

**THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH...**

**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

9:30am-10:15am Adult Sunday School  
Library  
10:30am-11:30am Worship Service  
Sanctuary  
11:45am-1:15pm United Women in Faith  
Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

5:00pm-6:00pm Community Café  
Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025**

12:00pm Mid-Week Communion  
Sanctuary  
6:00pm-7:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
Sanctuary  
6:00pm-7:30pm Ignite Kid's Ministry  
FH/Classroom

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025 cont'd**

6:00pm-8:00pm United Methodist Youth  
FH/Youth Room  
7:00pm-8:00pm *Into The Bible* Study  
Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, February 20, 2025**

6:00pm-8:00pm Girl Scouts Meeting  
Fellowship Hall

**Friday, February 21, 2025**

5:30pm-6:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous  
Community Room

**Sunday, February 23, 2025**

9:30am-10:15am Adult Sunday School  
Library  
10:30am-11:30am Worship Service  
Sanctuary  
11:45am-1:15pm Bible Fellowship  
Youth Room

**Flowers** in honor of Charlie May Harrell (new daughter of Matthew & Cassi Harrell) given by grandparents Charlie & Phyllis Harrell

**Coffee Bar provided by**  
Tara Stewart

**Ignite & Youth Supper for 2/19/25**  
United Methodist Men



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# First United Methodist Church

February 16, 2025

*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*



**“Planted By Streams of Living Water”**

*Psalm 1*

*Welcome! We pray that worship here at First United Methodist is a blessing for you, as your presence blesses us. The Church newsletter, welcoming brochures, devotionals and refreshments are available in the gathering area. Children are **always welcome** in worship and we embrace their presence, their joy and the fun things they often do and say as we worship. However, if your child is actively upset we would invite you to take them into the gathering area to be calmed down. You are also welcome to take advantage of our nursery which is down the hall for children 6 months-3 years old. Lastly, we have crayons and children's bulletins available that go with some of today's worship themes. Please fill out the clipboard at the end of your row to register your attendance and tell us a little more about you.*

**“This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!”**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**February 16, 2025**

**10:30AM**

*We are glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Whether this is your "usual" church home or the first time that you have entered our doors, we extend a warm welcome to you.*

✠ *Please stand as you are able*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lee Anne Strickland**

*(At this time please register your in-person attendance on the clipboards placed on each pew or if you are watching on-line register at [www.lumcm.com](http://www.lumcm.com))*

## INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE

*"May the Peace of Christ be with you....and also with you."*

## TRINITY CHIMES

## SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP

*"He Has Made Me Glad"*

**Screen**

## ✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: When we turn our hearts away from God and toward ourselves, putting trust in our own strength,

**P: we become like a shrub in the desert, living in a parched, salty place.**

L: When we trust in God, when our trust is God, we are like a tree planted by water.

**P: Our roots go deep, we are ever-green; even in a drought we are not anxious, but bear fruit, full and beautiful, gifts of the God who made us.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

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## ✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**UMH 881**

## ✠ GLORIA PATRI

**#70**

## CONFESSION

**Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding.**

**You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ.**

**Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice:**

**people who are poor and hungry; people who weep.**

**We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied and excluded.**

## New Prayer Requests

- ◆ Ray Nelson and family
- ◆ Nikki's uncle and family in Illinois
- ◆ Chad Chester and family
- ◆ Charlie & Phyllis Harrell & family
- ◆ Karen and Brett McCue (Ruppel)
- ◆ Joshua Stuckey and family (Huff)
- ◆ Kefauver family
- ◆ Pat Waddell and family (Cavett)
- ◆ Ben and Wanda Barger
- ◆ Sharon Benton and family
- ◆ Green/Leamon family

## Continuing Prayer Requests

- ◆ Kyle & family (Slouka)
- ◆ Michael Stephens (Angela Tallent)
- ◆ Camille Williams (Tierce)
- ◆ Diane Boit
- ◆ Kingsley's extended family
- ◆ Family of Merle Pearson
- ◆ Family of Philip DeGeoff (Pyros)
- ◆ John Cafarelli (Maiuri)
- ◆ Chad Brackett and family (Barr)
- ◆ Conlie Rasnake and family
- ◆ Kayla Couch and family
- ◆ D. J. (Larson)
- ◆ Liseski's friend Sam
- ◆ Matthew Slouka
- ◆ Betty Byrum Hicks and family
- ◆ Novikoff family
- ◆ Angie Aiken and family
- ◆ Jerry Barr and family
- ◆ Charlie Alexander & family (Hibbert)
- ◆ Doug Riddle (Patty W. Jones' brother)
- ◆ Mary and Tony Nelson
- ◆ Judy and John Maiuri

- ◆ Kim (Larson)
- ◆ Carol Rapking's sister Theresa
- ◆ Allan and Bev Potts (Dopkins)
- ◆ Conley family
- ◆ Susan Pulliam's missionary friend
- ◆ Kat Ahart and Barbara Baiz
- ◆ Shay Farnsworth
- ◆ Ken Hibbert & family (Wes')
- ◆ Dossett family (Sharon Brown)
- ◆ Valerie Stratton (Nelson)
- ◆ Ruby Levinson and family
- ◆ Allan and Julia Reedy and family
- ◆ Helga Bulger and family of Lynn (Ruppel)
- ◆ Regina Moore (Penland)
- ◆ Jack and Janie Thomas (Hamilton)
- ◆ Gerald Picklesimer (Rapking)
- ◆ Mark Whitehead (Cafe' friend)
- ◆ Doug Warren and family
- ◆ Andy Chermely (Alliman)
- ◆ Wayne and Lucille Peery
- ◆ John Stratton (Dora's brother)
- ◆ Ray Sammons & family Slouka)

*The complete Prayer List is updated live at [www.lumcm.com](http://www.lumcm.com)*

## Attendance

In-Person-80 On-line-3

## Giving for last Sunday

February 9th-\$2,611.00

## Total Giving for February

\$9,860.00

## Needed monthly

\$23,153.00

### Come Join the Choir!

Our Choir ministry meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm in the main sanctuary. This group enjoys plenty of fellowship and fun each week as they learn new music to help lead our Sunday worship. Even if you have never sung in a choir before you would be welcomed to participate. Joining a choir group is a great way to build relationships with others and to learn a new skill that can glorify God. If you have questions about our Choir ministry please contact Sue Hamilton at [sue@firstumcmadisonville.org](mailto:sue@firstumcmadisonville.org)

### Would you be interested in teaching a new adult class?

Throughout each season of the year we have various class opportunities for learning, fellowship, and growth as disciples of Jesus Christ. Pastor Chris has taught various seasonal opportunities, as well as a weekly Bible study that will continue in the spring. Marlee Tierce has been our Bible Fellowship leader for a couple of years and is actively teaching a class on the book *Light from Afar*. Reba Dopkins & Regina Warfel have been great leaders for our Sunday School class that will continue meeting on Sunday mornings in the spring. We will begin having new opportunities for classes beginning in the fall. If you are feeling led in this way or have questions please contact Rev. Chris Black at [cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org](mailto:cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org)

### Are you interested in joining our Church?

We are a faith community that is incredibly blessed with so many active members! We are also blessed because we have numerous folks who have been faithful as long-time visitors and some who have been wonderful short-term guests. If you are someone who is interested in learning more about what it means to join the church as a full member, please feel free to contact Rev. Chris Black at [cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org](mailto:cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org) or you can call/text him on his cell. We are so blessed to be such a vibrant and multifaceted community of Christian disciples!

### Have you visited the church library?

Our church library is called the **1st UMC Devotional Library**. This is a space in our church that is set aside where you can grow in your relationship with God through study, prayer and discussion with others. There are many theological and devotional resources in our stacks from several different generations, and we will be adding more commentaries & study resources for the congregation's use. Rev. Chris Black has also highlighted some books from our collection that have been formative for him personally so that you can read them too! We hope you will drop by and use our library as a quiet space to read, pray, reflect, and even research about our unique Christian faith and its scriptures.

Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent, even complicit with injustice and prejudice. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel.

We pray this now, for our sake, and for the sake of your world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(silence for personal confession)*

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Black

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Chris Black

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

HYMN

"Blessed Be The Name"

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Chris Black

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*(During this time we worship by the giving of our gifts and offerings for the work of the church in ministry and mission. For those who are watching online, you may mail your gifts to First United Methodist Church, PO Box 157, Madisonville, TN 37354 or go to [www.tithing.1umcm.com](http://www.tithing.1umcm.com))*

OFFERTORY

"Thy Word Is A Lamp"

Chancel Choir

✠ DOXOLOGY

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SCRIPTURE

Psalm 1

*L: The Word of God, for the People of God.*

*P: Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

"Planted By Streams of Living Water"

Rev. Chris Black

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"Wonderful Words of Life"

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✠ BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Surely The Presence of The Lord"

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✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

Serve the Lord this week where you are able!