

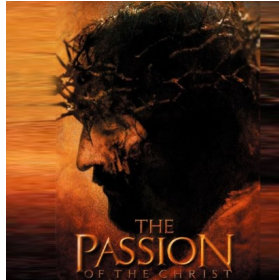
First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

February 27, 2026

Passion of the Christ Movie

The Discipleship Committee invites you to join us for another movie. On Sunday afternoon, March 15th at 3:00, we will be showing "The Passion of the Christ" in the sanctuary. The Passion of the Christ is a powerful and reverent portrayal of the final hours of Jesus Christ's life, focusing on his suffering, crucifixion, and profound act of sacrificial love. Directed by Mel Gibson, the film invites viewers to reflect deeply on Christ's passion and the depth of God's redeeming grace. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please note, this is an R rated movie because it shows the graphic violence that Christ endured during the last 12 hours before he was crucified.



Planning Ahead...WAY Ahead!

We've just turned the corner from Advent and are journeying through Lent – so why is the Discipleship Committee asking you to think about Advent 2026? We thought it would be a great church activity to prepare and present a 2026 Advent Devotional this year through contributions from our entire church family. We are asking you to think ahead about how you can support this devotional through providing a scripture passage along with a brief reflection about that passage and how it impacts you during the Advent Season. The Discipleship Committee is working to plan way ahead, providing ample time for everyone to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this opportunity. There will be more information available in the coming months and we look forward to this collaborative effort. Feel free to reach out to Dave Gehrum ddgehrum64@gmail.com with any questions.

ADVENT 2026

We're Hiring



Our custodian, Bob Hess, has submitted his 2-week notice. Bob has done a wonderful job keeping our building looking great for us and our guests. We thank Bob for his care and wish

him the best as he spends more time with his family. The Staff/Parish Relations Committee will begin the work of finding a new custodian. If you or someone you know might be interested, please email the Committee at SPRCofFUMC@gmail.com and someone will contact you. You can also leave a message with the church office 570-546-8030.

Reminders:

Easter Flower Orders Due March 8th

It's time to order the Easter flowers that will decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning. We will have a combined service that day (in addition to Sunrise) so we will not have flowers in the Living Water Café. Flowers can be ordered in memory of or in honor of a loved one or can be dedicated to the "glory of God." Flowers are \$8.00 for each 6-6.5 inch pot of Asiatic lilies, tulips, mini daffodils or Martha Washington geraniums. You will notice that some flowers offered in previous years are either not available or have intentionally been left out due to the allergies they cause that keep some of our friends home on Easter morning. Order forms can be found on the Connection Tables. Place your completed order forms and payment in the offering plates or baskets or turn in to the church office. Checks should be made payable to "First United Methodist Church." Orders are due by **March 8th**.



March 1, 2026

Into the Wilderness:
"Led by the Spirit"

Acts 16:6-10
Matthew 4:1-2

Good 'N Plenty Meal
Wednesday, March 4th
4:00-5:30 Take Out (or until sold out)
5:00-6:30 Dine In

 **Cheese lasagna w/ meatballs on the side,
tossed salad, garlic bread,
& dessert**
\$12/meal (suggested donation)
No child sizes

No Call Ahead Orders Please

