

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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Attendance Last Sunday
In-Person: 102 On-line: 3
Sunday General Giving
\$2,778.00
Sunday Designated Giving
\$3,655.00
(Vanco Fees-General)
-\$1.02
Total Giving for July
\$15,363.15
Needed monthly
\$23,866.50

Flowers: Carolynn and Alfred Greenwood in Honor of their anniversary

Coffee Bar: Open

Lay Leader: Lee Anne Strickland

Usher Team:
Kevin Taylor and Alfred Greenwood

Production Team: Steve Tweed,
Regina Warfel, Carter Kennedy,
Briley Williford and Tate Sherrer

Pianist: Bev Taylor

Organist: Mary Alice Huff

Youth Ministry Leaders:
Jerry and Vanessa Barr

Rev. Chris Black
Pastor

Nikki Rutzen
Executive Assistant

Sue Hamilton
*Director of Congregational Care
& Choir Ministries*

Erin Strickland
First Steps Coordinator

First United Methodist Church

July 27, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Youth Sunday



“Rooted And Grounded In Love”

Ephesians 3:14-21

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 First United Methodist Church is to make discipleship 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 also refreshments available at our coffee bar. Please fill out the clipboard at the end of your pew to register your attendance and tell us a little more about yourself.

“...to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP
MISSION TRIP RECAP SUNDAY

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*

Entrance

PRELUDE *“Walk By Faith”* Alexander Pappas & Southland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Lee Anne Strickland**

(At this time please register your in-person attendance on the clipboard placed in each pew or if you are watching on-line register at www.1umcm.com)

INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE

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

TRINITY CHIMES

✠ SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP *“Our God Is An Awesome God”* **Screen**

Mission Trip 2025

MISSION TRIP TEAM 1 Briley Williford, Carter Kennedy,

Peter Alliman & Rick Rapking

THEME AND SCRIPTURE

Rooted and Grounded In Love

Ephesians 3:14-21

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *“Let’s Just Praise The Lord”* Screen

Prayers of The People

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.

Sermon Notes

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

Prayer Requests for 7/27/25

The printed requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks and then will be moved to our ongoing prayer list on our website.

- ◆ Stan Collett (health) and family (Veronica Venable's step-father)
 - ◆ Hayden
 - ◆ Chuck (upcoming heart surgery) and Kathy Isbill & family
 - ◆ Dolly (Bonnie Brown's neighbor)
 - ◆ Carlene Boswell (Linda Trout's mother)
 - ◆ Family of Dick Turner (just found out he passed away about a year ago)
 - ◆ Jim West and family (Jo West's son)
 - ◆ Janet Ruppel's friend Alene
 - ◆ Carolyn Sherrill (friend of Kat Ahart and Barbara Baiz)
 - ◆ Mark Ahart (knee replacement surgery on August 1) (Kat's brother)
 - ◆ Mark Stewart and family (Tara Stewart's father-in-law)
 - ◆ Kim Maxwell and family
 - ◆ Allan and Julia Reedy
 - ◆ Families in Texas
 - ◆ Monty Barger (health) and family (Ben's brother)
 - ◆ Quinn Strickland and family
 - ◆ Traveling mercies for Reba and Duane Dopkins
 - ◆ Jennifer Waller (health) and family
 - ◆ Joshua Stuckey and family (Huff)
 - ◆ Unspoken Prayers
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Blessing of the Backpacks Next Sunday!

Every year on the first Sunday in August, we ask our children and youth as well as our teachers and educators to bring your school backpacks/work bags to church with you for a special blessing as we all look forward to returning to school! The Blessing of the Backpacks has become a wonderful tradition at our church as we seek to remind our students and teachers that God is with them wherever they go, and that everything inside their backpacks can be a means to serve and bless our neighbors.

We hope you can join us!

Ignite! Volunteers Needed

We are excited to announce that our **IGNITE** program for K-5th grade children will begin on Wednesday night August 13th. This weekly children’s ministry will include a shared meal, music, Bible stories, games, crafts and more! Ignite meets from 6pm-7:30pm and begins in the Fellowship Hall.

In anticipation of Ignite this year we have identified some new needs for volunteers to help make this great ministry happen.

First, we are in need of a **lead teacher** to help teach one of our kid groups. If you are willing to do this, you would be joining a great teaching team alongside Veronica Venable, Carolynn Greenwood and Kim Townson.

Second, we need some folks who could help **assist our teachers** or be a second adult in our activities.

Lastly, we need a couple of folks to help **assist our music and games team** which includes Carol and Jennifer McKenzie and Charlie Wimmer. This is a great group that has lots of fun each week!

If you are interested in volunteering in any of the areas above, please contact the church office or let Pastor Chris know!

**August Sermon Series:
From Madisonville to Thessaloniki**

During the month of August Pastor Chris will offer a new 5 week sermon series on Paul’s two letters to the Thessalonian church. This series will take a look at how we can bridge who we are as disciples of Christ in modern day Madisonville with what Paul was trying to teach the ancient church at Thessaloniki. Chris will discuss many themes that you can apply to your faith life today. Please make plans to join us in worship for all five weeks of this unique series!

Join the Joyful Ringers...

Anyone interested in joining our growing group of Handbell Ringers, are invited regardless of age or experience. We meet downstairs in Classroom 1 at 2:00pm the second and fourth Sundays. Please contact Marlee Tierce for more information at mtierce@aol.com or text 678-525-0348 or call 423-884-2196.

New Pastor’s Bible Study in August!

Rev. Chris Black will once again host a home style Bible Study beginning on Wednesday, August 6th at 7PM in the fellowship hall. For this coming fall Chris will do a deep dive into Paul’s two letters to the Corinthian Church.

It doesn’t matter if you’re new to the Christian faith, or have studied the Bible for years you are welcome to be part of this unique study of 1st and 2nd Corinthians. If you have questions about the upcoming class please email Pastor Chris at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org.

A Big Thank you!!!

Our 2025 **ROAD TRIP** Vacation Bible School was a tremendous success! A huge thank you to all our volunteers who helped set up, tear down, teach, cook, lead games, run registration, shepherd children, make crafts, teach, host/MC, and run our technology in the sanctuary. A wonderful time was had by all and many of our children, youth, and adults learned a little more about God.

✠ HYMN OF MEDITATION “This Little Light of Mine” Screen

MISSION TRIP TEAM 2
CHILDREN’S MOMENT Dora Nelson, Jill Alliman,
Zander Liszeski, Mia Barr & Delilah Kennedy

Our Offerings

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION United Methodist Men

MISSION TRIP TEAM 3 Tyson Clements, Russ Grubb,
Nate Clements, Jon Grubb

OFFERTORY INVITATION Rev. Chris Black

OFFERTORY Mission Trip Video
(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)

✠ DOXOLOGY #94

The Message
Sharon Davis, Vanessa Barr
Rev. Chris Black

Sending Forth

✠ CLOSING HYMN “And They’ll Know We Are Christians” Screen

✠ BENEDICTION Rev. Chris Black

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE “And They’ll Know We Are Christians” Screen

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE “How You Do It” Influence Music & Anjin Teal

Serve the Lord this week where you are able!

Discovering Your Gifts

*As we seek to grow together in faith and ministry, we’re inviting every member to take a few minutes to fill out our **Gifts and Talents Survey** (pink sheet in today’s bulletin). This simple tool will help us better connect your passions and abilities with opportunities to serve in meaningful ways—both inside and outside the church walls. Please return your completed survey in the offering plate.*