

First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

March, 2026



Siblings in Christ,

As we journey together as a community of faith, I would like us to take a moment to reflect on the meaning of this Lenten Season. According to the United Methodist Book of Worship, Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The English word "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of "spring." In many other languages, the word used for this season refers to the 40-day length of the season. The season prepares for celebrating Easter through the practice of three pillars: praying, fasting, and almsgiving. It is my prayer that during this Lenten Season, we can all see and feel our God moving in and through us in new ways as the body of Christ. May God bring you peace, comfort, and understanding during this time.

Sincerely,

Rev. Beverly Dukes.



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 Millslagle, Maggie O’Bradovic

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

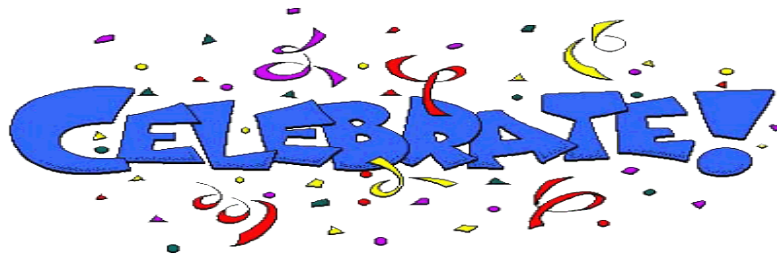
Emily, granddaughter of Anne Boyd



Reach out and let them know you care!!

From the Pastor’s Desk

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



Happy Birthday to.....

3rd Leon Dukes 12th Kaylee Koschnitzki 17th Joe Santoro

24th Francis Fullilove

Happy Anniversary to....

31st Chris and Gary Czemske

WHO'S AT CHURCH?

AA, NA, Al-Anon, Alateen, Girl Scouts, Jazzercise, Fit Your World, Friendship Fridays, Compassion Word Ministries, Girl Scouts, 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!**

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH WELCOMES YOU!!

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

Debra Circle will gather on Monday, March 23rd 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.



BUNNY
BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

9 A M – 11 A M

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MARCH 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!

Thursday, March 19th

Finance Committee 7 p.m.

Bunny Bake Sale

Saturday, MARCH 21st 9-11

Thursday, March 26th

Roundtable, 6:45 p.m.



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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Oak Lawn

Ministers: All members of the faith community Pastor: Beverly Dukes

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