



M A T T H E W 5 : 3

First United Methodist Church
8 Church Street, Stafford Springs, CT 06076
January 28, 2024, Sunday 10AM Anointing

The
Beatitudes
Reverend Dr. Thomas Bentum, pastor

**Please stand if you are able. Bold print = in unison.
Hearing assistance devices are available from our ushers.*
LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE.

Prelude: "People Get Ready"

Welcome: Pastor Tom

***Opening Prayer:** Pastor Tom

***Hymn:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" **UMH #89**

***Psalter:** Liturgist, Leroy Atkins

Psalm 111 (UMH 832, no response)

Prayer Circle Time: Pastor, Sunday school students & teachers

Prayers of the People: Pastor Tom

Congregation Responds: Lord hear our prayers.

Please join me in our 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.

***Hymn:** "Sanctuary" *sung 2x's* **FWS #2164**

Please be seated.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5: 1-3 pew Bible p.683

Pastor Tom: This is the word of God.

Response: Thanks be to God

Message: “What is a Disciple Anyway? A Disciple Abandons Pride” Pastor Tom

Anointing: Pastor Tom

During anointing: “You Raise Me Up”

Our Offering: Piano Sonata No. 11”

***Doxology:** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH#95



Announcements: Kathy Aborn, Lay Leader

Birthdays: Dawn Maselek (TODAY)

Joan Johnson, Deneane Bentum

***Hymn:** “My Jesus, I Love Thee” **UMH #172**

***Benediction:** Pastor Tom

***Benediction Response:** "God Be With You" **UMH #672 – vs 1 and Refrain & Amen**

***Postlude:** “You Raise Me Up”



Join us downstairs for coffee, snacks & fellowship.

Next week’s reading for Sunday, February 4

~ Matthew 5:4 ~

Our FUMC Ministry Team Members

Reverend Dr. Thomas Bentum, pastor, Minister of Music: Jill Gregori, Office Administrator: Connie Fogarty, AV Team Members: Gary Symonds, Butch Hajosy, David Buchanan, John Heavener, Killian Buchanan, Praise Choir: Malisa Buchanan, Laurie Dillon, Steve Jacobsen, Jon Phillips, Rose Roszczewski, Gary Symonds, Katie Buchanan, Lauren Voisine, Deneane Bentum, Abby Buchanan, Patricia Grant, Wesley Murdock, Men of Faith: Leroy Atkins, Aaron Buchanan, Don Cosman, Steve Jacobsen, Marshall Loveday, Gene Panciera, Robert Spencer, Al Higgins, Herbert Klei, Doug Fassett, Killian Buchanan, Custodian: Donna Lee, Flower Ministry: Jen Malack Sunday school superintendent/teacher: Melissa Donor, Sunday school teacher: Jay Sullivan, Rebecca Pikul

Our Participants today: Ushers: Al Higgins, Nancy Oaks, Greeters: Anita Ludwig, Charles Williams, Liturgist: Leroy Atkins, Counters: Rose Roszczewski, Jeff Aborn, Coffee Hour: Aaron & Gabrielle Buchanan

Next Sunday, February 4 Communion Ushers: Polly, Robert, Greeters: Marty & Molly, Liturgist: Chris, Counters: Jen, Jill, Coffee: Robert & Danielle, Communion: Nancy, Donna

February 11: Ushers: Robert & **SUB NEEDED**, Greeters: Al, Leroy Liturgist: **SUB NEEDED**, Counters: Chris, Robert, Coffee: Polly, Betty & Ginger

Last Sunday 10am Worship Attendance: 50 in person, 5 online.

1/21 11:15am Confirmation Class = NH

Men's Group Vernon, CT 1/20 = 12

Men's Bible Study 1/17 6:30pm = 4

Sunday school = 3 adults, 0 children

Moms in prayer 8:30 a.m. Sunday = 3

Monday 6:30pm Disciple Bible Study = 6

Tuesday online Bible Study 6pm = 7

Women's support group on Wednesday = 11

Woman to Woman = 5

*no count given to office. NH – not held this past week



Church Office Hours: Connie Fogarty, Office administrator

Monday, Tuesday & Friday 9am - Noon

Wednesday & Thursday 9am – 2pm Closings/vacations will be posted here and on the church door.

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Our Mission Statement:

We, the people of First United Methodist Church of Stafford Springs, are in mission. It is our aim to reach out in genuine acceptance, welcoming people into a growing, life-giving relationship with God in Jesus Christ through vital worship, warm fellowship, and careful attention to people's needs.

Pick up your printed copy of "The UMC News" February edition from the table downstairs in church entryway. We've emailed the newsletter to those we have an email address for.

(The deadline for the March newsletter will be February 20th.)

Women's Ministry: Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 9:30am – presentation on 'what you need to know before the death of a loved one.' Nancy Oaks will share her personal experience after her mother's death that may be helpful in your time of need. Refreshments will be served – all women are invited to attend.

FUMC Men's Ministry Breakfast: Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 8:30am. All men are welcome – bring your neighbor, coworkers & sons.



Corned Beef Dinner 5pm & Talent Show 6:30pm

Saturday, March 16, 2024 Tickets \$20

Join us at FUMC for yummy food & lots of fun!

Tickets for sale soon, watch your bulletins for more information.



2023 FUMC Audit – Rose is working on this. If you are in charge of a group in the church please bring your materials to the church office and leave for her NOW! Thank you.

Church Meetings

Trustees – February 8 at 6:30pm

Bishop Peggy Johnson – February 10 at 1pm Hazardville UMC, 330 Hazard Ave, Enfield, CT

Worship Team – February 15 at 10am

Stafford Clergy – February 21 at 11am at FUMC

SPRC – March 6 at 6:30pm

Finance – March 20 at 6:30pm

Men's Bible Study 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall and will be held on every other **Wednesday**, January 31, February 14, 28

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING We will have a **6:00 pm** Prayer Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The next one is February 14

First United Methodist Church weather closings/delays:

The church office follows the Stafford Public school system for closings & delays.

Worship/events/classes/meetings – we will post on NBC and be listed as First UMC, Stafford Springs

www.nbcsonnecticut.com

Also, on WFSB, listed as First United Methodist Ch, Stafford Spgs www.wfsb.com

Safe Net needs donations of soup – please consider donating – there is a box under our mail cubbies.

Bishop's Day on the District Bishop Peggy Johnson will be on the District on **Saturday, February 10, 2024, from 1:00pm-3:00pm.** Thank you to **Hazardville UMC** (330 Hazard Ave., Enfield, CT 06082) for hosting us. This will be online and in person. Please register [here](https://neumc-reg.brtapp.com/2024BishopsDayontheSeacoastDistrict). *If you need help registering please contact Connie in the FUMC office and she can be sure to get you registered*

WORSHIP with us

February 4 – Communion

February 11 – Transfiguration Sunday

February 14 – **Ash Wednesday Service 12:30pm** – in person only.

February 18 – 1st Sunday in Lent

February 25 – 2nd Sunday in Lent/Anointing

March 3 – 3rd Sunday in Lent Communion

March 10 – 4th Sunday in Lent- UMCOR offering

March 17 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

March 24 – Palm Sunday

March 28 – Holy Thursday Evening Communion Service at FUMC – Time TBA

March 29- Good Friday – Noon Service at Stafford Springs Congregational Church,
Main Street

March 31 – Easter Sunday, Anointing

6:30am Sunrise Service at Staffordville Public Beach

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



The February 2024 issue of Connected – The New England Conference of The UMC is available from the table in the church entryway downstairs.

Connected is a monthly publication of the New England Conference of The United Methodist Church designed to put Conference news directly into the hands of local church members.

Find more: www.neumc.org

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Today January 28

8:30am Mom's in Prayer

8:30am Pastor's Bible Study

10 am Anointing Worship & Sunday school & coffee after worship

11:15am Confirmation Class

Monday

5pm Fellowship Dinner

6:30pm Disciple

Tuesday

6pm online Bible Study

6:00pm Men of Faith Rehearsal

6:30pm Praise Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday

10am Grief Support for Women

11:30am Community Lunch Flo's

6:30p, Men's Bible Study

Thursday 10am Woman to Woman

Friday 4:30pm Community Dinner Flo's

(Flo's Friendship Kitchen #860-684-3418)

Saturday Women's Ministry 9:30am

[Next Sunday: Feb 4](#)

8:30am Mom's in Prayer/ 8:30am Pastor's Bible Study

10 am Communion Worship & Sunday school & coffee after worship

11:15am Confirmation Class



Riley Pickering & family
Lori Giedraitis
Cheri & Will Jobbins
Sandy Cinfo
Ray Shackway
Judy – pancreatic cancer
Faith – cancer
Frank & MaryBeth (Polly's daughter & son-in-law)

Israel

Jimmy West

Wanda Darling

Jackie Lambert

Ginger Perrier

The family in Somers, CT for the home fire and passing of 4 children.

Walter Cosman

Cynthia Crawford (Don's daughter)

Walter Cosman

Archer

Family of Hazel Malookis for her passing.

Joey Sciarra

Kathy ALS

Jeff & Kathy Aborn

Family of George Pippin for his passing. (Kathy's uncle)

Family of John Belcher for his passing.

Doris Pierce (Charles' aunt)

Don Cosman

Julie Kangas Giraldi's family for her passing – to send a card Chris & Ashley Tierinni, 108 Herbert Drive, East Hartford, CT 06118

Congratulations to Rebecca & Joe Pikul for the birth of baby Brian – to send a card 111 Hurlbut Road, Tolland, CT 06084

Prayers will run for 4 weeks – contact the office if you need someone placed on the list.

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**Liturgist
Ministry**

We need more liturgists for Sunday morning worship. Please keep our Sunday morning worship participants in prayer & if you'd like to give reading the liturgy a try let Connie know.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS***

February 4: Liturgist: Chris
Greeters: Molly & Marty
Ushers: Polly, Robert
Coffee: Robert & Danielle
Counters: Jen, Jill
Communion Servers: Donna, Nancy

February 11: Liturgist: **NEEDED**
Greeters: Al, Leroy
Ushers: Robert & **SUB NEEDED**
Coffee: Polly, Betty & Ginger
Counters: Chris, Robert

February 14 – 12:30pm Ash Wednesday
Sound tech: Butch
Greeter:

February 18: Liturgist: Deneane
Greeters: Betty, Charles
Ushers: Nancy, Jeff
Coffee: Anita, Loretta
Counters: Jeff, Rose

February 25: Liturgist: Anita
Greeters: Al, Leroy
Ushers: Robert & **SUB NEEDED**
Coffee: Aaron & Gabrielle
Counters: Robert & **SUB NEEDED**

March 3: Liturgist: Nancy
Greeters: Marty & Molly
Ushers: Al, Leroy
Coffee: Robert & Danielle
Counters: Joan, JoAnn
Communion: Kathy, Debbie

March 10: Liturgist: Leroy
Greeters: Charles, Al
Ushers: Robert & **SUB NEEDED**
Coffee: Polly, Betty, Ginger
Counters: Jen, Jill

March 17: Liturgist: Chris
Greeters: Anita, Leroy
Ushers: Polly, Jeff
Coffee: Aaron & Gabrielle
Counters: Jeff, Rose

March 24: Palm Sunday
Liturgist: **NEEDED**
Greeters: Marty & Molly
Ushers: Robert, Nancy
Coffee: Anita, Loretta
Counters: Chris, Robert

March 28 – Holy Thursday PM time TBA
Liturgists:
Greeter:
Usher:
Communion:
Sound Tech: Butch

March 31: Easter – No Coffee/nursery today
Liturgist: Deneane
Greeters: Leroy, Charles
Ushers: Al, Polly
Counters: Robert & **SUB NEEDED**

***If you see a week where you aren't available (liturgist, ushers, counters, greeters, coffee hosts) let Connie in the church office know ASAP so she can try to find a substitute.