



Visitor's Guide

GREEN RIVER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Welcome! We're glad you're here! We know that visiting a church can be difficult, so we've put together this brief guide to help make your visit more enjoyable.

If you're just passing through, we're glad to have you. We hope you'll stop by the next time you're in the neighborhood. If you're looking for a church, we also hope you'll feel right at home. We're *not* perfect, but we are a friendly, supportive community of people who want to grow together in Christ, to celebrate the Good News (or Gospel), *and* to enjoy our time together. If that is what you're after, then maybe you've found what you're looking for.

Again, welcome. We're glad you've joined us today.

Restrooms

If you need to use the restroom at any time during the service, exit to your left (as you face the front of the chapel). Once in the hallway, turn left and start walking. The restrooms aren't far away - about $\frac{3}{4}$ the way down the hallway on the right-hand side.

Nursery Care and Sunday School

We do have a nursery staffed by volunteers during the worship service. Two attendants are on duty at all times when nursery-aged children are present. An usher will be pleased to direct you to the nursery if you have need.

A Sunday School program is offered during the church service for older children. They will be dismissed to the class about halfway through the service.

Standing, Sitting and Knowing-What-You-Need-To-Do

One of the tough things about visiting a church is getting used to when to sit, stand, etc. Usually, you'll be filled in on what to do from the pulpit – though the pastor does forget sometimes. We want you to be comfortable, though, and understand that there may be reasons why you need to sit, for example, when everyone else is standing up. It's O.K. Whatever you need to do will work just fine. Nobody's keeping track - at least, no one *we* know about!

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Communion

Sometimes it's called The Lord's Supper, The Lord's Table, or simply, Communion. In any case, it is a ritual that unites (and, unfortunately, sometimes divides) Christians around the globe. If you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, however, you are welcome to share this ceremonial meal with us. It's *His* meal, after all, not ours. We usually celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of each month, though it may be celebrated at other times too. By the way, in case you're wondering what's in the little cups – it's grape juice.

Singing

We like to sing, and try to find a balance between worship songs and traditional hymns in our service. We use two different books to help us with our singing, both found underneath the seats in the chapel. The United Methodist Hymnal is big, blue, and abbreviated “**UMH**” in our bulletin. The soft cover “The Faith We Sing” is abbreviated “**TFWS.**” Song numbers are also posted at the front of the chapel. ***HINT:** If the song number is 2000 or higher, it's a sure bet you'll find it in **TFWS.***

Offering

You're a guest here. Please - stay a guest. Don't feel at all obligated to contribute as the offering plate is passed. Those of us who are here on a regular basis gratefully return some of what God has given us to help support the ministry here. It is our privilege to do so. If, at some point in time, you should wish to join our worshipping community and support what we believe is God's work in Green River, you are welcome to do so. In any case, please understand that salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ is free, and available to all at no charge. It can't be bought. The price for salvation has already been paid. It's the plumbing, electricity and all the other stuff that we still need to pay for!

The Lord's Prayer

We will recite the Lord's Prayer in our service. While there are variations in how different groups say this prayer, they are all pretty similar. And, just so you know, while in some churches people say, 'debt' in the prayer, and in other churches, they say 'sin,' here we tend to 'trespass.' But, if you want to sin or debt instead, feel free to do so. God gets it.

Ministry

The fellowship here supports a number of ministries, or services, even though our pastor is only available to serve us on a part-time basis. In addition to the extensive 'connectional' work we do through our affiliation with the United Methodist Church (UMC), we also operate a local clothing ministry, a children's ministry on Wednesday afternoons during the school year, a youth program, and several congregational and community activities. Our building is used extensively throughout the week for a variety of purposes. We also offer other service, learning and worship opportunities throughout the year.