

Birthdays...

15 Angie Strohmman
Jemma Elman
16 Jim Stevens
20 Marguerite Bramley
21 Sue Rouse
William Harris

Anniversaries...

*No Anniversaries this week

Attendance ...

3/8/2020 122

Empowering

EFUMC Ministry...

3/8/2020

General Fund	\$ 5,150.13
Building Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Trustees	\$ 130.00
Total	\$ 6,780.13

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you

Nursery Available...

Nursery care is available during the worship service for children (Newborns up to the second grade). The nursery is located on the second floor.

Although nursery care is provided during the worship service, children are welcome and encouraged to participate in our worship services.

This Week...

Sunday, March 15

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:30 AM Confirmation
1:00 PM Worship Service @PARC Hall
4:30 PM Financial Peace University @Family Life Center

Tuesday, March 17

4:30 PM Praise Team Practice
5:00 PM MOPS in the Narthex
5:30 PM SPRC Meeting @Family Life Center
6:00 PM Intensified Prayer Meeting @War Room

Wednesday, March 18

1:30 PM 345 ALIVE in the basement
5:30 PM Jr UMYF in the basement
6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice
6:30 PM Sr UMYF @Family Life Center

Thursday, March 19

1:30 PM Trinity/PALS @Family Life Center

Friday, March 20

**Office Closed*

9:30 AM Men's Prayer Group in the Library

Sunday, March 22

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:30 AM Confirmation
4:30 PM Financial Peace University @Family Life Center



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Call to Worship,
Opening Prayer,
& Scripture Readings

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

And Can It Be That I Should
Gain

"And Can It Be That I Should
Gain?" is a Christian
hymn written by Charles
Wesley. Diarmaid
MacCulloch suggests that the
hymn is one of the best-loved

Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020, 10:00AM

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

When you see the [], people are invited to arise as able.*

*Hymns No. 57-734 are in the red hymnal (The United Methodist Hymnal),
2000's are in the black hymnal (The Faith We Sing).*

PRELUDE

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus bids us welcome.

He brings peace and forgiveness.

Yet we dwell in the midst of doubt and fear.

Jesus bids us welcome.

He brings hope and healing.

But we persist in our ways of stubbornness and greed.

Jesus, come among us once more and

bring us your word of Peace.

Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls

to receive your healing Word.

AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN**

363 And Can It Be That I Should Gain

***OPENING PRAYER**

Loving and caring God,

we come this morning in hope—

hope that will sustain us in our trying times,

our lonely times, our doubting times.

Refresh us this morning with the living water

of your presence and love.

of Wesley's six thousand hymns. It is also the source for the 2003 song "You Are My King (Amazing Love)" which reached No. 1 on the Billboard Christian songs chart.

"And Can It Be" was written in 1738 to celebrate Wesley's conversion, which he regarded as having taken place on 21 May of that year. The lines "My chains fell off, my heart was free/I rose, went forth, and followed thee" are based on the story of the Liberation of Saint Peter in the New Testament.

The hymn first appeared in John Wesley's 1739 hymnal, "Hymns and Sacred Poems." Since its first publication, it has been included in most Methodist hymnals and in the hymnals of many other Protestant denominations.

**Open us to the possibilities of friendship—
the possibilities of encountering you
in unexpected ways,
the possibilities of seeing the miraculous
in everyday life.
Amen.**

PRAISE & WORSHIP

"Your Love Awakens Me" - Phil Wickham

"Lord, I Need You" - Christ Tomlin

CHILDREN'S SERMON

JOYS CONCERNS PRAYERS

***SCRIPTURE READINGS** John 4:5-15

⁵*So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar,
near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph.*

⁶*Jacob's well was there, and Jesus,
tired as he was from the journey,
sat down by the well.*

It was about noon.

⁷*When a Samaritan woman came to draw water,
Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"*

⁸*(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)*

⁹*The Samaritan woman said to him,
"You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman.
How can you ask me for a drink?"*

(For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰*Jesus answered her,*

*"If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you
for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have
given you living water."*

¹¹*"Sir," the woman said,*

*"you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep.
Where can you get this living water?"*

¹²*Are you greater than our father Jacob,*

*who gave us the well and drank from it himself,
as did also his sons and his livestock?"*

¹³*Jesus answered,*

*"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,
¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst.*

*Indeed, the water I give them will become in them
a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*

¹⁵*The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water*

*so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here
to draw water."*

MESSAGE OF LIFE Hojin Shin

"A Spring of Water Welling Up to Eternal Life"

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

95 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

***OFFERTORY**

***CLOSING HYMN**

347 Spirit Song

***BLESSING**

***SONG OF SENDING FORTH**

369 Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

God is Good!

Liturgist

Vicki Ellis

Organist

Rosemary Matthews

Pianist

Kelley Fog

Choir Director

Dave Fog

Bell Choir Director

Melanie Flynn

Computer Operator

Duhn Family

In Our Prayers ...

Beng Gallo
Louise Sackett
Janice Kassel
Mary King
Betty Hiatt
Dean Newlon
Noah Kollasch
(Nancy Hunsaker's great grandson)
Bill DePue
Elyssa Flannigan
Brandi Fehr
Steve & Lynne Farnsworth
Sharon Hobart
Jane Stevens
Devin Morey
Abby Burns
Deb Weir
Irene Goff
Florence Malm
Richard Henrichs
Will Farlow
Carol Ensley
Joyce Muller
Lincoln Coakley
(grandson of Joann Coakley)
Scott Sanne
(Grandson of Pearl Whitmore)
Philip Christenson
(brother of Marge Solberg)
Kort Freeman
Lois Lowman
Ted Strohman
Deb Nissen
(sister-in-law of Deb Wickman)
Marjorie Solberg
Vi Sampson

**The loved ones of those
who passed away, this past
year including:*

Mardell Truog
Rick Jones
Daryl Underwood
Wayne Truog
Keith Bare

**Those who have been
hospitalized & our military
members.*