SUNDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS
2026 Calendar

SUNDAYS DETERMINED BY ANNUAL CONFERENCE:
Christian Education, Disability Awareness, Golden Cross Sunday, International Day, Rural Life

JAN 04 | **Epiphany Sunday** (White or Gold) Jer 31:7-14; Ps 147:12-20 (UMH 859); Eph 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9), 10-18	**MAR 31** | **Tuesday of Holy Week** (Purple or Red) Isa 49:1-7; Ps 71:1-14 (UMH 794); 1 Cor 1:18-31; John 12:20-36
JAN 11 | **Baptism of the Lord; Human Trafficking Awareness Day** (White or Gold) Isa 42:1-9; Ps 29 (UMH 761); Acts 10:34-43; Matt 3:13-17	**APR 01** | **Wednesday of Holy Week** (Purple or Red) Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 70 (UMH 793); Heb 12:1-3; John 13:21-32
JAN 18 | **2nd Sunday after the Epiphany; Human Relations Day** (Green) Isa 49:1-7; Ps 40:1-11 (UMH 774); 1 Cor 1:1-9; John 1:29-42	**APR 02** | **Thursday of Holy Week/Maundy Thursday** (Purple or Red) Exod 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Ps 116:1-2, 12-19 (UMH 837); 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
JAN 25 | **3rd Sunday after the Epiphany; Ecumenical Sunday** (Green) Isa 9:1-4; Ps 27:1, 4-9 (UMH 758); 1 Cor 1:10-18; Matt 4:12-23	* **APR 03** | **Friday of Holy Week/Good Friday** (No Color) Isa 52:13-53:12; Ps 22 (UMH 752); Heb 10:16-25; John 19:1-42 or Mark 14:1-15:47
FEB 01 | **4th Sunday after the Epiphany** (Green) Mic 6:1-8; Ps 15 (UMH 747); 1 Cor 1:18-31; Matt 5:1-12	**APR 04** | **Holy Saturday/Easter Eve** (No Color prior to sunset) Job 14:1-14; Ps 31:1-4, 15-16 (UMH 764); 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matt 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42
FEB 08 | **5th Sunday after the Epiphany; Scouting Sunday** (Green) Isa 58:1-9a (9b-12); Ps 112:1-9 (10) (UMH 833); 1 Cor 2:1-12 (13-16); Matt 5:13-20	* **APR 05** | **Easter Day** (White or Gold) Jer 31:1-6; Ps 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839); Col 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Matt 28:1-10
FEB 15 | **Transfiguration Sunday** (White or Gold) Exod 24:12-18; Ps 2 (UMH 739) or Ps 99 (UMH 819); 2 Pet 1:16-21; Matt 17:1-9	* **APR 12** | **Second Sunday of Easter** (White or Gold) Ex 15:1-11; Ps 111; 1 Pet 1:3-9; John 20:19-31
FEB 18 | **Ash Wednesday** (Purple or Grey) Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Ps 51:1-17 (UMH 785); 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10; Matt 6:1-6, 16-21	* **APR 19** | **3rd Sunday of Easter; Native American Ministries Sunday** (White or Gold) Isa 51:1-6; Ps 34:1-10; 1 Pet 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35
FEB 22 | **First Sunday in Lent** (Purple) Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Ps 32 (UMH 766); Rom 5:12-19; Matt 4:1-11	* **APR 26** | **4th Sunday of Easter** (White or Gold) Ezk 34:7-15; Ps 100; 1 Pet 2:19-25; John 10:1-10
MAR 01 | **2nd Sunday in Lent** (Purple) Gen 12:1-4a; Ps 121 (UMH 844); Rom 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17	* **MAY 03** | **5th Sunday of Easter** (White or Gold) Prov 4:10-18; Ps 119:9-32; 1 Pet 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
MAR 08 | **3rd Sunday in Lent** (Purple) Exod 17:1-7; Ps 95 (UMH 814); Rom 5:1-11; John 4:5-42	* **MAY 10** | **6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day; Festival of the Christian Home** (White or Gold) Ezk 34:1-7; Ps 115; 1 Pet 3:13-22; John 14:15-21
MAR 15 | **4th Sunday in Lent** (Purple) 1 Sam 16:1-13; Ps 23 (UMH 754 or 137); Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41	* **MAY 14** | **Ascension of the Lord** (White or Gold) Dan 7:9-14; Ps 24:7-10; Eph 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
MAR 22 | **5th Sunday in Lent** (Purple) Ezek 37:1-14; Ps 130 (UMH 848); Rom 8:6-11; John 11:1-45	* **MAY 17** | **Ascension Sunday** (White or Gold) Isa 45:1-7; Ps 21:1-7; 1 Pet 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11
MAR 29 | **Palm/Passion Sunday** (Purple or Red) Palm Lit: Matt 21:1-11; Ps 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839); Passion Lit: Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-16; (UMH 764); Phil 2:5-11; Matt 26:14-27 or 27:11-54	* **MAY 24** | **Pentecost; Heritage Sunday; Aldersgate Day** (Red) Num 11:24-30; Ps 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826); 1 Cor 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39
MAR 30 | **Monday of Holy Week** (Purple or Red) Isa 42:1-9; Ps 36:5-11 (UMH 771); Heb 9:11-15; John 12:1-11	**MAY 31** | **Trinity Sunday; Peace with Justice Sunday** (White or Gold) Gen 1:1-2:4a; Ps 8 (UMH 743); 2 Cor 13:11-13; Matt 28:16-20

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** Readings align with the CCT's 2025 update to address anti-Judaism in the lectionary.*

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES
The United Methodist Church

JUNE 07 | **2nd Sunday after Pentecost** (Green)
Gen 12:1-9; Ps 33:1-12 (UMH 767); Rom 4:13-25; Matt 9:9-13, 18-26

* **JUNE 14** | **3rd Sunday after Pentecost** (Green)
Gen 18:1-15 (21:1-7); Ps 116:1-2, 12-19 (UMH 837); Rom 5:1-8; Matt 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

* **JUNE 21** | **4th Sunday after Pentecost; Father's Day** (Green)
Gen 21:8-21; Ps 86:1-10, 16-17 or Ps 17:1-7, 15 (UMH 749); Rom 6:1b-11; Matt 10:24-39

JUNE 28 | **5th Sunday after Pentecost** (Green)
Gen 22:1-14; Ps 13 (UMH 746); Rom 6:12-23; Matt 10:40-42

JULY 05 | **6th Sunday after Pentecost** (Green)
Gen 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Ps 45:10-17 or Ps 72 (UMH 795); Rom 7:15-25a; Matt 11:16-19, 25-30

JULY 12 | **7th Sunday after Pentecost** (Green)
Gen 25:19-34; Ps 119:105-112 or Ps 25 (UMH 756); Rom 8:1-11; Matt 13:1-9, 18-23

JULY 19 | **8th Sunday after Pentecost** (Green)
Gen 28:10-19a; Ps 139:1-2, 23-24 (UMH 854); Rom 8:12-25; Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

JULY 26 | **9th Sunday after Pentecost** (Green)
Gen 29:15-28; Ps 105:1-11, 45b (UMH 828); Rom 8:26-39; Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

AUG 02 | **10th Sunday after Pentecost** (Green)
Gen 32:22-31; Ps 17:1-7, 15 (UMH 749); Rom 9:1-5; Matt 14:13-21

AUG 09 | **11th Sunday after Pentecost** (Green)
Gen 37:1-4, 12-28; Ps 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b (UMH 828); Rom 10:5-15; Matt 14:22-33

AUG 16 | **12th Sunday after Pentecost** (Green)
Gen 45:1-15; Ps 133 (UMH 850); Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matt 15:(10-20), 21-28

AUG 23 | **13th Sunday after Pentecost** (Green)
Exod 1:8-2:10; Ps 124 (UMH 846); Rom 12:1-8; Matt 16:13-20

AUG 30 | **14th Sunday after Pentecost** (Green)
Exod 3:1-15; Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b (UMH 828); Rom 12:9-21; Matt 16:21-28

SEPT 06 | **15th Sunday after Pentecost** (Green)
Exod 12:1-14; Ps 149 or Ps 148 (UMH 861); Rom 13:8-14; Matt 18:15-20

SEPT 13 | **16th Sunday after Pentecost** (Green)
Exod 14:19-31 and Ps 114; Exod 15:1b-11, 20-21 (UMH 135); Rom 14:1-12; Matt 18:21-35

* **SEPT 20** | **17th Sunday after Pentecost** (Green)
Exod 16:2-25; Ps 105:1-6, 37-45, or Ps 78 (UMH 799); Acts 1:14-21, 33-35; Matt 20:1-16

* **SEPT 27** | **18th Sunday after Pentecost** (Green)
Exod 17:1-7; Ps 78:1-4, 12-16 (UMH 799); Acts 3:1-19; Matt 21:23-32

* **OCT 04** | **19th Sunday after Pentecost; World Communion Sunday** (Green)
Exod 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Ps 19 (UMH 750); Acts 4:5-12; Matt 21:33-46

* **OCT 11** | **20th Sunday after Pentecost** (Green)
Exod 32:1-14; Ps 106:1-6, 19-23 (UMH 829); Acts 8:14-25; Matt 22:1-4

* **OCT 18** | **21st Sunday after Pentecost; Laity Sunday** (Green)
Exod 33:12-23; Ps 99 (UMH 819); Acts 10:34-43; Matt 22:15-22

* **OCT 25** | **Reformation Sunday** (Green)
Deut 34:1-12; Ps 90:1-6, 13-17 (UMH 789); Acts 10:44-48; Matt 22:34-46

* **NOV 01** | **All Saints Sunday** (White)
Josh 3:7-17; Ps 107:1-7, 33-37 (UMH 830); Acts 11:1-18; Matt 23:1-12
All Saints Lections: Rev 7:9-17; Ps 34:1-10, 22 (UMH 769); 1 John 3:1-3; Matt 5:1-12

NOV 08 | **24th Sunday after Pentecost; Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday** (Green)
Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25; Ps 78:1-7 (UMH 799); 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13

NOV 15 | **25th Sunday after Pentecost** (Green)
Judg 4:1-7; Ps 123 or Ps 76 (UMH 797); 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matt 25:14-30

NOV 22 | **Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday; Thanksgiving Sunday** (Purple or Blue) Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps 100 (UMH 821); Eph 1:15-23; Matt 25:31-46

NOV 29 | **Beginning Lectionary Year B; 1st Sunday of Advent** (Purple or Blue)
Isa 64:1-9; Ps 80:1-7, 17-19 (UMH 801); 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

DEC 06 | **2nd Sunday of Advent** (Purple or Blue)
Isa 40:1-11; Ps 85:1-2, 8-13 (UMH 806); 2 Pet 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

DEC 13 | **3rd Sunday of Advent** (Purple or Blue)
Isa 61:1-4, 8-11; Ps 126 (UMH 847); 1 Thess 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

DEC 20 | **4th Sunday of Advent** (Purple or Blue)
2 Sam 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199); Rom 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

DEC 24 | **Christmas Eve** (White or Gold)
Isa 9:2-7; Ps 96 (UMH 815); Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

DEC 25 | **Christmas Day** (White or Gold)
Isa 52:7-10; Ps 98 (UMH 818); Heb 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14

DEC 27 | **1st Sunday after Christmas** (White or Gold)
Isa 61:10-62:3; Ps 148 (UMH 861); Gal 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

NOTES: Lections for Easter Vigil (White or Gold)
Old Testament Readings & Psalms: Gen 1:1-2:4a; Ps 136:1-9, 23-26 or Ps 33 (UMH 767); Gen 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 and Ps 46 (UMH 780); Gen 22:1-18 and Ps 16 (UMH 748); Ex 14:10-31; 15:20-21 and Exod 15:1b-13, 17-18; Isa 55:1-11 and Isa 12:2-6; Pro 8:1-8, 19-21, 9:4b-6 and Ps 19 (UMH 750); Ezk 36:24-28; Ps 42 (UMH 777) and Ps 43 (UMH 778); Ezk 37:1-14 and Ps 143 (UMH 856); New Testament Reading & Psalm: Rom 6:3-11 and Ps 114 (UMH 835); Gospel: Matt 28:1-10