

†Hymn UMH 185  
*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

†Opening Prayer  
**God of grace, form us into your Easter people. Too often we hang on to our own fear and despair. Forgive us when we fail to love others as you love us. Help us to live into the mystery of resurrection and new life so that we may embody hope. Breathe into us your spirit, as we live out your good news in this world. Amen.**

Prayer of Illumination

Psalter *Psalm 1 (response 1)* UMH 738

Children's Time (11am)  
*(Children 3 years through 3rd grade may leave for children's church after this.)*

†Hymn UMH 301  
*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

New Testament Lesson I Corinthians 15:12-20

Sermon *Easter in February* Rev. Keith Ritchie

†Affirmation of Faith UMH 888  
*I Corinthians and Colossians*

†Passing of the Peace

The Giving Of Our Gifts  
Offertory Prayer  
Offering  
Choral Offertory Jane Marshall  
*Blessed Is the Man (Psalm 1)*  
Chancel Choir (11am)

†Doxology  
*All praise to the Father from whom all things come.  
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:**

**SICK or A SPECIAL NEED:** Bobby Sheppard (Betty Shropshire's brother), Pam Robertson, Rachel Catoe, Tommy Adkins, Tommy Warren, Lillian Holland, Marilyn Bremner, Del Martin (Shirley Self's nephew), Mickey Johnston (Sharon Clanton's brother), Nellie Stanley (Shirley Self's aunt), Richard Eggleton (Lynn Shumate's cousin), Mark Roberson, Don Hogg, Ricky Young, Reid Brown (Doris Falls' brother), Faye Bennett (Amy Greer's aunt), David Lewis (Robert Lewis' uncle), Avis Hendrick (Anne Moore's mother), Deborah Rakes, Cindy Custer (Shirley Self's niece). *Please call the church office to add or remove names on our prayer list. If we have removed someone you wished to remain on the prayer list, we are sorry. Please notify the church office to have the person added.*

**SHUT-IN:** Dodie Bach, Meta Roth, Barbara Rainey, Nancy Nash, Manota Thompson, Ruby Gibson, Melanie Soulos, Helen Cook, Zora Roberson

A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the 11am service on February 24 to honor **Annette Huckfeldt** for her faithful service to FUMC in many capacities over many years. Please plan to attend this time of appreciation and celebration.

**Seniors Unlimited** will meet Wednesday, January **February 20**, at noon in the fellowship hall. The menu is pasta casseroles, salad, and dessert. The program will be Alice Ann Blevins and Rebecca Crabtree, speaking about SPCA, with a tour of Fido's Find.

**Ladies' Bible Study:** Join us on Tuesdays at noon as we learn more about Ruth. We are using a book and video by Liz Curtis Higgs - *The Girl's Still Got It!* (\$10 per book). Bring your lunch and come to the youth room of the uptown ministry center!

**Pastor's Weekly Letter:** If you are not receiving the pastor's weekly letter and you have an email address, please send to Karen in the office ([office@fumcmartinsville.net](mailto:office@fumcmartinsville.net)) and she will add you to the list or you can go to our website and sign up (link Subscribe to List under From Our Pastor).

**The food bank** is collecting cereal for the month of February.

**Please remember** the invitation to remember General Conference 2019, by praying each day from 2:23 – 2:26 as we in the UMC prepare for this conference, to be held February 23–26 in St. Louis.

**If you would like to help** with the reception for Annette Huckfeldt, please contact Nancy Bryant (252-7069).

**If you would like to bring a card for Annette**, we will have a basket available at the reception.

**The food bags for children with insecure food needs will be packed after the 11 am service on March 3.** These are bags that will go out to three elementary schools for their week of vacation. Everyone is welcomed to help pack the bags.



**Senior Pastor, Keith Ritchie**  
Director of Youth & Children's Ministries,  
Matthew Hoover  
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*A cordial invitation is extended to you to worship with us regularly. If you would like to become a member of First Church, please speak to the pastor.*

Prayers for and of the People  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *He Lives* UMH 310

†Benediction D. Wood  
*Postlude on "Laudes Domini"*

†Carrying Christ's Light into the World

†Indicates standing interval if you are able.

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF  
February 17, 2019**

*Early Learning Center Monday – Friday 6:30 am – 6:00 pm*

The church office hours are

8 am–5 pm Monday–Thursday.

The church office will be closed 12:30 pm–1:30 pm for lunch.

Mon. Feb. 18	3:30 pm	Children's Choirs/puppets
	5:30 pm	Finance Meeting
Tues. Feb. 19	10:00 am	Lunch Bunch
	12:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study (UMC)
Wed. Feb. 20	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	12:00 pm	Seniors Unlimited
	3:00 pm	Worship Committee
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
Thur. Feb. 21	10:00 am	Lunch Bunch
Fri. Feb. 22		Office Closed

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**USHERS:** Will Clanton, Carter Underwood, Diane Bassett, Jeb Bassett, Bob Clark, Steve Draper, John Mitchell, Ed White

**COUNTERS:** Craig Dietrich, Linda Adams, Bob Clark

**SOUND TECHNICIAN:** Paul Huckfeldt

**VIDEO:** Craig Dietrich

**ACOLYTE:** Lyla Corcoran

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Emily Wade

**NURSERY:** Nancy Bryant

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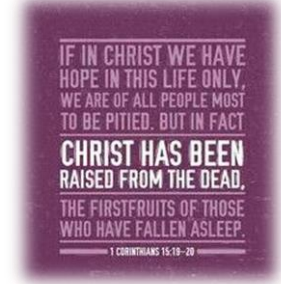
*We have equipment for the hearing impaired. If you wish to use this equipment, please see an usher.*

*Nursery (beside the Read Robins class) available for infants through three-year olds for Sunday School and 11:00am.*



**Welcome to  
First United  
Methodist Church**

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**



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**February 17, 2019 8:45 am & 11:00am**

*WELCOME to this celebration of worship where we remember God's saving grace in Jesus Christ!*

**Fellowship & Ministry Announcements**

*Please let us know you worshipped with us today by signing the friendship pad and passing it down the pew.*

Prelude Mark Hayes  
*They'll Know We Are Christians  
(Bringing in the Light of Christ during Prelude)*

Trinity Chimes and Choral Introit  
*Lord, Be Glorified (vs. 2) TWFS 2150  
Choir Introduction, Congregation Response*

†Call to Worship  
Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed!**  
Hallelujah!  
**On this day we celebrate resurrection.**  
The power of life overcomes the power of death.  
**Hallelujah!**  
The light of love shatters the darkness of fear.  
**Hallelujah!**  
The way of peace prevails against the violence of empire.  
**Hallelujah! We come to worship the God whose resurrection power lives on in the Christ we serve. Hallelujah!**