# OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SERVICE

# Sunday, February 2 – 9

**Sunday:** 8:30 AM - “The United Methodist Hour” on KYNT 1450 AM Radio is sponsored

by Lydia Giziewski in memory of her father William Hollmann.

8:00 AM - Disciples Fast Track, room 203 & 205

8:45 AM - Women’s Bible Study, Upper Room

10 AM - Worship (Human Relations Sunday – Special Offering)

11 AM - Coffee Fellowship, Lounge

4:00 PM - Pastor Katie leads HSC service

7:45 PM - Narcotics Anonymous, Upper Room

**Monday:** 1:30 PM - United Women in Faith, Pledge Service, Lounge

7:45 PM - Narcotics Anonymous, Upper Room

**Tuesday**: 7 AM - God Winks Circle at Fryn’ Pan

9:00 AM - Home School Group

Noon - Lunch Study, room 203 & 205

7:45 PM - Narcotics Anonymous, Upper Room

**Wednesday:** 8:30 AM - Prayer Time, Lounge

- Pastor Katei gone through Saturday

5:00 PM - Youth Bell Choir (3rd grade & up)

5:30 PM - 605 – supper will be served (Preschool – 6th grade)

5:45 PM - Confirmation (7th – 9th grade) Room 203 & 205

6:00 PM - Jubilee Bells, Room 207

7:00 PM - Youth Group (7th – 12th Grade)

7:45 PM - Narcotics Anonymous, Upper Room

**Thursday: 7 AM - Men’s Breakfast at Fryn’ Pan**

Noon - Bulletin information due in the church office

4:15 PM - Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

**Friday:** - Pastor Katie’s day off

7:45 PM - Narcotics Anonymous, Upper Room

**Saturday:** 7:45 PM - Narcotics Anonymous, Upper Room

**Next Sunday:** 8:00 AM - Disciple Fast Track New Testament

8:45 AM - Women’s Bible Study, Upper Room

10 AM - Worship

11 AM - Coffee Fellowship, Lounge

7:45 PM - Narcotics Anonymous, Upper Room

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers:**

Allison Spak’s granddaughter Mercy, Russ & Mary Peirce, Sue Strasburg, Doug Baily, Caitlin Jen sen, Dawn Kabella, Kate Patrick (Diane Kisch’s niece), Connie Pruitt (Shirley Root's sister) Church family serving in the military: all men & women serving in the military and their families. (*If you have prayer requests for publication, please contact the church office.)*

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February 2, 2025

Worship Service: 10:00 A.M.

*Our Vision: "To be a church of hope, healing, and belonging that loves and serves all through Christ our Lord."*

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Announcements** (Please fill out the Ritual of Friendship book)

**Anthem** In Pastures Green Chancel Choir

**\*Call To Worship**

L: We come to worship today to hear your good news,

**C: to hear stories of faith, hope and love.**

L: We know that doubt, fear and hatred are everywhere

**C: and can shake even the strongest.**

L: Shape us into faithful, hopeful people:

**C: fill us with your love that passes all understanding**

**\*Opening Hymn** Holy Holy Holy UMH #64

**\*God Moments**

**Song** Into My Heart FWS #2160

**Prayer/Lord’s Prayer**

**Children’s Message** Where Children Belong FWS #2233

**\*Offering**  Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #95

God of Limitless Love: The giving is easy compared to the kind loving you expect us to extend to others: a love that is patient, unselfish, forgiving, and full of hope that endures through anything. May we grow in our giving, but even more in our loving as your Son taught us. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who gave in enduring love all there was to give for us. Amen.

**Scripture**  Luke 9:18-20

**Sermon** The Most Important Question Pastor Katie

**Hymn** Take Our Bread UMH #640

**Holy Communion** You Who Are Thirsty Chancel Choir

**\*Closing Hymn**  Majesty, Worship His Majesty UMH #176

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

\*Indicates Congregation stand if you are comfortable doing so. Large print hymnals and bulletins are available, as are hearing devices. Please ask an usher for assistance. Nursery room available.

If you are new to FUMC and visiting with us, we would like to say, “Thank you for your presence!” If you have not already filled out a Welcome/Visitor Card with one of our greeters at the door please find one located in the Ritual of Friendship Book, fill out, and place in the offering plate. Have a blessed day.

**Out of the Office** Pastor Katie will be out of the office February 5-8 for vacation

# United Women of Faith (UMW) booklets are available on the shelf outside the Sanctuary.

**United Women in Faith** The February meeting of the United Women in Faith will be Feb. 3rd at 1:30 in the church lounge. Carla Hummel is doing our program about Missions here at our church.  Diane Kisch will lead our devotions.  Delores Kafka and Rose Nedved are the hostesses this month.  All women are invited to be a part of this group, come share an afternoon of fellowship.  Hope to see you there

**Pastor Book Club** February 24th at 7pm. Struggling with her return to the Christian church after many years away, Kathleen Norris found it was the language of Christianity that most distanced her from faith. Words like "judgment," "faith," "dogma," "salvation," "sinner"—even "Christ"—formed what she called her "scary vocabulary," words that had become so codified or abstract that their meanings were all but impenetrable. She found she had to wrestle with them and make them her own before they could confer their blessings and their grace. Blending history, theology, storytelling, etymology, and memoir, Norris uses these words as a starting point for reflection and offers a moving account of her own gradual conversion. She evokes a rich spirituality rooted firmly in the chaos of everyday life—and offers believers and doubters alike an illuminating perspective on how we can embrace ancient traditions and find faith in the contemporary world.

**Loads of Love** Here is the 2025 schedule for Loads of Love. There are signup sheets at the Mission table. We need at least 4 people signup each time, please consider helping. March 18th, April 29th, May 20th, July 15th, July 29th, September 16th, September 30th, November 18th, December 30th.

**Youth Bell Choir** (3rd grade and up) with Jill Wilson, Wednesdays, at 5-5:30pm.

**Love Keeps us warm Blanket Drive** Pathways Shelter is looking for blanket donations to help keep their guests warm and cozy during these cold days. If you are cleaning out/decluttering, please consider donating any blankets that you no longer use. Donations can be dropped off at the Missions table in the laundry basket by February 14th.

**Bucket Sunday Offering** Money collected went to the Good Samaritan Fund. The total given was $1,549.27. Thanks for your generosity!

**Our Care Casserole freezer is full again!** Cheddar Cheese Ham and Potato Soup, Cheeseburger and Macaroni Soup, and Turkey and Dressing with vegetables. To date, over 800 casseroles have been provided for the congregation's use for friends, family, and those who need a meal prepared and given with love. Thanks to those who have given feedback, donations, and thank you notes.

**Christmas Eve Mission Offering** Sleep in Heavenly Peace received $2,452.81. Thank you!

# Tuesday Lunch Study Tuesday Lunch Tuesdays at noon in room 203 & 205. We will be doing a video series by Amy Jill Levine called, “Difficult Words of Jesus.” Join us for this very interesting and challenging video study! No reading required. All are welcome! (There will be no class on Tuesday, January 28th.)

**Care Casserole** If you’d like the ingredients to any of the casseroles, please contact the care casserole team.

**Ways to Give**

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Small Group Starting October 1st:  Christianity 101

Are you new to the church? New to Christianity?  Or are you in need of a refresher of the basics of our faith?  Join Pastor Katie on Sunday mornings before worship for Christianity 101 where we will cover the same content in our confirmation program, but geared toward adults.  Many adults who have mentored during confirmation have commented that they didn't learn the basics or didn't remember learning them.  Here's your chance!  All are welcome!