

WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sunday
April 28th**
8:30am Worship Service
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
1:00pm Stephen Ministers Training
4:00pm Journey Band Rehearsal
4:00pm Youth Bells
5:00pm Youth Snack Supper
5:30pm Children's Bells
5:30pm Journey Worship Service
5:30pm Mid-High Youth Group

**Monday
April 29th**
5:00pm Tae Kwon Do
6:30pm Fishers of Men
6:30pm Sisters in Faith
7:00pm Radical Ringers

**Tuesday
April 30th**
12:00pm Grief Support Group
6:30pm Grief Support Group

**Wednesday
May 1st**
9:30am Upper Room Prayer Group
10:30am Staff Meeting
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday
May 2nd**
6:00pm Cross Connections Bible Study
@ El Calvario UMC

**Friday
May 3rd**
9:00am Community Garden Work Day
9:00am God's Pantry
9:30am Sunday Worship Prep Team
11:30am BBLC Mother's Day Tea
5:00pm Tae Kwon Do

**Saturday
May 4th**
8:00am UMM Breakfast
9:00am UMW Team Meeting
3:00pm LC Scholastic Chess Club

**Sunday
May 5th**
8:30am Worship Service
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
1:00pm Stephen Ministers Training
5:30pm Bells Lasagna Dinner & Concert
5:30pm Journey Worship Service

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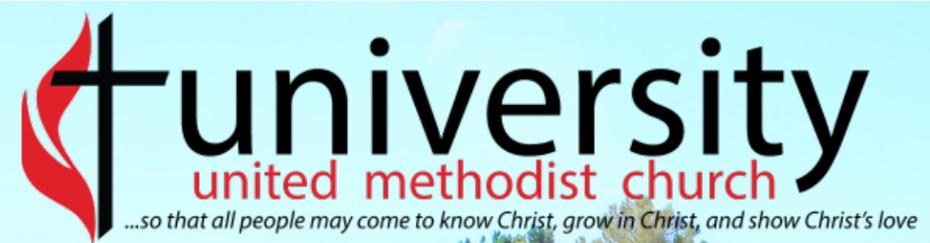
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COVENANT RENEWAL

Today we gather, just as the generations before us have, to renew the covenant that binds us to God. We come prepared to be refreshed in the Holy Spirit as we participate in a service that was created by John Wesley back in August of 1755 to be "an occasion for a variety of spiritual experiences" in which "many desire to return thanks, either for a sense of pardon, for full salvation, or for a fresh manifestation of [God's] grace..."

GARDEN FIESTA

Plans are in the works for a major outreach event this fall, but we need your help to get it off the ground. We are looking for volunteers to help on Saturday, October 19th sometime between 11am-4pm. If you would be willing to help with set-up, man a booth, provide hospitality, or just be a welcoming friendly face then sign-up on the sheets located in the front lobby. For more info on how to get involved talk to Brian Townsend.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 12th we will be celebrating all those graduating from High School and College (Undergrad & Graduate). If you or a friend/family member are graduating (or graduated this past December), please let us know by sending an email to office@uumc-lc.org with your name and where you/they are graduating from. We look forward to celebrating this momentous occasion with all of you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 5th
Bells Lasagna Dinner & Concert
Lasagna Dinner @ 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall
Concert @ 6:30pm in Sanctuary

Friday, May 10th
BBLC Spring Program
Zebra & Lion (18 months -3 years) @ 5:30pm
Monkey, Tiger, & Giraffes (3-5years) @ 6:15pm

Sunday, May 12th
Graduation Sunday
Celebration in-between morning services @9:45am
Celebration of Stephen Minister Training
Graduates @ 8:30am & 11am Services

Sunday, May 19th
Celebration of Music Ministry
Services @ 8:30am & 11am

June 13th & 14th
NM Annual Conference
8:30am-7:00pm in Albuquerque, NM
*Contact church office for more details or if interested in attending.

Sunday, June 30th
5th Sunday Fellowship Potluck
Potluck @ 12:15pm (immediately after 11am Service)
*Theme is 4th of July picnic!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	
†Hymn #173 v. 1-3	<i>Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky</i>
Words of Welcome	
†Hymn #606 v. 1-3	<i>Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine</i>
Greeting Time	
Opening Prayer	
Litany of Thanksgiving	
Anthem	<i>The Majesty and Glory of Your Name</i>
Young Disciples	
Stewardship Moment	
Prayer	
Offertory	
†Doxology	
Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer	
Reading Matthew 25:14-30	
Sermon	
†Hymn #561 v. 1-6	<i>Jesus, United by Thy Grace</i>
Covenant Renewal	
Special Music	<i>Praying for Rain</i>
Covenant Prayer	
†Hymn #438 v. 1, 2	<i>Forth in Thy Name, O Lord</i>
†Benediction	
†Hymn #3183	<i>As We Go</i>

† Please stand as you are able

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

ACTS 9:1-6
JOHN 20:19-31

Matthew 25:14-30

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

For personal reasons, Ron Gillis will resign from his position as music director of UUMC effective May 30, 2019. Pastor Miller and the SPRC accept Ron's decision with sadness but respect his future plans.

Ron has shaped the choir and worship ministry in a short period of time with great passion and excellence, and his team work with staff, volunteers and especially pastor Miller has been outstanding. His "Lord's Prayer" composition will not soon be forgotten in this church. UUMC wishes Ron all of God's blessings for the next steps in his career.

***We will begin advertising for a Director of Music Ministries very soon and will likely have an interim during that time. Please be in prayer for the right individual to be called to this position**



EASTER FUN & GAMES

COMMUNION OFFERING

Every year, as a church, we commit to supporting 1-3 missions with our monthly communion offering. This year our Communion offerings will be going to help two missions who are helping right here at University UMC:

**UUMC Benevolence Fund
God's Pantry**

*Communion Offering is collected during communion at both the 8:30 & 11am worship services in the baskets located at the front of the sanctuary, or online under "Missions".

4TH THURSDAY FUN NIGHT

Starting this May, we're trying something new. Every 4th Thursday of the month we will be hosting a fun night of games, activities, and classes. Keep your eyes out for more information and details coming soon...

NEW BIBLE STUDIES

* **Explore the Word;** Beginning today, in fellowship hall we start a new "short course on one kind of Bible study", EXPLORE the Word. We will be searching through all 4 gospels (here and there) as well as some of Paul's letters, Acts and more. Surprises await and good discussion will be the best part of this new type of experience. Come join us in an interactive journey through God's Word. What did it mean in 100 AD? Is it the same now? Is this a 2000 year old book or is it being written today?? Interested? Come and see. Please bring your favorite Bible (King James not recommended for this course). If you need a Bible, one will be provided.

***The Forum;** an 18 & up small group that meets every Sunday in between services from 9:45am-10:30am in the church Sanctuary led by Tracy Esslinger. NMSU Students are welcome!

HOLY WEEK HIGHLIGHTS

Holy week was such a glorious blessing for all those that attended and participated in all of our special services and events. Throughout the week we had 4 wonderful music and praise filled worship services with over 500 people in attendance. Our Saturday prayer vigil saw about 40 people come through to spend time in prayer. Our Easter Egg-stravaganza was a great success. We saw many new faces of all ages come and spend time in the garden together doing crafts, playing duck duck goose, getting faces painted, eating delicious funnel cakes, and just having fun.

***A special thank you to all the volunteers, musicians, ministries, and staff that made all these special experiences possible.**