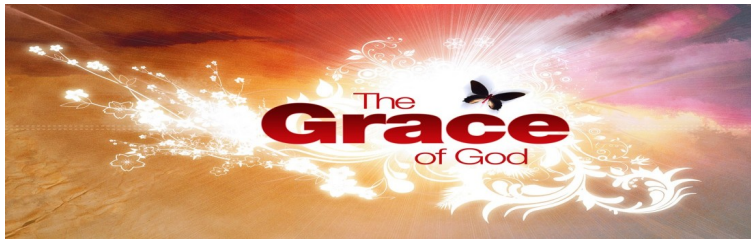


# *First* United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

February, 2026



**Greetings and Blessings Church Family,**

**As we experience and celebrate this season of Epiphany, in our United Methodist tradition and throughout the wider church, we can also reflect on the meaning of “Epiphany of our Lord.” This is the time to recognize and reflect on the significance of Christ Jesus's coming into the world to save all people everywhere. During this season, I invite you to reflect on your own Epiphany. When did you realize God’s amazing grace saved you through our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus?**

**How can we continue to live into this saving grace we have in Christ Jesus every day? In what ways can we reflect the light of Christ to others who do not know Christ? As we anticipate Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of the Lenten season. We can begin today by reflecting on our spiritual growth in the Lord, repenting of our sin, and choosing to renew our walk in Christ through our words, actions, and deeds. Allow this time to be a time of discerning God’s will in our lives and the life of God’s church. May it be so. Amen.**

**Peace and Blessings,**

**Rev. Beverly Dukes, pastor**



# ***PRAYER CONCERNS***

## **MEMBER PRAYER CONCERNS**

***Those for whom urgent prayers are needed:*** Anne Boyd, Greg Greiman, Jean Krolak

***Ongoing prayers for health and healing:*** Penny and Randy Millslage,  
Joanne Bartlett, Gary Czemske, Phyllis Hogan

***PRAY FOR THOSE IN SERVICE:*** Loretta Caplinger, Air Force,; Christine Boyd, Army  
; Scott Boehn, Marines; Keith Danalewich, Navy

## ***FRIENDS OF OUR COMMUNITY IN NEED OF PRAYER***

Andrew Russel, brother of Helen Gesell

Dave Morris

Emily, granddaughter of Anne Boyd



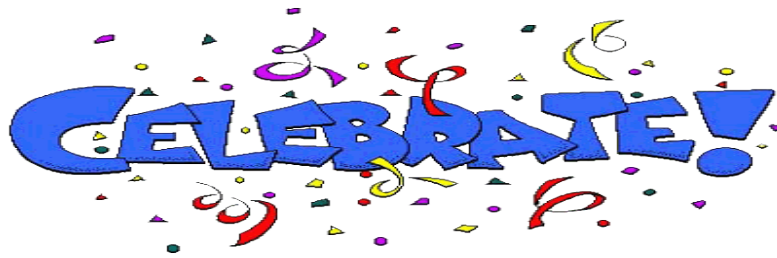
Reach out and let them know you care!!

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## ***From the Pastor's Desk***

\*If you are interested in church membership, please call the church office at 708/423-1170 for more information

\*Pastor Beverly Dukes will be on vacation February 15th until March 1st. If you have need of pastoral services contact Marty Linderborg at 708/903-2868.



Happy Birthday to.....

1st Dylan Dawson    21st Penny Millslagle    23rd Penny Greiman

Happy Anniversary to....

1st Amanda and John Metzger

5th Alaine and Rob Koschnitzki

## **WE GIVE THANKS!**

**For a successful Soup n Bread Supper. Though lightly attended, we raised over \$800 for our food ministries!!**

**AND THANKS for a wonderful day of worship, fellowship and learning at the Lake South District Leadership Training hosted by our church.**

## ***WHO'S AT CHURCH?***

AA, NA, Al-Anon, Alateen, Girl Scouts, Jazzercise, Fit Your World, Friendship Fridays, Compassion Word Ministries, our food pantry guests and more! Many groups utilize our facilities and, although not all are directed by us, they become an extension of our community by helping us to be visible, and by reflecting values we hold as Christians, such as the importance of self-care; control of substances that can harm our physical bodies; creativity; acquiring knowledge and growth; and helping those less fortunate. We invite you to be aware of these various programs, and, if you should meet their members here, extend your hand in Christian fellowship and recognize them as part of our community. **Invite them to church, an event, or a circle meeting. Let them know their presence is a blessing!**

# *FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS*

**Sundays: Worship! 9 am**

**Kid's Sunday School 9:15    Adult Sunday School 10:15**

**Fellowship and “coffee and” following services.**

**Open to all!**

*Saturday, February 14, District wide*

*Methodist Men's Breakfast*

*8.30 a.m All men welcome!*

**Wednesday, February 18, 7 p.m.**

**Ash Wednesday Service in Sanctuary**

*February 19, Finance, 7 p.m.*

**Roundtable, February 26th, 6:45 p.m.**



## Financial update:

We have completed our 2025 financial reports. Year end statements show an annual income of \$111,461 and annual 2025 expenditures of \$113,369, leaving our operating fund ending the year \$1909 in the red. As we move into 2026, we hope to change that picture to black. If you have not pledged and care to, please contact the church office.

Giving envelopes for 2026 have been distributed. Using envelopes assists our financial team in keeping track of gifts received. If you did not receive a set and wish to use them, see Marty Linderborg.

Thank you for your faithful commitment to supporting the programs and mission of First UMC.



*You can access our Vanco giving page*

*via this QR code. Pledge cards are available in the office.*

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## **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH WELCOMES YOU!!**

**Rachel Circle will meet at 9:30 am on Tuesday, February 10, at church.**

**Debra Circle will gather on Monday, February 23, at 7 p.m. at church.**

**All women, those in the church community and those beyond, are welcome at either meeting, for fellowship and study.**

**We will be making decisions about our 2025 love gifts, and also looking ahead to our Spring Easter Bunny Bake Sale and Rummage Sale.**

SAVE THE DATES!!

Easter Bunny Bake Sale Saturday March 21

Rummage Sale April 30th and May 2nd



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

9 a.m. in person worship in our sanctuary

And available via Zoom in real time  
and on Facebook Live

(Contact the church for Zoom links)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

9 a.m. age 3 through grade school

Adult class at 10:15

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