

9:00 A.M. Traditional Service

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" by Byrne

CALL TO WORSHIP Don Corwin

L: Be merciful to us, O God; by Your steadfast love and mercy, blot out our transgressions.

P: Remove our unjust spirit and cleanse us of our sins.

L: We have sinned before You, LORD. We have done what is evil in Your sight.

P: Your sentence against us is justified; Your judgment on us is righteous.

L: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and create a new spirit within us.

P: Sustain in us a willing spirit, LORD. Renew our joy in Your salvation.

OPENING HYMN "To God Be the Glory" UMH #98

OPENING PRAYER

God of glory, we have loved what is evil and hated what is good. We have held tightly to the wrong things and suffered for it. Draw us near to You, LORD, laying down all we have--even our very lives--in building Your kingdom. AMEN.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Draw Me Near the Cross" by Patti Brennan

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING AND ENGAGING OUR FAITH

*DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 13:1-8, 24-37 Don Corwin

SERMON "A Fruitful Life" Pastor Joe Ziraldo

REFLECTION SONG "Near the Cross" by Labenske

CLOSING HYMN "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" UMH#128

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Irish Tune"

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

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE FOR 2024

March 24, Palm Sunday 9:00 & 10:30 am

March 28, Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm

March 29, Good Friday 12:00 noon

March 31, Sunrise 6:45 am,
Breakfast 7:30-8:15 am,
Easter 9:00 & 10:30 am

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:

- 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

RED CROSS will be held at our church on April 16th from noon– 6 pm. If you wish to donate blood, please visit www.RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-REDCROSS(733-2767) to make an appointment.

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 Paul & Kathy Harvey. "Happy St. Patrick's Day. To your health and happiness."

10:30 Contemporary Worship

WELCOME AND GREETING

OPENING SONG "Open Up The Heavens" **Ignite Band**

OPENING PRAYER **Raph Guenther**

PRAISE SONG "Revelation Song"

ENGAGING OUR FAITH

PASTORIAL PRAYER AND THE LORDS PRAYER

REFLECTION SONG "Be Thou My Vision"

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 13:1,-8, 24-37 **Don Corwin**

SERMON "A Fruitful Life" **Joe Ziraldo**

COMMUNION AND OFFERING

REFLECTION SONG "Great I Am"

BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Open Up The Heavens"

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 17

9:00 a.m. Online and In Person Worship Service
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Monday, March 18

Tuesday, March 19

7:00 p.m. N.A.

Wednesday, March 20

Thursday, March 21

6:30 pm Hannah Ruth Circle

Friday, March 22

Saturday, March 23

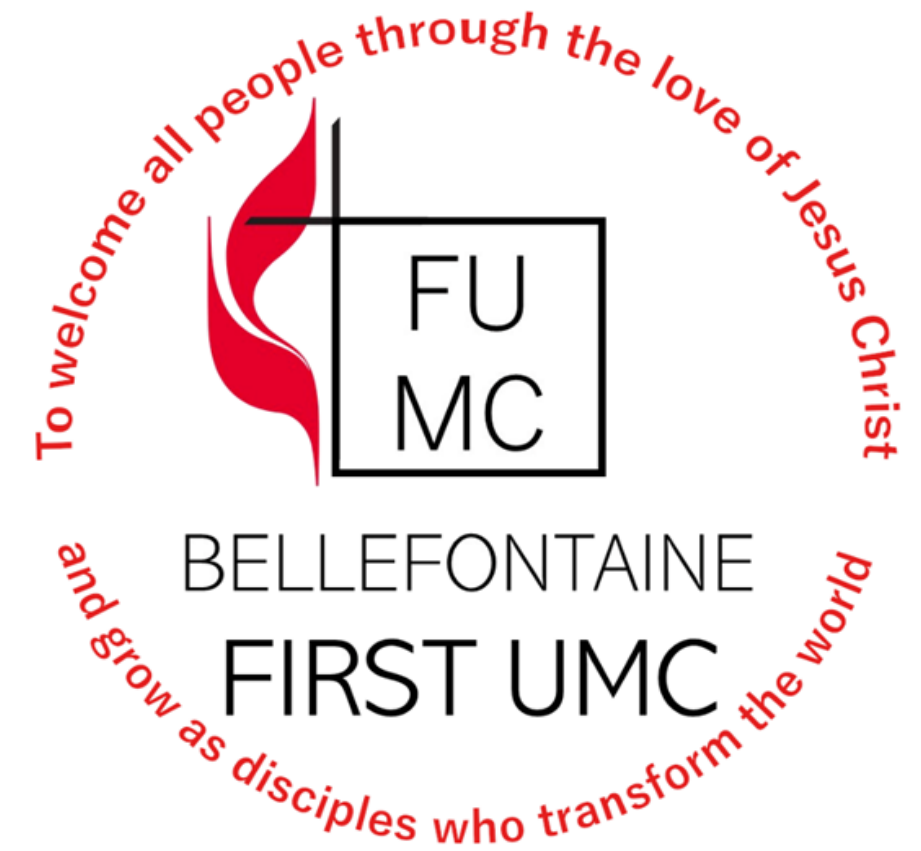
7:00 p.m. N.A.

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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 17, 2024
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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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Mark 13:1-8, 24-37(CEB)

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² Jesus responded, "Do you see these enormous buildings? Not even one stone will be left upon another. All will be demolished."

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⁵ Jesus said, "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many people will come in my name, saying, 'I'm the one!' They will deceive many people.

⁷ When you hear of wars and reports of wars, don't be alarmed. These things must happen, but this isn't the end yet. ⁸ Nations and kingdoms will fight against each other, and there will be earthquakes and famines in all sorts of places. These things are just the beginning of the sufferings associated with the end.

²⁴ "In those days, after the suffering of that time, the sun will become dark, and the moon won't give its light. ²⁵ The stars will fall from the sky, and the planets and other heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁶ Then they will see the Human One coming in the clouds with great power and splendor. ²⁷ Then he will send the angels and gather together his chosen people from the four corners of the earth, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven.

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³² "But nobody knows when that day or hour will come, not the angels in heaven and not the Son. Only the Father knows. ³³ Watch out! Stay alert! You don't know when the time is coming. ³⁴ It is as if someone took a trip, left the household behind, and put the servants in charge, giving each one a job to do, and told the doorkeeper to stay alert. ³⁵ Therefore, stay alert! You don't know when the head of the household will come, whether in the evening or at midnight, or when the rooster crows in the early morning or at daybreak. ³⁶ Don't let him show up when you weren't expecting and find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to all: Stay alert!"

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arr. by Robert Sterling

I hear the Savior say,
“Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all.”

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim;
I’ll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

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And when, before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
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