

Calendar - Week of March 8

Today: Third Sunday in Lent *Daylight Savings Time Begins*

9 Encounter | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship with Rich Lichvar preaching | Booth-Danny Aube; Greeters-Judy Chapman & Vicki Maphis; Counters-Gary Lantz & Arnold Gale

Tuesday: 10 UWF | 10³⁰ Freedge | 11 Music Dir. hours | 12-4 Bridge fh | **4:30 Reach & Serve**

Wednesday: 9³⁰ BSF | 11:00 Prayer Group **All Welcome** | 5³⁰ TOPS | 6 Bells | 7 Choir

Thursday: 6:30 Trustees

Friday: 11 Music Dir. hours | 11-3 Bridge fh

Saturday: 9 District Training Harrisonburg (register in advance)

Sunday, March 15, Fourth Sunday in Lent

9 Encounter | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship | Fellowship Brunch after worship

Booth-Sam Henshaw; Greeters-Betty Phillips & Polly Look; Counters-Roger Hill & Karen Wells

Sympathies: Family of JoAnne Larrick
and Ruth Clowser's family (*Dolly Park's mother and Stacey's grandmother*)

Prayers: Duane Sweet; Steve & Cheryl Spurr; Sandy Dunkle; Charlie Donohoe; Greysin & Kaden Baker; Barbara Cooper; Travis Holler; Cheryl Rotruck; Molina; Jane Parrish; Karen; Linda Taylor; Logan and Park families; peace in the whole world; Jaeda; Caleb; Mandy; Sarah; Bland; Chrissy Rust; Tina; Carolyn Barr; Sandy Keiter; our Navy & Air Force; Iran; Russ & Avery Conklin; Kelly Babyok; Cheryl Dodgen; Rev Kristen Whitesides; Donna Chesnutt; family of Anna Richardson; Betty Yankey; Carolyn Heisey; Laura (Dan) Folger; Emily Kanade; Josh & Steph; Annie; Will; Johnston family; Logan family; Amy & Caitlin; Tom; Chase; our parents; Mark Wells; Deanna Wells; Laban & Bev Sadtler; thanks for joy; Hope Fellowship Church, Mumias Kenya; Anna & Chip; Ellis & Beth; Epsteins; Jeters; Arnold Gayle; Ellen Neff; Sharon Gale; Jim Barker; Bollingers; Rinker family; Evans family; Audrey Dorton; Wells family; traffic victims; unspoken requests; Bette Cossentine; Betty Murphy; Georgia Poe; Bill & Madonna Sponaugle; our president; Darlene Shull; Lois Smith; Bonnie & Denny Lee; LeRoy LaMarr; Alida & Kelly O'Neil; Bobby Bible & family; Doug C. & family; Sandy (Miss Vicky's sister); Phyllis; Dan, Cathy & family; Judy & Josh Hansen; Wilsons; Walkers; Hadleigh Thornley & family; LSCS Tiffany McMahan; Sherry & Daniel Whitacre; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Marilyn Stelzl; McKenna Newcome & family; Jane Thomas; Rev. Clay & Lisa Knick; Pastor Aaron; Helen & Russ Fitch; Nelda & Charles Harless; Dawna Wilson; Nellie Snoots; family of Ed Marshall; Tina & Shane Weagley; Doug Seabright's sister; Mary Haines; Amy, Frank Haines, & boys; Sharon & George Teets; our world; the hungry, homeless, lonely, and grieving; Care Facilities: *Lynn Care:* Marilyn Stelzl; *Search Grp.Home:* Steven Dobbin; *Spring Arbor:* Marietta Lipscomb; *Military:* Cpt. Douglas Castro; LT Jared Castro; Other: Peggy Gillich; Mason Look; Barbara Bledsoe; Carole Ay; Kay-Beth Ambrose; Lillian Ritchie (*Tammy Corey's mother*)

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4. Scheduled payments through your bank
5. Mail check to KUMC



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March 8, 2026



Third Sunday in Lent

**Stand as able; bold print-all respond*

Prelude (Prepare your hearts for worship) David Landrum

Ring of the Bell

Greeting Ric Dunkle

***Hymn 2088 TFWS** Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

*Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Extinguishing the Lenten Candle Karen & Steve Wells

During this time of Lenten preparation, we think of those who turned away from the light of Jesus. And we remember that we, too, turn away. Throughout the life of Jesus, it is clear that the disciples never really "get it." They are unable to hear their hearts the radical message of love Jesus brings. We, like the disciples of long ago, often close our hearts to the radical message of love that Jesus teaches. We lazily hate and offend. We purposefully hold on to our prejudices and anger. Darkness engulfs us. We extinguish the third candle, admitting our own lack of love and our closed hearts.

O God our deliverer, You led Your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of Your church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Sing (*Refrain from: Change My Heart, O God – TFWS 2152*):

You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

***Affirmation of Faith 881 UMH Apostles' Creed**

Rich Lichvar

***Gloria Patri 70 (UMH)**

Time with the Younger Congregation (*Children invited forward for a short message, then dismissed to children's church.*)

Handbell Introit *Alas and Did My Savior Bleed*

Prayer for Illumination Carolyn Carney

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and Your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 17:1-7

Epistle Lesson Romans 5:1-11

Choir Anthem *At the Cross (Love Ran Red)*

***Hymn 2108 TFWS** *Oh How He Loves You and Me*

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 14:22-33

Rich Lichvar

Sermon *Get Out of the Boat*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer: 895 UMH

Invitation to the Offering

Offering *He Has Made Me Glad*

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart. I will enter His courts with praise. I will say this is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad. He has made me glad. I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad. He has made me glad. I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

Offertory Prayer

Rich Lichvar

Ministry Moments

***Hymn 370 UMH** *Victory in Jesus*

***Benediction**

Rich Lichvar

***Choral Benediction** *May the Peace of the Lord Christ Go with You*

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you wherever He may send you.
May He guide you through the wilderness; protect you through the storm.
May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you. May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.**

***Postlude** (*Rejoice in the music of the Lord*)

David Landrum

TFWS=The Faith We Sing (black), UMH=United Methodist Hymnal (red) CCLI# 11408803

Announcements

Who in The Pew - Member Attendance, Prayer Requests & Visitor Info - Please fill out the card located in the pews and place it in the basket during the offering. Include your name and any prayer requests or concerns for our church leaders. If you are a visitor, Welcome, feel free to include your contact info and any requests.

Easter Flowers & Bright Futures Donations being accepted thru Sunday, March 22. This year your flower choices are tulips and daffodils for \$12 or any donation for the Bright Futures, here in Winchester. Order forms are in the bulletin today and also in the narthex. Thanks for your donations and help to decorate the sanctuary.

Trustees – Reminder, Trustees meet at 6:30 Thursday, March 12.



UWF – Reminder, UWF meet this Tuesday, March 10 at 10am. All women are welcome to attend! We will be collecting for the Legacy Fund.

Reach & Serve - New meeting time and day: 4:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of every other month. We will be meeting this Tuesday, March 10. We hope this change can enable more people to become part of Reach and Serve. We welcome your ideas of new ways to Reach and Serve and hope to see you at our next meeting.



Reach & Serve – We are collecting items for UMCOR Cleaning Kits during Lent (February 18-March 22). See display of items needed in narthex. You can take slips for a few items to donate, or fill an entire bucket. You may, also, donate money for us to do the shopping for you (make check out to KUMC UWF & write UMCOR Kits on the memo line).

Jubilee Kitchen is Saturday, March 21, from 10-1 at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Winchester. KUMC participates in this once a quarter. You will help about a dozen other volunteers feed those with food insecurity. The duties may include serving the patrons as in a restaurant setting: setting tables, delivering plated food and beverages, and cleaning up the restaurant. Other duties include helping to prepare and plate the food, as well as cleaning up the kitchen. We still need volunteers, please sign up at Ministry Table or see Cathy Lichvar.

Encounter - You are invited to join our Adult Sunday School Class during the season of Lent as we study Max Lucado's book, "He Chose The Nails". We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in classroom #3. See Steve Wells for a book.

Lent 2026 From the Cross to the Crown
March 29 Palm Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am
April 2 Maundy Thursday
Holy Communion, Foot/Hand Washing Service at 7 pm
April 3 Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 pm
April 5 Easter
Sunrise Service at Opequon Presby. Church Shelter at 6 am
Easter Service, Holy Communion & Cantata at KUMC at 10:30



ALL children are ALWAYS welcome to attend our entire church service in the sanctuary. We have a time with younger congregation during the service and also offer an optional short Children's Church program during Sunday worship.