



# United Methodist Church

## APRIL

### 2026

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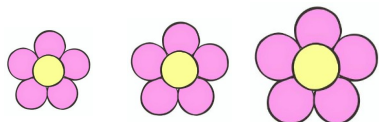
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! We have journeyed with Christ through the season of Lent. We have stood with the disciples and listened to Jesus' words from the cross. We have walked with the women as they carried their grief, their burdens, and their responsibilities to the tomb. We have also stood in amazement and eventual celebration as we have learned that death does not have the final word. So we lift our voices in hopeful praise as we continue to wrap our minds around what that means, not only for our faith, but for our very lives.

Yet, the week after Easter, the Easter products are off the shelves, the candy is marked down, and what can't be held over until next year is on clearance. The world is ready to move on. The church, however, has just moved from the season of Lent to the season of Easter, or Eastertide.

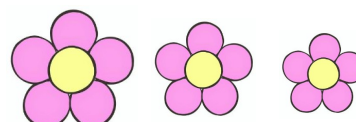
Much like the twelve days of Christmas don't begin until Christmas Day, the 50 days of the Easter Season don't begin until Easter Sunday. When we reframe Easter in this way, it invites us to linger a little longer in the hope and celebration of resurrection. It invites us to encounter the risen Christ over and over again. It invites us to be Easter people and not only be people who celebrate Easter for a day. How might you continue to celebrate Easter in the next 50 days and beyond? How might our church? What difference could it make in our lives?

Blessings, Pastor Nicole





# April



<b>1st</b>	Youth Group 6:30 pm	<b>18th</b>	UMC helps at Food Pantry 9-11am
<b>2nd</b>	Community Office Hours– Bedhead 8am-11am Maundy Thursday- Stations of the Cross 4:30-6:00pm held in the Sanctuary	<b>19th</b>	Adult Sunday School 9 am Worship 10am Children’s Church during Worship Nursing Home Services: Brookefield at 1:30pm/Matelyn at 2:30pm
<b>3rd</b>	Good Friday Service at 7:00pm	<b>20th</b>	Fairbanks Home Group 11am
<b>5th</b>	Easter Sunrise Service 7:00am at the Voigt’s Home Worship 10am– Confirmation and Communion Children’s Church during Worship	<b>21st</b>	UWF meeting 1:30pm
<b>8th</b>	Youth Group 6:30 pm	<b>22nd</b>	Youth Group 6:30 pm
<b>9th</b>	Community Office Hours– Bedhead 8am-11am	<b>23rd</b>	Community Office Hours– Bedhead 8am-11am
<b>12th</b>	Adult Sunday School 9 am Worship 10am-Baptism/New members Children’s Church during Worship	<b>26th</b>	Adult Sunday School 9 am Worship 10am Children’s Church during Worship United Methodist Student Day-Special Offering
<b>13th</b>	VBS meeting 6:30pm	<b>27th</b>	Spring Hospital Auxiliary Salad Luncheon – held in the Fellowship Hall 11am-1pm
<b>14th</b>	Administrative Council meeting 7pm	<b>28th</b>	VBS meeting 6:30pm
<b>15th</b>	Youth Group 6:30 pm	<b>29th</b>	Youth Group 6:30pm
<b>16th</b>	Community Office Hours- 8-11am at Bedhead	<b>30th</b>	Community Office Hours– Bedhead 8am-11am

## Teacher's Prayers

At St. Paul United Methodist Church, we have made a commitment to our local schools.

As we have done in the past, we will start our weekly prayers for the teachers and school staff for the school year.

If you know of teachers from our congregation that teach at other districts or substitute teachers that would not be listed on the St. Paul district website, please let Pastor Nicole or the church office know so we can add them to our teacher prayers. *Thank You!*

**Each Sunday, we will begin praying for the following teachers:**

**April 5**– Nolan Reilly, Cory Valasek, Diane Bennett, Connor Bolling

**April 12** – Marcia Wardyn, Alex Egger, Richard Moore, Rob Wegner, Tess Jerabek

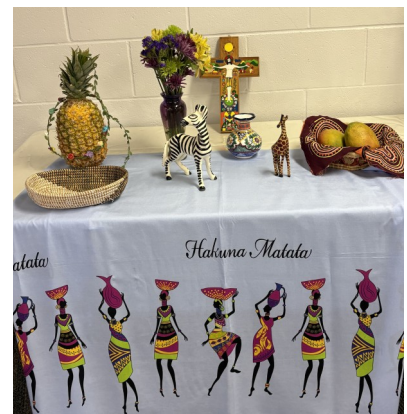
**April 19**– Dean Burkhardt, Bryan Donohue, Dezarae Gay-Cole, Franklin Bell, Gayle Bremer, Tanya Johansen, Brett Stamp

**April 26**– Adam Patrick, Kim Schulte, Ryan Camden, Terri Townsend

## World Day of Prayer

On Friday March 6, about 30 women from the St. Paul community gathered at our church for the World Day of Prayer. The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement led by Christian women of many traditions who call the faithful together to observe a common day of prayer. It is always held on the first Friday in March. This year's service was prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Nigeria.

More than 120 countries participate in this annual day of celebration which brings together people of various races, cultures and traditions sharing God's word. Our group was led by Deb Wells, president of UWF. She started by reflecting on the meaning of this day and shared a bit of history. This was followed by a short video with some reading of scripture and song. After a free will donation was taken we closed with a responsive reading led by Carol Phillips. The program was followed by lunch consisting of some Nigerian recipes, including chicken and shrimp with rice casseroles. Also fruit salads, cookies and breads. The meal and decorations were furnished and prepared by Charlene Craig, Deb Wells. Mary Pearson, Cheryl Yoder, Susan Hartley and Theda Van Horn. Ursula Sorlie made the bookmarks that each participant received.





April 1	Nancy Harrington	April 21	Jordan Ross
April 3	Russell Schwenk	April 22	Darlene Hansen
April 4	Brock Nielsen	April 22	Heather Pearson
April 8	Audrey Anderson	April 23	Rikki Thompson
April 12	Jackson Ohde	April 24	Marilyn Wall
April 13	Jason Hawkins	April 24	Kingston Sack
April 13	Nick Pedersen	April 25	Andrew Thomsen
April 17	Daylene Fox		

*Happy Anniversary*

April 1	Lonny & Janet Thomsen
April 3	Don & Lynda Berggren



**United Methodist Church of St. Paul**  
**MISSION STATEMENT**  
**'Making and Nurturing Disciples'**

## Around our Connection

Take a look at what's happening around us!  
 Click on the links in blue to learn more.

### Pastors walk a political tightrope:

<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/pastors-walk-a-political-tightrope>

### Newest United Methodist Church Handbook:

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/topics/united-methodism/umc-handbook>

### SE Nebraska Church Reaches out with dinner:

<https://www.greatplainsumc.org/newsdetail/se-nebraska-church-reaches-out-with-dinner-19652310>



The Great Plains Conference Disaster Response Ministry is assisting homeowners, ranchers, and farmers who have been impacted by the fires Morrill and Cottonwood, Neb.

To make a donation to the Disaster Response Fund you can give online at <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/page/donate/great-plains-disaster-fund> or mail your check payable to the Great Plains Conference, on the memo line write 975 Disaster Response Fund, and mail to: Great Plains Conference, 100 S. Kansas, Topeka, KS 66603.

# DONATE TODAY

## DISASTER RESPONSE FUND

The Great Plains Conference Disaster Response Ministry is assisting homeowners, ranchers, and farmers who have been impacted by the Morrill and Cottonwood Fires

Checks to:  
 SPUMC or GP Conference UMC Great Plains  
 United Methodists  
 Memo Line:  
 975 Disaster Response Fund

## March Attendance

March 1st:	44 In-person 24 Views/YouTube
March 8th:	27 In-person 18 Views/YouTube
March 15th:	34 In-person 21 Views/YouTube
March 22nd:	46 In-person 30 Views/YouTube
March 29th: <i>Palm Sunday</i>	62 In-person 12 Views/YouTube

## March Offering Totals

March 1st:	\$4,426
March 8th:	\$11,248
March 15th:	\$1,002
March 22nd:	\$1,082
March 29th:	\$889



## United Methodist Church Prayer Chain

The purpose of the prayer chain is to offer special prayers for individuals in critical need. The chain cannot be activated without the permission of the family in need. Call prayer requests to the church office 754-4247. The prayer request will be called to the first person on these lists. Each caller then calls the next person on the list. If that person is unavailable, a call should be placed to the following name and contact made with the first party later in the day.

Last name on list does not call anyone. We are in need of more people joining the prayer chain.

Praying for each other is an important ministry that we can do for our church family.

If you would be interested in becoming part of this mission, please contact the church office.

We are in need of more people joining the prayer chain. All you have to do is pray for someone as the requests are made. **Please consider this request to help.**

Marilyn Wall	754-5100	Martha Voigt	750-4319	Jackie Cook	754-9115
Deb Wells	754-5620	Darla Voigt	750-1401	Charlene Craig	754-5503
Nancy Harrington	750-0279	Rose Ross	754-4993	Mary Pearson	308-219-0060
Theda Van Horn	754-4541	Cherri & Scott Klinginsmith	750-0615	Brenda Starkey	750-7967
Cleo Edwards	754-4853	Charlotte Rasmussen	308-968-3375	Becky Schwenk	750-4590
Nancy OR Mike McCarthy	750-2117-Nancy (775)-830-9521 -Mike	Susan Hartley	(641)-485-7349	Lory Thomsen	754-4286
Sheila Studley	750-6973	Robyn Dvoracek	754-8468		



# United Women of Faith



March 17th, 2026

1:30 pm

The meeting was called to order by Deb Wells. Those in attendance were Susan, Darla, Cheryl, Deb, Jackie, Mary, Sally, Mary Ann, Charlene, Pastor Nicole and Carol.

Charlene gave devotions from *The Praying Woman* devotional. Prayer requests were for Dave Snow's family, Claude and Ursula Sorlie, Janet Thompson's family, Mary Pearson's brother, Martha Voigt and the family of Ron Wells

Minutes from the February meeting were read, with no corrections or additions, approved as read. Jackie gave the treasurer's report, no bills were presented, balance on hand is \$395.51 The quarterly dues of \$125 will be paid soon. The end of the 2025 year donation to Hope Harbor and the Crisis Center has been put on hold until we have more money in our treasury.

**Old Business:** Deb reported on the World Day of Prayer service. In addition to our church members, there were 22 others in attendance. \$230 in free will donations was collected. This money will be sent to the World Day of Prayer International Committee "Fund for Tomorrow". This allows for women around the world to travel to New York to plan for future World Day of Prayer services.

Carol reminded Jackie and Charlene that they will host Fellowship on April 19th following church.

**New Business:** Darla announced there will be no adult Sunday School on Easter Sunday. The city wide Easter Egg Hunt was discussed, no current information was available.

The Day of Giving is March 23rd. Due to our low treasury we decided not to donate this year.

Charlene shared an article from the Response magazine that there are over 100 International Projects that our donations go to.

Several within the United States, The Big Garden and Della Lamb, to name just a of couple local entities.

Pastor Nicole's comments: Easter services, Maundy Thursday, Stations of Jesus Life 4:30-6:00, Good Friday service 7:00 pm, Sunrise Service at Voigt's, 7:00 a.m., Easter service 10:00 with Confirmation and Communion.

Cards will be purchased for the Confirmands and each UWF member is asked to sign with note of encouragement.

In lieu of a lesson today we put together 12 feminine hygiene kits for UMCOR.

Lunch was served by Cheryl

**Next meeting** is April 21. Devotions by Susan, Lesson by Charlene and lunch served by Carol.

Acting Secretary

Carol Phillips

On March 17th, the UWF ladies put together some feminine hygiene kits for UMCOR.

What a wonderful way to help out!



## Churches Praying for Churches



Every year each church receives a list of UMC churches to pray over each week. Please join us in lifting these churches up in prayer this month.

**April 5th**– Bristow/Lynch First/Spencer

**April 12th**– Chapman

**April 19th**– Central City

**April 26th**– Norfolk First/Winside

## Sunday



**Worship time**  
10:00 a.m.

## Adult Bible Study

Sunday morning 9:00 am

## Children's Education

Children's Church  
-during Worship service



## FOOD PANTRY



The **Food Pantry** here in St. Paul is always looking for food donations. Please help us stock the shelves. Any food or paper item is accepted but these items are in high demand every month.

Jello– Strawberry	Juice
Ketchup and Mustard	Pork & Beans
Laundry Soap-small bottles	Pudding-Instant-Chocolate
Mayo	Syrup
Sugar	Shampoo
Brownie mixes	Conditioner
Jelly	Toilet Paper
Cookies	Salad Dressing (Ranch,Dorothy Lynch)
Cereal	Frosting
Crackers– Salad & Soup (Saltines)	Cake Mixes
Dish Soap	Spaghetti Sauce
Flour	Toothpaste
Hamburger Helper	Canned Fruit
Pancake Mix	

### **Food Pantry**

The United Methodist Church is responsible for operating the Food Pantry every third Saturday from 9-11 am. If you could volunteer to help any one of these Saturdays, it would be greatly appreciated.

**April 18th** is the next work date.

Precautions are taken to insure the health and protection of both the worker and the consumer.

Thank you, Theda Van Horn

### Food Pantry hours

**Saturday**  
9:00-11:00 am

**Tuesday**  
4:00-6:00 pm

**February is the month for United Methodist Church to donate to the Food Pantry.**



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