join us on **Wednesday, April 16 from 7pm to 9pm** at First United Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6705 Hohman Ave, Hammond, IN 46324. If you are interested in volunteering in the Last Supper, you may contact the church office. If you have already volunteered to be a part of the last supper, please arrive by 6:30pm. Volunteers are also needed to supply cookies and pastries. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt - On **Easter Sunday April 20**, after worship Children's Ministry will be having an Easter Egg Hunt. Today is the last date for candy donations. If you have any questions, please reach out to Carrie Ward.

Messy Church — The Next Messy Church event is on **Tuesday, April 22** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Woodmar UMC Community Center.

Palm Sunday



*Hammond First/Woodmar
United Methodist Churches*

*Worship 10:15 a.m.
April 13, 2025*

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

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*.

April 13, 2025

10:15 a.m.

Palm Sunday

*Please stand, as you are comfortable.

Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Processional, *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Praise Bells

Call to Worship

Leader: Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

People: Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!

Leader: We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the one who will bring peace and salvation for all.

People: Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!

Leader: We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

People: Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!

Leader: The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

People: Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!

* **Opening Hymn**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

UMH 278

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Carrie Ward

The children are invited to head to Sunday School with Ms. Maureen Tedesco in Room A (located in the east hallway of the Sanctuary) following the Children's Message.

Prayer Hymn

Jesus, Remember Me,x2

UMH 488

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

Hear Us, O God

UMH 490

Choral Anthem

Hosanna in the Highest

Chancel Choir &
Praise Bells

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 31:9-16

Luke 19:28-40

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Open the Gates"

Pastor Jim

Apostle's Creed

UMH 881

Lesser Thanksgiving

Offering our Gifts to God

The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

* **Closing Hymn**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

UMH 280

Breakthrough Prayer

Dismissal with Blessing

The altar flowers in worship are in memory of Lynn's mom, **Louise Downing-Long**, given by Lynn & Bob Underwood.

Bishop:

Rev. Tracy S. Malone

District Supt:

Rev. Dr. Marti Lundy

Assoc. D.S.:

Rev. Paul Arnold

Lay Leaders:

Nancy Craig &
Pat Mosley

Worship Leader: Pat Mosley

Accompanist:

David Bieschke

Greeter(s): Irma Mora

Usher(s): Richard Miller, Char Copeland, Georgia Brown

Acolyte: Sofia Smith

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

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