

10:30 Contemporary Worship

WELCOME AND GREETING

OPENING SONG "Glorious Day" **Ignite Band**

OPENING PRAYER **Raph Guenther**

PRAISE SONG "Ain't No Grave"

ENGAGING OUR FAITH

PASTORIAL PRAYER AND THE LORDS PRAYER

REFLECTION SONG "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 16:1-8 **Christi Dodds**

SERMON "New Life Begins After Death" **Pastor Joe Ziraldo**

COMMUNION AND OFFERING

REFLECTION SONG "Overcome"

BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Happy Day"

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 31

9:30 am Online and In Person Worship Service
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Monday, April 1

6:00 pm **Office is closed**
Ad Counsel

Tuesday, April 2

7:00 pm N.A.

Wednesday, April 3

5:30 pm Ignite Practice
6:45 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 4

Friday, April 5

11:00 am Prayer Group

Saturday, April 6

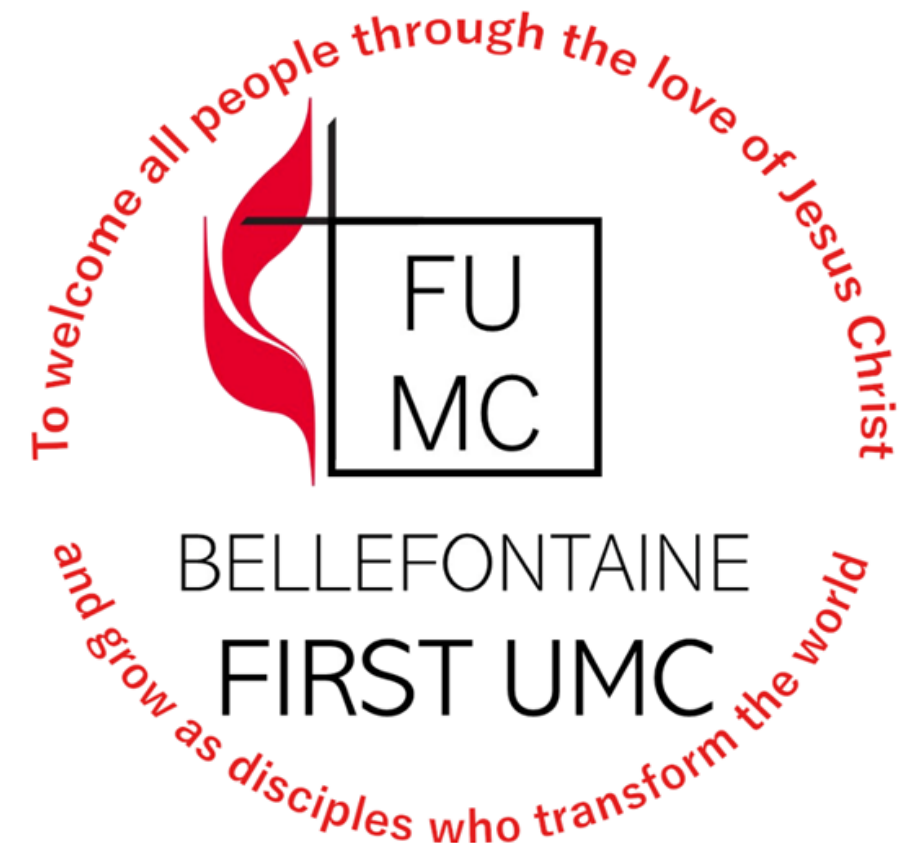
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Mike Suman, Choir Director
Joe Antram, Adult Handbell Director
Marianne Antram, Organist/Pianist
Kathy O'Conner, Keyboard Staff
Carol Burton, Choir Accompanist
Wayne Fahnestock, Custodian



March 31, 2024
9:00 Traditional
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Our Mission: *To welcome all people through the love of Jesus Christ and grow as disciples who transform the world.*

Our Vision: *To be an intentionally inviting Christian community.*

Every member is a minister !

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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs; 10am-2pm

9:00 A.M. Traditional Service

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE "He is Risen! He is Risen" by Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP Ron Perry and the Adult Choir

L: Christ the LORD, our rock and our redeemer, is risen today!

P: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: Christ the LORD, who took the form of a man and walked among us, has defeated death this day!

P: He has brought us to life eternal! Alleluia!

L: Christ the LORD, the Alpha, Omega, beginning, and end, is seated on the throne of heaven!

P: Forever shall He reign! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" **UMH #302**

OPENING PRAYER Ron Perry
God of power and majesty, Your glory illuminates the earth and all its people. Your light shines in a darkness that will never overcome. Shine in our hearts this day, LORD, and raise us to new life in You. AMEN.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Alleluia! My Redeemer Lives"
by Benjamin Harlan

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING AND ENGAGING OUR FAITH

***DOXOLOGY**

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 16:1-8 **Ron Perry**

SERMON "New Life Begins After Death" **Pastor Joe Ziraldo**

REFLECTION SONG "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" by Duro

CLOSING HYMN "He Lives" **UMH #310**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "The Day of Resurrection" by Glyncannon

Messenger News

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

PRAYER GROUP is meeting on every Friday at 11a.m.

INTENTIONAL FAITH FORMATION

2024 UWF SPRING SPIRITUAL DAY will be held Saturday, April 13th from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Charlotte Hefner will be the speaker. Breakfast will be served. Come, Reconnect, and Make New Friends! Please call Sheila Rowe at 419-230-5361 to RSVP by April 8th.

RISK TAKING SERVICE

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?

-There are several opportunities for you to get involved. Please indicate your interest on the attendance card and someone will get in touch with you to discuss more details with you:

Opportunities:

- Sunday Morning Cafe prep or clean-up
- Lead Discipleship Ministries
- Lead a new small group
- Lead Congregational Care Ministries
- Serve as an Usher or Greeter
- Teach a Sunday School Class on the third week of the month
- Secretary for Ad Council meetings

Our office will be closed on Monday April 1st, 2024. We will reopen normal business hours of 10:00 am-2:00 pm on Tuesday!

Announcements

EXTRAVAGENT GENEROSITY

THE BLESSING BUCKET will be passed around during the final hymn. For the month of March, we will be supporting the Elementary School Nurse program.

ALTAR FLOWER OFFERING— The altar flowers this week are given by Ken and Kathy Summer-ton in memory of their Granddaughter Finley Grace and in honor of grandchildren Caden, Colson, Elise, Beckett, Anna, Flynt, Cora, Nolan, Drew, Hewitt, Bodhi and Avery.

OTHER NEWS

RED CROSS will be back April 16th 2024. If you wish to donate blood, please visit www.RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-REDCROSS (733-2767) to make an appointment

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Alleluia! My Redeemer Lives

by Benjamin Harlan

For Christ is risen, yes, He is risen!

Christ is risen from the grave!

I know that my Redeemer lives!

What comfort this assurance gives:

He lives, He lives, who once was dead;

He lives, my everliving Head!

He lives, triumphant from the grave.

He lives eternally to save.

He lives, exalted, throned above.

He lives to rule His church in love.

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