

Trivia Night
 REGISTER ON TITHE.LY
 Sunday, March 15, 4PM

Trivia Night at First UMC is always a good time! We'll have free soda and popcorn. You can bring extra snacks for your table. A table of 8 is \$140. Individuals are welcome at \$20 and we will put a table together for you. Reserve your table on tithely or through the offering boxes. We are accepting donations for our always fantastic Silent Auction and 2 liter bottles of soda.

<p>Choose your Faith Group!</p> <p>Bible Study Wednesdays 10:00am with John</p> <p>Songs for the Soul Tuesdays 6:30pm with Mye & Mindy</p>	<p>Seven Words Lenten Studies</p> <p>Sundays 8:15am Barb, Julie & Laura</p> <p>Sundays 10:45am Kathy & Cheryl</p> <p>Thursdays 2:00pm Pastor Jeff</p>
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THANK YOU! for fully funding three water fountains! With your generosity, and a great find of "like new" fountains reducing our overall cost, you will see our new water fountains installed over the next 4-6 weeks serving our children, music and community outreaches. Enjoy!

Lenten Love Languages in hard times
Community Lenten Service
 March 8, 5:00pm First UMC

EASTER PLANNING MTG!
 TUES, MARCH 17, 6:30PM

Be a part of our community outreach Easter Sunday
 April 4, 10am, at Festus High School Performing Arts Center

Community Easter
 April 5, 10:00am

Festus High School Performing Arts Center

KIDS AT FIRST UMC. Let the little children come! Fun and meaningful **Kids Ministry** is provided for K-5th grade during our Sunday worship services. The children begin in the sanctuary for opening worship and then head to their classrooms. **Nursery & Pre-K Care** is also provided Sundays during worship in Room 211. **The Wiggle Room.** We have a comfortable wiggle room in the back of the sanctuary with rocking chairs, play space, and a clear view of worship. You are welcome to use this space with your active toddler or a bubbly newborn.

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 Rev. Dr. Tish Green, Lead Pastor

Youth United
Pedal n Pi Night!
 6th-12th grade Meet @ Church
 Wednesday, March 11, 6:00pm

ADAM HAMILTON
 Author of *Walking from Love to Love*

Faith Group
 for Married Couples
 Two Week Intro
 March 22 & 29
 Sundays 4pm
 Bucky & Terri Nunn

VBS! We are off and running for VBS 2026!

Mark July 20-24th from 9-noon for Rainforest Falls. Join us March 18 at 6:30 for our first "work" meeting.

CONNECT CARD

Thank you for coming today!

March 7 and 8

Please tear off this tab and drop it in the offering box at the bottom of the entrance stairs.

- I'm New here!
- 5 pm Saturday
- 9:30 am Sunday
- 11 am Sunday

Name: _____
 Address : _____

 Phone _____
 Email _____

This is new contact information.



CONNECT CARD

[] I'd like to receive a weekly email of First UMC prayer requests (Printed copies of the prayer requests are available in the Narthex.)

Prayer request/praise report

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UMC!

Sat, Mar 7	Traditional Service, 5 pm
Sun, Mar 8	Adult Sunday School, 8:15 am
Sun, Mar 8	Sunday Social, 9:15 am
Sun, Mar 8	Praise Service, 9:30 am
Sun, Mar 8	Lenten Study, 10:45 am
Sun, Mar 8	New Worship, 11 am
Sun, Mar 8	Lenten Service, 5 pm, Rev. Michael Lydon
Mon, Mar 9	Prayer Shawl Group, 10 am, Room 200
Mon, Mar 9	James II Project Community Lunch, 11:30—12:30
Mon, Mar 9	Narcotics Anonymous, 7 pm
Tues, Mar 10	Food Pantry, 8:30—11:30 am
Tues, Mar 10	Songs for the Soul, 6:30 pm
Tues, Mar 10	Al-Anon, 6:30 pm
Tues, Mar 10	Alateen, 7 pm
Weds, Mar 11	Bible Study, 10 am, Library
Weds, Mar 11	Chancel Choir, 5:15 pm
Weds, Mar 11	Padal n Pie Youth Group, 6 pm, Meet at Church
Thur, Mar 12	Lenten Study, 2pm, Library
Thur, Mar 12	Praise Band/Choir Practice, 6:30 pm
Fri, Mar 13	Womens' Card Group, 11:30 am, Parlor
SAVE THE DATES	
March 15	Trivia, 4 pm
March 15	Rev. Bobbie Blunt at St. Andrews UMC, 5 pm
March 17	Easter Planning Meeting, 6:30
March 18	VBS Planning Mtg, 6:30 pm
March 19	Red Cross Blood Drive, 1—6 pm
March 22 & 29	Faith Group-Married Couples, 4 pm, Parlor

Ways to Give @ First UMC

IN WORSHIP - Place your giving and Connect Card in the wooden boxes at the sanctuary entrances.

AUTO DRAW - Set up an auto pay from your checking account or contact our office for help with electronic giving through Vanco.

MAIL TO - 113 Grand Avenue, Festus, MO 63028

Use the **Tithe.ly** App for debit/credit card



www.FestusUMC.org/Give



Welcome!

March 7 and 8

Mark 15:25-41

²⁵ It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ The written notice of the charge against him read: the King of the Jews.

²⁷ They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ come down from the cross and save yourself!" ³¹ In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! ³² Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

³³ At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

³⁴ And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah." ³⁶ Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said.

³⁷ With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. ³⁸ The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

⁴⁰ Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome. ⁴¹ In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.