



Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere - Psalm 84:10

WELCOME to the First United Methodist Church of Winter Garden's **WALK OF FAITH!** Thank you for being a part of the power of prayer and protection over our place and our people!



On your left is the Church office. The story of this building and its journey to this place is shared in our Church History. We hope you will join us in November to hear this and so many other stories about our Church. Today we ask that you pray for those who gather here to do the work of the Church.

Pray for our Pastor, our Business Manager, our Youth Pastor, our office staff, our Church leadership and of course the many staff and volunteers that are on-the-go around our campus.



On your right you see the newly refurbished playground as it awaits the laughter and tiny feet of the next generation of believers in Christ. We pride ourselves on the powerful impact of the early education our community children receive here at The Learning Center.

Pray for the children of the Church, the Preschool children and their families, and for the protection of our Preschool faculty as they serve our mission in the coming school year.



Take a moment in the Memorial Garden to reflect on the presence of the Lord in this place, in your heart and in the lives of those who have led and served on this campus. Call to mind what weighs heavy on you today. As you take this Walk of Faith, we pray for you!

We pray that you will be restored in this time and feel the presence of your faith community!



Continuing North along the walkway, you will find yourself in the halls that have long been the greeting spaces of our Preschool, Sunday school and our Staff. Hear the echoing sounds of *Hello! Good Morning! How are you? So good to see you!* Sense the laughter in these rooms normally filled with children and their learning.

Pray for the continued passion of educators in leading this generation of young people to roles of leadership in the future! Pray for each staff member and volunteer that walks these pathways in service to our Church.



As you enter Fellowship Hall, allow yourself to be transported to times spent here. What have been your special or notable moments here in the Fellowship Hall? Hear the laughter, see the smiles and notice the people greeting and visiting one another; these moments of the past will return to us and become a place of memory-making for our children and grandchildren.

Pray for the restoration of Church gatherings and for the events that will take place in these walls once again. Pray for the organizations that will use this facility, for the weddings, anniversaries and graduations that will be celebrated here; for the lives that will once again be honored here.



As you leave the Fellowship Hall, look to your right and gaze down the hall and across the road to the education building. As your eyes pass by the Cappleman Room and over the road, bring to mind what experiences you have had in your life at FUMCWG that have placed you in these rooms or within these classes.

Pray for our Sunday School, small groups and Youth leaders who continue to bring faith-based inquiry and discussion to the life of the Church! Pray that continued learning through God's word will guide our healing and prepare us to profess the teachings of Christ through discipleship in our community.



Follow the sidewalk past the front of the Archives. Our history in Winter Garden is long-standing and we have always been physically and spiritually centered in this community. This year we are celebrating 125 years as a Church and we look forward to honoring the past while we build our future!

Pray for our History Team and our Church as we prepare to celebrate our history and take measures to preserve our memories for the generations to come. We are Living the Legacy; We are Leaving the Legacy!



The room on your right has served many roles in its years but it is currently our Church library filled with Christ-centered and faith-driven reading material for those searching, seeking and standing in the Grace of God. Find out how you can use this great resource for yourself and your family to support your personal growth in Christ.

Pray for the words within this room and their power to change the world! Pray for the preservation of God's words and those who write stories that honor His desire for us as a people.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” – Jeremiah 29: 11

Please stop just through the gates to refresh and sanitize your hands. We now invite you to enter the sanctuary for communion and prayer. As you enter the sanctuary, allow our attendants to open and hold the doors for you. You will see communion is prepared for you.



Enjoy the beautiful sounds of our organ and receive the Pastor's blessings. You may kneel or stand. After you have had time at the altar, we invite you to find a place in the designated pews. Feel the Holy Spirit within this place. Stay as long as you like being mindful of those who are entering and wanting a rest here as well.

Pray for your Church, its people and its place. Pray for yourself, for your family, for your needs. God is listening! He will provide!



As you exit, call into your heart the work of the Worship Team and how powerful their commitment has been in the life of the Church during this time of restriction from our campus setting. How magnificent is their service to the Lord and to each of us in providing weekly online worship at their own sacrifice of time and energy!

Pray for their continued excellence in teamwork and collaboration to provide vibrant worship for us all! Pray for their energy, vision and spirit to sustain vibrant worship onsite while still reaching our digital congregation!



The beauty of the Cross Courtyard and the memories it holds for so many, is iconic in our city. This symbol of Christ's presence is centrally placed in our community and as followers, we celebrate the power this Cross holds for each person who passes by.

Pray for the power of this Church and its people, to heal and be healed, to serve and be served, and to go and make disciples of Christ in all people.



In front of you is the Choir Room and just to the right the Bell Room. Celebrate in your heart the importance of music in our Church and how the hymns and music bring to life the lessons of the Bible. Pray that the sounds of the Church will continue to resonate in our hearts and the hearts of those around us.

Pray for the musicians who are missing this time together singing and praising in harmony with each other! Pray for the health of those of who devote their lives to the music of the church so that they may once again lead us in our hymns and songs of praise!



On your left is the resource room for our preschool and around the corner near the chapel, the office of our Preschool Director, Mrs. Wendy Davis. The Preschool is a great mission of our Church and we honor her commitment to these children.

Pray for her guidance and discernment and her strength to lead in these uncertain times. Pray for our VPK program and our Preschool program as these reopen to serve our community. Pray for all schools in our community whose attention to safe learning environments will have an effect on all of us.



Be Still and Know that I am God! Here in our Chapel, we ask you to pray for the needs of your community of faith. Please take your time to lift up the prayers of the people; the needs of others. Give these to God, the Father on their behalf.

Pray for those who are hurting and grieving. Pray for those in need of Christ's love. Pray specifically. Pray fervently. Pray graciously. The Power of Prayer IS the Power of the People!

We thank you for being here today! Your presence here has restored the life energy of our Church. We know you need your church. Did you know it needs you to? Let this Walk of Faith serve as a sustaining testament to the collective faith of a strong community. God did not send this global pandemic to punish us or to keep us away from each other. He granted us a time in history to pause, take stock of priorities and rediscover what it means to live wholly and Holy, In His Name!



WE can do all things through Christ!