

Week 1 – Feb. 10 – Feb. 16 Scriptures

Sunday	<i>John 10:42</i>
Monday	<i>Psalms 24:1</i>
Tuesday	<i>1 Kings 6</i>
Wednesday	<i>Ephesians 2:21</i>
Thursday	<i>1 Chronicles 29:3-9</i>
Friday	<i>Deuteronomy 16:17</i>
Saturday	<i>Haggai 1:3-4</i>

*O Lord, Creator of heaven and earth;*

*We give you thanks for beautiful spaces*

*Where we live, worship, and serve.*

*We ask that you inspire in us steadfast spirits*

*As we seek to build fellowship, develop  
community, and serve our neighbors in this  
Place of Grace.*

*May our church home be a sacred space where  
we experience your grace and share it with  
others.*

*Empower us to give generously*

*So that we may be your hands and feet in this  
world.*

*Continue to guide us along our journey,  
serving others in your name.*

*Amen*

Notes:

# Place of Grace



This brochure offers an opportunity for daily meditation on the spiritual aspects of this capital campaign. Consider adding these meditations to your daily prayers from February 10 to March 3. Some challenging questions have been included as opportunities for digging deeper. Maybe jot down notes or write in your journal. Light a candle. Sit in silence with God.

Pray about and ponder this question:  
***What is one way that First United  
Methodist Church has been a place  
of grace for me?***

## Sacred Space

First United Methodist Church has been my church home and a Place of Grace for me for over 40 years. Looking back over those years, I thought about the chapters of my life and the different sacred spaces of the church property that have ministered to me in those chapters. As a young mother, my sacred space was the Sanctuary where I could find peace and quiet while my two little ones were in the nursery. As a mother of teenagers, my sacred space was Wilson Parlor where I found peace and encouragement weekly when I met with my small reunion group. As a wife, my sacred space was Asbury Room where my husband and I found fellowship in our Sunday School class. It was also Wesley Hall where we served First Foods on Sunday morning gatherings, growing friendships over a cup of coffee and a pig-in-a-blanket. Now as a retiree and caregiver, my sacred space has returned to the Sanctuary where I am able to again find peace, this time at the altar in prayer. I am thankful for this Place of Grace campaign that will allow the church to renovate and update the church facilities so that other mothers, wives, and caregivers will find their sacred spaces at FUMC.

*Kathleen Lindsey*

1. What is “sacred space?” Give 3 examples of places, anywhere on Earth or beyond, that are sacred to you. Why are they sacred?

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2. In what ways can I “honor our sacred space?”

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3. Identify 3 areas of FUMC’s physical plant that are sacred space for you. Why are they sacred? (Maybe go take photos of these sacred spaces!)

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4. Identify 3 times you felt closest to Christ while on the grounds of FUMC. How were those events sacred? How did FUMC’s physical plant contribute to the spirituality of those moments?

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