



# The Tower

**First United Methodist Church**

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— *"We are not like Jesus yet, so we will continue to grow in love for God for the sake of others."*

## Preaching Series: The Seven Deadly Sins

**Lead Pastor:**  
Rev. Seungli You

**Associate in Youth  
Ministry, Education  
and Technology:**  
Bill Podschun

**Visitation Pastor:**  
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**Office Administrator:**  
Amber Benavides

**Director of Maintenance  
& Property:**  
Randy Vanderpool

**Children's/Youth Intern:**  
Hannah Hlavenka

**Vista Community Services:**  
Crystal Bachmeier

**Music Director:**  
Julie Woodring

**Organist:**  
Chance Alquest

**Sunday Worship Times:**  
9:00 am – Sanctuary, with  
FaceBook Live streaming

**(Nursery available for  
worship service for infant  
through four-year-olds)**

**February 12, 2025**

As we start a new week, I like to think ahead – not just for the week but for the month as well. It always amazes me how quickly time passes; here we are, already halfway through February! Soon, it will be March – the gateway to spring. That's not too bad, is it?

As we anticipate the arrival of spring, I'd like to share the sermon focus for the season. My hope is that through these messages, you will not only learn from the church but also hear God speaking to your heart. Let's journey together in faith as we reflect, grow, and prepare for the new season ahead.

Starting February 23 and throughout the Lenten season, we will reflect on our humanness. During Lent, we often focus on Jesus – his life, work, crucifixion, and the salvation he offers through faith. While Lent is a time of holiness and sacrifice, it is also deeply human. Jesus, in his humanity, endured the cross to save us because we are sinners in need of grace.

In traditional Wesleyan theology, there is a strong emphasis on our human condition. Because we are sinful and unable to save ourselves, we need Jesus Christ and his redeeming grace. While recognizing our sinfulness is part of understanding God's prevenient grace, it is important to name and examine both the reality and the root of our sinfulness so that we can fully grasp our need for God's divine help.

This Lent, we will explore *The Seven Deadly Sins*, a framework established by early Christian theologians and church fathers. These sins – Vainglory, Envy, Sloth, Avarice, Wrath, Gluttony, and Lust – are not just individual actions but deep-seated desires in us that drive sinful behaviors. Because we are human, we can all relate to these struggles. Each week, we will not only discuss the nature of these sins but also the remedies and grace God provides.

As we prepare, consider this: What are the sins most discussed in today's world through media and society? How do these modern struggles connect to the Seven Deadly Sins? Let's reflect together.

**Rev. Seungli You**



## Happy Birthday to these special people:

- 3/1 Kamy Hopper, Carley Lewis
- 3/2 Ray Dewell, Rachelle Epperson
- 3/3 Gail Sawyer, Russell Wallrabenstein
- 3/4 Linda Byerley, Jim Davis
- 3/5 Monte Wyckoff
- 3/6 Braxton Bradbury, Jay Buffum,  
Brenda Lloyd, Chris Wilson
- 3/7 Mary Butler, Allison Homan,  
Cory Lindenman, Cooper Sumpter
- 3/8 Rev. Seungli You
- 3/9 Elias Miller
- 3/10 Anders Danielsen, Chris Madrigal
- 3/11 Clint Bradbury, Melissa McCaslin
- 3/12 Jane Bosie
- 3/13 Sarah Boline, Roger Moore
- 3/14 Nick Hofmeister, Marj Webb
- 3/15 Bill Bridges
- 3/16 Kelle Hutto, Helene Lynn
- 3/17 Clark Kingsbury, Zach McCaslin,  
Mark O'Neil
- 3/18 Adam Eastman, Cindy Pray
- 3/19 Eric Andreas, Abby Bertholf,  
Adam Everett, Kaden Van De Griff
- 3/21 Larry Flick, Kaitlin Shimon
- 3/22 Kristin Humphreys
- 3/23 Sarah Miller, Jack Speer
- 3/24 Lee June, Kale Madrigal, Brett Stone
- 3/26 David Lashier
- 3/27 Braylon Homan, Kyan Mattingly,  
Trish Wagner
- 3/28 Hudson Trecek
- 3/30 Sydney Fox, Ross Hicks

## FEBRUARY FOOD BASKET ITEMS NEEDED

We are collecting the following items throughout the month of February. Please place items in the food basket, located outside the Sanctuary.

- PLASTIC Jars of Jelly*
- Single Serve Mashed Potatoes*
- Snack Crackers*



<b>Winfield First Family</b>		
Delcia Allison	Wanda Andreas	Jeanie Purcell
Max Allison	James Chelf	Kim Reynolds
Colleen Andreas	Dee Ginn	Bill Rosecrans
Eric Andreas	The Hanson's	Penny Snyder
<b>Extended Family and Friends</b>		
Mark Davis	Melinda King	Don Smith
Marshall Dutton	Dana Marler	Marsha Spangler
Addi Foster	Cam Moore	Aaron Toney
Cora Frazee	Jim Ray Moore	Doug Tucker
Darlene Green	James Morris	Gayle Walter
Kurt Hanson	Mona Mozingo	Dave Woodrow
Piper Hawkinson	Grady Osborn	
Michelle Hotchkin	Phillip Rhodes	
<b>Grief &amp; Loss</b>		
The family and friends of Lynn Biddle		
The family and friends of Cindi Madrigal		
<b>World Concerns</b>		
Residents of the Middle East; military, first responders, and their families; those affected by violence in Ukraine.		

<b>A Look at Our Loyalty</b>	
	<b>Offering</b>
<b>January 5</b>	\$58,702
<b>January 12</b>	\$16,317
<b>January 19</b>	\$11,463
<b>January 26</b>	\$4,062
Needed Weekly	\$11,487
Needed as of 1/31	\$49,775
Received as of 1/31	\$90,723

## WINFIELD MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

The Medical Loan Closet is an outreach of First United Methodist Church. The building at 501 Harter St. is owned by the Church, the gift of an anonymous donor. The year 2024 was a great one with our mission of loaning medical equipment and offering supplies to those with needs. We serve 4 counties.

	<u><b>2024</b></u>	<u><b>2023</b></u>
Clients	380	406
Items Loaned	582	532

Most loaned items were wheelchairs, walkers, bathroom related items and the giving of supplies.

A word of thanks to all of our volunteers: Kris Wyckoff, Don Sefers, Deb Helmer, Michelle Boyts, Rita Davis, Grace Nichols, Ethel Gates, Irene Hubbell, and the FUMC Office staff.

## FEBRUARY LIBRARY NEWS

This month we focus on how to choose a devotional. Devotionals come in many formats – the choices are endless. You may want to focus on a particular topic. Or is the devotional meant to guide you through a liturgical season (i.e. Advent or Lent). Consider also if you want the devotional to be in print or in an online/app format. The library has an entire section of books you can check out and use as devotionals. On the west wall, look for books labeled with the number 242 on the spine.

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### THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Youth Chili/Soup Kick-Off. It was a great opportunity for our youth to raise funds for our 2025 youth retreats. We appreciate your generous support!

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YOU!

Thank you to everyone who attended the United Methodist Men's Pancake Feed! We appreciate your ongoing support of our scholarship program.

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### THANK YOU!

Prayer does work! Thank you, Church family, for prayers and caring thoughts. We are blessed with the outcome of Max's accident and my cancer prognosis. We appreciate having a loving Church family. God is good!  
Max & Delcia Allison

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## COMMUNITY HELPING HANDS UPDATE

After a couple of months of the Community Helping Hands Ministry being paused, the program restarted toward the end of January. The program helps with utilities, rent, and gas for doctor appointments. We have had our AmeriCorps volunteer, Crystal Bachmeier, on the program since January 13<sup>th</sup>. The Community Helping Hands Ministry has moved to Room 103. Please stop by and say hello and read updates about the program on the door or provide an email address to receive updates. We are so thankful to have wonderful volunteers from a variety of congregations that administer this program. The volunteers also administer the Salvation Army and Prescription Drug Program. If anyone would like to volunteer with the Community Helping Hands Ministry, we would love to have you. With assistance starting to flow out to the community, it is more important than ever that we receive donations. Please consider a donation to the Community Helping Hands Ministry in whatever amount you are able to give. Thank you so much for your time and generosity!

## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Plans are underway for the Junior/Senior Costa Rica Mission trip this summer. If you are interested in attending, please talk to Bill right away for more details.

Plans are being made for a summer retreat for high school students who are currently in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade. We will be talking about the retreat over the next few weeks at youth group.

Middle School Youth meets weekly on **Wednesdays**. We gather for supper and fellowship from 6:00-7:15 pm, at the Church. We will be exploring our Old Testament ancestors and their faith journeys.

High School Youth meets weekly on **Wednesdays**. We gather for fellowship at 7:15 pm, at the Church. This spring we will be discussing our Christian Journey of Life.

Supper Club will continue to meet this spring, beginning January 26<sup>th</sup>. We gather at 6:00 pm, at the Podschun's house to prepare supper together and grown in our faith.



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Kids Club meets on **Wednesdays** in Fellowship Hall. This FREE program is open to all K-5<sup>th</sup> graders and meets from 3:45-5:15 pm. Kids Club includes Bible Story rotations, crafts, games, a lesson, and snacks. Shuttle services from Whittier Elementary to the Church are available for registered students. For more information, contact Hannah Hlavenka or the Church office.

Sunday School for elementary children meets on Sunday mornings, following Worship at 10:00 am. Brenda Hicks leads this group in Room 206.

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## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) PLANNING TEAM**

Do you have a heart for helping children grow in faith? Would you like to share your gifts and talents with our young ones this summer? We are forming a team to plan Vacation Bible School, and we need your help! If you're interested in serving, please reach out to Pastor Seungli. The planning team will begin meeting in February.



## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

**Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Join us on Wednesday, **March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** as we begin the Lenten season with a time of reflection, repentance, and the imposition of ashes.

