

This Week's Announcements

**The Care Ministry person of the week is
Joe Kapp**

Please call the church office for his address
to support him with prayers and cards.

Please consider placing flowers on the altar.

We would like to have flowers on the altar to honor and
glorify God every Sunday.

The new 2026 calendar is hanging on the wall in the
Gathering Area near the office or you can call the church
office (814-226-6660) to reserve your date(s).

If you are interested in becoming an official member
of First Church, please let Pastor Jodie know. We will have
a **new member orientation** over lunch
on Sunday, January 25 at 12:15pm.
New Member Sunday will be on February 8.

The American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days fundraising
campaign is returning for 2026. Help us fight cancer by
supporting our Daffodil Days program. Each bunch
purchased supports our life-saving work.

Give Daffodils. Give Hope. Place your order today!

- Orders due by **February 17**
- Delivery week of **March 23**

For a \$15 donation, an individual will receive one bunch (10)
of beautiful, fresh cut daffodils.

For \$20 an individual will receive a bunch of mini daffodils
in a pot.

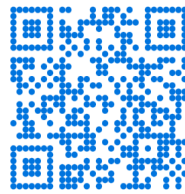
For a \$15 donation, someone will receive a bunch (10) of
colorful tulips.

For a \$25 donation, instead of receiving flowers, you can
support the Gift of Hope program where volunteers deliver
daffodils to local hospitals or nursing homes.

Place your order by calling the church office (814-226-6660).

The church office has created a **text message/one call
feature** to send important notifications to keep you informed
of events, activities, and/or last minute schedule changes.
If you would like to be added to our list, please let us know
in the church office. We also provide Prayer Chain and
Church News updates via email.

**Please take a moment to sign in on a red fellowship pad,
located at the end of your pew.**



Give with Venmo

It's safe and secure.

Find us under Charities as **@FumcClarion**
or scan the QR code.

Indicate the amount of your donation.

In "for," please tell us how you want us to use
your gift.

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**Scan the QR code to the left to make
an online donation to the church.**

To contact the Pastor

If you would like to talk or meet with Pastor Jodie Smith,
you can contact her via

Church Office 814-226-6660 (ext. 11)

Parsonage 814-226-6662

You may also email her at **pastor@fumc-clarion.org**
or you can find more information on our church website at
www.fumc-clarion.org

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Rev. Jodie Smith, Pastor

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.

Sunday, January 18, 2026



8:30am Traditional Worship Service

**Indicates a time to stand, if able.*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

"Shall We Gather at the River" Lowry

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Today we celebrate a special baptism; the baptism
of Jesus of Nazareth.

**People: God says: Look! See my chosen servant,
the One in whom I utterly delight; I have placed
my Spirit on him, he will bring true justice to
the nations.**

Leader: When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up,
and Spirit came down like a dove;

**People: and there was a voice from heaven saying:
"This is my dearly loved Son, with whom
I am delighted."**

Leader: The joy of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

***THE HYMN**

"When Jesus Came to Jordan" No. 252

***OPENING PRAYER** (in unison)

Most wonderful God, foolish and flawed though we are, we too
delight in your beloved Son.

As in his name we gather in the house of many praises, may the
heavens be opened for us, that we may catch a glimpse of that
Light and Love that transforms our common days with a beauty not
of our making. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!

MESSAGE IN MUSIC
“Surely the Lord Is In This Place” Chancel Choir

SHARING OUR JOYS and CONCERNS BEFORE GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER
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.

SHARING GOD’S TITHES and OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY
“O Come, Let Us Sing” Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*THE HYMN
“I Am Thine, O Lord” No. 419

SCRIPTURE READING
Luke 3:7-17, 21-22 (The Message)

THE MESSAGE
“Does Baptism Matter?”
Rev. Jodie Smith

*THE HYMN
“They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” No. 2223

*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE and GOING FORTH TO SERVE

11:00am Contemporary Worship Service
*Indicates a time to stand, if able.

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
AND PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

INVOCATION

*OPENING MUSIC
“House of the Lord” & “Protector of My Soul”

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S PRAYER and DISMISSAL
(Children age 4–5th grade may go to Kids2Kids)

SHARING OUR JOYS and CONCERNS BEFORE GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

SHARING GOD’S TITHES and OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY and OFFERTORY PRAYER

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*SERMON RESPONSE
“Purify My Heart”

*ANNOUNCEMENTS and THE BENEDICTION

*CLOSING MUSIC
“They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

THE POSTLUDE and GOING FORTH TO SERVE

This Week’s Schedule

Monday January 19, 2026

11:30am Meals of Love (Dining Room)
12:30pm The Arc of Clarion Game Time (Dining Room)
5:30pm Adult Bell Choir Practice (Balcony)
5:30pm Kiwanis (Room 102)
6:00pm Scouts BSA Troop 51 (Various Rooms)
6:30pm United Women in Faith - Ruth Circle
(Conference Room - 2nd Floor)

Tuesday January 20, 2026

9:30am Pastor's Bible Study (Wesley Chapel)
4:00pm Girl Scouts (Dining Room/Kitchen)
6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting (Room 102)

Wednesday January 21, 2026

8:00am Journey for Men (Room 102)
1:15pm Recovery 'n Motion (Room 205)
3:00pm Love Cupboard Food Pantry
5:00pm Stephen Ministers Meeting (Stephen Ministry Room)
6:30pm Pastor's Bible Study (Wesley Chapel)

Thursday January 22, 2026

6:00pm The Messengers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:15pm NA Setup (Room 102)
6:30pm NA Group Meeting (Room 102)
6:45pm Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Friday January 23, 2026

9:00am Sit 'n Stitch (Room 102)

Sunday January 25, 2026

8:30am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary, YouTube)
9:45am Sunday School for All Ages
11:00am Arts and Crafts (K - 5th grade)
11:00am Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary, YouTube)
12:15pm New Member Orientation (Room 102)
5:30pm Youth Group Parents’ Appreciation Dinner