

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: 107 **On-line:** 35

Stewardship as of September 13, 2026

Giving last week: \$4,746.46

Weekly budget need: \$5,723.00

Year-To-Date giving: \$226,864.09

Year-To-Date budget: \$211,751.00

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

Flowers: Given by Mark and Debbe Higgins in honor of their 2nd anniversary

Coffee Bar: Open

Lay Leader: LeeAnne Strickland

Usher Team: Steve Cornett & Larry Sellers

Production Team: Steve Tweed, Regina Warfel, Carter Kennedy, Briley Williford & Zander Liszeski

Pianist: Bev Taylor

Organist: Mary Alice Huff

First Steps Helper: Adalay Rector

Youth Ministry Leaders:

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First United Methodist Church

September 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



“Love In Action”

1 John 3: 16-24

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.

***“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech
but with actions and in truth.”***

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 20, 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

“His Name Is Wonderful”

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✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

L: Whether we are long timers or latecomers in life of faith,

P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

L: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. We praise God's name forever and ever!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“How Can We Name A Love”

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✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From 1 Timothy

#889

✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

CONFESSION

Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin. We have complained in the face of your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice. We have not done your will. Teach us humility. Teach us gratitude. Infuse your spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

silence for personal confession

Nursery volunteers needed!

Please pray about joining our once-a-month rotation and helping care for our growing families. If you have questions or are interested, please see Abby or Pastor Chris. Thank you for considering this ministry!

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Sermon Notes

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

- ## Prayer Requests for 9/20/26

Requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks
and will be moved to our continuing prayer list

- ◆ Quinn Strickland (knee surgery recovery) and family
- ◆ Yael Chazes and family (health) (Briley Willford friend)
- ◆ Cooper Strickland (health) and family
- ◆ Meg Winans and family (husband moved to memory care facility (Chad Chester's cousin)
- ◆ April Oaks (health) (Penland family friend)
- ◆ Gary Hamilton (health) and family
- ◆ Cindy Gordon (health) (Higgins)
- ◆ Craig Miles (health) (Mertz neighbor)
- ◆ Lisa Wills and family (health) (Susan Sherrer's sister)
- ◆ Tate and Merritt Sherrer and family
- ◆ Prayers for mothers (Susan Pulliam)
- ◆ Tara Stewart and family
- ◆ Vanessa Barr's great niece-in-law (health) and family
- ◆ Sue Kromhaut (health) and family (Warfel)
- ◆ Gini Tallent (health) and family (Angela's daughter)
- ◆ Kris and Don Browder's son-in-law Rich Bouchard (health) and family
- ◆ Mary Kefauver and family
- ◆ John Maiuri and family
- ◆ Carolyn Peters and family
- ◆ Jill (Peters) Reeves and family
- ◆ Kevin and Bev Taylor and family
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers

Senior Fellowship Lunch

Join us this Wednesday, September 23rd at Gondolier in Athens at 11:30AM. If you would like to carpool meet in the upper parking lot by 10:30AM.

1st UMC Trunk or Treat Event on Sunday, October 25th!

First United Methodist of Madisonville will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat event in our upper parking area. This event will be happening at the same time as several 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 own Pastor Chris Black. It should be a fun event for all who participate or happen to walk by. Our Trunk or Treat will begin at about 5:00 PM, with the grill turning on at 4:30 PM, and things will wrap up at about 7:00 PM. To make this event as fun as possible we will need lots of cars (or SUV's, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, etc), candy and folks to give out candy. **We are already beginning to give our parking spots for this event so if you are interested in providing a trunk 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 could welcome the community to our church family!

Also...

We Need Candy!

If you are not planning to attend our Trunk or Treat you can still participate by donating some candy for folks to hand out. There will be a tote in the Welcome Center beginning next week for your donations, as well as in the Church Office during normal business hours, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.



UWF September Mission

Fresh Start has requested meal starters to help them cook daily meals at their shelter, such as Hamburger Helper and macaroni & cheese. They need shampoo and shower wash for their women's shelter.

Son Seekers Adult Bible Study

Son Seekers Bible Study meets at 9:30 AM in the Library for fellowship, prayer and reflecting on God's word. Reba Dopkins is the host and teacher of this class. This group always has a great time reflecting and applying God's word together. Please join us or reach out to Reba.

Come Join the Choir!

Our Choir ministry meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM in the 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 or wish to join please contact Sue Hamilton at sue@firstumcmadisonville.org

Are you interested in joining our Church?

We are a faith community that is incredibly blessed because we have 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 reach out to Pastor Chris by email cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org.

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

"Pass It On"

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CHILDRENS 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

✠ DOXOLOGY

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SCRIPTURE

1 John 3: 16-24

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Love In Action"

Rev. Chris Black

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"Take My Life And Let It Be"

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✠ BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Make Me A Servant"

Screen

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

✠ POSTLUDE

~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~