

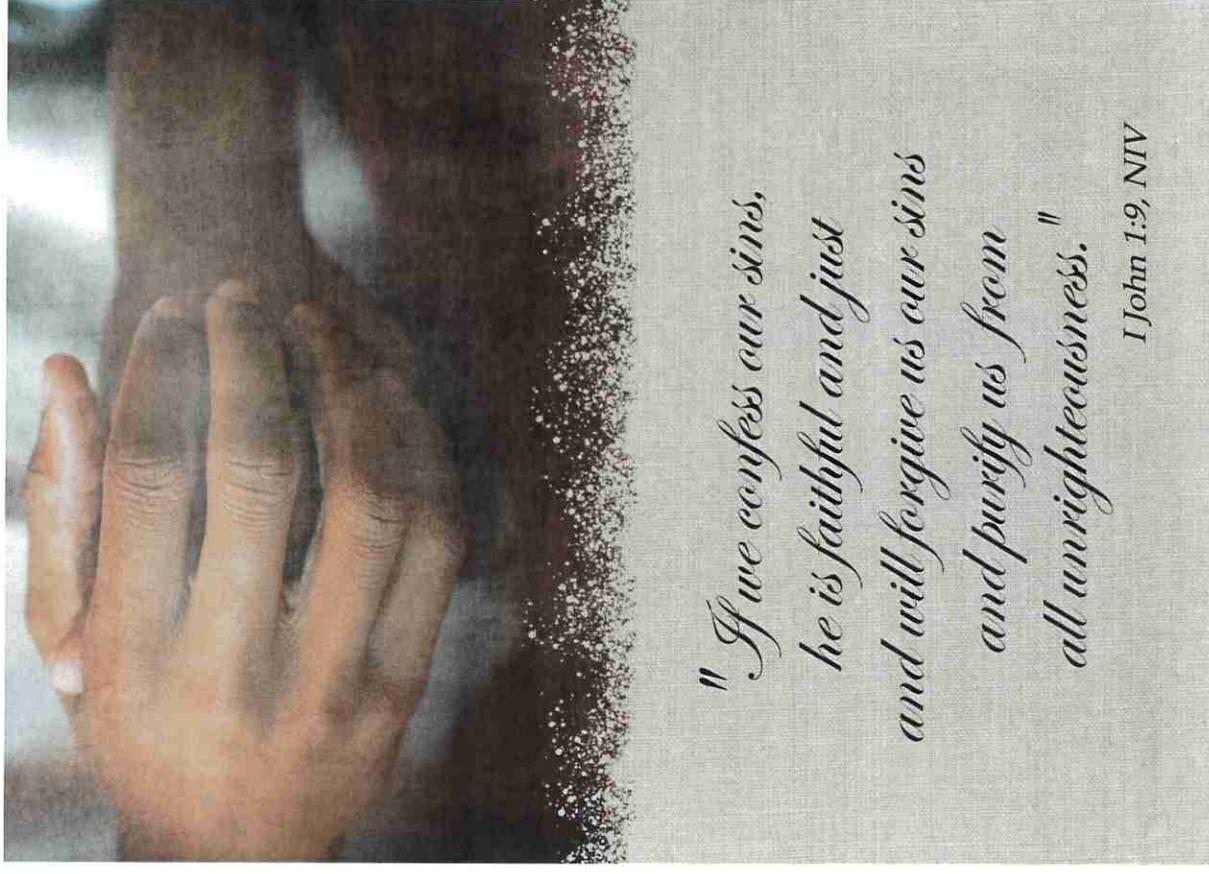
# Small Groups

Not attending a small group? There are several opportunities for you to get plugged in!

- **Adult Sunday School Class:** meets the first, third, and fourth Sundays of the month in the Crossroads classroom at 10:45am.
- **Tuesday Bible Studies:** one group open to all at 9:30am in the Crossroads classroom; women's study that meets at 10:00am in SE Classroom will not meet again until March. You are welcome at both!
- **Women's Thursday Night Small Group:** All ladies of the church are invited. Beginning February 12 they will meet from 7-8:30pm on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month in the Pre-School Room.
- **Men's Group:** meets Wednesdays at 7:30am at The Original Pancake House.
- **Chick Chat:** a women's small group, meets every Thursday morning at 9:00am in the Crossroads classroom.
- **Journey Men:** men's group meets at 7:30am on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month at the church.
- **Quilters:** meet the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month from 9am - 12pm.

## This week's calendar ...

Sun, Mar 8	10:45 am	Counters Mtg
Mon, Mar 9	10:00 am	Parkinson's Support Group
	7:00 pm	Troop 101 Committee Mtg
Tue, Mar 10	9:30 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AI-Anon
Wed, Mar 11	7:30 am	Men's Bible Study
	9:00 am	United Women in Faith
	6:30 pm	Praise Band
Thu, Mar 12	9:00 am	Chick Chat
	6:00 pm	Stewardship/Finance Mtg
	6:00 pm	Troop 2119
	7:00 pm	Scouts
	7:00 pm	Women's Small Group



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*1 John 1:9, NIV*



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# Welcome to Worship!

March 8, 2026 9:30 AM

Welcome/Announcements

Mission Moment

Prelude

Hymn

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn

Offering with Praise Song

Please visit the Lenten Stations

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Feel free to take part in the Lenten stations.

Hymn

Message

"The BLT: Better Lent for Transformation!  
Confession: Freedom Through Truth"

Rev Jungil Rhee

Praise Song

"Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone"

Benediction

Postlude

*Please join us for a time of fellowship directly following the worship service today!*

# Announcements



The war is over! The **WOMEN WIN AGAIN!!** Final standings after 4 weeks -

Men - \$ 214.49

**Women - \$ 568.63**

Thanks to everyone for participating and supporting our Easter Meal Baskets!



## Stations of the Cross

Over the next weeks during Lent a different Station of the Cross will be introduced each Sunday during worship. We encourage everyone to take part in this devotional time during the offering or prayer time each week.



United  
Women  
in Faith

United Women in Faith will meet on Wednesday, March 11 at 9:00am. Hostesses will be Anita Althaus and Marty Viits. All ladies of the church are welcome to join us around the table!



## UMCOR SUNDAY - MARCH 15, 2026

On this day we support the United Methodist Committee on Relief - better known as UMCOR the disaster response and humanitarian relief agency of our church. When we support UMCOR Sunday, we're not just reacting to emergencies. We're making it possible for the Church to be a consistent, trusted presence in moments of urgent need. Make checks payable to SUMC with "UMCOR" on the memo line.



Church Finances as of Feb 28 -

Feb Income: \$ 18,521

YTD Income: \$ 38,786

Feb Expenses: \$ 21,981

YTD Expenses: \$ 43,494

Feb Inc vs Exp: \$ -3,460

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If you have questions or would like more information on the church's finances contact Brian Markstahler or Steve Setzler.

# Sermon Notes

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### WHAT IS TRUE BLESSING? (Psalm 32)

Psalm 32, NIV - “1 Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. 2 Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.”

### WHAT SETS YOU FREE?

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1 John 1:5-7, NIV - “ ... if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”

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"6 Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. 7 You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance."

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