

**Sunday, March 18, 2012**

8:30am Genesis (Fellowship Hall)  
 10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship Service  
 3:00pm Confirmation Class (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)  
 4:00pm UMYF Ministry Arts (Youth Hut)  
 5:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut)  
 5:30pm Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)  
 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Monday, March 19, 2012**

11:00am Caring Callers  
 2-7:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)  
 6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)  
 6:00pm Pre-School Board Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

**Tuesday, March 20, 2012**

10:00am Adult Bible Study (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)  
 3:00pm ROOTS Student Ministry (Fiesta Topitia's)  
 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday, March 21, 2012**

5:30 pm Wednesday at the First Activities (see details inside bulletin)  
*Bulletin Deadline*

**Friday, March 23, 2012**

Bus Reserved  
*April 1 Newsletter Deadline*

**Sunday, March 25, 2012**

10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship Service  
 3:00pm Confirmation Class (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)  
 4:00pm UMYF Ministry Arts (Youth Hut)  
 5:00pm UMYF (*Guest Speaker Chris Pochipa*) (Youth Hut)  
 7:00pm Church Council Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)  
 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

**UPCOMING WEDNESDAY AT THE FIRST PROGRAMS** —March 21, The Letter to the Romans (Rev. Paul Wood); March 28, The Letter to the Romans (Rev. Paul Wood); April 4, Spring break

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The Mission of the First United Methodist Church is to win and nurture souls for Jesus Christ by sharing and living the message of salvation.

*March 18, 2012*  
**4th Sunday in Lent**  
**One Great Hour of Sharing**

**Prelude** "Jesus, My Friend" Wernen

**Greeting and Announcements** *Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew.*

**\*Ritual of Friendship**

**Introit** "Depths of Mercy"

**Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 292 in the Hymnal** "What Wondrous Love Is This" Wondrous Love

**Prayer of Confession** Bonnie Cundiff, Lay Reader

God of the living, your Son Jesus Christ shared your healing ministry with the people of Galilee, among them Mary of Magdala. In her your Spirit worked in powerful ways. Through her the Good News was shared in marvelous ways. That Gospel News has been passed down through many generations. We are enlivened by Jesus Christ this very day. For the work you started in others long ago we praise you. For his ministries which continue in us and through us this day, we thank you. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance**

**Handbell Choir** "Were you There?" arr. Kroepel

**Mini Sermon** Rev. Paul Wood

**\*First Gospel Lesson** Luke 8: 1 — 3 Lay Reader

**Responsive Psalter Reading No. 856 in the Hymnal** Psalm 143: 1 — 10 Lay Reader

**\*Affirmation of Faith No. 881 in the Hymnal** "The Apostles' Creed" Lay Reader

**\*Hymn No. 2013 in *The Faith We Sing*** "Bless the Lord" Bless the Lord



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