

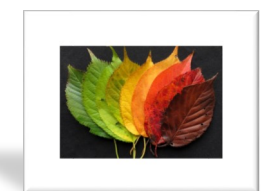


# THE FLAME

## From the Pastor's Study

October is here and it (finally) sort of feels like fall outside. We have endured about a week of (much needed) soggy conditions as we left September. Now, the weather is cooler, leaves are beginning to change, and all the “flavors” of the season are becoming more prominent (and I don’t just mean Pumpkin Spice). Whenever October rolls around, I am always reminded of bonfires, s’mores, harvesting, time with friends, camping out, pumpkins, watching sports, and of course, chili and cornbread. I love just about everything about this season, but honestly, my favorite part is how God’s creation changes so dramatically and vibrantly around us in the span of a month’s time. This season always causes me to pause a little more than usual to remember God’s presence in the act of creation, and God’s love for us as his beloved creation. In years past I have shared the prayer offered below in some of my fall reflections. It is one of my favorites! It is a prayer that naturally calls us to slow down, enjoy, and even savor all the transformations of this unique season, and to look for God in the midst of them. I hope you will join me in making this prayer a part of your devotional time this month.

See you around the church,  
Chris



### “A Fall Prayer”

*O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life. May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others. May the dying of summer’s spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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**Worship**  
Sunday’s  
10:30am-11:30am  
**Midweek Communion**  
Wednesday’s  
12:00pm-12:30pm  
**Wednesday nights**  
Choir Rehearsal  
6:00pm-7:00pm  
IGNITE Kids Ministry  
6:00pm-7:30pm  
United Methodist Youth  
6:00pm-8:00pm  
**Fellowship**  
Sunday’s  
10:00am Gathering Area  
**October 27th**  
Trunk or Treat  
5:30pm-7:30pm

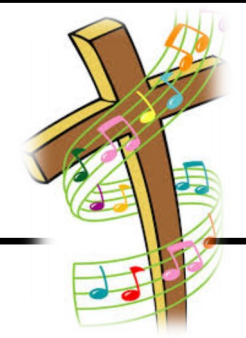
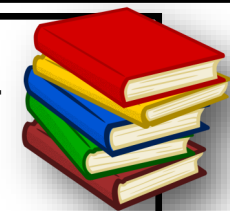
## Sue’s News

This is such an exciting time of the year for our church. We are back in rhythm after a very short breather during the summer. Our IGNITE group for children is going gangbusters with double digit attendance. Our youth group is going strong. Trunk or Treat will take place at the end of this month. It won’t be too long until we have our annual covered dish Thanksgiving meal. Our choir is already working on Christmas music. We are already making plans and setting dates for Advent & Christmas events and services. Our Sunday morning attendance is steadily increasing. Our small groups are meeting once again, and we hope to have more. Fall is such an exciting and energizing time of the year! We are so glad that you are a part of our fellowship, and we hope to see you at many of our upcoming events and services here at First United Methodist Madisonville!

-Sue

## Have you visited the church library lately?

Our church devotional library 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 and study resources for the congregation’s use in the future. 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.



## 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. They are already working on Christmas music! 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 or wish to join please contact Sue Hamilton at sue@firstumcmadisonville.org.

## Sign up to help with Community Café!

Our community café ministry meets every Tuesday evening at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall to serve a hot meal for anyone who comes through our doors. If you are interested in volunteering this fall as a cook, helper, server or would like to learn more about this wonderful ministry, please contact Dora Nelson.



## Ways To Give...

- ♦ Volunteering
- ♦ Monetary giving in Church
- ♦ Monetary giving online
- ♦ Donation of goods for church events
- ♦ Hurricane relief donations
- ♦ Leading Bible Studies

We Support Our Church By...

Our Gifts:

- Serving the community on Tuesday nights in the Community Café
- Serving the children in the various Children’s ministries
- Giving of lunches & essential items to the local homeless population

Our Presence:

- In church average for September-92
- At Community Events
- Helping with the hurricane relief



October 13th  
In memory of Faye & Kennard Watson from Kim Townson & Family

October 20th  
In honor of Alfred’s birthday from Carolynn Greenwood

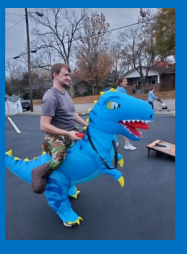
October 27th  
In Memory of Ted Hall & Janice Dopkins from Duane & Reba Dopkins



October 13th  
Gabi and Mike Tallent

October 20th  
OPEN

October 27th  
Carol McKenzie



On Sunday, October 27th, we will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event in our upper parking area. This event will be happening at the same time as other church events across Madisonville. We are planning on having games, a bonfire for s’mores, children’s crafts, and plenty of vehicle trunks open with goodies. We will also have hot dogs grilled by our very own Pastor Chris Black.

Our Trunk or Treat will begin at 5:00pm with the grill turning on at 4:30pm, and things will wrap up at about 7:30pm. To make this event as fun as possible we will need lots of vehicles and folks to give out candy. We are already beginning to give out parking spots for this event so if you are interested in providing a truck to give out candy please sign up on the orange sheet in the welcome center. We are so excited about this event and how it will welcome the community to our church family!

We Need Candy!

If you are not planning to attend, you can still participate by donating some candy for folks to hand out. There is a tote in the Welcome Center for your donations, as well as in the Church Office during normal business hours, Monday-Thursday, 9:00am to 2:00pm.

We Support Our Church By Our Prayers

Below are prayer requests for members and their families that were shared with the congregational care staff in September & early October.

- Bryan Beason and Family
- John and Judy Maiuri
- Corey Christopher (Bruce’s Son)
- Kat Ahart & Barbara Baiz
- Hurricane & Flood Victims in the Southeast
- Bishop Debra Wallace Padgett
- Conley Family
- Leamon Family (Lois Green)
- Doug Riddle (Patty Jones’ Brother)
- David and Mary Kefauver
- The Houvenagle Family
- Family of Curwood Witt
- Duane Dopkins
- Our church
- Wayne and Lucille Peery
- Betty Byrum Hicks
- Mary Margaret Mason
- Tara Stewart’s sister Laura and family
- Shirley Leverton (Larry Davis’s sister)
- Allen and Julia Reedy and Family
- Baby Thomas (Ray & Dora Nelson’s great grandson)
- Ray Sammons (Melanie Slouka’s brother)
- Unspoken Prayer Requests
- Our Military Personnel

Continued Prayers and Praise for our

- Choir Ministries
- Youth Ministry
- Community Cafe Ministry
- UWF (United Women in Faith)
- UMM (United Methodist Men)
- IGNITE Children’s Ministry
- Our Small group Ministries



Church Programming for October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7	8 Finance Comm. Meeting 6:00pm	9 Midweek Communion 12:00pm United Methodist Youth & Choir & Ignite 6:00pm	10	11 AA 5:30pm	12
13 United Methodist Men 8:30am	14 Trustees Meeting 6:30pm	15	16 Midweek Communion 12:00pm United Methodist Youth & Choir 6:00pm	17	18 AA 5:30pm	19
20 United Women in Faith 11:45am	21	22	23 Midweek Communion 12:00pm United Methodist Youth & Choir & Ignite 6:00pm	24	25 AA 5:30pm	26
27 Trunk or Treat 5:30pm	28	29	30 Midweek Communion 12:00pm United Methodist Youth & Choir & Ignite 6:00pm	31		