



# The Gift

April 2022

Klamath Falls First United Methodist Church  
230 North 10th Street  
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*Making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world  
through Knowing God, Transforming Lives, Serving Others*

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## Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m. in person  
Online on Facebook and/or  
our YouTube Channel  
Elementary Sunday School  
10:45 a.m.

## Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - Noon

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## Easter Sunday

April 17

**Worship at 10:30 In Person  
and on YouTube or Facebook  
Live**

**Easter Egg Hunt for the Children  
Following Worship**

*See pages 3 and 4 for more information*

## Easter Lilies

If you would like to  
provide one or more lilies  
for our sanctuary on  
Easter Sunday, please fill  
out the form on page 4  
and put it in the offering  
plate or turn it into the  
office no later than Palm  
Sunday.



# *Pastor's Note*

Spring has sprung and we have already seen the signs of the world's reawakening: wildflowers in the grass, buds on the trees, and bird song in the crisp cold of the morning. The grey-brown hillsides suddenly are full of verdant greens and wisps of color. As Gerard Manley Hopkins once wrote, "The world is charged with the grandeur of God!" *The earth is the Lord's and the Fullness thereof!*

Spring always catches me off guard, especially this year, after what has been a fairly mild winter. The lack of snow on the mountains, and our low water table means the possibility of another dry, hot summer. But before that we have the gift of Spring, with its promise of new life.

The Christian church in the northern hemisphere celebrates Easter in the Spring, when these metaphors of resurrection are close at hand. The crocus, the tulip, and daffodil rise up from the earth, the Flora and Fauna reappear, and bare branches of the plum trees come alive, and teem with blossoms. We watch the world wake up, and we are reminded yet again of the Creator's handiwork.

It was two years ago in March 2020 when everything shut down because of COVID-19. We were then in the season of Lent and the church was already exploring the rhythms of fasting, deprivation, and doing without. Nobody then knew what these past two years would cost us (we didn't know it would be two years!). We didn't know the things we would miss out on, the loneliness and hard times. But here we are, it is Spring of the Year of the Lord, 2022. Jesus has been raised from the dead, and the world around you is full of new life, and the old life that our seasons forgot. The world again is alive!

Make sure you take time to enjoy the sights and smells and all the splashes of color that Spring has brought in her wake! This is the season of resurrection, and it is worth enjoying and celebrating! Yes, there will still be hard days ahead and there are issues we are still facing as a culture (e.g. a reeling economy, the peril of war, the menace of summer wildfires, etc.) and personally. The faith that carried us through some difficult days this past two years, will still be a reservoir we will need to draw on. But let's not rush ahead of ourselves. There is life all around us ready to fill our hearts with wonder. *Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

*Pastor James*



## ***APRIL BIRTHDAYS***

- 01 - Vic Versteeg
- 04 - Ivory Dawes
- 07 - Gloria Thomas  
Vivian Usher
- 08 - Sherry Yang  
To'osavili Taulealea
- 15 - Eleanor Sullivan
- 16 - Ginny Koutsky
- 22 - George Peterson
- 25 - Brian Lamb
- 29 - Donette Scogin

## ***APRIL ANNIVERSARIES***

- 03 - David & Jeannie Boese ..... 1982
- 08 - Amanda & Jason Boese ..... 2015

## Good Friday Service

April 15 @ Noon  
In the Sanctuary

Pastor James will lead the service. If you would like a ride, please contact the church office in advance.



## Stations of the Cross

A meditative journey through the Scriptural Stations of the Cross. This can be used as a prayer aid throughout the season of Lent (and beyond).

If you would like to follow the Stations of the Cross, Pastor James put together a video last year that is available again this year. It is on our YouTube page at:

<https://youtu.be/OQpWJIZPleQ>

## Directory Updates:

(For this information,  
please contact the church office)

*Please inform the office when you have a change of address, phone number, or e-mail.*

## Easter Egg Hunt After Worship April 17

We will hold our annual Easter Egg hunt on our front lawn on Easter following worship. We have a good number of eggs and candy but could use a few more Easter baskets (medium size). Please bring them to the church by Easter Sunday. We could also use some volunteers to hide the eggs prior to worship on Easter.



## Lost and Found

Glasses (March 27)

*Unclaimed found items will be given away or discarded after one month.*

## April Worship

Date	Preacher	Lectionary Scriptures*
April 3 Communion	Pastor James	Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8
April 10 Palm/Passion Sunday	Jean Freeman	Palm: Luke 19:28-40 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49
April 15 Good Friday & Noon	Pastor James	Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42
April 17 Easter	Pastor James	Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12
April 24	David Glidden	Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

\*Most preachers will use one or two scriptures from the lectionary.

## Easter Flowers

In addition to the lilies, we would like for our members to bring live flowers from their garden to place on a special cross that will be in the sanctuary.



### Lilies for Easter Sunday April 17, 2022

If you wish to provide an Easter Lily for Easter worship in honor of or in memory of someone special, please fill out the form below and turn it in to the office by **Sunday, April 10**. We will let you know the cost after they are purchased.

**Checks should be made payable to Jeannie Boese.**

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Lilies: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Lilies may be picked up after the Easter service. Lilies that are not picked up by May 5 will be disposed of.

**For office use only**      Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Date Pd. \_\_\_\_\_      ☐ Check # \_\_\_\_\_      ☐ Cash

Refund \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Date Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

# Reaching Out and Helping Others

## Pastor's Discretionary Fund

### What is this fund?

- It is a fund used by the pastor to assist people in our community and our congregation with emergency needs not provided by other sources. We often partner with community services such as Klamath Basin Behavioral Health and Lutheran Community Services.
- Checks are made out to the business rather than the person requesting funds; i.e., Avista Utilities.

### How is it funded?

- It is funded through our birthday offerings and special donations, outside of our operating budget.
- If you wish to make a donation to this fund, please mark your check with "Discretionary" or "Outreach."

Thank you for helping us to be ready to assist people in need!

Between March 1 and March 30, we have given:  
4 households 4 bags of food  
5 households some financial assistance

### Food Pantry Needs:

- Canned fruit (pop tops appreciated)
- Crackers (prefer those in tubes)

*Please - no opened or unsealed food items*



## PALM Dinners Served

From February 27 to March 22: 604  
Year to Date: 1,785  
Average Meals Served: 78

PALM (Provide A Loving Meal) is a free dinner every Tuesday and Sunday from 5:00 to 6:30. It is located in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, which is the lower level door closest to 9<sup>th</sup> and High Streets.

PALM is a volunteer program. It is funded by your donations. The Klamath Falls First United Methodist Church provides the Fellowship Hall, some maintenance, and utilities.

PALM provides from 85 to 257 plates of food each meal. Families, neighborhood residents, and even people who simply want the social interaction of a meal come in. Most people walk.

Volunteers from the Methodist Church, colleges, other churches, and many others come together to help.

Please come and visit, eat, help in the kitchen, or donate.





# Financial Report

## MEMBERS and FRIENDS

MARCH 2022 has closed. All bills and taxes have been paid. The monthly payroll was made. Operating income for the month totaled \$4,590.26. Operating expenses totaled \$5,881.98. Income lagged expenses by \$1,291.72. In addition to payroll expenses (\$3,287.94), operating expenses included a budgeted payment of \$1,036.00 for Conference Apportionments. This represents the third of 12 payments toward the 2022 goal of \$12,422.00. The 3 payments total \$3,108 (25% of goal).

As we enter April 2022 we have an Operating Fund balance of \$130,762.36. However, a portion of these monies are contained in outside or side pocket funds which have nothing to do with budgeted operating monies. As of the first of April, six (6) such funds existed. The funds and their respective balances:

**Youth Group: \$576.86**

**Organ: \$4,348.51**

**PALM dinners: \$9,981.21**

**Camperships: \$150.00**

**Memorial Fund: \$14,505.47**

**Special Needs Fund: \$45,645.20\***

\*Please note the new "SPECIAL NEEDS" FUND. Recently, a long-time member generously contributed over \$45,000.00 to be used for Council approved expenditures. While there are "no strings attached," the fund is intended to be directed toward "special needs" of the church building as well as the community at large.

**After subtracting out the total of the 6 funds (\$75,207.25) there is a carryover to April 2022 of actual OPERATING monies totaling \$55,555.11.** Financially, for the **near term outlook (2-5 years)**, we are in a weak position treading water at best. We entered 2022 with a carryover from 2021 totaling \$63,058.60. Because monthly income is anticipated to lag monthly expenses, the carryover will continue to erode. In the first three months, the carryover has eroded by 11.90%.

As of April 2022, the Capital (Trustee) Fund Balance is \$3,621.49. For the present, we are no longer using the security service we employed throughout 2021. During the month, there was a bit of activity in this fund: \$3,000.00 was expended for the balance required by Seasons Change LLC, for the \$6,200.00 installation of two new gas heaters (one for the church office and one for the library).

Peace & Grace for us all,

*Byron Beach, Treasurer*

### 2022 OPERATING SNAPSHOT vs YEAR AGO

March income:	\$4,590.26	(-) \$2,435.02
2022 YTD income:	\$13,789.59	(-) \$4,120.50
2021 carryover:	\$63,058.60	(-) \$17,584.80
Operating Total:	\$76,848.19	(-) \$21,705.30
2022 YTD Expenses:	\$21,293.08	+ \$2,741.12
Carryover to April:	\$55,555.11	(-) \$24,446.42

# Thanks and Prayers

## Thank you to...

Byron Beach for helping with Sunday School, paying all our bills and keeping track of our finances; and being on Church Council and the Worship Team.

Judy Armstrong and Marie Maestas for trimming our roses.

Marie Maestas for cleaning the upstairs kitchen, getting ready for when we start fellowship time again.

## In Our Prayers...

Vickie Dumbeck - hospitalized after being hit by a car.

### Joe Neiswender Memorial Service April 23 @ 2 pm

All are invited to a memorial service honoring the life of Joe Neiswender on April 23 at 2:00 pm in the church sanctuary. We hope to broadcast the service live on either our [YouTube channel](#) or our [Facebook page](#).



## FIRST UMC STAFF & INFORMATION

Open hearts,  
open minds,  
open doors.

### Pastor

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Laura Wise

### Upstairs Custodian

Donette Scogin

### Downstairs Custodian

Mark Wilson

### Outside Custodian

James Stredwick

### Chancel Choir Director

Judy Neiswender

### Bell & Chime Choirs Conductor

Pat Mathis

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### Facebook Page:

<http://www.facebook.com/KlamathFallsFirstUMC>

## Fellowship Time to Begin Again! Easter Sunday, April 17

We hope to start having Fellowship Time after worship beginning on Easter Sunday. We are looking at setting up a group of people to take charge of Fellowship Time on a rotating basis. If you would like to be a part of our Fellowship Time Team, please let the church office know. We are hoping to have a list of those who are willing to take charge of a Sunday occasionally as well as those willing to provide snacks and help with set up, serving, and clean up.

## *United Women of Faith News*

**Fellowship Gathering**

**April 14 @ 12:30**

Bring a sandwich. Salad and dessert will be provided.

**Program: “Holy, Bold Women Lead”** A program about the women who went to the tomb.

### UWFaith Nut Sales

Need nuts for Easter baking or gifts? Order now from our webstore!

Link to our Terri Lynn Webstore:

<https://klamath-falls-umw.terrilynn.com>.



**This month's  
suggested item for  
Marta's House:**  
**Socks**



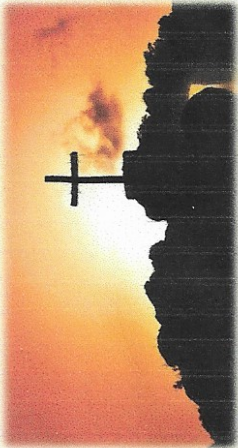
**United  
Women  
in Faith**

### **Our Purpose:**

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the Global Ministries of the church.



# APRIL 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
 <p>For an up-to-date weekly Calendar, check our web page at: <a href="http://www.klamathfallsumc.org">www.klamathfallsumc.org</a></p>						
<b>3 Holy Communion</b> 9:15 Elementary Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:45 Preschool Sunday School 11:45 Church Council 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	<b>6</b> 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) Noon Lenten Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>17 Easter Sunday</b> 9:15 Elementary Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:45 Preschool Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt Following Worship 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	<b>18</b> Church Office Closed	<b>19</b> 5:00 - 6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	<b>20</b> 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) Noon Wholly Health Group	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 2 pm Memorial Service - Joe Neiswender
Jeannie Boese on Vacation						
<b>24</b> 9:15 Elementary Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:45 Preschool Sunday School 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 5:00 - 6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	<b>27</b> 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) 10 am Worship Team Noon Wholly Health Group	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> updated 3/28/2022
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*Please come join us!*

#### THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"I like it when everyone in church sings  
about that Ollie Louya guy."

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#### Upcoming Events:

**Palm Sunday**  
**April 10**

**Good Friday**  
**April 15**  
**Noon Service**

**Easter Sunday**  
**April 17**  
**Egg Hunt Following Worship**

#### **The Champoege Declaration**

We, the Klamath Falls First United Methodist Church, together with other congregations of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, declare that persons of all ages, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, economic conditions, marital status, mental or physical abilities are welcome to attend, join, and participate fully in the life of our congregation.