

This Week's Announcements

The Care Ministry person of the week is Mike Murphy
Please call the church office for his address to support him with prayers and cards.

The flowers on the altar are given by Darren Mackenzie in honor of his loving and supportive wife, Julie.

Beginning on **March 10** and **March 11**, we will start a new study of the book, *Why Did Jesus Have to Die?* Have you ever asked that question? Join us as we work together toward the answer to that question. If you would like to join us and aren't currently part of our Bible Study, the books will be available in the office.

Friday, March 20 will be our **Spring Dinner & Movie Night**. We'll be having chili for dinner at 5:30pm, followed by the movie, *Soul on Fire*, at 6:30pm. If you plan to join us for dinner, please sign up in the church office by March 18.

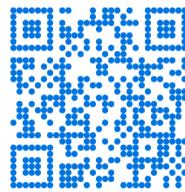
March 29 is Palm Sunday and a Celebration Sunday. We will have one worship service at 9:30am, followed by an indoor picnic. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please sign up for lunch by Wednesday, March 25.

Save the Dates

March 29: Palm Sunday (one worship service at 9:30am)
March 29: Fellowship Lunch at 10:30am
March 29: Easter Egg Hunt at 12:00pm
April 2: Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30pm
April 3: Good Friday Service at 7:00pm
April 5: Easter Sunday
June 15 - 19: Vacation Bible School

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.



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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)
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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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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.

Sunday, March 8, 2026



8:30am Traditional Worship Service

*Indicates a time to stand, if able.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

"My Redeemer" Ritter

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, queens,

People: God is the Lord of all life.

Leader: In God we live and move and have our being.

People: God requires our faithfulness and our service.

Leader: We reach out to others with the same kind of love with which God has touched our lives.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

Leader: Let us praise God who walks daily by our side.
Amen.

***THE HYMN**

"How Firm a Foundation" No. 529

***OPENING PRAYER** (in unison)

Lord, mighty God, you lead the world and all humanity to their destiny in you.

Give to the leaders of the world and of our country a vision of the future that is both imaginative and realistic, and respectful of human rights and dignity.

Help us to bear witness in everyday life to the values of the gospel and to be involved in the work of freedom, integrity, and justice. May we thus build up a community that foreshadows our heavenly homeland.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

“Create In Me” 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

**“Purify My Heart”
Chancel Choir**

***DOXOLOGY**

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***THE HYMN**

“O Young and Fearless Prophet” No. 444

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:20-25 (NRSVUE)

THE MESSAGE

**“Risking Faith”
Rev. Jodie Smith**

***THE HYMN**

“Seek Ye First” No. 405

***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**

“Step By Step” & “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

CHILDREN’S PRAYER and DISMISSAL

(Children age 4-5th grade may go to Library Time)

SHARING OUR JOYS and CONCERNS BEFORE GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

SHARING GOD’S TITHES and OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

Bret Sloan & Janelle Chambers Sloan

***DOXOLOGY and OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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THE MESSAGE

**“Risking Faith”
Rev. Jodie Smith**

***SERMON RESPONSE**

“I Believe In Jesus”

***ANNOUNCEMENTS and THE BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING MUSIC**

“Majesty”

THE POSTLUDE and GOING FORTH TO SERVE

This Week's Schedule

Monday March 9, 2026

- 8:30am Second Harvest Delivery
- 9:30am Senior Food Box Pickup
- 11:30am Meals of Love (Dining Room)
- 12:30pm The Arc of Clarion Game Time (Dining Room)
- 5:30pm Adult Bell Choir Practice (Balcony)
- 6:00pm Scouts BSA Troop 51 (Various Rooms)

Tuesday March 10, 2026

- 9:30am Pastor's Bible Study (Wesley Chapel)
- 2:00pm Clarion Dulcimer Club Practice (Dining Room)
- 6:00pm The Messengers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday March 11, 2026

- 6:45am Youth Group Breakfast (County Seat)
- 8:00am Daily Bread (Pittsburgh)
- 8:00am Journey for Men (Room 102)
- 1:00pm Drug & Alcohol Recovery Meeting (Room 102)
- 1:15pm Recovery 'n Motion (Room 205)
- 4:30pm Stephen Ministers Meeting (Stephen Ministry Room)
- 6:30pm Pastor's Bible Study (Room 102)

Thursday March 12, 2026

- 12:00pm United Women in Faith - Naomi Circle (Room 102)
- 2:00pm Clarion Civic Group (Room 102)
- 6:15pm NA Setup (Room 102)
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 6:30pm NA Group Meeting (Room 102)

Friday March 13, 2026

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

Sunday March 15, 2026

- 8:30am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary, YouTube)
- 9:45am Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary, YouTube)
- 11:00am Kids2Kids (K - 5th grade)

All dates are subject to change. Please check the website for current schedule.