

Have you seen God this past week? Have you made someone’s day? Maybe a nice memory came back to you? These questions and more are the the perfect opportunity to answer in this very spot of the bulletin. We have a good size congregation. Having that, we should be reading a great amount of stories. To you, we propose a small task to bring action that God is sending forth: tell your story of many topics, right here.

“5 Joshua said to them, “Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, 6 so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, “What do those stones mean to you?” 7 then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever.” (Joshua 4:5-7 NRSVUE)

Bring your story in by Thursdays at 10 AM.  
Office Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

Want to write a Journeys article?  
We’d love to read your story.  
Call the church office at **(308) 382-1952**

WELCOME  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
THE PASSING OF THE PEACE  
CALL TO WORSHIP..... (ON SCREEN)  
L: Children of God, who has God called you to be?  
**A: A light to all the nations!**  
L: When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?  
**A: A light to all the nations!**  
L: When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?  
**A: A light to all the nations!**  
L: When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?  
**A: A light to all the nations!**  
L: Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!  
**A: We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God’s glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen.**  
OPENING HYMN....  
#568 “CHRIST FOR THE WORLD WE SING”  
OPENING PRAYER..... (ON SCREEN)  
**Guide our feet, Lord. Show us the light of grace when we would judge others too harshly. Warm our hearts with the glow of your love when we would spew icy words of spite. Illumine our souls with joyful delight when sadness tries to take over the day. Shine brightly on us today, Lord, until we reflect your glory as a witness to this world. Amen.**  
OFFERTORY..... (ON SCREEN)  
DOXOLOGY.....#94  
PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... (ON SCREEN)  
**Ever-Present and Calling God, knowing us from the beginning, naming us as your own, you have entrusted us with the holy work of bearing your light to the world. Though we often feel unworthy or uncertain, you remind us that your grace goes before us, and your strength works through us. Receive these gifts, offered with gratitude and hope. Use them—and us—to proclaim your justice, to shine your love to the ends of the earth, and to glorify your name. In the name of Christ, your Servant and our Savior, we pray. Amen.**  
CALL TO PRAYER..... (ON SCREEN)  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE..... (ON SCREEN)  
LORD’S PRAYER.....#895  
HYMN OF PREPARATION....  
#357 “JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA”  
SCRIPTURE.....JOHN 1:29-42  
SERMON.....“AN EFFECTIVE INVITATION”  
PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... (ON SCREEN)  
**And so we live our lives imperfectly, for we are flawed. But we are also loved by the God in whose image we were created. Let us remake ourselves toward that image as we make our confession before God. We are not Perfect, We are flawed. Forgive us for our imperfection.**  
ASSURANCE OF PARDON..... (ON SCREEN)  
CLOSING HYMN.....#156 “I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY”  
BENEDICTION

***Assistive listening devices are available to anyone that needs it to experience our worship services to the fullest.***



*2nd Saturday after The Epiphany  
6 PM Traditional Worship  
January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

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SATURDAY WORSHIP IN GOLLAHER CHAPEL  
Traditional.....6 PM  
SUNDAY WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY  
Traditional or CrossPoint....9:30 AM  
WELCOME ☆ CONNECT ☆ DISCOVER

We speak to God before the service,  
God speaks to us during the service,  
We Speak to each other after the service.

Volunteers For Service ...	
Greeters	
Cindy Ziemba, Pam Balderston	
Usher	
Margie Balderston	
Reader	
Sherri Hiatt	

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday GIFT Event for January 18<sup>th</sup> . . .**  
Name That Tune at 10:30 AM in Miller Hall. Make sure to bring your friends to enjoy a friendly competition to test your tune knowledge.



**Office Closure . . .**  
January 19<sup>th</sup> for MLK Day. No Senior Wii Bowling. Thank you.



**Directory Volunteer Meeting . . .**  
is February 2<sup>nd</sup> for anyone that wants to volunteer to help people sign up for directory photos in March. Thank you.



**Ash Wednesday . . .**  
is February 18<sup>th</sup> starting with the Wednesday Night Meal at 5:30 PM. Worship follows at 7:00 PM. Join us in the Sanctuary as we reconcile our sins and start the Lent season.



**Calling all volunteers!**  
February 23rd is our next Zoom meeting to continue planning for our 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. These areas need help: directory (see February 2<sup>nd</sup>), meal, promotion, theme, entertainment (plus the polka band), worship, history, etc. Contact the church office for Zoom link. Thank you.



**Interested in supporting our children and youth?**  
We now have a booster club that is a group that attends events that our children and youth are involved in. For more information, please contact Christina, our Family Ministry Director.



**Questions or comments?**  
Please contact the church during office hours. Thank you.



**We Cordially Invite Everyone . . .** in this congregation to become a member of this church, a working member. Call the church if you would like to talk it over with someone.

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**Loaves & Fishes Food Distribution . . .**  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>,** 2025 at College Park 3180 W Highway 34. Enter Tech Boulevard. Distribution is at **9:30 a.m.** until Food is gone. It is best to arrive between 9 am and 11 am. Do not arrive before 7:30 a.m. *This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*



**Hospital Visits & Prayer Chain . . .**  
If you or a loved one is in the hospital and would like to be visited or put on the prayer chain for prayer, please get in touch with the office. *Due to HIPAA security rules, Regional Medical Center cannot release the names of patients to the church.*



**Plarn Weaving with Pastor Carla . . .**  
is January 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM in Miller Hall. Thank you to everyone that volunteers in this need.



**Wednesday Night Meals This Week. . .**  
**1/21/2025:** Check your local listings.



**Weekly offering envelopes . . .**  
are on the big pink table in The Gathering Place. If you don't see any envelopes with your name, please let the church office know.



**Noisy Offering . . .**  
is a success and thank you to everyone that donated to Food Bank for the Heartland. \$507.99 was raised. Noisy Offering is now collecting for the Sanctuary roof.



**Way Seekers Book Study . . .**  
Is "To Kill a Mockingbird" one of your favorite books or have you watched the movie over and over? Start out the new year with an insightful and fun study of The Faith of a Mockingbird, a book by Matt Rawle.

Way Seekers began discussing the book Jan. 11. This small group meets after Sunday worship in Room C.

Rawle uses Harper Lee's beloved characters from To Kill a Mockingbird to explore Christian faith, theology, and ethics. Come join Scout, Atticus Finch, Boo Radley, and Tom Robinson in this four-week study.

For more information or questions, contact Bette Pore at randbpore@gmail.com or (308) 383-7299.

# CALENDAR

January 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday**  
9:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary, Nursery  
10:30 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday GIFT, Name That Tune, Miller Hall  
4:00 PM Plarn, Miller Hall  
**Monday Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
**Office Closed**

1:30 PM Hope UWF Circle, Room A  
Love UWF Circle, Room C

**Tuesday**  
10:00 AM Staff Meeting, The Gathering Place  
1:00 PM Mathetes Study Group, Room A

**Wednesday**  
5:30 PM Wednesday Meals, Miller Hall  
6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Bell Choir Room  
6:45 PM Empowered Women, Room A  
Kids Zone, Zone Room Downstairs  
Middle School Youth Zone, Rooms 1 & 2  
High School Youth Zone, Tower Room  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**Thursday Newsletter Article Deadline**  
6:45 AM Bible Study, Tommy's Restaurant  
11:00 AM Lectio Divina, Zoom  
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group, The Gathering Place  
2:00 PM Coloring at the Chocolate Bar

**Friday**  
1:00 PM Bulletin Folding, Parlor

**Saturday**  
5:00 PM Scripture Discussion, Parlor  
6:00 PM Worship, Gollaher Chapel  
7:00 PM Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place  
**Sunday**  
9:30 AM CrossPoint Worship, Sanctuary, Nursery  
10:30 AM Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place  
Long Range Vision Committee, Parlor  
PreK - Elementary Sunday School, Nursery  
Sharing Our Life Stories, Room A  
Way Seekers Study, Room C

**Online Church Calendar . . .**  
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