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FIRST NOTES

MARCH 2026



From the Pastor's Desk

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am

Blended Worship
In the Sanctuary

10:10 am

Sunday School

11:00 am

Brunch & Worship
In the Fellowship Hall

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

"Sharing the Love & Hope of God"

Grace and peace to you, Church family, As we enter the month of March, we are already travelling the sacred journey of Lent — a forty-day season (not counting Sundays) that leads us to the cross and ultimately to the joy of Easter Sunday.

Lent is not simply a date on the church calendar. It is a spiritual pilgrimage.

In the early church, Lent was a time when new believers prepared for baptism at Easter. Over time, it became a season for the entire church to reflect, repent, renew, and refocus. The number forty reminds us of important biblical moments: the forty days of rain in Noah's time, the forty years Israel wandered in the wilderness, and the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted before beginning His ministry.

Lent invites us into that same wilderness experience — not to punish us, but to prepare us.

A Season of Reflection

Lent asks us to pause and examine our hearts. Where have we drifted from God? Where do we need healing? Where is God calling us to grow? It is a time to honestly

look at ourselves in the light of Christ's love (John 3:16).

A Season of Repentance

Repentance is not about shame; it is about turning around. It means turning away from sin and turning toward God. The ashes of Ash Wednesday remind us that we are human and dependent upon God's grace. Yet they also form the sign of the cross — a powerful reminder that we belong to Christ (Psalm 51:1-17, Joel 2:1-2, 12-17).

A Season of Renewal

Through prayer, fasting, and acts of generosity, we intentionally draw closer to God. Some give something up for Lent; others take something on — such as daily scripture reading, deeper prayer, or serving someone in need. Whatever form it takes, Lent is about making space for God to work within us (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21).

A Season of Hope

Lent may feel solemn, but it is never without hope. We walk toward the cross knowing that resurrection is coming. The journey through sacrifice leads to new life (Jeremiah 29:11-14, Isaiah 40:28-3).

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We uphold the United Methodist Church by our PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS



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2026 Monthly Budget Needs	<u>\$32,363</u>
January 2026	
1st	\$6,537
8th	\$3,690
15th	\$4,303
22nd	\$33,004
Giving to Date	<u>\$47,534</u>

	2026	December	Year to Date
Income		\$ 14,941	\$ 14,941
Expenses		<u>27,202</u>	<u>27,202</u>
		\$	
Net Income / (Loss)		(12,261)	\$(46,248)

January Mission Pennies were not collected as church was canceled the last Sunday due to the weather.

Thank you for your continued giving!



Prayer Concerns:

- Sharon Medford
- Linda Arnett
- Alice Robinson
- Sandy Strack
- Randy Lemasters
- LD Rowan
(father of Heather Rowan)
- Mike Sutcliffe
- Nancy Drybread
- Kenzi Underwood

Sympathies to the family & friends of:

- Peck Kam Wolf
(wife of Pastor Paul Wolf)
- Karen Shields

Serving in the Military:

- Nathan Ruggles
- Josh Underwood

PLEASE NOTE: NAMES SUBMITTED FOR THE PRAYER CONCERNS LIST WILL BE REMOVED AFTER TWO WEEKS. PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE @ 431-4240 OR E-MAIL office @fumcchanute.com IF YOU NEED TO ADD OR CONTINUE A NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST. THANK YOU!

As First UMC Chanute, may we embrace this holy season together. May our worship be more intentional, our prayers more heartfelt, our compassion more visible, and our faith more courageous.

Let us walk this road with Jesus – from wilderness to cross, and from cross to empty tomb.

In Christ's love.
Pastor Charles

I encourage you to join us for worship throughout Lent and especially on Palm Sunday, Maundy-Thursday and Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday
EGG HUNT

Sunday, March 29 @ 10am on the Church Lawn

Kids are also invited to come wave palm branches during the 9am & 11am Worship Services

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!

LUCK HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. WE ARE BLESSED!

SAVE THE DATE!

VBS 2026
ROME
Paul and the Underground Church
JUNE 8—12



March Youth Newsletter

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Young Christian's Weekend, March 27-29

Branson, Missouri

The caravans will be leaving at 4:00 on March 27 and returning the afternoon on March 29.

A Christian filled weekend full of speakers, concerts, and of course FUN!



NO Youth activities during Spring Break!



OUR CHURCH

Mission Pennies

March Mission Pennies & this month's Noisy Offering will go to Cherry Street. This money helps cover our commitment to provide "Fresh Fruit" to Cherry Street in April. Offerings toward the "Mission Pennies" offering may be made throughout the month by putting your change contributions into the little wooden churches as you enter the sanctuary. A "Noisy Offering" is collected on the last Sunday of each month.

Gifts/Prizes Needed

The Church & Society committee continues to need items for the monthly birthday/bingo party held every 3rd Tuesday at the Murray Hill Apartments. A tub to collect these items is located downstairs in front of the elevator.

AGAPE—A Greek word for self-giving love.

The FUMC Agape Fund is a ministry that offers help to a specific area person or a family in need. If you would like to make a donation, just mark "Agape" in the memo line of your check or on-line gift.

Electronic Giving

Download "Vanco Mobile" free from the App Store. Search for "Chanute" First United Methodist Church. Vanco Mobile provides secure and convenient giving using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account where you might choose to toggle to "cover processing fees" to reduce the charge for the church. If you prefer to have money automatically taken from your checking account, contact Sidney

Haslett or the church for an authorization form.

Questions?
Contact
Linda Jones



Sunday School Classes for ALL

Have you joined one of our Sunday School Classes yet? Well, stick around after church!

Classes for children & youth meet upstairs.

See below for more information on our adult classes.

Fellowship in Grace & Mercy: Meets in Room 107 (Library). Facilitator: Corwin Shields

Open Door: Meets in Room 112. (The classroom just off the parlor.) Class led.

Thank You

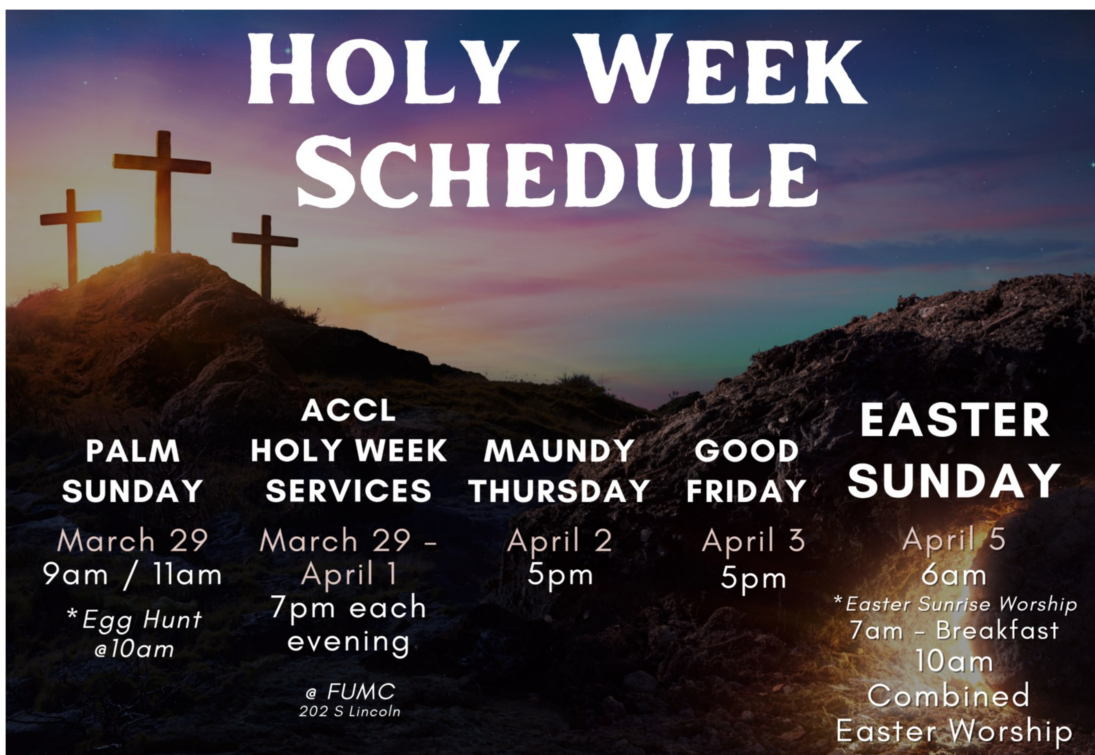
Dear Boomer Link, Thank you for the recent gift of \$100 on December 4, 2025. Your gift will aid us in our mission to provide services to victims of violence and abuse. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with you to meet the needs of our area communities. Thank you again for selecting Hope Unlimited in your annual gift giving.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Sparks,
Executive Director

Thank you for the card. We miss you all. Hope to get down this spring and see you in church. We don't drive, but our kids will drive us.. We are blessed wit the church here. Everyone is your friend.

God bless you all!
Emily & Mo Elliot

BIG Thank You shout out to Cindy & Mike Finley, Brenda & Larry Rowe, and Jasen & Katie Baughn for cooking up our church's contribution of chili for this year's Soupline. We're also SO VERY grateful for all of you who donated pies, gave of your time at the Masonic Temple, or even donated toward this wonderful community event that helps member of our community who are in need.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY March 29 9am / 11am *Egg Hunt @10am	ACCL HOLY WEEK SERVICES March 29 - April 1 7pm each evening @ FUMC 202 S Lincoln	MAUNDY THURSDAY April 2 5pm	GOOD FRIDAY April 3 5pm	EASTER SUNDAY April 5 6am *Easter Sunrise Worship 7am - Breakfast 10am Combined Easter Worship
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March Just Another Tuesday Church Host Schedule

March 3
Living Word Assembly

March 10
First Baptist Church

March 17
Otterbein Church

March 24
Living Word Assembly

March 31
First Christian Church

(We provide condiments & buns)

*Drive thru meal
distribution at Otterbein UMC
(631 W 7th) begins each
Tuesday at 5pm.*

Fitness Opportunities

TAI CHI

Monday–Friday
8:30am

WALKERCIZE

Mondays & Wednesdays
11:00 am



**MISSED A SERVICE OR JUST
WANT TO EXPERIENCE IT ALL
OVER AGAIN? FIND IT ON
YOUTUBE!**

[www.youtube.com/
FUMCChanuteKS](http://www.youtube.com/FUMCChanuteKS)

Women of Grace

Meetings of the “Women of Grace” will be held on the second Mondays of each month at 6pm. This month’s meeting will take place at the home of Katie Baughn. (Call the church office for the address.) This is a fun group opened to ALL women of the church. Donations collected throughout the year by this group are given to several charitable organizations within our community. Transportation is available upon request.

Share Your Talents!

We are blessed with a congregation overflowing with God-given talents. In Colossians 3:16, we are encouraged to 'let the word of Christ dwell in you richly... singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with thankfulness.' We want to invite you to share your gifts to enhance our worship. Whether you play an instrument, sing, or have a song that has moved your heart, please consider sharing that blessing with us during a service. Let us lift up our voices and talents together to magnify the Lord. Please contact the church office or Terri DeGeer and let’s make a Beautiful Noise to the Lord!

Games with Friends

Looking for some fun? Come on down to the church and enjoy a time of fellowship & games! Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Games will be provided or you are welcome to bring a game to share with the group.



4 Ways to Observe Lent

Lent is a season of focus and preparation. It aligns our hearts with God’s heart as we approach Easter. The following are just a few ways to focus and prepare.

GIVE IT UP

- Consider giving up something that distracts from your important relationship like too much time on Facebook or Candy Crush.
- Maybe cut out screen usage for several hours a day.
- Take a day of true rest. Let go of toil for 24 hours.

PLUG IN

- Consider adding in something that helps you connect to God.
- Read a book of the Bible, a devotional, or practice Lectio Divina on a daily basis.

SERVE

- Start a new routine of service.
- Volunteer regularly as an academic mentor, step up to volunteer in a local church, or visit a nursing home.

SHARE IT

- Make it a communal event.
- Share your Lent practices with others via a small group and/or attending worship.

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Ways to Give



IN-PERSON

Whether it's cash or check, we appreciate your kindness. You may put your offering in an offering envelope and place it in the offering plate.



ACH WITHDRAWAL

Schedule your contribution to be taken out of your account automatically each month.



MOBILE APP

Download the Vanco Mobile app from your app store to set up a one-time or recurring donation. Search "Chanute First United Methodist Church"

Available on Apple & Android devices.



QR CODE

Scan the QR code to visit our online giving page.



ONLINE

Visit

<https://www.fumcchanute.com/>
Click "GIVE". Under "Give Online", click "Give Now" to set up a one-time or recurring donation.



MAIL

Mail your contributions to:
Chanute FUMC, 202 S Lincoln
Chanute, KS 66720

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 9: Bible Study: "The Promise & Power of Easter" begins meeting Mondays at 9:30am.

Saturday, March 14: Wedding—Travis Leroy & Hannah Robinson

Tuesday, March 17: Today's Concerns lunch at the Dutch Country Buffet in Garnett. Van takes off from parking lot at 10:30am. RSVP required.

Friday, March 27 & Saturday, March 28: District Training Event: Caring Congregations, 8:30am–4pm each day.

Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday Egg Hunt will take place on the lawn at 10am.

Sunday, March 29–Wednesday, April 1: ACCL Holy Week Services held here each evening at 7pm.

(See page 4 for full Holy Week Schedule.)






























































**PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN SCHEDULING
MEETINGS OR EVENTS IN THE CHURCH BUILDING!**

(Be sure to check inside for more details on these events!)

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