

Good morning and welcome! We are glad you are here today. For more information about the church, please contact Lisa in the office at UMCADEL@msn.com or call 515-993-3791. The office is open Monday-Friday, 10:00am-2:00pm. To contact Pastor Elizabeth: pastorelizabethbell@gmail.com or 641-919-4776.

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Did You Know..... Saint Patrick

The saint Americans celebrate each March 17 was not born in Ireland, and his birth name might not even have been Patrick.

While many of the details of his life are legends, St. Patrick's commitment to the gospel led him to spread Christianity across Ireland. After his death, Irish missionaries used his methods to re-evangelize Western Europe after the fall of the Roman Empire. When people talk about how the Irish saved civilization, Patrick had a large hand in that.

Patrick demonstrated that "we as Christians have something worth sharing, even at great hardship"

Patrick's ministry, is a reminder that Christ's commission to make disciples of all nations "is a form of loving our neighbor."

<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/what-st-patrick-can-teach-united-methodists>

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday, Mar. 17

- 8:30 am– Worship at DC UMC
- 9am Bible Conversation- Room 210
- 10am Worship
- Greeters: Terry Otis Family
- Lead Usher: Mark Light

Monday, Mar. 18

- Counters: M Cox & B. Kirk
- 5pm Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, Mar. 19

Wednesday, Mar 20

- 1:30pm– Circle of Friends
- 5pm– 6:30pm Wednesday Meal
- 6:30pm Praise Band Practice
- 6:30pm Youth Group
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, Mar 21

Friday, Mar. 22

Saturday, Mar. 23

Sunday, Mar. 24

- 8:30am Worship at DC UMC
- 9am Bible Conversation- Room 210
- 10am Worship– Communion
- Greeters: Scott Gadelmann Family
- Liturgist: Charis Paulson
- Lead Usher: Mark Light

Monday, Feb Mar. 25

- Counters: C & D Stroud



March 17th, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Lent
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Rev. Elizabeth Bell

Liturgist: Pat Orban

Pianist: Maggie Jambor

Praise Band

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Greetings and Announcements

* Praise Band *My Jesus*

*Call to Worship

Lenten travelers, how long have you traveled this road with your gaze pointed down at the dust and gravel and asphalt as you walk or limp or roll down the path?

Sometimes it is easier to look at the road than at the people who share the journey with us.

Lift up your heads! Look, listen, reach out a hand. Who are your neighbors on this road?

We lift our heads and look to our Savior who journeys with us and helps us notice our neighbors all around us.

This is the Lenten journey—to learn to love God and love our neighbors just as Jesus showed us.

Our journey teaches us to lose our lives to God as we find and follow Christ in our service to others.

Come, let us worship God who caravans with us on this road to the cross.

Come, let us worship!

*Opening Prayer

Lord, we know Easter is coming soon and while we anxiously wait to celebrate your triumphant victory over sin and death, there are still difficult days between now and then. And try as we might, we cannot comprehend love and mercy so great as this. There is nothing perfect about us, yet you beckon us with hands that soon will be scarred by betrayal, greed, selfishness, pettiness, pride, and apathy. You see us and our imperfections with compassionate and patient eyes as we struggle to rid our lives of all the worldly things that distort, distract, and entangle us. As the cross looms ahead, our eyes and our focus are on you and you alone for our redemption and salvation. Amen.

*Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

OT Reading **Jeremiah 31:31-34** **OT. 735**

Psalm Reading **Psalm 51: 1-12** **UMH 785**

Anthem *Man on the Middle Cross* Praise Band

Children’s Moments **Pastor Elizabeth**

Pastoral Prayer Joys & Concerns

Epistle Reading **Hebrews 5:5-10** **NT. 220**

Sermon Pastor Elizabeth

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication
God of the ages, we share our tithes and offerings this day with, but we acknowledge that most of the time, we are clinging tightly to what we have, afraid we might lose something we need and afraid somehow there won’t be enough to live our lives. The scarcity mindset overtakes us, and it robs us of the joy of our days. Remind us that Jesus has called us to be ready to let go of this life so that we might claim the abundance of life eternal. In our redeemer’s name, we pray. Amen.

*Praise Band *Way Maker*

*Benediction

Beloved, go from this place to seek and find the glory of Christ wherever you go. And may you be blessed to recognize Christ as you notice, meet, and serve your neighbors today and every day. Amen.

***Go Now In Peace** (remain standing as we carry out the light of Christ)

(* Please stand as you are able.)