

10:30 Contemporary Worship

WELCOME AND GREETING

OPENING SONG "Every Beat" **Ignite Band**

OPENING PRAYER **Raph Guenther**

PRAISE SONG "Run To The Father"

ENGAGING OUR FAITH

PASTORIAL PRAYER AND THE LORDS PRAYER

REFLECTION SONG "I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say"

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 12:1-17 **Nancy Evans-Donley**

SERMON "Seeing, Believing, and Obeying" **Pastor Joe Ziraldo**

COMMUNION AND OFFERING

REFLECTION SONG "New Wine"

BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Every Beat"

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 3

9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Online and In Person Worship Service
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Monday, March 4

Tuesday, March 5

6:30 p. m.
7:00 p.m.

Practical Evangelism
N.A.

Wednesday, March 6

Thursday, March 7

Friday, March 8

Saturday, March 9

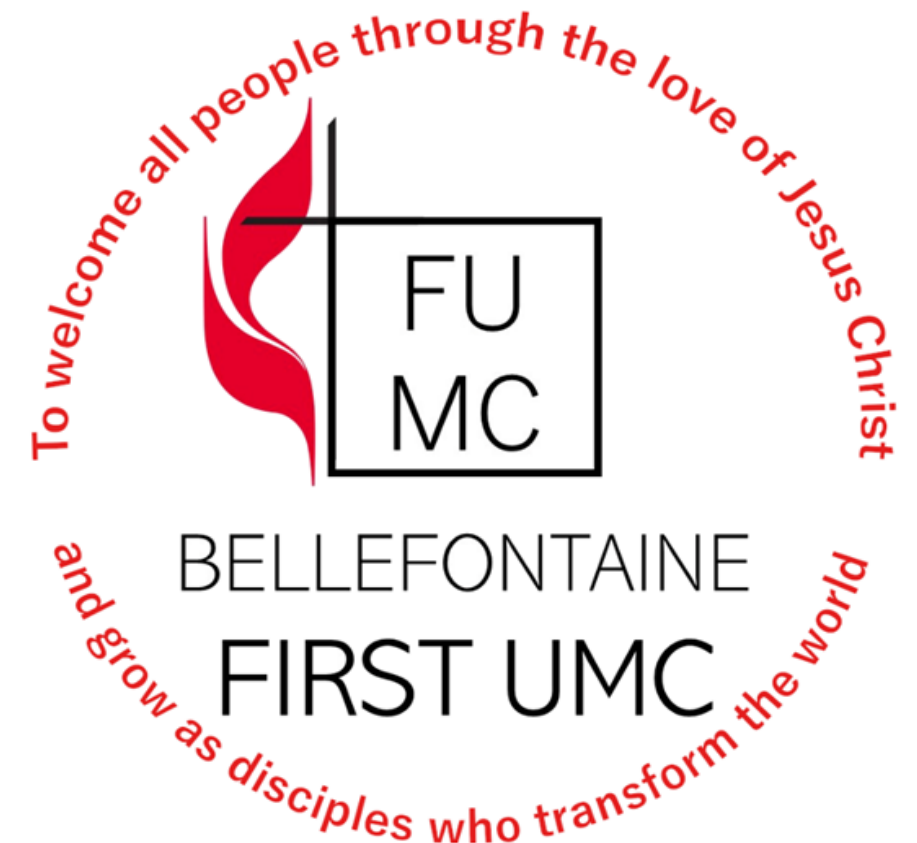
7:00 p.m. N.A.

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



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10:30 Contemporary

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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9:00 A.M. Traditional Service

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Deep, Wonderous Love" by Ruth Elaine Schram

CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Givler

L: The heavens are singing the glory of God!

P: The skies proclaim His handiwork to all creation below.

L: The days speak and the nights reveal His truth; the proclamations of His greatness go out to all the ends of the earth.

P: In Him, nothing is hidden: all is brought to light.

L: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. His commandment is pure, enlightening the eyes.

P: His will is more precious than gold, and sweeter than honey. Beautiful are the ways of the LORD!

OPENING HYMN "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
UMH #269

OPENING PRAYER

God of wisdom, You bring low the powerful and make fools of the wise. You have given us a way to You, not through knowledge or strength, but through faith. Help us in our unbelief, LORD; teach us to trust You and walk with You, even in the shadow of our uncertainty. AMEN.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Be Still and Know" by Victor Johnson

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING AND ENGAGING OUR FAITH

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SCRIPTURE READING Mark 12:1-17 **Susan Givler**

SERMON "Seeing, Believing and Obeying" **Pastor Joe Ziraldo**

HOLY COMMUNION

REFLECTION SONG "Looking Toward Jerusalem"
by Gerald Peterson

CLOSING HYMN "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" UMH #301

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Given For You" by Richard Blake

Messenger News

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

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

INTENTIONAL FAITH FORMATION

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

All children, age 4 through 5th grade are invited to join our wonderful teachers downstairs to learn more about Jesus! WE HAVE ENROLLED IN A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM. Come check it out this Sunday from 10:00 to 10:30

PRISON MINISTRY PRAYERS NEEDED

The blessing bucket this month will help support the financial needs of the Epiphany Prison Ministry in March. There is another way that you can support this ministry...Pray, Pray, Pray. There are sign-up sheets on the prayer table in the Fellowship Hall and in the back of the Sanctuary to pray for a half hour slot during the week-end. You only need to list your first name and set a reminder in your phone.

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.

Announcements

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:

- Substitute secretary
- 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

EXTRAVAGANT 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 Bert Schwaderer In memory of her mom Stella Rudolph.

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