

## HEARTBEATS

♥ Who do you know? **Easter @ the Mathewson** is almost here—our community-wide celebration of hope and new life! We have banners that need a home, and we need your help. If your home or business is in a high-traffic area, would you **host a sign** to spread the word? Let's invite our community to experience Easter together! Call the church office at 660.827.2993 to claim a sign.

♥ The Church **New Pictorial Directories** have arrived. You can pick up your copy in the church office during the week or in the lobby on weekends. To protect the privacy of our church members, we did not include addresses or phone numbers, but if you need contact information for a family, feel free to call the church office for assistance.

♥ If you **received today's newsletter by regular mail and prefer to receive it by e-mail** (let us know your e-mail address) or on-line ([www.firstsayyes.com](http://www.firstsayyes.com) under "resources"), or you do not want to receive it at all, please call the church office at 660-827-2993.

♥ **New Office Hours** starting March 31, 2025: 9 a.m.—4 p.m. (M-F)  
Closed for lunch 12—1 p.m.

♥ The **deadline for submitting Newsletter articles** is 12 noon on the Thursday before the newsletter mailing.

**Next Newsletter:**  
**Wednesday, Apr. 2, 2025**

**Submitted Articles Deadline:**  
**12 noon - Thursday,**  
**March 27, 2025**

**MPACT Students (Grades 6-12)** meet weekly on Sundays in the MPACT room at the Celebration Center. Junior High meets from 5-6:30 and High School meets from 6-7:30. All students meet at 6:00 for a shared meal. We hope to see you there and join the fun!



## EASTER LILIES



Easter Lilies are available for purchase for \$15 each. You can purchase a lily in Loving Memory or in Honor of someone. Envelopes & forms are available at the Welcome Centers. Please turn your completed form and the payment in, in the Joy Boxes (located at the back of the Celebration Center or Thompson Site sanctuaries); church office at the Celebration Center; or mail it to 1701 W. 32nd St., Sedalia, MO 65301. Deadline for

recognition listing at the April 20th *Easter at the Mathewson Service* is Monday, April 14, 2025.

Help with the Easter Egg Hunt

**DONATE CANDY**  
HELP FILL OUR EGGS! THERE ARE DESIGNATED BASKETS IN THE CELEBRATION CENTER LOBBY.

**STUFF EGGS**  
MEET US IN THE FIDELIS ROOM AT CELEBRATION CENTER TO STUFF EGGS  
TUE, WED, THU FROM 9AM-3PM. COME AND GO AS YOU PLEASE.

**HELP AT THE HUNT**  
GREET GUESTS, HELP WITH PRIZES, MAN PHOTO AREA, AND PUT OUT EGGS THE MORNING OF THE EASTER EGG HUNT. SIGN UP AT [FIRSTSAYYES.COM/SIGNUP](http://FIRSTSAYYES.COM/SIGNUP)

Our **annual kid's Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 19th at 9 a.m.** If you would like to donate candy for this event, please bring individually wrapped Easter Egg friendly candy (small enough to fit in the eggs) to the Celebration Center or Thompson Site before Sunday, April 13. There are collection baskets in the lobbies.

## EASTER OFFERING

This Easter, our offering will support **TigerEyes**, our school snack program that provides food for hungry tummies in all 10 Sedalia 200 schools. No child should have to struggle to learn on an empty stomach, and through your generosity, we can ensure students receive the nourishment they need to thrive. This is important work—feeding bodies, fueling minds, and sharing God's love in a tangible way. Give with joy this Easter and make a difference!

Leading people to an active faith in Jesus Christ.

## NEW CHURCH SECRETARY

We are thrilled to welcome **Cindy Cline-Peck** as our new Church Secretary! Cindy brings a heart for service, a warm and welcoming presence, and a passion for helping our church run smoothly. She is already a blessing to our team, and we can't wait for you to get to know her!

As our Church Secretary, Cindy is here to help with:

**Event Scheduling & Bookings** – Need to reserve a space at Celebration?

Cindy can assist with scheduling and logistics.

**General Questions** – Not sure where to find something or how to get involved? She's happy to help!

**Connecting You to the Right Person** – If you need to reach a ministry leader or staff member, Cindy will help guide you to the right contact.

If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out to Cindy at [cindy.cline-peck@firstsayyes.com](mailto:cindy.cline-peck@firstsayyes.com).

When you see Cindy, be sure to give her a warm welcome and let her know how excited we are to have her on the team!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
*service*

APRIL 17TH | 6PM @ THOMPSON SITE  
916 THOMPSON BLVD, SEDALIA

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
*service*

APRIL 18TH | 6PM @ THOMPSON SITE  
916 THOMPSON BLVD, SEDALIA

## WE CELEBRATE THE DAY YOU WERE BORN

**Birthdays (March 23-April 5)**

Jasmine Mankini, Kevin Simpson, Becky Lynn, Beverly Welch, Brenda Utt, Khloe Shelledy, Brigette Schilb, Matthew Lindgren, Ziek Barth-Fagan, Angela Spencer, Faythe Grinstead, Haley Grinstead, Amber Spalding, Clayton Morris, Robyn Shearer, Rick Bird, Nathan Sizer, Christy Goldsmith, JoAnn Altis, Kelsey Harding, Alex Beyer, Renee Pinkelton, Chelsea Wisener, Pam McKinney, Bill Gleason, Kale McColleston, Billy McWhirt, Ashlynn Hilburn, Dennis Henderson, Karen Zullig, Paula Mosier, Tyler Utz, Brittney Meineka, Sullivan Ellsworth, Cole Kroeger, Patricia Hunt, Larry Rigdon, Sarah Wuellner, Charly Wooster, Autry Dotson, Jim Riley, Gerard O'Shea, Marsha Campe, Caitlin Bird, Sharon Twyman, Ariel Soderberg, Mark Hruska, Michel Castiglia, Harry Gulette, Andre Luyet, David Stevenson, Melissa Simpson, Jacqui Ellis, Tony Avery, Dody Millard, Addison Dillon, Madelyn Enrietto, Louis Ahlemeyer, Josh Haslag, Chris Buchanan, Ilene Webb, Van Schenewark, Drew Weicker, Cansata Arnold, Bentley Doyle, Regina Logan, Camden Fowler, Jennifer Frazee, Isaiah Dixon, Rose Alexander, Jeff Gilbertson

## FIRST STEPS

### Attendance

Mar. 8/9, 2025	
Worship	525
Mar. 15/16, 2025	442
Worship	

We Report  
Finances monthly.

## Alan Springer Family Benefit Chili Dinner & Silent Auction Fundraiser

Saturday, March 29  
5-8 p.m.

Celebration Center  
Donation Only

To donate to the Silent Auction,  
please contact Scott Benbrook  
660-281-8202  
[SBENBROOK.ELLIOT@gmail.com](mailto:SBENBROOK.ELLIOT@gmail.com)

## Our Family

Our hearts go out in  
Christian love and  
sympathy to:  
~Mary & John Meehan  
& family due to the  
death of Mary's mother,  
Barbara Varker, on  
Saturday, March 15th,  
2025.





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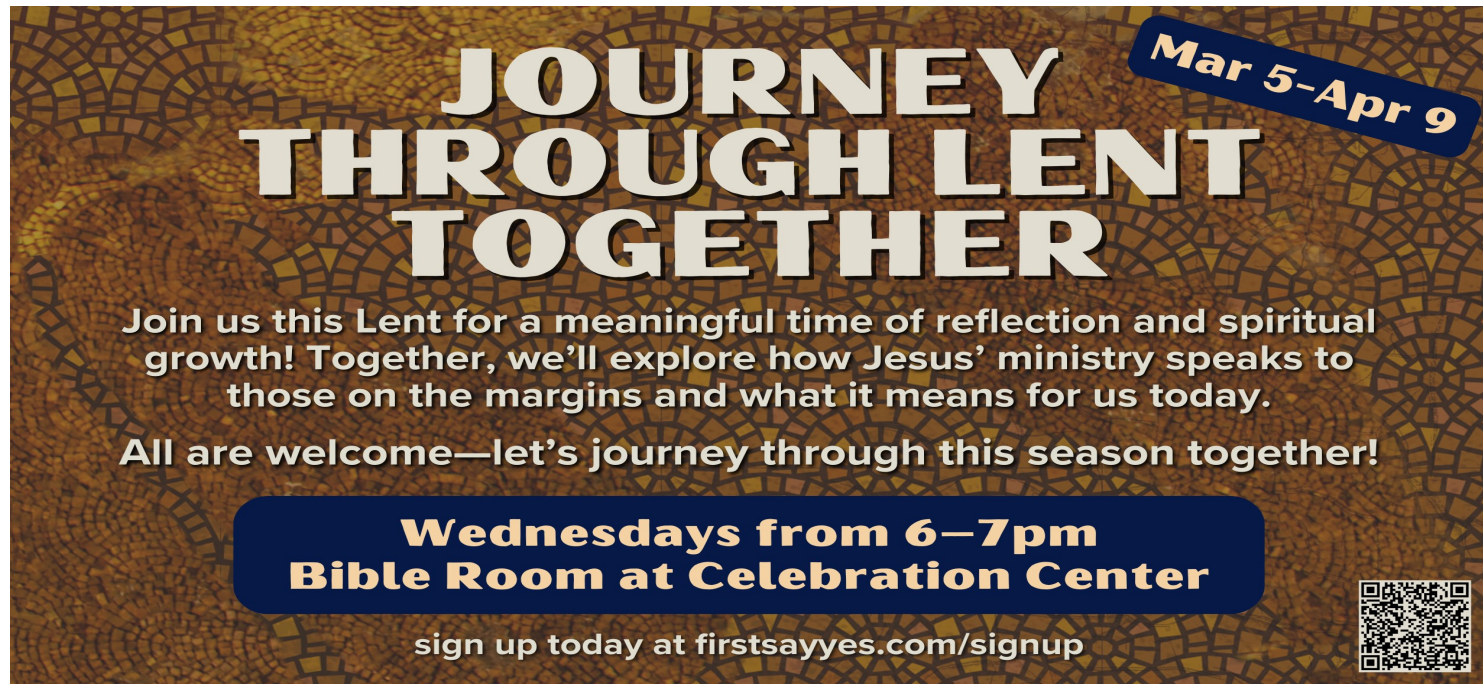
Celebration Center, 1701 W. 32nd St Phone // 660.827.2993  
Thompson Site, 916 Thompson Blvd Phone // 660.851.2815



Online Facebook Live & posted  
Radio 1490 KDRO 10:05 am  
Celebration Center  
Saturdays 5:30 pm Sundays 8:30, 9:45 am  
Thompson Sundays 11 am

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# JOURNEY THROUGH LENT TOGETHER


**Mar 5-Apr 9**

Join us this Lent for a meaningful time of reflection and spiritual growth! Together, we'll explore how Jesus' ministry speaks to those on the margins and what it means for us today.

All are welcome—let's journey through this season together!

**Wednesdays from 6–7pm  
Bible Room at Celebration Center**

sign up today at [firstsayyes.com/signup](http://firstsayyes.com/signup)



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faith friendship fellowship  
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Love God  
Love Others

## WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

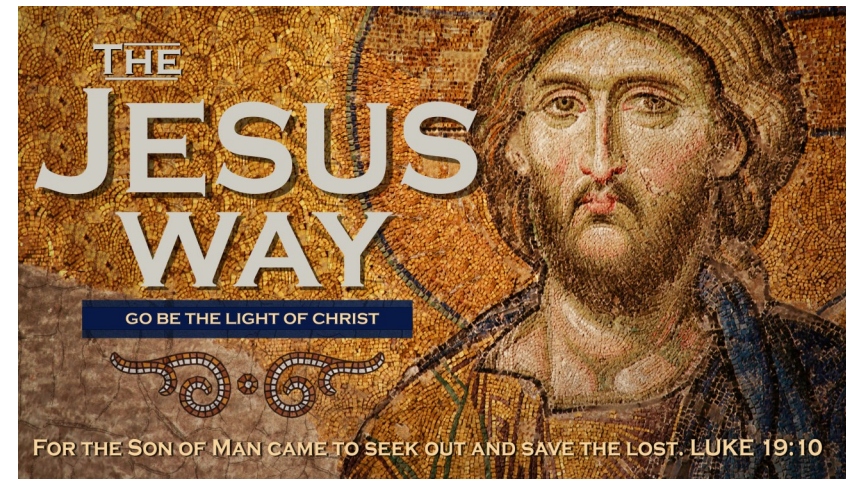
**Keep Reading Luke—We Grow in Christ Together!**  
As we journey toward Easter, let's stay committed to reading the book of Luke together. Through scripture, we grow in Christ and prepare our hearts for the power of the Resurrection! If you've fallen behind, don't worry—jump back in and keep going!

**Join Us for Easter @ The Mathewson!**  
Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 20, at 10 AM for Easter @ The Mathewson, a free, community-wide celebration of the Risen Christ! What if a moment could change your life? Invite your friends and family to experience the joy of Easter with us. Help spread the word by picking up yard signs, window posters, and invite cards in worship this weekend or anytime throughout the week at the Celebration Center welcome center.

**Celebrate Becky & Welcome Cindy!**  
On March 28, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM, stop by the church office at the Celebration Center to thank Becky Rayl for 35 incredible years of service as our church secretary. As Becky retires, we also welcome Cindy Cline-Peck into this important role. Stop by the church for a retirement reception as we celebrate Becky and all she has meant to our church family! Let's show our appreciation and give Cindy a warm First UMC welcome!

See you this weekend as we continue through the book of Luke, together!

You are loved,  
Pastor Candace



THE JESUS WAY

GO BE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

FOR THE SON OF MAN CAME TO SEEK OUT AND SAVE THE LOST. LUKE 19:10



## 2025 COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

Sunday evenings  
**Through April 13** —  
Light meal at 5 p.m.,  
Service at 6 p.m.

*Offerings each week will go to the Sedalia Senior Center and the "Birthday Blessings" project.*

*Full Schedule available on the bulletin board at the Celebration Center.*



### Sermon Series "The Jesus Way"

As we explore Jesus' life through Luke's stories, we'll meet the ordinary, even unexpected, people who Jesus chose to be his friends and do his work — people who aren't perfect, may be struggling, and don't yet have their acts together — people just like us.

Join us for  
Weekend Worship!

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