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Whittier First UMC

Good News for All...through learning, action, and love

IN-PERSON & ONLINE Worship every Sunday @ 10am

 **Whittier First United Methodist Church**

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Mark 1: 14-20

When Jesus called his first disciples to follow him and “fish for people,” he was doing much more than just beginning his public ministry. He was forming a community, a community that would eventually include the good people of Whittier First UMC. More important, he was forming a community that would help to usher in God’s kingdom. The kingdom of God is grounded in community. Join us this week as we continue our sermon series, "Once Upon a Time: Lessons from the Beginning of Christianity." This week in worship we will learn about what it means to go “Fishing For People.” -Pastor Jon

COMING UP AT WHITTIER FIRST UMC

Sun, 01.21.24

10 am **Traditional Worship**
Sanctuary/Online
10:20 am **Children's Sunday School**
Library

Mon, 01.22.24

1:30 pm **Shawl Ministry**
Kraft Friendship Room

Tues, 01.23.24

1:30 pm **Tuesday Art & Music**
Wesley Lounge

3:30 pm **SPRC**
Online

Wed, 01.24.24

9 am **Sew n Sew**
Admin 101

Thurs, 01.25.24

5 pm **Jubilant Bells Rehearsal**
Bell Room

7:30 pm **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**
Choir Room

Office Hours this week:

Mon 8:30am-5pm, Tues 9am-2pm,
Wed 10-2pm, Thurs 8:30am-5pm, Fri Closed

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In-Person:

Sunday, January 14, 2024: **59**

Online:

Sunday, January 7, 2024: **101**

HOPE CIRCLE extends an invitation to all women of the church to join us for breakfast and fellowship on the first Saturday of every month from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Our next meeting is **February 3rd** when we will be discussing an easy to read and delightful story called **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane** by Kate Dicamillo. We have a few copies to share, and it is also available at the Whittier library. We hope that you will join us. It's a great way to start the day. Please send questions to Donna Padgett or Martha Bailey.

Six-Week Online Lenten Study

Ash Wednesday is February 14th and the beginning of Lent. Join our six-week online Lenten Study. Join the study as part of your Lent commitment to spiritual reflection and connection. More information coming soon.

Got books? If you are an avid reader, several books are available in the Kraft Friendship Room that our church members & friends can check out from the United Methodist Women's Group. Over the years, books have been purchased and read and continue to be available for our enjoyment. Please see any Trustee or member of UMW and we will see that you have access to the books available.

Church Clean Up Day— Saturday, February 17th, 9am-12noon

We're looking for a few volunteers to declutter our first floor rooms in the Asbury building. Let us know if you can help!
info@whittierfirstumc.com

SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY February 11th, during Worship Service

Bring canned goods/non-perishable food with you to worship service that morning and place them in the box marked with your team's logo. After the Benediction the "score" will be announced. All food will be donated to the Interfaith Food Center, where over 1,000 families are fed weekly.

JOIN OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM!

Contact Pastor Jon with questions on how you can give of your time & talents to serve God.
PastorJon@WhittierFirstUMC.com

Leadership Report 2024
Whittier First United Methodist Church

Chair: Mala Williams
Secretary: Amy Ray
Lay Leader: Charles Bennett
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Charles Bennett, Alternate: _____
Membership Secretary: Joan Meister

Board of Trustees Chairs: (3-9 people) Chair: Barbara Strout
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Julie Potts Sharon Hastings Roger Reynolds
Barbara Strout Frank Montenegro (Hands-on) _____
Jim Hahn Sean Adams (Hands-on)
Wes Murray

SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) Chair: Ginny Ball (5-9 people)
2024 2025 2026
Ginny Ball Gerhard Schaefer Joan Meister
Maureen James Leon Bennett _____
Ellie Criddle

Finance Chair: Lori Harris
Committee: Art Hastings, Amy Ray, Rich Warner, Barry Bailey, _____,

Nominations Committee & Lay Leadership Chair: Pastor Jon
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Nancy Libby C-J Conklin Diane Britton

Worship Support Team Chair: Pastor Jon
Committee: Charles Bennett, Judy Flanders, Donna Padgett, Matthew Ray, Wes Murray,
Mala Williams, CJ Conklin (staff), David Coutant (staff)

Ministry Team Leaders included in Church Council
UMW (United Methodist Women): Martha Bailey
Foundation President: Roger Reynolds
Member at Large: Nancy Libby
Children's Team Leader: Karen Bennett
Justice & Compassion Liaison: Rita Murray
Youth & Young Adults Liaison: C-J Conklin