



Sermon Series:
5 things Every Christian Needs to Grow
 Jan. 18 - Feb. 15,
 Bible Study, Prayer, Worship, Service,
 Stewardship

Bible Study on Sunday, 10:15 am @ library



Fresh Expressions United Methodists National Gathering
 February 26-28, 2026
 First UMC Ocala, Florida

See firsthand how ordinary people are cultivating communities of grace in extraordinary ways!

Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship after Worship!

Everyone is Welcome!

****Volunteers Needed to provide snacks****



Sign up sheet is at the coffee table

2025 Donation Statements are available in the Narthex

Any not picked up will be mailed next week



Dinner Church
Wednesday's—5:30-6:30 PM
EVERYONE is welcome!



REQUEST: Dessert Items

(Homemade or storebought cookies, cakes, bars, etc.)

Volunteers Sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FAAAC2AAAFBC16-47489118-dinner> or scan the QR above. User Name//Password not required.

Contact Marcia Hagen or Charlene Galston for questions.

Menu this week: Chili, Crackers, Fruit & Dessert

Thursday January 29th

11am-2pm

Here at the Church



Family friendly community event for those who wish to connect with service providers sponsored by the Jackson County Homeless Coalition.

Free food and necessities will be provided



Copies of the daily devotion booklets are available in the Narthex

Ushers: Kristin & Ben Breining
 Fellowship: Judith Sheppard

Upcoming Meetings

Sun	Jan 25	Mission Outreach	10:30am
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Black River Falls United Methodist Church



UMC Mission Statement:

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

** Indicates, please stand if able.*

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany January 18, 2026 9 AM

Liturgist: Dan Brauner

PRELUDE

Carol Prindle

INVITATION AND GATHERING

*CALL to WORSHIP (Isaiah 40:1-5 and 43:1-3)

L: Children of God, who has God called you to be?

P: A light to all the nations!

L: When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?

P: A light to all the nations!

L: When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?

P: A light to all the nations!

L: When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?

P: A light to all the nations!

L: Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!

P: We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God's glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER

Guide our feet, Lord. Show us the light of grace when we would judge others too harshly. Warm our hearts with the glow of your love when we would spew icy words of spite. Illumine our souls with joyful delight when sadness tries to take over the day. Shine brightly on us today, Lord, until we reflect your glory as a witness to this world. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN

UMH #391

O Happy Day

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Faithful God, you call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner; you call us to be your

servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work; you put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble on unfamiliar words; you show us the work to be tackled, but we turn away defiant, insisting we have more important things to do.

Put your song on our lips and in our hearts, and remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in you.

Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love. Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

God is faithful and ever-present. The God who knew us before our birth loves us still and strengthens us, that we will one day be blameless. Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, grace, and mercy. Enter into the light!

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Psalm 40, John 1)

With songs of joy in our mouths and songs of praise for our God, let us greet one another and share the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In Unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 1:1-6

¹ Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. ³ He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. ⁴ The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the

wind drives away. ⁵ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. ⁶ For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Hebrews 4:12-13

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

*HYMN

UMH #601

Thy Word is a Lamp

MESSAGE

Rev. Shon

FIVE ESSENTIALS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH: 1 THE POWER OF BIBLE STUDY

THANKSGIVING & SENDING FORTH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (*Isaiah 49; Psalm 40*)

What does God require of us, and with what shall we come before the Lord? It is not with sacrifice and burnt offerings, but with hearts filled with praise and lives bent on justice. With joy and thanksgiving for the tender mercies of our God, may today's offering be a sign of our commitment to bring God's justice and compassion to our world.

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Shon

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH #370

Victory in Jesus

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE

Carol Prindle