

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

**Mon Feb 13**—10 AM Avila Dog Beach Walk, 6:00 PM Quilt Class—CH

**Tue Feb 14**—9:00 AM Senior Exercise—CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews—MMR, 11:00 AM UWF Chair Yoga—CH, 1:00 PM Bible Study—CH, 5:00 PM Bell Practice--HR, 6:30 PM Board of Trustees--CH

**Wed Feb 15**—9:00 AM Senior Exercise—CH, 9:00 AM Church Work Day--CH, 10:00 AM UWF Steering Comm--L, 6:30 PM JOY Circle--CH

**Thu Feb 16**--9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 10:30 AM SPRC--CH, 11:00 AM Finance--PS, 4:30 PM AGUMCC Board--MMR, 5:00 PM Bell Practice--HR, 6:30 PM Choir Practice--S

**Fri Feb 17**--10:30 AM UWF Book Club--L

**Sat Feb 18**--nothing currently scheduled

**Sun Feb 19**—8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service

**Sun Feb 19**—10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service

**Today Feb. 12 is pick up for UWF Chili after services**



Abbreviation Legend  
 CH--Criswell Hall S--Sanctuary  
 K--Kitchen L--Library Room #123  
 MMR--McMillen Room #113  
 PS--Pastor's Study HR--Handbell Rm #115

## FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- **Monday, Feb 13 10 AM Avila Dog Beach Low Tide Walk. With or without dogs.** Hosted by Lucy Jacob. Sign up at Program Ministry.
- **Tuesday, Feb 21, 6-8:30 PM Criswell Hall, Mardi Gras Pot Luck Celebration.** Sign up at Program Ministry and also find New Orleans-type recipes and suggestions for the event!
- **Sunday, Feb 26, 4:00 PM Criswell Hall Next Movie Night** featuring the film, "A Man Named Otto". More information with Program Ministry --sign up in narthex.
- **Food, Fun, and Friends** (the old Table of 8) has a new format. Sign up at Program Ministry to plan and to host/ hostess a party with your input as to date, theme, place, how many people. We hope to get many groups going. Be creative! Program Ministry will provide a sign up sheet at the desk.



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February 12, 2023

10:30 AM

### Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

God wills that we choose wisely.  
 In this and every moment, let us bring joy to God's heart  
 by choosing compassion for ourselves, our neighbors, and all of God's creation.

PRELUDE *Come We That Love the Lord* arr. James M. Mansfield

CHORAL INTROIT *In This Very Room*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, walk the path that leads to life.  
**It is better to be reconciled with another than to be proven right.**  
 Come, choose to live a genuine life.  
**Life is too short for petty resentments.**  
 Come, walk in footsteps of Jesus the Christ.  
**We give thanks for Christ's way, and for the freedom to follow!**

\*OPENING HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* No. 546

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

**Open our eyes, Holy Spirit, to your love in our midst.  
 We give you thanks for the power of our minds to choose right over wrong.  
 Guide us now, that this power may not overwhelm us, but inspire us.  
 Help us choose compassion for ourselves and others.  
 Teach us to set aside old resentments and grudges.  
 Lift us, with all earth's children and all your creation, to aspire to the abundant life Christ brings. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell

PSALTER READING                      Psalm 119:1-8                      No. 853

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer                      *The Family Prayer Song vs. 1*                      TFWS #2188  
Prayers of the People  
Choral Response                      *The Family Prayer Song (refrain)*                      TFWS #2188

CHORAL ANTHEM                      *He Never Failed Me Yet*                      Robert Ray

SCRIPTURE                      Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9

HYMN (*please remain seated*)                      *To Know You More*                      TFWS #2161

SERMON                      "CHOOSE LIFE"                      Rev. Mary Birgelalitis

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission  
Offertory                      *Open Our Eyes*                      Bob Cull  
Doxology/Prayer of Dedication

\*CLOSING HYMN                      *Forward Through the Ages*                      No. 555

\*BENEDICTION

Bear witness to the way of Christ.  
**Go with the compassion of God,  
the joy of Christ, and the wisdom of the Spirit.**  
God with God, and Christ will lead you in the way  
that leads to life.  
**Amen.**

RESPONSE

POSTLUDE                      *O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*                      Thomas J. Williams/  
arr. Joel Raney

\* *Please stand as able.*

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

**1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

*Today's Liturgist: Robin Isaksoon*

	ATTENDANCE				STEWARDSHIP	
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN- PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
01/15	34	45	79	49	128	\$1,676
01/22	24	51	75	27	102	\$3,383
01/29	29	35	64	33	97	\$1,904
02/05	37	63	100	8	108	\$9,639
<b>Weekly offering needed: \$6,160</b>						
<b>FISCAL YEAR TO DATE:</b>						
<b>YTD Needed (Budgeted): \$197,120</b>				<b>YTD Received: \$198,075</b>		

***HOSPITALITY  
TIME***

*Today's Hosts:*

***METHODIST  
MEN***

*Next Sunday  
(February 19)*

*Hosted by  
Endowment/  
ELT*