

March 2026



THE CIRCUIT RIDER

First United Methodist Church

338 Third Street, PO Box 492, Henderson, KY 42419

270-827-2100

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JOHN 20:1-10

Easter

10 AM

SUNDAY

APRIL 5



Henderson County Ministerial Association
Lenten Services & Luncheons



March 4 - Wednesday, 12 PM

Presbyterian Church of Henderson
100 S Main St

March 11 - Wednesday, 12 PM

First United Methodist Church
338 3rd St

March 18 - Wednesday, 12 PM

Bennett Memorial United Methodist Church
503 Letcher St

March 25 - Wednesday, 12 PM

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
5 S Green St

April 2 - Maundy Thursday, 12 PM

Community Baptist Church
1026 Pebble Creek Dr

April 3 - Good Friday, 12 PM

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church
511 2nd St

April 5 - Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 AM

Greater Norris Chapel Baptist Church
937 Washington St



THOUGHTS FROM

Pastor Janet

WORSHIP?

What brings your heart into an attitude of WORSHIP? Perhaps another way to ask is, “What brings you into the very presence of God? When do you feel humble, and what takes you to that place?” I share the reading of these passages of Scripture as we think about our WORSHIP. From 1 Chronicles, chapter 16, verse 29... *“ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him; WORSHIP the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.”* Psalm 95:6... *“Come, let us bow down in WORSHIP, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.”* This passage shared during the season of Advent from Matthew 2, verse 2 says... *“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to WORSHIP him.”*

Music creates an atmosphere of WORSHIP for me. I recall those evening services when we were asked to select a favorite hymn to sing. Then, I was a part of the youth group as we gathered on the back row of the church. Every Sunday evening one of us would request “The Church in the Wildwood” from the Cokesbury Hymnal, page 121. We loved hearing the words of that hymn, perhaps more so as we sang the chorus with the words, *“O come, come, come, come...”* However, over the years, my love for music has cultivated into a deeper appreciation, especially in our WORSHIP time. Favorite gospel singers as the Gaithers, Larnelle Harris, Sandi Patti, Whitney Houston, Nicole Mullins, and numerous, numerous others have fed my soul, bringing the presence of God into my heart to WORSHIP. Those times hearing the Word of God in song, all the while offering a humble place for me to proceed, so I am able to really WORSHIP. Over the past several months, I have discovered unlimited enjoyment in hearing the Mormon Tabernacle Choir sing various selections, especially hymns. All the while a soothing, gentle Spirit approaches, allowing me to “rest” in that time of WORSHIP.

So, what brings your heart into an attitude of WORSHIP? What brings you into the very presence of God? When do you feel humble and what takes you to “that place?”

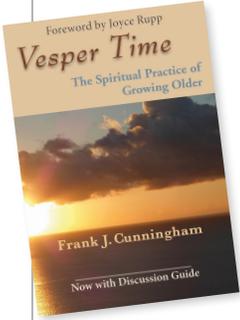
How wonderful to have had the opportunity to hear our guest musicians over the last several months, as they have given each of us many occasions to WORSHIP because of their gifts and talents, bringing us into the very presence of God. I ask that you pray for our WORSHIP services, for our guest musicians, and all who are participants in our services at 8:30 and 10:45 each Sunday. Prior to arriving on Sunday morning, pray for the Holy Spirit to FILL this place... so we may be FILLED with WORSHIP. Read these words again, as we think about our WORSHIP. *“WORSHIP the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.” “Come, let us bow down in WORSHIP, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.”* Come Sunday... ready to WORSHIP!

Love in Christ,

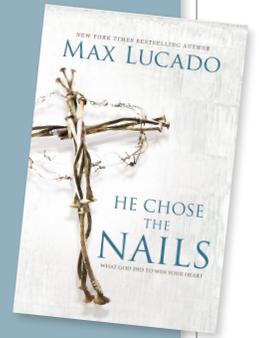
Pastor Janet

Spirituality & Aging

The Spiritual Formation Team will be leading a weekly Lunch & Learn series looking at how we can continue to grow spiritually as we get older. It will be a fun six weeks of study & appreciating our aging. We will use Frank Cunningham's book, *Vesper Time*, \$20, and the sessions will begin at noon Wednesday, April 15. Please let Dave Latham (270-826-1191) or the church office know of your interest. Bring your lunch and share in this study!



Anyone studying Max Lucado's Lenten book, *He Chose the Nails*, is invited to join the Open Door Sunday School Class. Led by David Latham, the class meets in Room 221, at 9:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month, and 9:45 a.m. on all other Sundays.



A collection of Lenten books available for checkout is displayed in the Gathering Area. Some books have multiple copies and are particularly well-suited for group studies as well as individual study.

Don't miss the beautiful display of crosses in the Gathering Area. Take a few moments to focus on one and pray for God's holiness to fill you.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
EASTER EGG HUNT
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 11 AM - 1 PM
AUDUBON MILL PARK
123 N WATER ST, HENDERSON, KY

SNACKS!
EASTER BUNNY!
BOUNCE HOUSE!



HENDERSON CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Throughout the Lenten season, the First UMC Mission Team will collect non-perishable foods and personal care items for Henderson Christian Community Outreach. Place your donations in the crates which are in the Gathering Area.

Henderson's Teen Challenge program helps those who are in addiction recovery as they prepare for the future. The First UMC Mission Team has supported Teen Challenge for many years. You can also support them by letting them wash and detail your vehicle for a reasonable price at Challenge Car Care, 227 3rd St, Henderson.



Thank you to **The Open Door Class** for volunteering to provide and serve lunch at The Salvation Army on **Saturday, March 14**. For more information, contact Cathy Motter.

Be Looking for Glimmers!

Glimmers are “small moments in the day that make us feel joy, peace and gratitude. The more we train our brains to be on the lookout for these kinds of moments, the more they seem to happen.” (The Upper Room, December 26, 2025)
A “Glimmer Board” has been placed in the Gathering Area for you to post your glimmer moments (anonymously or not) so that others can read and be inspired.

Please visit the puzzle table in the Gathering Area and pick out a few to take with you. Your donation of \$5 per puzzle will go to the First UMC Needy Fund. Thanks!

Save the Date for These Upcoming First UMC Holy Week Events!

Palm Sunday Worship Service
March 29 at 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal
April 2 at 6:30 PM

Good Friday Service
April 3 at 6:30 PM

EASTER FLOWERS

WE'RE PREPARING TO TAKE ORDERS SOON FOR EASTER LILIES AND HYDRANGEAS TO ADORN OUR SANCTUARY ON EASTER SUNDAY.

PRICING AND DEADLINES WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.

IN THE MEANTIME, YOU CAN CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR TO EXPRESS INTEREST.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE OUR EASTER CELEBRATION EVEN MORE SPECIAL!

Sign Up to Provide

Altar Flowers



Contact the Church Office
or
Scan Code to Complete the Online Form



Use Breeze ChMS to access the church directory, view the church calendar of events and manage online giving to First UMC!

Contact Beth Hayes during church office hours for help with creating your account and using Breeze.

SPRING FORWARD

SUNDAY MARCH 8

THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

IN MEMORY OF JACK SASSE

BILL & ENID DIBERT, THE ALLEN CLASS, JOHN & CHARLOTTE BOYLE
JIM & ANN CRAFTON, DENNIS & BETH MORAN, REV. STEPHANIE WEINER
CHARLES & LUDY KIRKPATRICK, SHIRLEY HARRISON, TOM & JO LOGAN
LEO & GAIL KING, CATHY KEMP, JUD & BETH ROYSTER, BEVERLY SKAGGS
DEE SCHNAKE, LANEAVE HALL, SHIRLEY MOORE, JANE SHIPLEY, KAREN HILL
PAT WORKINS, SALLY BIRD, JIM & HOLLY VINCENT, BILL & JUDY BURTON
BEN & MEG BURNLEY, DENISE SECHREST, JOHN & DAWN KELSEY
PHIL & VICKI CLEMENT, PHYLLIS CRAFTON, BOB PARK
FRANK & LISA TULIPANA, ANN PFISTERER

IN MEMORY OF TERRY FULTON

ALAN & CATHE HEDGESPETH

IN HONOR OF DOUG SASSE

ANN PFISTERER

Worship Service Volunteers

March 1, 10:00 AM Service

Announcements: Donna Stinnett
Offertory: Ray Nix
Scripture: Ann Crafton
Communion Stewards: Lee & Becky Obenchain,
 Frank & Lisa Tulipana, Donna Stinnett, Ray Nix

March 8, 8:30 am Service

Announcements: Becky Summers
Affirmation of Faith: Mike Grounds
Offertory: Ray Nix
Scripture: Linda Floyd

March 8, 10:45 am Service

Announcements: Susan Latham
Call to Worship: Jane Shipley
Scripture: Tim Lutz

March 15, 8:30 am Service

Announcements: Stacy Powell
Offertory: Ray Nix
Scripture: Carla Garrison

March 15, 10:45 am Service

Announcements: Cathy Motter
Call to Worship: Cathe Hedgespeth
Scripture: Rev. David Latham

March 22, 8:30 am Service

Announcements: Donna Stinnett
Offertory: Ray Nix
Scripture: Chuck Stinnett

March 22, 10:45 am Service

Announcements: Meg Burnley
Call to Worship: Ann Crafton
Affirmation of Faith: Brenda Sasse
Scripture: Rev. Leslie McKown

March 29, 8:30 am Service

Announcements: Donna Stinnett
Affirmation of Faith: Mike Duffy
Offertory: Ray Nix
Scripture: Stacy Powell

March 29, 10:45 am Service

Announcements: Meg Burnley
Call to Worship: Tim Lutz
Affirmation of Faith: Pam Moran
Scripture: Ann Crafton

Thank you to Dr. Larry Crick for sharing the touching story of how your faith began and has grown over the years during our February 1 worship service.



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| Mar. 3
Don Sasse
Katie Schuler
Sue West | Mar. 16
Tommy Dempewolf |
| Mar. 4
Danny Perkins | Mar. 19
Vickie King |
| Mar. 6
Trent Jolly | Mar. 21
Marcia Alles |
| Mar. 7
Teresa Duncan
Ray Nix
Pem Pfisterer Clark | Mar. 24
Dale Williams
Wendy Wooldridge |
| Mar. 8
Bill Pardue | Mar. 25
Ben Hayes
Kim McCarthy
Rick Motter |
| Mar. 11
Barb Kincaid
Ginger Stovall | Mar. 27
Carter Wilkerson
Tanner Wilkerson |
| Mar. 12
Martha Boucherie | Mar. 28
Joan Ruppenthal |
| Mar. 13
Nancy Spainhoward | |



"She Loves to Eat Out"

**No Meeting
In March!**

You are encouraged to attend the Henderson Ministerial Association Lenten Service & Luncheon at First UMC on March 11, at noon.

Worship With Us!

First Sunday of Each Month at 10:00 AM

All Other Sundays at 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

(Nursery Care is available for children up to age 4.)



Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
(The office may close each day for a 30-minute lunch break.)

Friday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Articles for The Circuit Rider

All articles for the April issue
should be submitted to the church office
by Wednesday, March 25.

Church Staff

Rev. Janet Carden, *Pastor*

Rev. EJ Simmons, *Associate Pastor*

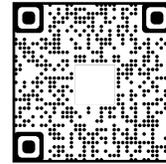
Mary Fuller, *Financial Secretary*

Beth Hayes, *Administrative & Executive Assistant*

Doug Sasse, *Custodian*

Gifts to First UMC

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during worship services or church office
hours, or given online by scanning
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