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Sunday School ...  
Worship ... 11 AM  
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Sunday School 3rd Sunday ... 9 AM  
Worship ... 9:45 AM  
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[hopedwell.umc.stl.ne@gmail.com](mailto:hopedwell.umc.stl.ne@gmail.com)

#### WILBER

Sunday School ... AM  
Worship ... 9 AM  
Address ... 215 W 4th PO Box 236  
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#### PICKRELL

Sunday School ... 9:30 AM  
Worship ... 10:30 AM  
Address ... 402 Austin  
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#### Thought for the Week ...

"To succeed in life you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone, and a funny bone."

... Reba McEntire

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

190 N 4TH STREET ... TECUMSEH NE 68450

*Vision Statement: Love all, be open to all, and connect with God.*

PRELUDE

**(BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE CHURCH)**

WELCOME/GREETINGS

+CALL TO WORSHIP (*read responsively*)

Leader: Once you lived in darkness.

**People: Now the light of God has shone upon us.**

Leader: Find what is pleasing to God and follow God's ways.

**People: The acts of darkness are left behind as we journey to God's light.**

Leader: Thanks be to God who gives us the light.

**People: Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your light of salvation.**

**AMEN.**

+OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**Source of Light, God of great mercy and love, we come to you this day seeking restoration of our sight. Clear away our blindness and give us a new vision of all that we can accomplish in your name. Give us strength and confidence to truly witness to your abiding love and faithfulness. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE

*How Great Thou Art (Vs. 1,4)*

#77

PSALTER

Psalm 23:1-6 (R1)

#754

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 16:1-13

+ John 9:13-25

*The Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

*Up From The Grave He Arose*

#322

THE MESSAGE

*"Spiritual Sight"*

Pastor Makena

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF RESPONSE

*More Like You*

#2167

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR OURSELVES AND GIFTS TO GOD

DOXOLOGY

#95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BENEDICTION (*in unison*)

**Lord God, thank you for your abundant love and care for us. May you bless us with your never-ending love. May you fill our cups with joy and may our lands overflow with your abundance. Lord, please help us to serve you in all we do. Help us to honor you both today and every day. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.**

+GOING FORTH

*Abide With Me (Vs. 1,3,5)*

#700

+POSTLUDE

Thank you for worshipping at our church. If you are visiting for the first time, we pray the worship activities will enrich you spiritually.

4th Sunday in Lent ... UMCOR SUNDAY

March 19, 2023

+Please stand as you are able.

# ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR CHURCHES

## AT TECUMSEH ...

Every Sunday, Coffee Hour Fellowship (NO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP ON EASTER) 9:30 AM  
 4 Week Evening Lenten Bible Study (sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary) 6 PM ... March 29  
 4 Week Afternoon Lenten Bible Study (sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary) 1:30 PM ... Mar 20,27  
 Maundy Thursday Service 5 PM ... April 6  
 Good Friday Service; Stripping of the Altar 5 PM ... April 7

**\*\*DONATIONS TO UMCOR ...** for Turkey/Syria will be today.

**\*\*A TRAINING SESSION WILL BE HELD ...** on March 26th right after church for anyone wanting to be a liturgist or scripture reader.

**\*\*METHODIST MEN'S FOUNDERS' DAY BRUNCH ...** will be March 26th at 10 AM in the basement. All men are welcome to join in a social event and a discussion of how the men of the church can enjoy the camaraderie of a men's group while participating in projects that will benefit the community and our church. Please RSVP Debbie in the church office by March 22.

**\*\*FACEBOOK PAGE ...** We have a Facebook page! Search for us under "First United Methodist Church Tecumseh, Nebraska".

**\*\*SMART CHICKEN ...** is available in the freezer downstairs. We have an assortment of trays (\$5 each) and 10 lb bags (check price chart located on the freezer door.) We also have packages of breakfast sausages \$4 each.

## AT HOPEWELL ...

Every Sunday, Coffee Bar (H) 9:30 AM  
 Sunday School every 3rd Sunday (H) 9 AM  
 Lenten Bible Study on Sundays (H) 10:45 AM ... Feb 26-Mar 26  
 Dinner Church: Faith, Food, Fellowship @ Sterling Community Center every Tuesday (H) 6-7 PM ... starting Mar 21  
 Hopewell Evening Service (No morning service) 6 PM ... March 26  
 Maundy Thursday Service (H) 7 PM ... April 6  
 Good Friday Service; Stripping of the Altar (H) 7 PM ... April 7

**\*\*BLOODMOBILE ...** at Adams Lutheran Church, April 3 ... 1 to 7 PM, Hopewell providing refreshments.

## AT ADAMS ...

Every Sunday Coffee Hour (A) 10 AM-11 AM  
 Lenten Bible Study on Sundays (A) 9:45 AM ... Feb 26-Apr 2  
 After School Program Volunteer Training after church (A) Today  
 Maundy Thursday Service (A) 6:15 PM ... April 6  
 Good Friday Service; Stripping of the Altar (A) 6:15 PM ... April 7  
 Adams Community Children's Ministry every Wednesday starting April 12 3:45-5:30 PM

**\*\*FOR ADAMS ... WEEKLY PRAISE AND PRAYER GUIDE ...** E-mail or text clarisapodtburg@gmail.com or 402-988-8655.

## AT WILBER & PICKRELL ...

Sunday School (P) 9:30 AM  
 Fellowship Hour with Coffee and Cookies (P) 9:30 AM  
 Confirmation Class each Wednesday (P) 5:30 PM  
 Maundy Thursday Service (P) 7 PM ... April 6th  
 Good Friday Service (P) 7 PM ... April 7th  
 Confirmation Class each Wednesday (W) 6-7:30 PM  
 Children's Ministry Service March 26  
 Maundy Thursday Service (W) 5:30 PM ... April 6  
 Good Friday Service (W) 5:30 PM ... April 7  
 Easter Sunrise Service (W) 6:30 AM ... April 9  
 Easter Cantata Service (W) 9 AM ... April 9

**\*\*COMMITTEES ...** If you know of any events for the next quarter, please notify Pastor Makena so they can be placed on the calendar.  
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## FOR ALL CHURCHES ...

**A COIN FOR LENT ...** February 22 to April 8th. Weekly prayer from Wednesdays to Tuesdays.

**2023 CHURCH VITALITY & PASTORAL/MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT ...** (The deadline completion date is May 15)

**GREAT PLAINS ANNUAL CONFERENCE ...** June 6-10, 2023 at LaVista

To receive the conference newsletter GP Connect, please use the following link and sign up. [GPconnect \(greatplainsumc.org\)](http://GPconnect@greatplainsumc.org)

**BISHOP'S MESSAGE ...** Bishop David Wilson is urging members and friends of the United Methodist Church to go beyond their giving, and contribute to the relief efforts in Turkey and Syria. UMCOR has established an account that will be used for that relief work. The Advance number for this crisis 982450. When writing a check, please place the Advance number and "IDR Turkey/Syria" on the memo

### Still Owe On Mission & Ministry

• \$10,499.00

### Offerings Last Week

• \$

### Mission & Ministry Last Week

• \$

### Local Mission Fund Last Week

• \$

### Attendance Last Sunday

• 21

**Organist ...** Cinda Goodrich

**Liturgist ...** Janet Trout

**Memorial Candle ...**

All Saints