

SPECIAL SUNDAY

UMCOR SUNDAY

Embodying Compassion: Being God's Light



WORSHIP ENGAGEMENT 4/28/24

John 21:9-19

"Questions of Easter: Do You Love Me?"

Pastor Matt Fowler



On UMCOR Sunday, we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), an organization that acts on our behalf when there is a crisis. The funds we receive today join with those of millions of other United Methodists to help cover the costs of doing business. The UMCOR Sunday special offering equips the organization to respond quickly and to stay for the long term when disaster strikes.

For example, since Hurricane Ian made landfall near Cayo Costa, Florida, in September 2022, 69-year-old Jane* and her 31-year-old son John* have been living in a donated RV until their house can be made livable again.

Thanks to the generosity of United Methodists, a \$2 million UMCOR long-term recovery grant is assisting survivors like Jane and John. It is also providing aid to people affected by Hurricane Nicole, which followed two months after Ian in November 2022.

Forrest White, director of missions of the First Methodist Church of Lakeland, Florida, is among the volunteers who assisted Jane and John. In addition to digging trenches, Forrest also took time to help Jane through the heartbreaking process of sorting through a lifetime of water-logged keepsakes. He listened to Jane's stories and chatted with her son. "When the next storm comes," John told Forrest, "I would like to help."

"I believe we left them better than we found them," says Forrest of his time spent with Jane and her son. "And, as always, we were better, too, because of them and what they shared with us."

**Names changed to protect identity*

HOW TO GIVE:

Write a check to your local church and write, "UMCOR Sunday offering" in the memo line. To give online or set up monthly giving, go to [UMC.org/SSGive](https://umc.org/SSGive).

Use this engagement sheet to note your revelations and observations.

If Peter feels guilt about falling short on his commitment of Jesus, how have we felt similarly?

Are there relationships or experiences in your life, in which you've felt betrayed or let down by others - especially ones that continue to impact you?

Are you surprised at Jesus's interaction with Peter? In what ways does his interaction give you hope about Jesus's interactions with you?

Reconciliation here isn't a call to apologize, but a call to love more fully. What is one thing you can do, with the Spirit's help, to love more fully this week?

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Through Week 16

Operational Income: \$207,440

Operational Expenses: * \$294,434

* operational expenses from 2023

2024 Jan.-March Final

Actual Operational Income \$171,760

Actual Operational Expenses \$207,570



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- Radio Broadcast Sponsor

- in our of their anniversary, from Arlyn & Pam Hinrichs.

Upcoming Dates Available: May 19 & 26, June 2, 9, 16 & 30. Cost is \$210. Please call the church office to sponsor a date.

- Altar Flowers

- In honor of Lakyn Noetzelman on her birthday, from Dave & Kris Noetzelman.
- In honor of Wendell Muller on his 99th birthday, April 25th, from Mike & Ann Patterson & family.

Please call the church office at 237-3158 to sign up for a date.

- The Trustees invite you to join them in a window washing, outdoor clean up & lawn edging work day on Tuesday, April 30th at 2:00pm.
- We would love your help getting our May mailer out the door. We will gather May 1 at 8:30am in the Heritage Room. Donuts & coffee will be provided.
- Help Care Clinic Supply Drive: The clinic is in need of supplies. (Please note, there is no need at this time for alcohol or hand sanitizer.) Pick up a list of suggested supplies at the registration tables of at the display in the Narthex. Thank you for your support of this "faith-based" clinic in Kearney.

Questions of Easter

- April 29 - GriefShare 7:00pm Seekers Room
- May 1 - UWF Executive 1:00p, General 2:00pm Fellowship Hall
- May 1 - Mailer Assembly 8:30am Heritage Room
- May 6 - Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00pm Heritage Room
- May 6 - GriefShare 7:00pm Seekers Room
- May 8 - Esther Circle 2:00pm Seekers Room
- May 12 - Mother's Day & KHS Graduation - Riverdale Scholarship Awards
- May 15 - Ruth Circle 1:30pm Seekers Room
- May 19 - Outdoor Lake Day 12:00pm at Cottonmill
- May 21 - Martha Circle 2:00pm Heritage Room
- May 26 - Memorial Day Weekend. one service 9:00am
- May 27 - Memorial Day - Church Building Closed
- May 29 - Outdoor Family Fun Night 6:30-8:00pm
- May 30 - Holy Fit Bible Study 7pm Sojourners Room

QR Code for Giving



QR Code to register your attendance



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The United Methodist Church's special giving structure ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic ways

YOUR DONATION CHANGES THE WORLD ONE LIFE AT A TIME

GIVE TO YOUR CHURCH:

Make checks payable to your local church or donate online via credit/debit card at ResourceUMC.org/SSGive



TO GIVE ONLINE SCAN QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE CAMERA



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WHY DO WE CELEBRATE SPECIAL SUNDAYS?

United Methodists celebrate on specific days to unite and make clear the commitment of the church as the people of God, and to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to special programs approved and supported by the Church. For stories on how you make a difference visit

UMC.org/yourimpact

HOW DO YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT UMCOR

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to respond with extravagant grace. Through the **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)**, we are able to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement, and climate change. This offering underwrites UMCOR's "costs of doing business," allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that **100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project**, not administrative costs.

HOW CAN I GIVE IN CHURCH TODAY?

If you feel called to give to this mission today, there are a couple ways you can do so.

- Scan the QR code above to be taken to our giving page
 - Select "One Time Gift"
 - Select "UMCOR" from the "Fund" drop down selection
 - Enter the amount you'd like to give under the fund selection
 - Follow through the given prompts and submit
- Use the Special Sunday envelopes provided or at the welcome tables in the Narthex.