


Love



is patient ♦
kind ♦ not envious ♦
not boastful ♦
not arrogant ♦
not rude ♦ does not insist
on its own way ♦
is not irritable or resentful ♦
does not rejoice in
wrongdoing ♦ rejoices in the
truth ♦ bears all things ♦
believes all things ♦
hopes all things ♦
endures all things ♦
never ends. ♦

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, NRSV [adapted]

April 28, 2024 – 5th Sunday of Easter Sunday

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Welcome to worship! May you encounter the living Lord as you worship with us this morning. We seek to love God with all our hearts, souls, and minds. May God, through the Holy Spirit, make his presence known to us and guide us in our longings.

Serving in Worship Today -

Pastor: Rev. Michael Rexroad

Worship Leader: Gerald Linkous

Acolytes: Hattie Price and Brandon Roland

Director of Music Ministries: Vicky Bradley

Ushers: Danny McNamara (Captain), David Graham, Terry Wells, Tom Bay, and Will Stafford

Tech Team: Larry Cook, Rick Dooley, Randy Lester, and Kaitlyn Artrip

Worship Nursery/Pre-School:

Altar Stewards: Wilma Bowling and Mary Ann Thomas

Keeper of the Pews: Mona and Randy Lester

Minister of Visitation: Vicki Horton

Children and Youth Ministries Director: Brandon Roland

FMC Library Aides: Patty Flanagan and Kathy Casey

Did You Know?

- **Hearing Assistance** is available. Please see an usher for more details.
- **Restrooms** are located just outside the front right door of the sanctuary.
For safety reasons, please escort children to the restroom.
- **Children** are always welcome in the sanctuary. Children's worship activity bags are located on the tables in the rear of the Sanctuary. Ages 3-6 bags are on the left. Ages 7-12 bags are on the right. During worship, we also staff the following ministries for children:
- **Nursery** for children up to age 3. Find the nursery by going through the door at the front right of the sanctuary and turning left in the hallway. Pagers are available.
- **Pre-School Church** for ages three through kindergarten. The children will go to Pre-School Church following the Children's Message. They can be picked up at the conclusion of our worship experience on the second floor of the main building.

Flowers

*In loving memory of Stanley Belcher by:
Mrs Glenna Belcher, Ginger and Heather.*

Celebration in Praise

Announcements	Rev. Rexroad
Greeting	Rev. Rexroad
Prelude & Procession	“Climb, Climb Up Sunshine Mountain” arr. Cedar mont Kids
† Call to Worship	Gerald Linkous
† Invocation	Gerald Linkous
† Scripture Reading	<i>John 15:9-17</i> (NIV)
† Congregational Songs of Praise	“Lord Lifted Me” <i>Worship & Song</i> #3101 “Love the Lord Your God” <i>TFWS</i> #2168 “His Name is Wonderful” <i>UMH</i> #174
† Passing the Peace	<i>Psalms 143:8-12</i> (NIV)
Scripture Reading	
Offering/Offertory	“I Love to Tell the Story” arr. William G. Fischer
† Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” <i>UMH</i> #95
† Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Offering	Rev. Rexroad
† The Apostle’s Creed	Rev. Rexroad
Pastoral Prayer followed by The Lord’s Prayer	Rev. Rexroad
Anthem	“How Can I Keep From Singing” arr. Richard Kingsmore
Children’s Moment	Rev. Rexroad
† Hymn of Preparation	“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” <i>UMH</i> #384
† Scripture Reading	<i>1 Corinthians 13:1-13</i> (NIV)
Sermon	“It Doesn’t Matter Unless There is Love” “The Gift of Love” <i>UMH</i> #408
† Hymn of Response	
† Benediction	Rev. Rexroad
Closing Voluntary	“Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace” arr. Lee Hastings Bristol Jr.

†Denotes moments in worship where we invite you to stand as you are able.

Prayer List

If you would like a name to appear in this prayer list, please contact the church office [304.425.2283 or fumcprinceton@gmail.com] with the information. After three (3) weeks, requests will be removed unless the church office is notified.

Church Family		
Joshua Beachler	Nancy Jones	Sarah Russell
Shelley Cline	Ellen Knight	Sandy Veneri
Mary Helen Coulter	Keri McGuire	Robert Vest
Samantha Craig	Nancy Moore	Terri Vest
Peggy Edmonds	Gail Rector	Children's Ministry
Lee Elmore	Lucille Reynolds	FHC Ministry
Debbie Gillespie	Rev. Harold Russell	Youth Ministry
Friends of Church Family		
Judy Fast	Evan McKinney (Cathy & Jerry Linkous's Nephew)	Ava Rigney
Charles Hampton	Shaun Painter	Kathy Wallace
Jay Kincaid	Sandy Puckett	
State/Nation		
All Local, State, & National Leaders	Military Personnel, First Responders & Law Enforcement	
Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball	Southern District Superintendent Chip Bennett	
World		
Christian Believers in Bangladesh	Dr. Emmanuel and Mrs. Florence Mefor	
Refugees around the world	Mutambara Mission Hospital	
UMC General Conference 2024	Ukraine / Russian War/Israel	

Upcoming Program Events and Meetings

- TODAY: Pre-School Church & Nursery
FUMC Library 12-12:30 PM
No Youth Bible Study
- MONDAY: Quilting Class, 10 AM- 12 PM, & 6 – 8 PM
- WEDNESDAY: Childrens Time, 6-7 PM
Youth Bible Study, 6-7:30 PM
Adult Bible Study, 6-7:15 PM
- THURSDAY: TLC, Family Ministries Center, Room 2, 9 AM - 12 PM
Choir Rehearsal, 7 PM
- FRIDAY: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 AM

WHAT'S HAPPENING

In the Life of the Church during the
Week of April 28, 2024



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website to access information and stay connected: princetonfumc.org

If you are live streaming the Sunday service, let us know you are watching by filling out the Connect Card. It enables us to keep accurate attendance records. Whether you are traveling, or unable to attend in person, the “Give” link on the website allows you to securely contribute online at your convenience. Online contributions are another way to give and enable church ministries to thrive. The *Connect Card* and *Give* links can be found at the top of the homepage, along with additional information.

Our online giving provider, *Tithe.ly*, offers a free mobile giving app available for iOS and Android devices. You can download the app by going to the App Store on your mobile device and searching *Tithe.ly*.

Simply download the app and create an account. Once your account has been created, you will need to select the church to receive the gift by searching for Princeton First United Methodist Church in the *Find a Church* search bar. Then, click “Give Now” and put in your payment information and gift amount. You will have the option to store your information (if you so choose) to speed up the process for future mobile-giving transactions.

THE COMING WEEK...

Today, April 28, 2024

- Pre-School Church & Nursery
- FUMC Library 12-12:30 PM
- No Youth Bible Study

Monday, April 29, 2024

- Rag Quilt Class, 10 AM-Noon & 6-8 PM

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

- Childrens Time, 6-7 PM
- Youth Bible Study, 6-7:30 PM
- Adult Bible Study, 6-7:15 PM

Thursday, May 2, 2024

- TLC, Family Ministries Center, Room 2, 9 AM - 12 PM
- Choir Rehearsal, 7 PM

Friday, May 3, 2024

Men's Prayer Breakfast

May Meetings

- 5/6 **Finance Committee Meeting, Schell Hall, 6 PM**
- 5/13 **Church Council, Schell Hall, 6 PM**

Take a look at the variety of books, magazines, videos, CD's, and photos available to checkout or view. The library will remain open and staffed every Sunday after morning worship, from 12-12:30 PM.





May 8th
Children's Time (Dress Rehearsal) 6-7 PM

May 15th
Children's End of the Year Celebration
6-7 PM



FINAL WEEK!

In celebration of Mother's Day 2024, members of the United Methodist Women in Faith are receiving names **IN HONOR OF** or **IN MEMORY OF** to be printed in a special bulletin listing for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th.

The cost is **\$1.00** per person honored or remembered. You may recognize your mother, wife, grandmother, aunt, sister, niece, daughter, granddaughter, or friend. All contributions will go to support Feeding Hungry Children.



VBS Training!

If you are interested in helping with this year's VBS, we want to invite you to a lunch after the morning service on May 19. During and after the lunch we will discuss this year's theme, go over each day's plan, and go over specific lessons and activities. The stations are: Decoration, Opening Assembly, Recreation, Crafts/Science, Snacks and Bible Story.

If you are interested in helping volunteer at any of the listed stations or as a group leader, please RSVP on the connect card and/or talk to Lindsay Price or Brandon Roland.

Aug 4-7 VBS – Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure With God

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS / EVENTS

- 5/5 Youth Bible Study, 4-5:30
- 5/6 Rag Quilt Class, Etta Belcher Room, 10 AM-Noon & 6-8 PM
Finance Committee Meeting, Schell Hall, 6 PM
- 5/8 Childrens Time, Dress Rehearsal, 6-7 PM
Youth Bible Study, 6-7:30 PM
Adult Bible Study, 6-7:15 PM
- 5/9 TLC, Family Ministries Center, Room 2, 9 AM - 12 PM
Choir Rehearsal, 7 PM
- 5/17 Men's Prayer Breakfast, FMC Conference Room, 7 AM

PSHS AP Testing Schedule Schell Hall and UMC Library

- 5/6 8 AM – 12 PM
- 5/9 12 PM – 3 PM
- 5/10 8 AM – 12 PM
- 5/13 8 AM – 12 PM
- 5/16 12 AM – 3 PM
- 5/17 8 AM – 12 PM
- 5/23 8 AM – 12 PM

Primary Elections
May 14th
Schell Hall

Men's Prayer Breakfast

May 3rd Schell Hall

May 17th Conference Room @ FMC

Women In Faith Luncheon

May 21, Schell Hall, 12 PM

All the women of the church are invited.
RSVP's coming soon!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The following classes are offered for all ages, 9:30 AM - 10:35 AM, every Sunday.

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR
Nursery	Various
Elementary	Various
Youth	Brandon Roland
Young Adult	Jon & Kathy Casey
Renewal	Martha Cook
Exploring Faith	Larry Cook
Holliday Adults	Brenda Thompson



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Any information you wish to be included in the weekly What's Happening must be submitted by 10 AM each Wednesday. Please email information to fumcprinceton@gmail.com or bring it by the Church Office.