



# CATCH *the* SPIRIT

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## Sing a New Song!

*Sing God a brand-new song! Earth and everyone in it, sing!  
Sing to God—worship God!*

*Shout the news of his victory from sea to sea, Take the news of his  
glory to the lost, News of his wonders to one and all! For God is  
great, and worth a thousand Hallelujahs. His furious beauty puts  
the other gods to shame; Pagan gods are mere tatters and  
rags. God made the heavens—Royal splendor radiates from him, A  
powerful beauty sets him apart. Bravo, God, Bravo! Everyone join  
in the great shout: Encore! In awe before the beauty, in awe before  
the might. Bring gifts and celebrate, Bow before the beauty  
of God, Then to your knees—everyone worship! Get out the mes-  
sage—God Rules! He put the world on a firm foundation; He treats  
everyone fair and square. Let's hear it from Sky, With Earth joining  
in, And a huge round of applause from Sea. Let Wilderness turn  
cartwheels, Animals, come dance, Put every tree of the forest in the  
choir—An extravaganza before God as he comes, As he comes to set  
everything right on earth, Set everything right, treat everyone fair.*

*Psalm 96 – The Message Translation*

All of Creation sings with us as we celebrate our wonderful Creator! Spring is coming! And so is an exciting future for One Spirit! Do you feel it?

As we continue to find our way out of this pandemic, we are adapting to new ways of being the Church together and being the Church for our community. Including things like our at home Lenten devotionals, a drive thru option for Easter eggs, a unique Cantata on Palm Sunday, and other adaptations. We are excited to use this time to discern where God is leading us! Be on the lookout for more information as we begin taking bold and brave steps forward.

Peace and Blessings!  
Pastor Erika

## One Spirit UMC is OPEN for In-Person Worship and Facebook Online Worship every Sunday at 10:30 am! Face Masks and Social Distancing is Required.

The One Spirit office building will remain closed for the time being. This temporary closure is to help protect the health and safety of our church staff and volunteers. Please call or email the church office to leave a message to schedule an appointment and a staff member will get back to you.

(816) 353-0890 or onespiritumc@gmail.com.

**Reminder: Online Worship Continues on  
Facebook Live or on YouTube! Call the church  
office if you need help accessing online worship.**

## Caring for Kids at Westridge

Thank you to our wonderful congregation for their continued support of the students and staff at Westridge Elementary. In January we were able to donate \$200 towards the purchase of individual refillable water bottles for the students to use during each school day.

One Spirit will continue to support the staff at Westridge by providing a boxed lunch meal for the teachers during the spring conferences in late March.

Over the next few weeks we will have a supply of blank Thank You cards each Sunday and we will ask our congregation to write a simple thank you or note of encouragement for the teachers and staff. It's been a difficult year but they have worked really hard with their students to provide a successful school year and we want to show our appreciation.

## LENTEN SCHEDULE: March 27 — April 4



### Drive Thru Children's Easter Egg Event! Saturday, March 27 at 4:00 pm

We have found a unique way to reach the children of our neighborhood for Easter! Similar to our Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat event, we will hand out stuffed Easter Eggs to families that drive through with their Easter baskets! We are asking for donations of bagged, individually wrapped candy to stuff our eggs! **Please donate bags of candy to the church no later than March 14<sup>th</sup>.**

### Palm Sunday Cantata on March 28 at 10:30 am

Join us for a Palm Sunday Cantata! This service is a unique music filled worship moment made complete by the waving of palms as we begin to look towards Holy Week.

### Good Friday Worship on April 2 at 7:00 pm

One Spirit will present a contemplative worship service that reflects on the last few hours of Jesus' earthly life. This thought-provoking service will move us toward the darkness of the tomb as we await Easter morning.

### Easter Worship Service on April 4 at 10:30 am

Christ is Risen! The Tomb is empty! Bring friends and family for a celebration of the Risen Savior of the World!



## CHURCH NEWS

### *In Loving Memory*

**Terry Jensen Sr.**

August 12, 1942—December 27, 2020

**New Address: Linda Marden**, Lake Stockton Healthcare, 1523 3<sup>rd</sup> Road, Rm. 401-2, Stockton, MO 65785. (417) 809-5264

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Cory & Stephanie Mueller on the birth of their daughter, Jaelyn Marie, on Thursday, January 7, 2021. She joins big sister Brayleigh. Congratulations on a beautiful little girl!!

#### **Drive Thru Blessings at One Spirit!**

Please join us on **Wednesday, March 3 and April 7 from 11 am – 1 pm** in the circle drive in front of the sanctuary. We greet and wave at drivers and encourage people to stop by for a blessing!

#### **Prayer Walk through the Neighborhoods**

One Spirit will be hosting a monthly Prayer Walk through our neighborhood and community. As a church, we invite you to join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 2:00 pm to walk with us. We will meet in the church parking lot then walk in the areas surrounding our church building. If you can't join us, please set aside a few minutes on that day to pray for neighbors and our community. **Our upcoming Prayer Walks will be on March 17 and April 21.**

Check out our website at [www.onespiritfamily.org](http://www.onespiritfamily.org) or LIKE us on Facebook at One Spirit United Methodist Church

#### **PLEASE RECYCLE ALUMINUM CANS!**

**The proceeds help to pay for winter snow removal and summer lawn care.**



## Updates on United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women of One Spirit have made some important updates:

- General Meetings will be held at 1:00 pm on the first Thursday of the month, February—May and August—December.
- Each meeting will still have a program and an In-Gathering that will benefit a mission that supports women, youth and children.
- The Executive Board meets before each general meeting at 12:00 pm.
- There will no longer be separate Circle groups but instead the entire membership will meet for the general meetings.
- The UMW officers are working on some new ideas to engage members and also unique fundraising opportunities to support UMW.

## NO Rummage Sale This Year

UMW will not have a Rummage Sale this year due to the pandemic and also to the limited number of people available to help prepare and conduct the sale. A decision on future rummage sales will be made next year. Please donate your items to a local charity organization.

## Bakers-For-Hire from UMW!

During the Easter season let UMW bake special treats for you! They will make delicious cakes, cookies, pies and more for your Easter holiday. Order forms will be available at the church or you can call the office or a UMW officer to place an order. Orders are due no later than March 28 and completed orders will be available for pick-up at the church April 1-4.

## United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet on **Thursday, March 4 at 1:00 pm** and **Thursday, April 1 at 1:00 pm**. The March meeting will feature the Pledge Service and the In-Gathering will be monetary donations for the Westridge Elementary water bottles. The April meeting will present the Call to Prayer and Self Denial and the In-Gathering will be non-perishable food items and paper goods for REAP.

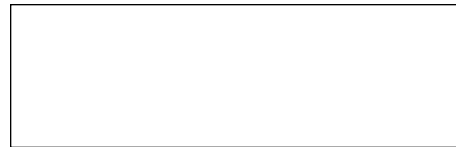


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### Lent Missions Collection

Pastor Margaret Banks will lead a Missions Project throughout Lent and all donations will go towards the **Mozambique Initiative of the Missouri United Methodist Church** to provide clean water hand sanitizing stations. All donations can be placed in the change jar in the sanctuary, the offering plates, or even using the online donation tools. Be sure to note these donations for "Mission Projects."

### Leadership Board Report

The One Spirit Leadership Board met on January 29 & 30 for a Leadership Retreat. This event helped the board members and staff discuss our neighborhood, our gifts and strengths as a congregation, and how we might embrace new opportunities. The Heartland District Superintendent, Rev. David Gilmore, joined us in worship and offered us some insights on how we can move forward boldly.

The board will make a presentation to the congregation on March 7th to lay out next steps and will continue to work on developing a vision for One Spirit. The board is excited about the work ahead and is ready to accept the challenge. The board will continue to communicate with the congregation as we move forward.

**The next Leadership Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 3 at 6:30 pm either in-person or via Zoom meeting.**



**Be sure to  
"Spring Forward"  
on March 14  
when  
Daylight Saving  
Time begins.**