

CROSSBEAMS

March 2026



Making Contact

If you call the church please make sure to leave a message. If there is a problem with that please let Emma know by emailing michigancitymethodistoffice@gmail.com

If there are any committee announcements, etc that need to be included in the bulletin please submit them to michigancitymethodistoffice@gmail.com. by 10 am Thursday mornings. Committee chairs and team leads are responsible for submitting meetings and times to her (and current locations of those meetings) as well.. The new cut off date for Crossbeams articles is the 20th of the month.

What's Inside

- ◆ Pastor's Notes
- ◆ Finance
- ◆ Galveston Give Back
- ◆ And more!

The official newsletter of First United Methodist Church

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A Note from Pastor Tammy

What is this shiny ball of Light up in the sky?????



Here Comes The Sun (2019 Mix)



No one has ever been happier than me to have a warm sunny day! When you have gone, for what seems like an eternity, in the grays of winter a bright sunny day can be just the thing to shed some light and warmth on the gray negatives of my mind. It reminded me that the negative thoughts and feelings are still

present, but now I see them a bit differently because of the light that is shining on them.

With all the horrible and tragic things happening in the world right now, I often feel myself sinking in negativity and looking over the edge of despair. I sometimes wonder where the light is and if the "sun" will ever shine again. I am so grateful that I was recently reminded of Psalm 95 which gives me a great tool for shining light over all the "muck" I feel right now.

Psalm 95 1 Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

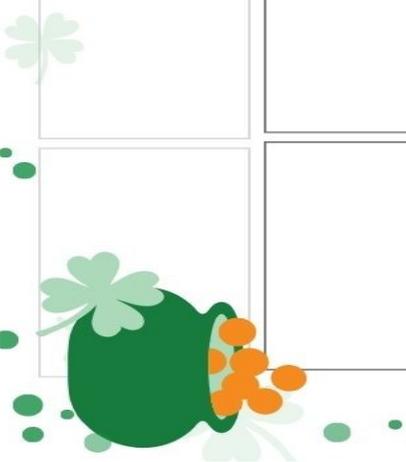
2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.

I was reminded that even in the midst of the "muck" I can always find one or two things that make me smile and bring gratitude to my heart. If I take those things before God that gratitude I feel seems to multiply. The "muck" is still present but now I see it differently. I feel myself step away from despair as I am reminded that God is with me. Look for the one thing that brings a smile to your heart today. Go before God with thanks and let God's love begin to illuminate and warm our hearts so we can be light and love in the "muck" of the world. **Here comes the sun....Pastor Tammy**

Monthly Calendar

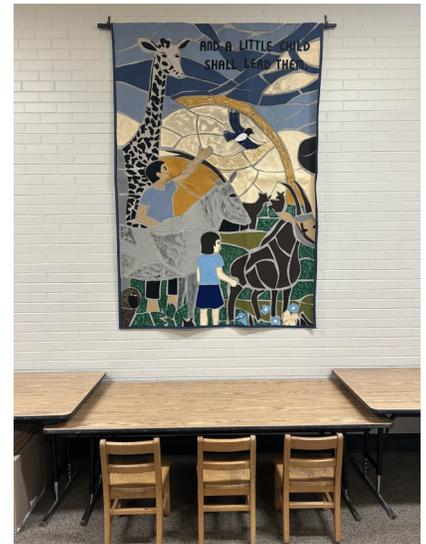
MARCH 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship @9:30am	2 Soup Kitchen Meeting 1pm	3 Trustee 5pm	4	5 Bible Study @10:30am Ruth Circle	6 Messy Church @6pm	7
8 Worship @9:30am 	9 Messy Church Team @5pm	10 Finance @4:15pm	11	12 Bible Study @10:30am	13	14 Eclectic Shop Open 9am-1pm Pie Day and Coffee
15 Worship @9:30am	16	17 	18	19 Bible Study @10:30am Galveston's	20	21
22 Worship @9:30am	23 Monday Musical @6pm	24	25	26 Bible Study @10:30am	27	28
29 Worship @9:30am Palm Sunday	30 SPRC @4:30pm	31				



Green Team News

Hang in there, everybody - only three more weeks 'til Spring! While we wait for warmer weather, the Green Team has been busy inside the building, still unpacking boxes (wow!!) and settling more of the rooms in our church. The next time you're here, take a peek in the Chapel and the Nursery - we're getting there!



Big thanks this month to our Greenies - Claudia, Donn, Dottie, Peg, Thrine & Yvonne - yay!

Reuse, restore, re-purpose, reduce, recycle, and especially re-think . . . come join us. Go Green!

Eclectic Shop

The Eclectic Shop will be open Fridays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm each week. Also, don't miss our BIG EVENT coming on Saturday, March 14th - PI DAY ! From, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.



(BTW, if you've started your spring cleaning and need new homes for some of your old treasures, please consider donating to the shop. There's a form on the welcome center to fill out - so far we've been able to re-home things to the tune of almost \$1500. Good for the church coffers - plus a whole lot of fun!)

Homebound

1st UNITED METHODIST MEMBERS – ASSISTED LIVING or NURSING FACILITY

THE ELMS – 4300 CLEVELAND AVE. – MICHIGAN CITY, IN 46360

Sam Johns – Apt. 109 – BD 6/8

Ann Berg -- Apt. 118 - BD: 1/3

Shirley Mc Gillivray– Apt. 232 – BD: 8/29

Betty Staples – Apt. unknown - BD 5/16 – (219) 879 6816

Austin and Sylvia Wilkins – Apt. unknown

TRAIL CREEK PLACE – 1300 E. COOLSPRING AVE. – MICHIGAN CITY, IN 46360

Bob Kahn BD 7/9 – Apt. 141

AT HOME MEMBERS

Joan Osborne – 230 Walker St. – Michigan City, IN – BD 8/1

Marlene Woodfield – 18405 Rockford Road – Apt. 323 – Plymouth, MN 55446

Phone: 219 342 3068 – www.quiltsbymarlene.com – Effective early January 2026

Margaret Zeek – C/O 1228 Parkside Drive – Batavia, OH 45103 (Daughter's home)

Memorials

In Memory of Jane Bailey

Betty Staples

In Memory of Ted Woodfield

Judy Commers

Sue Cassler

Annie Trout

Betty Staples

Austin & Sylvia Wilkins

Dottie Evett

Karen Durnell

Donna Ottersen



In Loving Memory of Ted Woodfield

Marlene Woodfield

In Memory of Jo Presser

Susan Cassler

Dottie Evett

Jean Kleinschmutt

Scholarships

2026 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for the 2026 First United Methodist Church Scholarships are now being accepted. These awards will be presented on May 31.

Ten scholarships are available to members of First UMC who are entering or returning to an accredited college or trade school, regardless of age. Of these ten awards, six are also open to community members.

All scholarships are included on a single application form. Please review the eligibility criteria carefully and apply only for the scholarships for which you qualify. The application deadline is Thursday, May 14.

Application forms may be picked up in the narthex on Sunday mornings. They are also available online at the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County website (uflc.net/scholarships) or by contacting Sue Cassler at susan.cassler@comcast.net.

--The Higher Education Committee:

Sue Cassler, Chair
Debbie Bartholomew
Judy Commers
Dottie Evett
Bev Griffith
Linda Peo



CALLING ALL GRADUATES

On Scholarship Sunday, First UMC would like to honor congregation members who are graduating from high school or college this year. If you are a 2026 graduate, or know of one, please notify the church office at 872-7200. Thank you!

From Karen Vander Wagen

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March 2, 2026

Dear Friends at 1st UMC,

Please don't forget to mark your calendar on the 3rd Thursday of the month in 2026 for an evening with friends and neighbors at Galvestons. Recently we have missed seeing many familiar faces. Why not join us on the 19th as the weather has finally turned just a little warmer.

The goal for 2025 is \$2,700. Please invite a few of your friends or neighbors to your table or pass out coupons to others who would enjoy a night out. Last year in the 1st quarter we earned \$700 for the church. We will need a great turnout to achieve that level this year.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing you March 19th. God bless!

For our January give back \$180.00

For our February give back \$120.00

2026 Year to date:

\$300.00

Below are the coupons for MARCH, APRIL AND MAY 2026



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Church, Michigan City
Galveston's Give Back
March 19, 2026
4PM until 8PM**

Do not pass out coupons on Property

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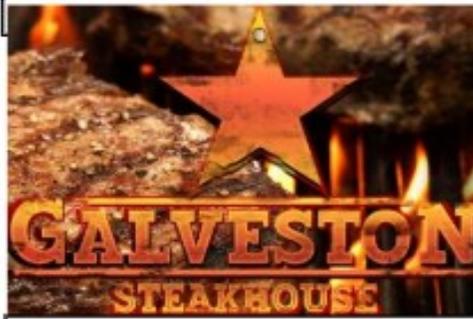
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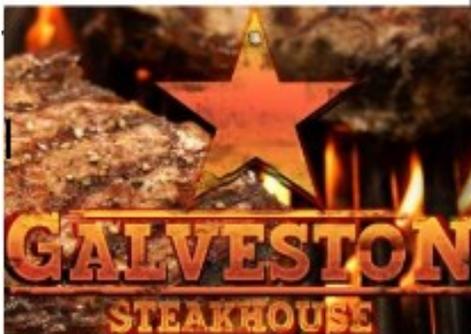
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**NEW COMMUNITY
OUTREACH
OPPORTUNITY
LITTLE LIBRARY
EMERGENCY
FOOD PANTRY**



Tannahill Soup Kitchen

Sundays, Mondays,

Wednesdays and Thursdays

11:30am-12:15pm



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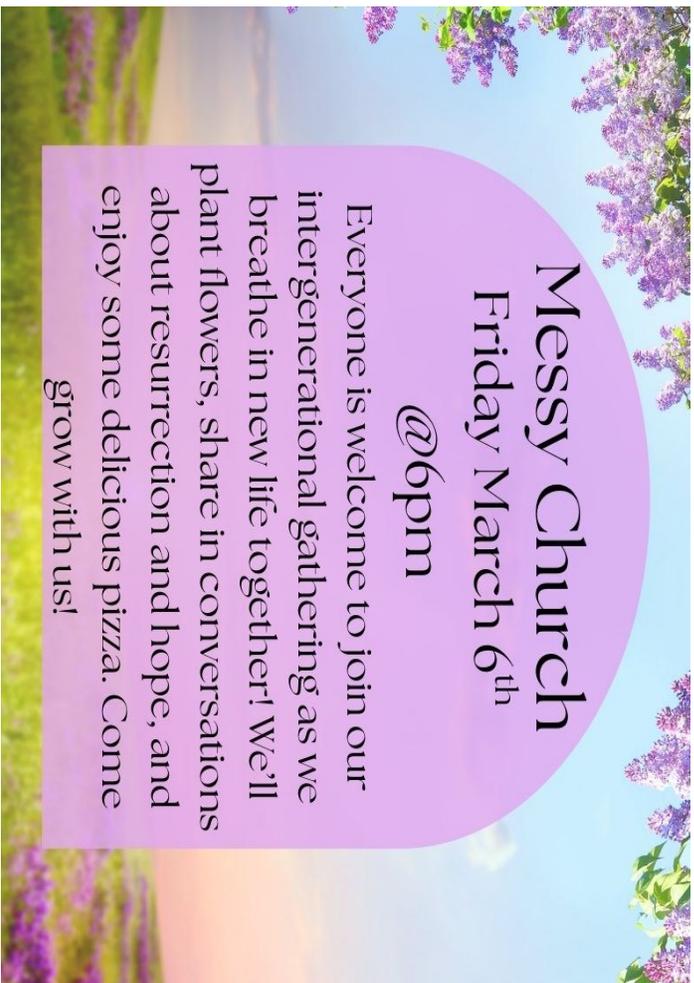
Fridays

9am-1pm



Welcome!
We are glad you are
here



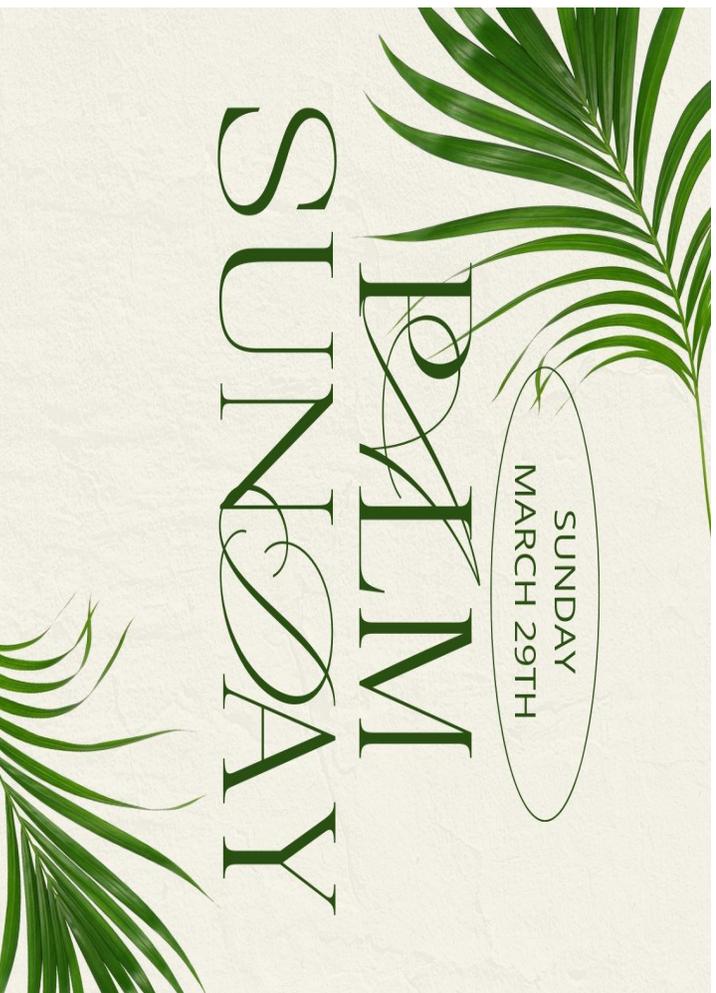


Messy Church

Friday March 6th

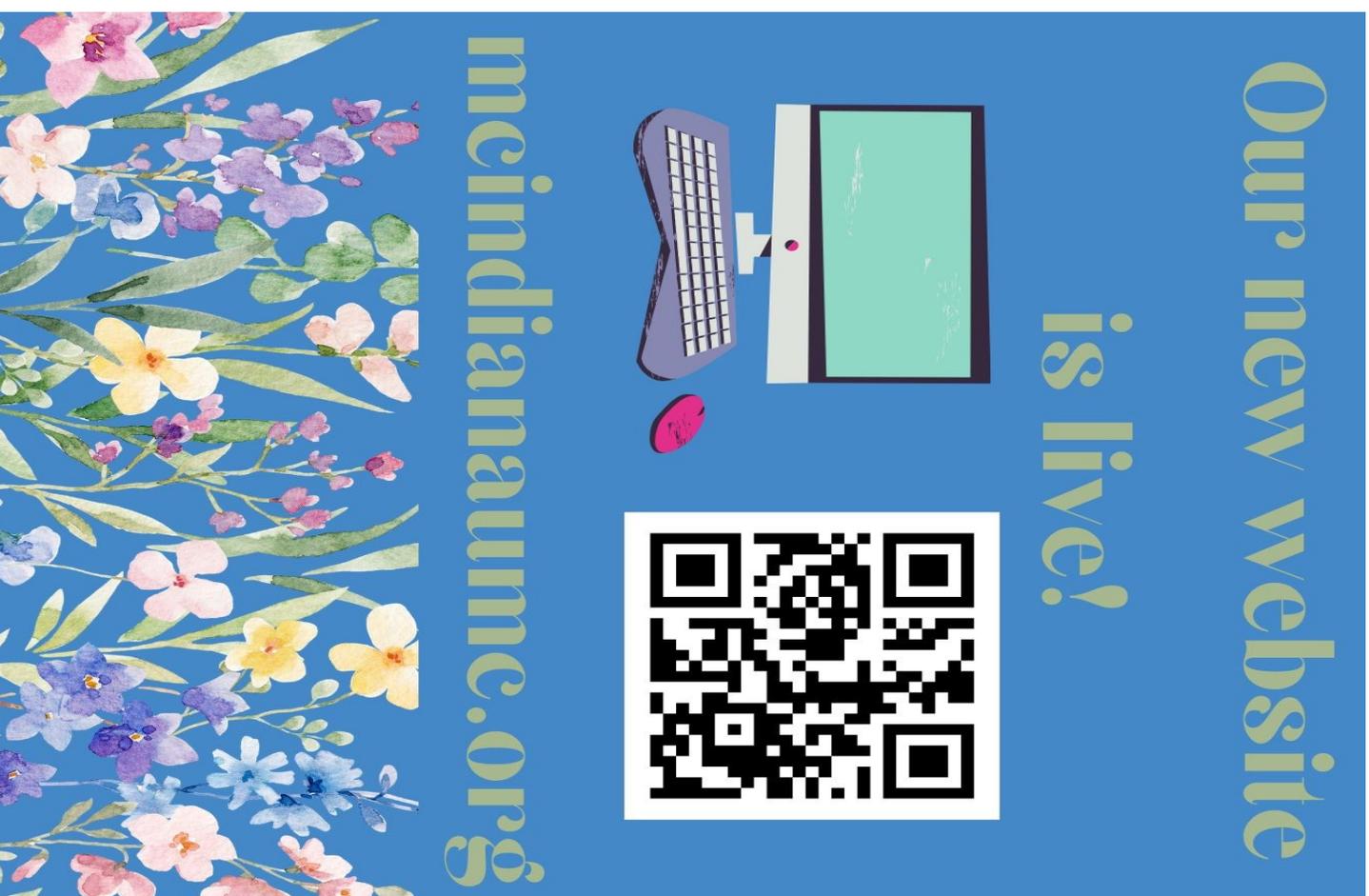
@6pm

Everyone is welcome to join our intergenerational gathering as we breathe in new life together! We'll plant flowers, share in conversations about resurrection and hope, and enjoy some delicious pizza. Come grow with us!



SUNDAY
MARCH 29TH

PALM SUNDAY



Our new website is live!



mcindianaume.org

