

**5th Sunday of
Lent**

**This Week In
Sunday Worship**

9:00 & 11:15 AM

“The Cross Calls Us
to Love”

John 19:25-27

Rev. Dr. J. D. Landis

Attendance

Sunday, Feb. 28

9:00 am - 241

11:15 am - 180

**Upcoming
Bulletin
Deadlines**

➤ **March 27 issue**
due Wed., Mar. 16

➤ **April 3 issue**
due Wed., Mar. 23

e-mail your information
by noon on the
due date to
[announcements@
fumcmid.org](mailto:announcements@fumcmid.org)

**Sunday Morning
Worship Broadcasts**

MCTV

Charter-191

AT&T U-verse - 99

1:00 PM on Tuesdays

9:30 PM on Thursdays

WMPX (1490 AM) Radio

11:00 AM each Sunday

Midland First United Methodist Church

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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March 13, 2016

**FINAL 2016 WEDNESDAY
LENTEN PROGRAM**

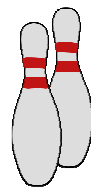
7:00 pm | Sanctuary

Light refreshments will be offered after each program.

Childcare for all programs is provided by request, one week prior to the event. Please contact Abby Shephard, 835.6797 ext. 113, or ashephard@fumcmid.org.

March 16 - Chancel Choir, Wesley Women, Wesley Men:

The Chancel Choir, Wesley Women and Wesley Men will present a program on prayer. Anthems, solos and congregational hymns will be interspersed with Biblical and other textual perspectives on prayer. Please join us for a music-filled, spiritual evening!



**If you reserved your spot,
don't forget....**

Family Life Bowling

Northern Lanes

1129 N. Saginaw Rd.

Sun., March 13 | 12:30 - 2:30 pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of bowling and pizza!



FAREWELL, JENNIFER

Jennifer Lane has submitted her resignation as Director of Midweek Ministries and Worship Slide Support person. This will be effective March 7, 2016. We invite you to share your well wishes with Jennifer and family in cards and notes.

Coming in Worship

Worship - 9:00 AM | Worship & Praise - 11:15 AM | Sanctuary

Witnesses at the Cross - Sermon Series

March 20 "The Soldiers" Rev. Dr. Charles Keyworth
Palm Sunday Mark 15:22-25, 33-34, 37-39

March 27 "The Witness of Mary Magdalene" Rev. Dr. J. D. Landis
Easter Sunday John 20:1,11-16, 18

Mid-Week Worship

March 16 **Lenten Program - 7:00 pm - Sanctuary**
 Chancel Choir, Wesley Women, Wesley Men

March 23 **Holy Week - No Chapel Service**

Holy Week Worship Services

Palm Sunday - March 20

Morning Worship - 9:00 & 11:15 am
 (includes children's palm procession)

Maundy Thursday - Thursday, March 24

7:00 pm | Sanctuary

Good Friday - Friday, March 25

12:00 pm, 12:30 pm, 1:00 pm
 Community Services | Sanctuary

Tenebrae Service - Friday, March 25

7:30 pm | Sanctuary

Easter - Sunday, March 27

Sunrise Service - 7:00 am, Sanctuary
 (Easter Breakfast - 8:00 am, Fellowship Hall)

Easter Worship - 9:00 & 11:15 am



Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, April 9 | 8:00 - 10:45 am | Hearth Room

Please come! All are welcome and invited to fellowship, communion, prayer and breakfast. We will learn what God's Word says about the church being a house of prayer, and then we will put what we learn into practice as we move out into the church to pray. If you have never prayed out loud, please come. If you prefer to pray alone, come. If you don't have a habit of prayer, come. We all have much to learn about prayer and we can learn and practice together!

Please let us know you are coming and we will have a place set at the table for you. Questions or to RSVP, please contact Peg Born at peg@bornhome.com.



Rio Bravo Mission Trip Update

Thank you to all who gave so generously. We exceeded our goal and can now fix the roof of a church member in addition to building the Casita! **The trip has been rescheduled to April 23- May 6.** There are still openings if anyone would like to join us.

Please contact Nancy Hill at 989.859.7368 for more information. Thank you.



Start cleaning out your closets and recycling! **The UMW Spring Rummage Sale will be April 11-13.** Jewelry and collectibles will be in the Little Theater.

Keep watching for details.

Caring Cards

Thank you to the congregation for purchasing your valentines from us. We now have St. Patrick's Day and Easter cards available for you to choose from. As always, the box of cards is on the ledge in the office area. Thanks again for your continued support.



Easter Morning Breakfast

**March 27 | 8:00 am (after Sunrise Service)
Fellowship Hall**

Menu: breakfast casserole, baked oatmeal,
fruit, rolls, coffee, tea, juice

Suggested Donation: \$5.00/person

**RSVP by Monday, March 21 to Marcia, mpayne@fumcmid.org or
835.6797 ext. 118.**



Order Your Easter Flowers

Easter lilies and spring flowers will be used to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you wish to provide a potted flower for the Easter Services, please complete the order form below and place it in the offering plate or contact Tonya, 835-6797 ext. 110, tsimons@fumcmid.org. Please specify if the flowers are in honor of or in memory of someone. Also, indicate whether you will take the flowers home after the 11:15 am service, or if you would like them delivered to a homebound member.

All orders must be placed by Monday, March 21 The costs for a double stem lily, blue hydrangea, yellow daffodils, and tulips are listed below. Checks should be made payable to FUMC with the notation "Easter Flowers."

Easter Flower Order Form (please print clearly)

Donor's Name: _____

Lily (\$23.75) _____

Hydrangea (\$22.25) _____

Tulip (\$9.75) _____

Daffodil (\$9.55) _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

_____ I will take my flower(s) home after the 11:15 am service on Easter Sunday.

_____ Please deliver my flowers to a homebound member.

Please complete this form and return with payment by Mon., March 21.

Understanding the Homeless Problem in Midland

Saturday, March 19 | 9:00 am - Noon
Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1310 Ashman St., Midland

*Who are the homeless? Where do the homeless go?
 Who provides support and care?*

In Midland County, 13% of all households are living in poverty. In addition, 19% of Midland households cannot afford to live in Midland. They are known as the working poor and live in survival mode, only one emergency away from financial disaster.

Please join a lively discussion about the housing issues of Midland County and the challenges, trends, and solutions that accompany them. Representatives from five area agencies will each present their mission, services, and plans for the future with regard to addressing homelessness issues. Those representatives will be:

- ◆ Sharon Mortensen, President/CEO Midland Area Community Foundation
- ◆ Nancy Money, Executive Director, Midland Area Homes
- ◆ Kirsti Carlsen, Affordable Housing Alliance
- ◆ Renee Pettinger, Executive Director, Midland's Open Door Mission and Mercy House
- ◆ John Congleton, New Hope Village

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



2016 John & Hazel Currie Memorial Concert

Friday, May 20 | 7:00 pm
Midland Center for the Arts
Featuring: Steve Green

Free tickets will be available in
late April or early May.

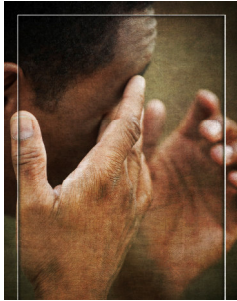


FUMC Bridge Group



Tues., March 22 ♣ 7:00 - 9:30 pm ♣ FUMC Parlor

The Bridge Group meets monthly. All level of players are invited! We have a table for beginners, so come and learn how to play! Friends are welcome. Bring a snack to share.



“Healing in the Midst of Grief”

Mondays, April 11 - May 2
6:30 - 8:00 pm | Hearth Rm.
Cost: \$15 (for materials)

If you or someone you know has experienced a significant loss in the last year and a half, why not consider being a part of this four-week support group. It will be co-facilitated by Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna, Licensed Professional Counselor, and Sandy Smith, a trained Stephen Leader and Stephen Minister.

Dealing with the death of a loved one can be among life's most difficult and stressful experiences. While everyone grieves differently, all experience a range of emotions that are important in healing. Research shows that those who give time and honest expression to their grief in community with others who care, listen, and understand, often are able to move through the grief in ways that bring greater healing and wholeness.

Please contact Rev. Lisa McIlvenna, 835.7511, or Teri Beasley, 835.6797 ext. 120, to register.



Seasoned Adults Fellowship

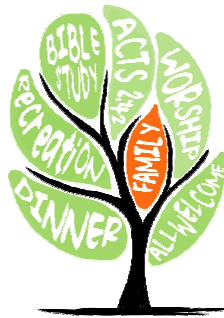
Friday, April 1 | Fellowship Hall
6:15 - Potluck Dinner, 7:00 - Program

Program: “Ghana” by Victor Atiemo-Obeng
 Please bring a dish to pass and table service.
 Everyone welcome...Couples & Singles!
 Questions? Contact Don or Jean Stagg, 832.8505.

Calling All Children
Pre-K through - 5th grade

Please help us start our Palm Sunday services next Sunday, **March 20**, with a swish of palms! Join us as we celebrate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Children in **Pre-K through grade 5 meet downstairs, outside of Rm. 18, 15 minutes before service** to join the palm procession. The children will process down the center aisle waving the palms to start our morning worship services. Then they will sit in the front pews until children's time.





2:42 @ First

what's up this week @ 2:42@First

March 17 Theme: St. Patrick's Day

Dress: Green

Worship Emphasis: St. Patrick

Devotions: Rev. Christy Miller-Black

Bible Focus: Story of St. Patrick

Menu: baked potato bar, soda bread, lime Jello, shamrock cookies, green Kool-Aid

Weekly 2:42@First Schedule

Pre-K & K: Bible Time, 4:45-5:30 pm; Dinner & Devotions, 5:30-6:30 pm
Dismissed @ 6:30 pm

1st-5th Grade: Prime Chimers, 4:00-4:45 pm; Bible Time, 4:45-5:30 pm,
Dinner & Devotions, 5:30-6:30 pm; Dismissed @ 6:30 pm

Middle & High School: Genesis Ringers, 4:45-5:30 pm, Dinner &
Devotions, 5:30-6:30 pm; Bible Study, 6:30-7:15 pm; Dismissed
@ 7:15 pm unless in Rejoice Ringers, 7:30-8:15 pm

Adult: Coffee & snacks, 4:45-5:30 pm; Dinner & Devotions, 5:30-6:30 pm

UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL UMYF ACTIVITIES

**Middle School Youth, please join us each Sunday
from 6:00 - 7:30 pm (unless noted otherwise)**

**for United Methodist Youth Fellowship! Begin the evening in the Chapel.
Questions? Contact John Engler, jengler@fumcmid.org**

March 13: 12:30 until 3:00 pm – Meet at Northern Lanes for an afternoon of fun and yummy snacks. NO EVENING MEETING.

March 20: Service project night.

UPCOMING SR. HIGH UMYF ACTIVITIES

**Sr. High Youth, please join us each Sunday
from 6:00 - 7:30 pm (unless noted otherwise)**

**for United Methodist Youth Fellowship! Begin the evening in the Chapel.
Questions? Contact John Engler, jengler@fumcmid.org**

March 13: Trivia Night

March 20: Scavenger Hunt



*Open Hearts.
Open Minds.
Open Doors.*

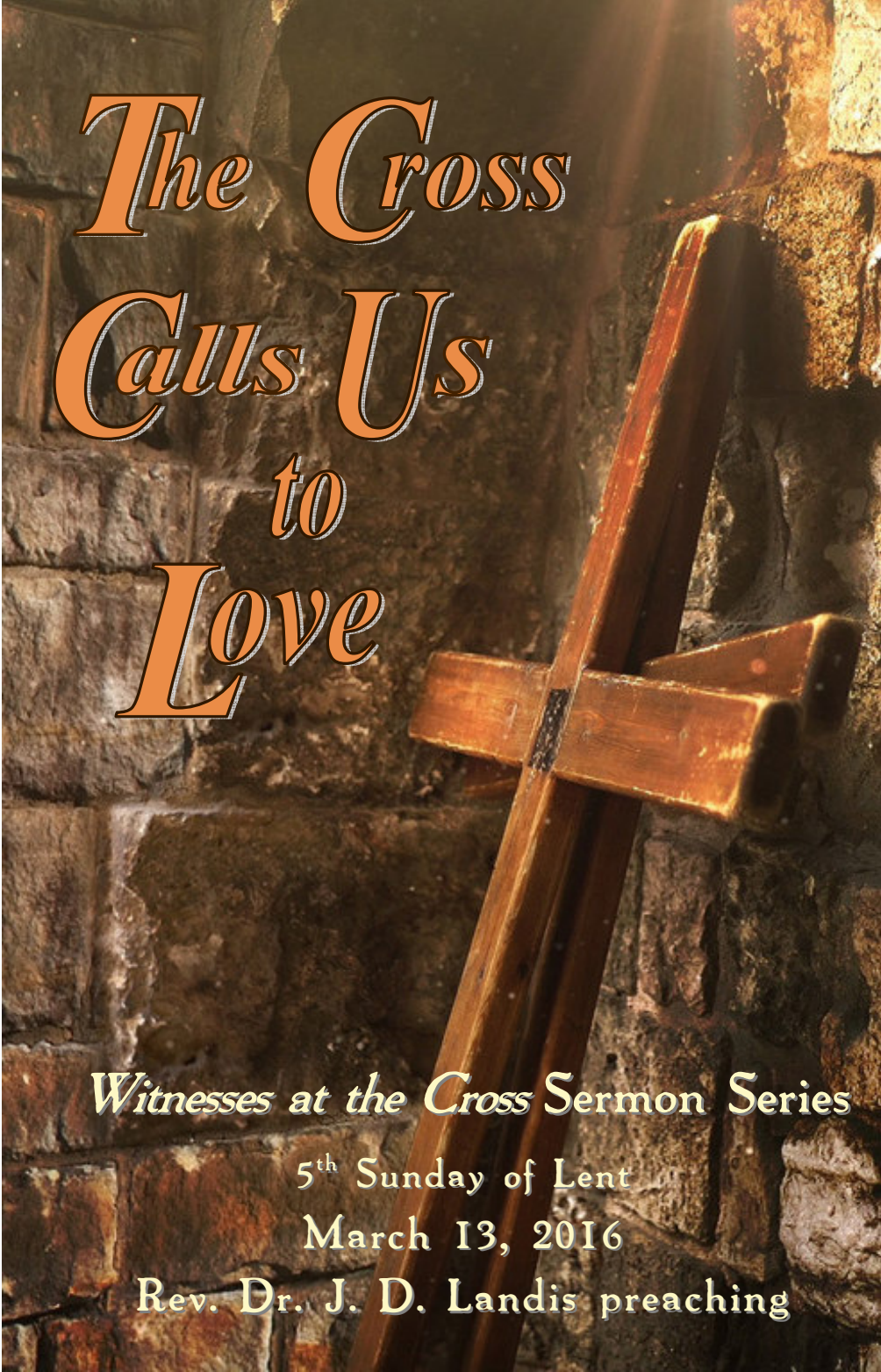


*We are a dynamic faith community,
seeking to follow Christ's example of loving God,
nurturing one another, and serving the world.*

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A wooden cross is leaning against a rough, textured stone wall. The cross is made of two thick wooden beams, one vertical and one horizontal, joined at the center. The wood has a warm, reddish-brown tone. The stone wall is composed of irregular, dark grey and brown stones with visible mortar lines. The lighting is dramatic, with a strong light source from the upper right, casting long shadows and highlighting the textures of the wood and stone.

*The Cross
Calls Us
to
Love*

Witnesses at the Cross Sermon Series

5th Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2016

Rev. Dr. J. D. Landis preaching

Order of Worship - 9:00 AM

March 13, 2016

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Charles Keyworth

GREETINGS & SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preparation for Worship is a signal to end our conversations and prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE "Brother James' Air" arr. D. Wagner
Carillon Choir - Jantz Black, director

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ.

People: We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence of Love's ultimate sacrifice.

Leader: Who would have guessed that the height and depth, the length and width of God's love might look like this: a forsaken savior on a cross?

People: Certainly not us. Not us, who are too often lost amid the world's distractions and responsibilities. Not us, for whom such love was offered without cost.

Leader: Let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ and commit ourselves to remember the price paid.

All: Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven, that we might have the faith, hope, and love, witnessed in Christ's sacrifice for our salvation.

***OPENING HYMN** "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" #294

UNISON PRAYER

We all, like sheep, have gone astray. We have all turned to our own way. We have sinned and have been the cause of Christ's suffering. Please forgive us, we pray. Remove the sins that distance us from you and from those we love and care about. Remove our selfishness, our pride, our envy, and our greed. Remove from us our thoughtless acts and words that hurt one another. Remove from us the tendency to hurt others out of revenge and anger. Forgive us please. Create in us a clean heart, O Lord, and renew in us a right spirit. Amen.

ANTHEM "Children of God" M. Hayes
Chancel Choir - Grace Marra, director

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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."

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

Offertory "Aria" C. Callahan
*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #94
*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN** "Blessed Assurance" #369
(The children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

CHILDREN'S TIME Abby Shephard

READING OF THE WORD

The Call to Scripture "Thy Word Is a Lamp" (refrain only) #601
Scripture Reading John 19:25-27
Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Cross Calls Us to Love" Rev. Dr. J. D. Landis

***HYMN** "Above All" see words on screen

***BENEDICTION & RESPONSE** "Go Now in Peace" Price/Besig
(See music printed on inside back cover of hymnal.)

***POSTLUDE**

***Worshippers standing, if able**



Worship and Praise - 11:15 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

WORSHIP SONGS "In Christ Alone (with The Solid Rock)"
"The Wonderful Cross"

PRAYER/STAND AND GREET Rev. Dr. Charles Keyworth

SPECIAL MUSIC "Cornerstone"
Praise Band

CHILDREN'S TIME Abby Shephard

OFFERING "Above All"

SCRIPTURE John 19:25-27

MESSAGE "The Cross Calls Us to Love" Rev. Dr. J. D. Landis

CLOSING SONG "Cornerstone"

SENDING OUT

Welcome! We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us, as it is our hope and prayer that you find the presence of God here and a spirit of friendliness and warmth. We invite you to join us for refreshments between services in Fellowship Hall, located downstairs, directly below the Sanctuary.

If you would like to learn more about our church, please visit our Welcome Center located in the Parlor, which is adjacent to the entry area of the Sanctuary.

Adult Sunday School - 10:15 am

Radical Renovation, Rm 18; **Galatians & Ephesians**, Rm. 36;
Faith & Current Issues, Hearth Rm.

Children & Youth Sunday School - 10:15 am

Pre-K & Nursery, Preschool Wing; Ark Rm., P3
K-5th grade, drop off and pick up in Little Theater
Middle School, Middle Ground; Sr. High, Sr. High Lounge

Childcare/KidZone

9:00 am

Nursery, Ark Room, Pre-K - Rooms P1-P4 (starting at 8:45 am)
Grades K-5: Worship in the Little Theater after Children's Time

11:15 am

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Midland FUMC is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

A cry room (Parlor) is available. Please see an usher for assistance.

Hearing assistance is available, please see an usher for details.

Portable footstools are available; please see an usher.

Prayer request cards in the pew racks are for your convenience in making prayer requests. You may place the cards in the offering plate.

The loose coins in the offering plate today and every Sunday are designated for areas of hunger in Midland County and around the world.

Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals, and Announcement Bulletins are available from an usher.