

MEDIA SONG *Chris Stapleton-Lord, Stay Close to Me Tonight / Night Prayer*

MUSICAL PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE WORSHIP BELL

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: On this Transfiguration Sunday, we gather on the mountaintop with Jesus, wondering what we will encounter.

People: We come to encounter God’s glory revealed.

Leader: We witness the revelation of Christ’s divinity made plain before us.

People: We come to witness God’s glory revealed.

Leader: We remember that God’s glory is not about spectacle but truth, not about show but about Love made real among us.

People: We come to remember God’s glory revealed.

Leader: We follow Jesus down from the mountaintop into the valleys, as God’s glory goes before us and behind us.

People: We come to be sent out to share God’s glory revealed. Thanks be to God! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Radiant God, we come to you on the mountaintop to experience your glory. You come to us in the valleys. We meet you in gladness in a place where heaven and earth collide. May our worship of you encourage us on the journey and make us aspire to reflect your kingdom in the world. Transform us and keep us near to you. Amen.

*** HYMN** “ *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet* ” **No.601**

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

MORNING ANTHEM “ *A Common Love* ” **Choir**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

*** HYMN** “ *Majesty, Worship His Majesty (sing twice)* ” **No. 176**

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 17: 1-9* **p. 18-19**

SERMON “ *Lord Stay With Me* ”

OFFERING/OFFERTORY/*DOXOLOGY/*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Radiant God, you are calling us to listen, to follow, and to give ourselves in love. As we offer these gifts, we confess our impatience with waiting and our longing for clarity. Let these offerings be more than habit; let them reflect the light of Christ we have glimpsed on the mountaintop and the hope we carry into the valleys below. Use them—and us—to shine your love where shadows linger. In the name of your Beloved Son, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** “ *My Jesus, I Love Thee* ” **No. 172**







*Altar rail is open for prayer during the closing hymn.

***BENEDICTION**

Come down from the mountain with mountain-like faith. Walk on God's paths as bright, shining lights. Live in God's ways with faith, hope, and love. Go into the world transformed and renewed! Amen.

*Please stand in spirit or in body.

Ask an usher for a large print hymnal or bible or personal hearing device.

<p>15 ^(G) Transfiguration Sunday 9:00 AM Worship (Union) 8:45 AM Sunday School (First) 10:00 AM Worship (First) 11:15 AM Worship (Ford) NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>16  6:00 PM Dart Ball</p>	<p>17  11:00 AM Pancake Dinner for Lunch (Ford) 4:30 PM Pancake Dinner (Ford) 7:00 PM New Found Freedom-CC</p>	<p>18  3:00 - 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Personal Reflection Time (Ford)</p>	<p>19 12:00 PM SIFT Luncheon-CC (First)</p>	<p>20  4:30 PM Fish Dinner-CC</p>	<p>21 7:00 PM We Surrender-CC</p>
<p>22 ^(G) 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00 AM Worship (Union) 8:45 AM Sunday School (First) 10:00 AM Worship (First) 11:15 AM Worship (Ford)</p>	<p>23 Life Line Screening - CC</p>	<p>24 7:00 PM New Found Freedom-CC 7:00 PM Community Lenton Worship Service @ First Church</p>	<p>25 12:00 PM Community Lenton Luncheon at Grace Presbyterian</p>	<p>26  HAPPY CARNIVAL</p>	<p>27  4:30 PM Fish Dinner-CC</p>	<p>28 7:00 PM We Surrender-CC</p>

Allegheny River Charge United Methodist Churches

First United Methodist
301 N. Jefferson St.
Kittanning PA 16201
(724) 548-4312
Service @ 10:00 AM

Ford Memorial
1024 4th Ave.
Ford City, PA 16226
(724) 763-1540
Service @ 11:15 AM

Union Ave
421 Union Ave.
Kittanning PA 16201
(724) 543-5012
Service @ 9:00 AM

First Church - Sunday School 8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

ALLEGHENY RIVER CHARGE **NEWS TO USE**

PANCAKE DINNER AT FORD MEMORIAL

The Allegheny River Charge Churches Pancake dinner will be hosted at Ford Memorial on February 17, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The profits from the dinner will be donated to help support the Vacation Bible School program at First Church. We will also have a Bake Sale to be able to take some goodies home with you. The entire charge has been asked to help where they can, so we can shine the glory of Jesus to our communities and others. The Pancake Dinner began as a Ford Memorial Methodist Men's program years ago. With the joining of our churches, we hope to successfully impact even more people and programs. Hope to see you there!!

LENTEN FISH DINNERS AT FIRST CHURCH

The Lenten Fish dinners will be February 20 and 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27 at the Covenant Center with meals served from 4:30 to 6:00. The meal will be: Fried or Baked fish or sloppy joe sandwich, baked potato, curly fries or mac & cheese, coleslaw or applesauce and a slice of pie, coffee, iced tea, or lemonade. Help will be needed from 4:00 to 7:00 to set tables, seat people, complete takeouts, deliver food, serve drinks, clear & reset tables, wash dishes and clean up when people are done eating. Help cutting and boxing pies at 12:00 is also needed. If you haven't already let us know you can help, please text or call Tim Scaife, 724 664 5346, Activities chairman First Church

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES / LUNCHEONS

The Kittanning Ministerium is hosting Lenten Services and Luncheons during Lent. Services are held on Tuesdays with the Luncheon to follow Wednesdays. Below is a list of the Service locations which will be held at 7:00PM. All luncheons will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church at 12:00PM.

<u>Service Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Luncheon Dates at Grace Presbyterian</u>
February 24 th	First United Methodist Church	February 25 th
March 3 rd	St. Paul's Episcopal Church	March 4 th
March 10 th	Kittanning Church of God	March 11 th
March 17 th	Living Water Church	March 18 th
March 24 th	St. Lukes Church of Christ	March 25 th



**Allegheny River Charge of the
United Methodist Church**

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE LUNCH & DINNER

February 17, 2026

Ford Memorial United Methodist Church

1024 4TH Avenue Ford City

BENEFITS THE ALLEGHENY RIVER CHARGE BIBLE SCHOOL
HANCICAP ACCESSIBLE



PLUS-BAKE SALE!

LUNCH 11AM-1PM DINNER 4:30PM-6:30PM

\$10.00

INCLUDES PANCAKES, SAUSAGE AND
COFFEE OR DRINK

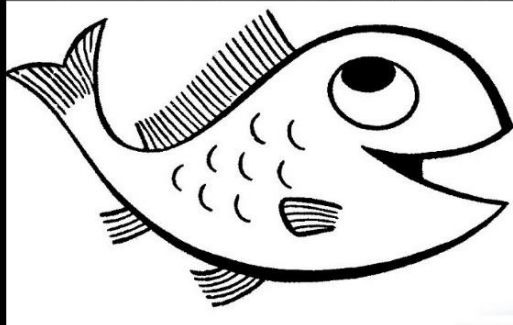
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COVENANT CENTER

332 WATER STREET KITTANNING

LENTEN FISH DINNERS 4:30-6:00

FEBRUARY 20, 27 MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27
ADULT MEAL \$12---CHILD MEAL UP TO AGE 12 \$5

(CHILD'S MEAL HAS SMALLER PORTIONS & ICE CREAM INSTEAD OF PIE)



CHOOSE ONE- FRIED FISH, BAKED FISH, SLOPPY JOE OR CHICKEN STRIPS

PLUS -CHOOSE ONE- BAKED POTATO OR CURLY FRIES OR MAC&CHEESE

PLUS-CHOOSE-COLESLAW OR APPLESAUCE

ALL DINNERS INCLUDE -ROLL & PIE

SERVED WITH COFFEE OR ICED TEA OR LEMONADE

TAKEOUT AVAILABLE

OFFICE VISITORS

All visitors, please sign in on the clipboard. Even if you unlocked the door while office is closed, please sign in.

FIRST CHURCH WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, February 15th

Transfiguration Sunday

8:45 AM Sunday Bible School

10:00 AM Worship

March Newsletter Deadline

THURSDAY, February 19th

12:00 PM S.I.F.T. - CC

FRIDAY, February 20th

4:30 PM Fish Dinner - CC

MONDAY, February 16th

6:00 PM Dart Ball

SATURDAY, February 21st

7:00 PM We Surrender- CC

TUESDAY, February 17th

7:00 PM New Found Freedom-CC

SUNDAY, February 22nd

1st Sunday in Lent

8:45 AM Sunday Bible School

10:00 AM Worship

WEDNESDAY, February 18th

ASH WEDNESDAY

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the Glory of God.

THANK YOU to the following individuals for assisting with today's service:

Usher Team:

Asbury

Scripture Reader:

Worship Sound System:

Chelsea Beers

Bell Ringer:

Adalie Rearigh

Acolyte:

Jocelyn King

Live Stream:

Ray Johnson

MARCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLES -- ARE DUE TO THE OFFICE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026.

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VBS 2026

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 15-19 from 9 to noon. We have Cokesbury's VBS "Snowball Mountain Challenge". Please let Sue Hankey or the office know if you are interested in helping this year.

ALTAR FLOWER DATES AVAILABLE IN 2026

These dates are still available for altar flowers in 2026. The arrangements will be \$35.00 each. Please let the office know if you are interested in any of the dates. Thank you.

MARCH 1, 8, 15, 29	APRIL 19, 26
MAY 24, 31	JUNE 28
JULY 5, 12, 19	AUGUST 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
SEPTEMBER 6, 20	OCTOBER 18, 25
NOVEMBER 1, 29	DECEMBER 13, 27

FEBRUARY MISSION

Our February mission will be collecting funds for UMCOR. UMCOR is the United Methodist Committee on Relief. They provide help following emergencies including hygiene and cleaning kits. Please see Emily King with any questions.

WINTER IS HERE

The Trustees have arranged for snow plowing for the winter, but we are in need of someone to clear the walks around the church and Covenant Center. If you would like to help or know someone who would be able to help, please let us know by calling Ken Lazan at 724-664-4037 or contact the church office at 724-548-4312.



LIFE SCREENING COMING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer yes to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build-up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event 2/23/2026 at Kittanning First United Methodist Church in the Covenant Center. All screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

Your Health is in Your Hands, so you can call 844-591-7160 or go to <https://www.lisa.social/hasca> or text the word **circle** to 216-279-1607 for more information or to pre-register.

FEBRUARY SIFT LUNCHEON

The February SIFT Luncheon will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at noon in the Covenant Center. The menu will be Busy Day Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Italian Bread and Fruit Cup. The program will be presented by the Emergency Preparedness Organization. Reservations can be made from Monday, February 2 through noon on Monday, February 16. Please call 724 548-4312. Phone reservations only will be accepted and will be limited to 75. You will need to give a name for each reservation made along with a contact phone number. Please call to cancel as there may be a waiting list. Doors will open at 11:30 AM. Please use the parking lot door. See YOU there!

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Lenten Devotionals are available on the altar rail. Pick one up for yourself, your neighbor or even a friend. You will get a copy emailed to you if you get the newsletter emailed to you. It will also be on our Facebook page each day.