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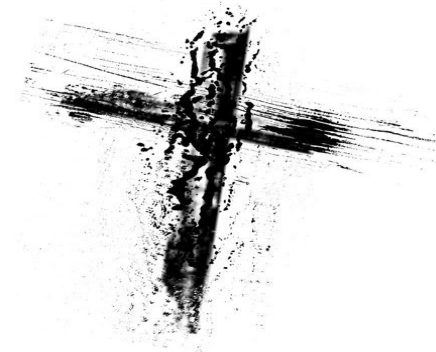
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Breakfast @ 9:00 a.m., kitchen
Sunday School @ 9:15 a.m., rooms B, 4 & youth suite
Lay Servant Academy @ 2-5:30 p.m.
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Knit & Crochet @ 1:00 p.m., parlor

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Lenten Theme
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4th Sunday in Lent
'Die Daily ... in Order to Live'

Hammond First United Methodist Church
6635 Hohman Avenue Hammond, IN 46324
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Worship 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
March 31, 2019
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Pastor Donna Beifuss, associate pastor
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Our Mission Statement

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We welcome you and pray that you will be blessed in worship this morning. We ask that you **please register your attendance on the manila worship attendance card**, which you received when you entered the Chapel. On the back side, your joys and concerns may also be added. These cards may be brought forward at prayer time, if you would like your joys/concerns mentioned in worship, or the ushers will pick up your card at the time of the offering.

If you are a guest this morning ... we especially welcome you!

March 31, 2019 8:30 a.m. Girl Scout Sunday 4th Sunday in Lent

*Please stand, as you are comfortable.

Welcome and Community Life

Call to Worship

Leader: From darkness and despair, from being lost and lonely, God calls us home.

People: Even though we have been selfish and let God down, we are still called beloved.

Leader: Remember the eternal love of God which has been poured out for you.

People: Our hearts rejoice at the wondrous ways in which God loves and forgives us;

Leader: the ways in which God gives us strength and guidance for our journeys.

All: We can remember that in all ways we can trust in God's compassion.

* **Opening Hymn** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* UMH 269

Prayer Hymn *Cares Chorus, x2* TFWS 2215

Morning and Pastoral Prayer with The Lord's Prayer

Receiving of the Gifts

Offertory

* Sung Response *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

* Prayer of Dedication

Reading of the Word

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18

* Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:19; 16:24-25

This is the Word of God for the People of God

Thanks Be to God

The Message

'Die Daily ... in Order to Live'

Pastor Mary

* **Closing Hymn**

I Surrender All

UMH 354

* **Dismissal with Blessing**

The blue altar candle is a reminder to keep our **military and first responders** in our prayers.

The prayer blanket in worship is for **George Kizman** by Keelin Kizman.

Bishop: Rev. Julius C. Trimble Conf. Supt: Rev. Larry Whitehead

Assoc. C.S.: Rev. Paul Arnold Lay Leaders: Pauline Luthi
Pat Mosley

Choir Director: Dick Mackin Pianist: Karen Little

Worship Leader: Pat Mosley Bell Director: Sarah Ward

Junior Church: Cheryle Seljan Nursery: Mike Kizman
Shayla Deering

Pineapple Director & Organist: Mike Kizman

Ushers: Jerry & Vera Vestal

The pastors may be reached through the office, and, when needed, via their cell phones.

Pastor Mary 219-741-9117 and Pastor Donna 773-320-3900

Pastor Mary's email, mary.vanwijk@inumc.org

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