

## The Blessing Box

Your donations make a real difference. Thank you for helping care for our neighbors in need!

### Non-Perishable Foods

Canned goods (pull-tab lids preferred), crackers, granola bars, cereal, oatmeal, and soups.

### Single-Serving Items

Fruit cups, snack mixes, microwave meals, and drink boxes

### Hygiene & Personal Care

Shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine products (pads and tampons), and toilet paper.

### Baby Supplies

Diapers, wipes, and infant formula



January is Mentoring Month, and Kids Hope USA is making a difference through one-on-one mentoring. To learn more or get involved, please contact Hilary Ferguson.

## Office Closed

The office will be closed Monday, Jan. 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

### Introducing Our New Church Safety & Security Team

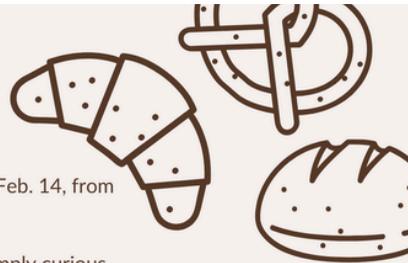
As we continue to grow together in faith and fellowship, we want to ensure that everyone who walks through our doors feels safe, welcomed, and cared for. After thoughtful planning and prayerful consideration, we are implementing a **Church Safety & Security Team** to help us maintain a secure and peaceful environment during all services and events.

You may notice team members stationed at entrances, assisting with emergencies, or monitoring activity throughout the facility. Please feel free to greet them, ask questions, or share any concerns. They are here to serve our church family with kindness and discretion.

Thank you for your continued support as we take this important step in caring for one another. Together, we can ensure that our church remains a safe and welcoming home for all.

If you are interested in serving on any aspect of this team—such as medical response, building monitoring, or general safety—please contact **Chuck Lenk** or **Tim Yuergens**.

## PRAYER MINISTRY BRUNCH



You're invited to a Prayer Ministry Brunch on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 9:15–11 a.m. in the Hearth Room.

Whether you're already involved in prayer ministry or simply curious to learn more. We will come together to encourage and advise prayer practices at Midland First UMC.

The agenda includes gathering and visiting, welcome, joys and concerns, the three-year plan, and Valentine's Day treats.

**NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**  
SATURDAY, FEB. 14 | 9:15–11 A.M. | HEARTH ROOM

ALL ARE INVITED

### Security Incident During Worship on Sunday, January 11

This past Sunday (January 11, 2026), a panic button alarm was inadvertently triggered by a member of our Church Safety & Security Team.

Our Midland Police Department received this alert and responded immediately, as agreed upon in such circumstances. The incident was cleared by the responding officers and members of our safety and security team. At no time was there a threat to our congregation, any member, or staff.

If you have any questions about this incident, please see Chuck Lenk (Church Safety and Security Team Leader) or Rev. Jeremy Africa.



"Called Together,  
Equipped for More"



# Midland First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for Sunday, January 18th, 2026  
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREETING TIME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

CONGREGATION: **You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.**

LEADER: Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering, you have not required. Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

CONGREGATION: **I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."**

**\*OPENING CONGREGATIONAL SONG** "Give Thanks"  
TFWS #2035

**\*CHILDREN'S BLESSING**  
After the Children's Blessing, children are invited to Sunday School in P4. If this is your first time, please walk with your child to the classroom.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door"  
Arr. Brenda E. Austin, Joyful Bells, Nathan Snyder, Conductor

### COMMISSIONING OF LEADERS

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**  
Please sign the friendship notepads.

**OFFERTORY MUSICAL GIFT TO GOD** "What a Beautiful Name"  
by Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood, Zoe Lucio, Choral Scholar

**\*DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"  
UMH #95

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**READING OF THE WORD** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
LEADER: The Word of God for the People of God.  
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "Called Together, Equipped for More"  
Rev. Jeremy Africa

### 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.**

**\*CLOSING CONGREGATIONAL SONG** "Great is Thy Faithfulness"  
UMH #140

### \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "O Jesus, I Have Promised (Angel's Story tune)"  
Arr. K. Lowenberg

## This Week

### January 18th 2026

10 a.m. Worship Service  
11 a.m. Sunday Friendship Lunch  
6 p.m. Youth Group  
7 p.m. Joyful Bells Rehearsal

### January 19th 2026

**Office Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
10 a.m. PEO Chapter CE Quilt Project

### January 20th 2026

10 a.m. Worship/Tech Meeting  
10 a.m. Caring Cards  
11 a.m. Staff Meeting  
2 p.m. Bible Study  
6 p.m. Peer 360  
7 p.m. Scouts - Youth Room  
7 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal

### January 21st 2026

9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
1 p.m. Carillons Rehearsal  
6 p.m. Team of Leaders Meeting

### January 22nd 2026

6 p.m. Peer 360  
7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### January 23rd 2026

11 a.m. Men's Small Group

### January 24th 2026

8 a.m. PEO Meeting - Founders Day

## Welcome

May you find worship meaningful this morning. It is our hope and prayer that you find the presence of God and a spirit of friendship and caring. Please join us for refreshments following worship in the Parlor. If you are visiting for the first time, we would love to share a gift with you.

**The nursery is open to children from birth through age 3. Busy bags for preschoolers are available in P4.**

## Next Week

### January 25th 2026

10 a.m. Worship Service  
11 a.m. Sunday Friendship Lunch  
6 p.m. Youth Group  
7 p.m. Joyful Bells Rehearsal