



THE HIGHLIGHTER

First United Methodist Church

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This Week...

Mon., Feb. 13
Noon UMW Book Club

Wed., Feb. 15
Noon Second Fifty
4:30pm Wesley Choir
5:30pm Carillon Bells
6:00pm Education
Committee
6:30pm Praise Band

Thurs., Feb. 16
9:30am Rachel Circle
Noon Sarah Circle
6:15pm Heritage
6:15pm Bond Bells
7:15pm Chancel Choir

Sat., Feb. 18
9:30am Mary Circle

Save the date...

Wednesday, February 22nd
Ash Wednesday
7:00pm service

Sunday, February 26th
Fine Arts at First
5th House Ensemble
3:00pm

Second Fifty

Second Fifty meets at noon on Wednesday in Strom Hall at First UMC. Lunch will be Sloppy Joes, vegetables, fruit and dessert. The program will be First United Day Care Singers. The cost is \$5.00. Anyone 50+ is invited to come.

Second Fifty" invites you to a day of good food and fun at the Fireside Dinner Theater. Laugh and tap your feet to the music of Dolly Parton in the Musical "9 to 5." The date is March 21st and the cost is \$80.00. Call the church office or Pastor Ned, 697-2776, for reservations.

Lenten Book Study

We will be doing an all church study of Marjorie Hewitt Suchocki's "In God's Presence". A Sunday morning book study will also be available. Books are available in paper form or eReaders. We will not be purchasing any books ahead of time unless you prepay. See Ellen. The sign up sheet is at the Welcome Desk.

Old Testament Stories from the Backside

These classes are set through Feb. 26th. Each week is a stand alone class. Come join us whenever you can.

- TODAY- Ruth Walls (Ch 3) Because My Mother Told me
- Feb. 19- Mark Valentine (Ch 4) Moses' Midlife Crisis
- Feb. 26- Bob Nuzzo (Ch 2) The Importance of Naming Joseph

February/March						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
12 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday school 10:30am Worship Noon Confirmation	13 Noon UMW Book Club (1:00pm at church)	14 Highlighter Deadline	15 Noon Second Fifty 4:30pm Wesley Choir 5:30pm Carillon Bells 6:00pm Education Committee 6:30pm Praise Band	16 9:30am Rachel Circle @ church Noon Sarah Circle @ Home Run Restaurant 6:15pm Heritage 6:15pm Bond Bells 7:15pm Chancel Choir	17	18 9:30am Mary Circle at Springwood Restaurant
19 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday school 10:30am Worship Noon Confirmation Youth event TBD	20 6:00pm Esther Circle @ Birchwood Grill	21 Highlighter Deadline	22 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service	23 6:15pm Heritage 6:15pm Bond Bells 7:15pm Chancel Choir	24 Youth Fun Night	25
26 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday school 10:30am Worship Noon Confirmation 3:00pm 5 th House Concert	27	28 Highlighter Deadline	29 4:30pm Wesley Choir 5:30pm Carillon Bells 6:30pm Praise Band	1 9:30am UMW Board Meeting with General meeting to follow 6:15pm Heritage 6:15pm Bond Bells 7:15pm Chancel Choir	2	3
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For Education and Schools

Let us lift up the children and youth of this congregation and those involved in their education. The call to be involved in education is a high calling. Those who teach our children help shape the future. We give thanks to a gracious God for the teachers, school administrators, counselors, school volunteers, support staff, cafeteria workers, school bus drivers and all others in our congregation who work in our schools.

Gracious God, we lift up to you all those involved in education in this community and in all the communities in our nation and world. Guide us, great God, that we will know the best way to show our interest and support for our students, teachers and all those involved in education. We pray for wisdom and strength to make a positive difference in the lives of those in school. We pray for courage to explore new ways of supporting the people and institutions that teach our children and youth. We pray in the name of the great teacher, Jesus. Amen.

Educators: We celebrate your calling and pledge to support you and others in our communities who are involved in the education of children and youth.

Parents: Education involves a partnership between school, home and community. The support of parents and guardians is essential to a child's success. This morning we recognize you for the support you give the students in your home. We hold in prayer all those in this congregation who have children and youth in school and pray that all homes will be a place where learning is valued and encouragement offered.

Children and youth: Your church family believes that each of you is a gift from God filled with potential and possibility. We pray that as you learn and grow you will develop caring hearts and minds that think clearly. We believe in you and care about your education. As your faith community, we pledge to be with you on your educational journey. We affirm that each of you is a precious gift from God. We will do all that we are able to ensure that your schools are positive places filled with hope and the resources necessary for learning. (Adapted from *A Litany for Education and Schools*, www.gbod.org)

Ask at the Welcome Desk About

- Upper Room Devotionals
- Equal Exchange Coffee, teas, and cocoa
- Pick-n-Save grocery receipt collection
- Campbell Soup UPC code collection
- General Mills Box Top collection
- Church Directories and information
- Back issues of the highlighter
- Sponsoring a Sunday Bulletin
- Helping Hands Ministries
- Endowment Information

Hospitality Team February 19, 2012

Worship Assistant (8:00)
Scott Kappeler

Worship Assistant (10:30)
Stacy Grove-Marqui

Greeters/Ushers (8:00)
Carol Novak

Ushers (10:30)
Bill Milligan, Tom Phillips,
Ginni Fennema

Greeters (10:30)
Kate Field, Sally Huck,
Kathy Meyer

Welcome Desk
Ethel Roberts, Libbi
Weisinger



Presented by Fine Arts at First, David Schripsema Director

**Sunday, February 26th
3:00pm**

Fifth House presents a program of mostly contemporary music. This is a concert of unconventional sounds, interesting instrumental combinations, and overlooked gems in the traditional (and soon-to-be traditional) repertoire.

DON'T MISS THIS CONCERT!