Making Disciples, Changing Lives

Fountain City United Methodist

February 18, 2026
Ash Wednesday

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Ash Wednesday Service of Worship and Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 6:45pm Sanctuary & Livestream

Whether you've attended for years or this is your first visit, please sign the pew pad and pass it down so we can get better acquainted. Please use the Notes field on the Pew Pad to register for Fountain City Fellowship meals, classes, or prayer requests.

PRELUDE "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" Hopson

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Rachel Collins

LEADER: O God, who makes all things new,
PEOPLE: new stars, new dust, new life;
LEADER: take our hearts, Lord,
PEOPLE: every hardened edge and measured beat,
and create something new in your people.
LEADER: We need your newness, God,
PEOPLE: the rough parts of us made smooth, the stagnant, stirred;
the stuck, freed; the unkind, forgiven.
LEADER: And then, by the power of your Spirit,
PEOPLE: We are turned towards your love again. Amen.

INVOCATION Rev. Collins

SCRIPTURE LESSON Joel 2:12-20

†HYMN "Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days" UMH 269

†GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21 Rev. Don Hanshew

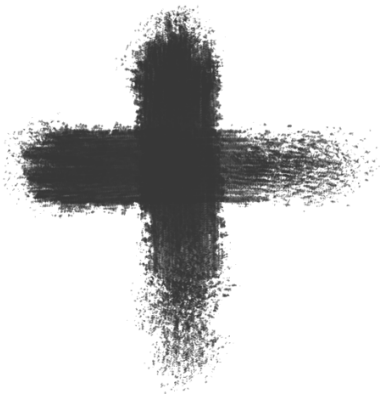
ANTHEM "A Clean Heart" by Benjamin Harlan
Chancel Choir

HOMILY "An Invitation to Transformation" Rev. Hanshew

THE LITANY OF THE ASHES Revs. Hanshew & Collins

IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES Revs. Hanshew & Collins,
Rev. Tony Collins, Rev. Jim Whedbee, Rev. Mahan Archer, Rev. Dr. Jim Dougherty

At this time, you are invited to come forward and receive the imposition of ashes in the shape of a cross on your forehead or wrist.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION Based on Psalm 51

ALL: Have mercy on me, O God.

LEADER: According to your unfailing love, according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash away my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

ALL: Have mercy on me, O God.

LEADER: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

ALL: Have mercy on me, O God.

LEADER: Surely I was sinful at birth, yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

ALL: Have mercy on me, O God.

LEADER: Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

ALL: Have mercy on me, O God.

LEADER: Create in me a pure heart and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.

ALL: Have mercy on me, O God.

LEADER: I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you are my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

ALL: Have mercy on me, O God.

LEADER: Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

ALL: Have mercy on me, O God. My sacrifice is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you will not despise.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

†HYMN "What Wondrous Love is This" UMH 292

†BENEDICTION Rev. Hanshew

†*Please rise in body or in spirit*

With an attitude of repentance, please depart in reverent silence.

PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Don Hanshew, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Rachel Collins, *Pastor of Discipleship*
Leslie Hill, *Director of Music Ministries*
Kim Meade, *Pianist*
Michael Cowan, *Organist*
Rev. Tony Collins, Rev. Dr. Jim Dougherty,
Rev. Jim Whedbee, & Rev. Mahan Archer, *Imposition of Ashes*
Craig Holtzclaw, David Hueser, Stuart Mitchell,
Richard Bolus & Greg Smith, *Multimedia*

Welcome to Fountain City UMC! We are so glad you are here today. Whether you've been attending for years or this is your first visit, we would like to get better acquainted.

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:45am Sunday Discipleship
11:00am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
11:00am The Journey Contemporary Worship, Gym

FountainKids (K-5th) & FountainLittles (Birth-PreK)

Miss Donna, donna.lewis@fountaincityumc.org
KidCheck check-in kiosk at Welcome Center
FountainKids 8:30 & 9:45am Sundays
Kids Bible Experience, 11:00am Sundays
Wednesday Kids Club, 6:30pm Wednesdays, Room 209

FCUMC Youth (MS 6th-8th/HS 9th-12th)

Matt Randle, matt.randle@fountaincityumc.org
9:45am Sunday Morning Discipleship, Room B17
Wednesday Night Youth, 6:00-8:00pm Wednesdays, OFH

Celebrate Recovery

Seth Charles, seth.charles@fountaincityumc.org
Tuesdays 6:00pm Meal, Wesley Hall
6:30pm Worship, Gym
7:30pm Open Share Groups
6:30pm Crosswalk Youth & FountainKids CR

Dates for Your Calendar

February 19	Young at Heart Lunch Bunch, 11:00am
February 28	Free Community Meal, 5:30pm, WH
March 1	Endowments Event, 12:00pm, WH
March 18	Team Craft Fair at Ftn. City Fellowship Meal
March 20-21	"This Is Us" Couples Weekend Event

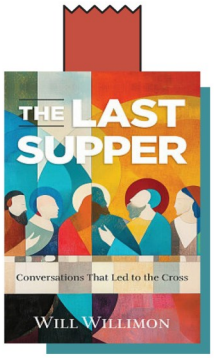
See QR below for more and to register!

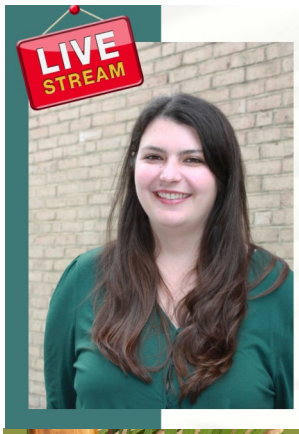
March 22	Team Craft Fundraiser
March 28	Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event

Lent and Easter at Fountain City UMC

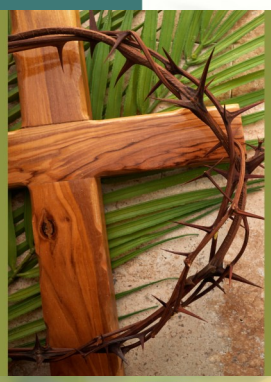
Lenten Worship

Our Lenten worship series is based on the Bishop Will Willimon book ***The Last Supper.*** Pastor Don and Pastor Rachel will preach out of the key verse each week. Read along on your own as we meet Jesus around the Table on the way to the cross.





Compline Prayer Service
9 p.m. | YouTube Live
Join Pastor Rachel with various guests online week nights during Lent to close your evening in prayer.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday • March 29
Traditional Worship | 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Contemporary Worship at 11 a.m.

Maundy Thursday • April 2
Combined Worship | 7:30 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

Good Friday • April 3
Combined Worship | 7:30 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

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Rachel Collins, Pastor of Discipleship
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Pastor On Call After Hours & Weekends
Text or Call 865-689-7894

Regular Church Office Hours
Monday - Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm
Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

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Let's support area warming centers by providing transportation for guests to the overflow site at ReLaunch on Broadway.

Sign up to be a driver or a rider