

Sunday, February 15, 2026
ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

601 North Cedar, Abilene, Kansas 67410

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GATHERING MUSIC

Chuck Brussow, Chuck Zernickow, Dave Carlson

WELCOME, GOD SIGHTINGS, AND JOYS

Please fill out the insert in today's bulletin to register your attendance and place in the offering plate when it is passed.

OPENING PRAYER

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (congregation response in **bold**)

Come worship the Lord.

Praise the Lord on high.

Worship the Lord from the mountaintop.

Worship our great and awesome God.

The Lord is king.

Let the peoples tremble.

Let the earth quake before our God.

Let the nations revere the Lord of life.

Come worship the Lord.

Praise the Lord on high.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

*May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

***GATHERING HYMN**

*Everytime I Feel the Spirit
This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

UMH 404
vs. 1-3 UMH 383

FAMILY TIME (children of all ages are invited to come forward)

CHORAL ANTHEM (10:30) Children Bound For Heaven

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. **2** And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. **3** Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. **4** Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' **5** While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' **6** When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. **7** But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' **8** And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. **9** As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

SERMON

Rev. Libby Themis

RESPONSIVE HYMN

Open the Eyes of My Heart

WS 3008

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

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***THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

Light of Light, amid our gloom and despair, you have blessed us with your radiance and your love. Illumine these gifts, so that the world may see your light shining in today's offering. Illumine our very lives, that our souls may be radiant like Christ shining with power upon the mountaintop. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

You Are Mine

vs. 1 FWS 2218

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SENDING HYMN**

Halle, Halle, Halleluja

FWS 2026

***THE BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer concerns will be listed in the bulletin for 4 weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Cecilia Clemence (knee replacement 2/13), Loren Gugler, Helen & Linus Linenberger (Michael's parents, transitioning to nursing home, Helen fell and fractured her back), The Family of Dennis Berven, The families of Dennis Schwarz and Terry Schwarz of Carlton, nephews of the Lehman's, The family of Jonna Rider (niece of Janice Hoffman and Dwight & Leslie Hoffman) Steve Leyerzapf (Son of Jim L.) Alexis Dutt (Daughter of Greg & Sandi, lives in Minneapolis-St. Paul) Sean Zernickow (Son of Chuck & Sandy, prayers for medical testing and impending surgery) Dustin Rageth (SIL Janice H., had a stroke, has started PT) Jim Barlow (awaiting gallbladder surgery) Luke Hunter (in a skiing accident in Colorado, is now home) Sally & Jordan Cullor (sister & nephew of Linda Bankes), Al Jones, Jim Leyerzapf, Myckie Spencer, Pam Jackson, Ed & Velda Becker (continued prayers of strength & determination), Carl Hansen (has moved to a nursing home in Junction City), Carl & Barb Funston, Scot Budden (Pastor Libby's brother), Delores Schmidt (Mother of Velda B.)

COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS:

Mike Jantz, Angie L'homme, had a stroke, The Family of Oscar Garza, Steve Parker, battle with cancer, Dr. Ben Smith, principal of AHS, had two surgeries at KU Med last week to remove cancer from his back, spinal cord area, prayers of healing, The Family of Jane Foltz, Bob Dishman, Rachel Prichard, Tom Litke, Kathy Ducker, Barbara Webster-Haynes, Nathan Robbins, Deb Daniel, Jamye Comp, Kim Decker, Jacque Havice, Macie Heller.

THOSE WORSHIPPING FROM HOME: Norris Marshall, Bonnie Byers, Karen & Steve Crump, Dorothy Veach, Dorothy Snider, Linda Chase, Carl Hansen, Myckie Spencer, Charles Spidell, Hope Higgins, Jim Leyerzapf, Evelyn Carter, Al Jones, Jolene Hunt, Glen & Joan Dawson, Don & Mary Rickley, Phyllis Welton.

THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Please contact the office or write the name of your loved one serving on the back of your attendance sheet. Cory Donley, Colby Miller, Evan Middleton, Kayla Lee, Derek Lipson, Daelan McKnight, Tanner Harwood

THOSE IN AUTHORITY: The World Leaders, The President, the Governor, the Mayor, County Commissioners, the County Attorney, and other elected officials and the judiciary (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADIO BROADCAST

If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast, contact Chris in the office. The cost is \$70.00 a Sunday. You can choose who you want in honor or memory of.

MARDI GRAS POTLUCK

Everyone is invited to enjoy the food and company THIS SUNDAY, February 15, after the 10:30 service in Wright Hall.

PAM JACKSON 80TH BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to celebrate Pam's 80th birthday on Sunday, February 15, 3-5 pm in Wright Hall. If you can't join us and would like to send Pam a card, please mail it to 1102 N. Vine St. #701 Abilene, KS 6710.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

We will have services on Wednesday, February 18 at noon and 7 pm to begin our Lenten season.

NEW LIGHT IN THE EAST PARKING LOT

A new 'dusk to dawn' light has been installed in the parking lot on the east side of the building thanks to a generous donation. It is a blessing to everyone who enters and exits the building on that side when it is dark outside.

NEW DIRECTORY UPDATE

Work continues on updating information to have the new directory printed. Unfortunately, some of the photos taken in the office didn't download properly, so I will reach out to you if we need a new photo. The office apologizes for the delay.

2026 SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships for high school and post secondary students are available on the church website. abilenefirstumc.org This application must be completed in full and submitted to the church office by 12 Noon or the AHS Counselors' office by 5 p.m., Monday, April 13, 2026, to be eligible for consideration.

COMMUNITY MEAL

The Community Meal is served every Monday evening at Sterl Hall, 619 N. Rogers. March 9 will be the next time Abilene FUMC helps with the meal. Please contact Jacque Saffell, 785-342-6223 or Toni Schwarting, 785-479-6353 with questions or to volunteer.

AUBURN MEDICINE LIDS AND BEST CHOICE LABELS

The Questors Sunday School class continues to collect Best Choice labels and Auburn Medicine lids to raise money. You can bring your donations to the office any time during regular hours or on Sunday mornings.

COOKIES FOR SUNDAY MORNING

We are again in need of cookie/treat donations for Sunday mornings. Please bring donations to the office on Sunday mornings or during office hours M-Th 8-12. Thank you for your generosity!

WE ARE ON THE RADIO AND STREAMING ONLINE

If you can't make it to church, but would like to listen to our service live, simply tune into KABI 1560 AM or 95.9 FM at 10:30 a.m. You can also stream the worship service at abilenefirstumc.org.

OFFERING Needed each Sunday - \$ 5870.81 Last Sunday - \$5036.00

Last week we learned that a local teacher/friend, Mike Jantz, finally had a kidney transplant after years of being on dialysis. He is doing well and posting updates on Facebook. Several people have asked the office for his address to send a card or note of encouragement. He appreciates all the prayers.

Mike Jantz
812 Spruceway
Abilene, KS 67410

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 8:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service
- 9:20 a.m. Small Groups & Sunday School Class
- 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service / KABI 1560 AM or 95.9 FM
- 11:30 a.m. Mardi Gras Potluck - Wright Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Pam Jackson 80th Birthday Open House - Wright Hall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON

Happy Birthday Phyllis Welton & Pam Jackson!

- 10:00 a.m. Card Ministry Group - 208
- 1:00 p.m. Dennis Berven Funeral - Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Core Meeting - 204
- 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting - 200
- 6:30 p.m. Women's AA/NA Meeting - B9

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON

- 10:00 a.m. Exercise Group - Narthex

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Office
- 12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary
- 12:45 p.m. United Women in Faith Meeting - 200
- 3:30 p.m. Power & Light - Peatling Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group - Peatling Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary
- 7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice - Sanctuary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20 OFFICE CLOSED

Happy Birthday Cameron Vinduska!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Happy Birthday Jackson & Tyler Green!

- 8:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service
- 9:20 a.m. Small Groups & Sunday School Class
- 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service / KABI 1560 AM or 95.9 FM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please note that **bold type** indicates congregational participation. An asterisk (*) indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. "UMH" stands for *The United Methodist Hymnal* (blue book); "FWS" stands for *The Faith We Sing* (black book); and "WS" stands for *Worship and Song* (green book).

OUR MISSION AND VISION

Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Vision: A church of Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Piano: Angie Hoerner

Liturgists: Jason Vinduska & Velda Becker

Trumpet: Chuck Brussow, Dave Carlson, & Chuck Zernickow

Drummer for the last hymn: Steve Schwarting

Slides/Sound/Livestream: Heather Heger & Tray Green

Gospeltality Greeters 8:15: Michael & Jamie Linenberger

10:30: Paul Lehman & Peggy Whitworth

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