


*DOXOLOGY UMH #94
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Shon

*CLOSING HYMN TFWS #526
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*BENEDICTION Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE Carol Prindle



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


The Men's Group has issued a challenge to the church

Can we collect 280 pounds of food in 28 days?



Please place donations to the food pantry in the shopping cart by the church entrance.

There are lists of the most frequently requested items in the cart




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!



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: Hot Turkey Sandwich, Napa Cabbage Salad, Pickles, Fruit & Dessert

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




Thank you to everyone who donated through the Giving Tree in December

Donations totaled \$835 for Dinner Church and \$325 for Friends Sharing Food

Ushers: Jim & Carol Hornby
 Fellowship: Esther Shon

Upcoming Meetings

Sun	Feb 1	5 Things Bible Study	10:15 am
Mon	Feb 2	UWF	5:30 pm
Thu	Feb 5	SPRC	5:30 pm
Sun	Feb 8	Men's Group	10:15 am
Mon	Feb 9	Trustees	5:30 pm

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.*

4th Sunday after the Epiphany February 1, 2026 9 AM

Liturgist: Tom Epps

PRELUDE

Carol Prindle

INVITATION AND GATHERING

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

L: Children Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?

P: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

L: In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?

P: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

L: When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?

P: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

L: Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!

P: We come to worship God with our voices and our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER**

The hills hear your voice, O Lord. The mountains quake before you. As we call on your name, help us walk in the ways of righteousness and speak in tones of peace. As we seek to be blameless and do what is right, may our hearts be free from guile and deceit, that we be known as peace makers, the blessed children of God. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN**

UMH #496

Sweet Hour of Prayer

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Far too often, O God, we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world. We have not spoken truth with our hearts. We have said and done hurtful things to our friends. We have forgotten our true identity, wandering into ways that are not yours. We have lost the path of true worship, focusing on form and words rather than deeds. We have forgotten what true discipleship is. And because of this, you have a

quarrel with us. Forgive us and help us live into becoming the people you have created and called us to be: people of justice and love and truth and humility, and yes, even foolishness. May we be fools for Christ, embracing our true identity, even in the face of the world's scorn and derision. Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

God has called us and blesses us when we live God's ways and not the world's. God's love embraces us even when we fall short of what God desires for our lives and actions. Know that the God of blessing loves and forgives us with a fierce tenderness. And in so knowing, may our lives and souls be transformed.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. As God's beloved children, let us share the peace that Christ brings with those around us.

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

Luke 11:1-8

¹ He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

James 5:13-18

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.

***HYMN**

TFWS #2193

Lord, Listen To Your Church Praying

MESSAGE

Rev. Shon

5 ESSENTIALS for SPIRITUAL GROWTH - 2:

The Privilege and Power of Prayer

THANKSGIVING & SENDING FORTH

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We have been called to lives of justice, love, and truth. We have been blessed to be a blessing. Let us generously offer all that we are and all that we have to further this beloved community of love, justice, truth, and blessing.