

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Children are always welcome in worship and we embrace their presence, their joy and the fun things they often do & 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. All children who are ages 4-10 may participate in a children's church ministry called First Steps following the Children's Moment. They will enjoy a snack, an activity or craft, and a lesson based on the sermon text. Lastly, we have crayons and children's bulletins available in the gathering area for those who would like to be creative during worship.



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Scan the QR code to give electronically

Attendance Last Sunday

In-Person: 101 On-line: 36

Stewardship as of July 5th, 2026

Giving last week: \$6,855.00

Weekly budget need: \$5,723.00

Year-to-date giving: \$142,091.44

Year-to-date budget: \$154,521.00

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and faithfulness in supporting the ministry of our church.

Flowers: Open

Coffee Bar: Janet Tweed

Usher Team:

Ray Nelson and Ben Barger

Production Team:

Steve Tweed, Regina Warfel,
Carter Kennedy, Briley Williford and
Zander Liszeski

Pianist: Bev Taylor

Organist: Mary Alice Huff

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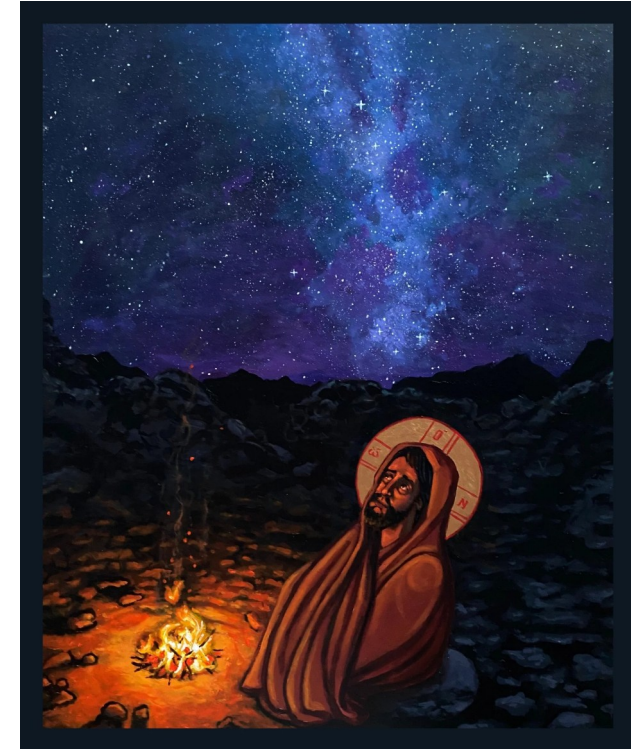
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First United Methodist Church

July 12, 2026

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



“Into the Wilderness: Praying Before the Next Step”

Luke 6: 12-16

Welcome! We pray that worship here at First United Methodist Church is a blessing for you, as your presence blesses us. Our mission here at FUMC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. If you would like to learn more about our church and its ministries you can find a copy of the church newsletter, welcoming brochures and devotionals in the gathering area. There are refreshments available at our coffee bar. Please fill out the clipboard at the end of your row to register your attendance and tell us a little more about you.

***“One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray,
and spent the night praying to God.”***

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 12, 2026

10:30AM

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Whether this is your 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

LeeAnne Strickland

(At this time please register your in-person attendance on the clipboard placed in each pew.)

INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE

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

TRINITY CHIMES

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP

“Make Me A Servant”

Screen

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: God's creation delights and astonishes.

P: Let the people pause and wonder!

L: God, the Creator, has made it all.

P: Let all creation shout and sing! Alleluia!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Is My Father’s World”

#144/Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

#881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

CONFESSION

Faithful God, your word falls on hardened ground when our worldly anxiety and attachment to wealth crowd out your place in our lives.

Forgive our frail and human ways and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness, for you are our hope for deliverance. Amen.

silence for personal confession

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Black

Sermon Notes

We hope you use this space for reflections,
and reminders from the sermon
or throughout the service.

Prayer Requests for 7/12/26

Requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks and
will be moved to our continuing prayer list at
1umcm.com.

- ◆ Sue and Dennis Cardarella and family
- ◆ Those affected by weekend storms
- ◆ Tara Stewart and family
- ◆ David Fancher and family
- ◆ Margie Perkins and family (Carolynn Greenwood's sister)
- ◆ Jill (Peters) Reeves and family
- ◆ Britney Williford and college friends involved in golf cart accident
- ◆ Rustie Stukey and Jim Richardson (Reba Dopkins' sister and nephew)
- ◆ Berta Watts and family (Nelson family)
- ◆ Kevin and Bev Taylor and family
- ◆ Bill Haas and family (Dopkins)
- ◆ Sue Kromhaut (Warfel friend)
- ◆ Angie Sutton and family (McKenzie)
- ◆ Selina Bryson and family (McKenzie)
- ◆ Kay Ashley and family (Wanda Barger's sister-in-law)
- ◆ Praise for Barbara Penland coming home from physical rehab
- ◆ Laney Thorne and Matthew (Nelson family)
- ◆ Mary Kefauver and family
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers

Vacation Bible School starts tonight!

We will have classes for little ones through adults. We are again teaming up with the Madisonville Presbyterian Church. We can't wait to see you all at 6:00 PM; bring your registration forms!

Bake Sale for our Sign of Faith Campaign!

The Bible Fellowship Class will be sponsoring a Bake Sale today both before and after worship in the gathering area. Please feel free to grab something fun/sweet for your week! All proceeds from the bake sale will go toward our new *A Sign of Faith* initiative for our new electronic sign.



The July Newsletter is now available!

Please feel free to pick up a print copy of the July Issue of "The Flame" newsletter in the gathering area. There are also digital copies of all newsletters and bulletins available on our website.

United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith are collecting school supplies. These supplies may be brought to Mission Alley at any time during the month. Students and teachers are welcome to take the supplies they need. The most requested supplies are Kleenex, loose-leaf paper and number two pencils. Cleaning wipes to sanitize tables/surfaces are also requested. For smaller children, boxes of large crayons or "jumbo" pencils are also requested. If teachers have other items to add to this list, contact Jill Alliman at 423-253-4455.

Scissor Collection for the Monroe County Back to School Bash!



Our church will be supporting the Monroe County School's Annual Back to School Bash on July 23rd with a kids scissor collection this month. Each year the *Back to School Bash* provides free essential school supply items to the first 500 kids who drop by. It is a wonderful event that provides many essentials for children in need in our area. If you are out shopping during the next few weeks, please feel free to pick up a pair (or two or three :-)) of scissors for a child to begin school with this year. Our church goal will be to offer 500 pairs of scissors! We hope you will participate in this fun July mission initiative.

Senior Fellowship Group

Please join us on Wednesday, July 22nd at 11:30 AM at Angela's Miami Grill in Athens. If you would like to carpool please be at FUMCs upper parking lot by 10:45 AM. Questions, call Regina Warfel at 219-964-8989.

Ignite Volunteer Sign Ups!

We are excited to begin making plans for our Ignite ministry this Fall. IGNITE is a children's ministry for K-5th graders that meets on most Wednesday evenings in the fall/spring from 6-7:30PM. This ministry has traditionally included a shared meal, Bible stories, games, crafts, {& more!} and is entirely volunteer driven. This means we need lots of volunteer help to make things run smoothly, and to provide great opportunities for our children to learn and grow. If you are interested in helping as a lead teacher or games, music, crafts, activity leader/assistant please sign up on the yellow sheet in the gathering area by the sanctuary doors.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 *"Praise Him, All Ye Little Children"* **Screen**

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.)

OFFERTORY **Lindsay Liszeski, Violinist**

✠ DOXOLOGY **#94**

SCRIPTURE *Luke 6: 12-16*
L: The Word of God, for the People of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"Into the Wilderness: Praying Before the Next Step"* **Rev. Chris Black**

✠ CLOSING HYMN *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"* **#496/Screen**

✠ BENEDICTION **Rev. Chris Black**

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE *"Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"* **Screen**

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

✠ POSTLUDE

~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~