

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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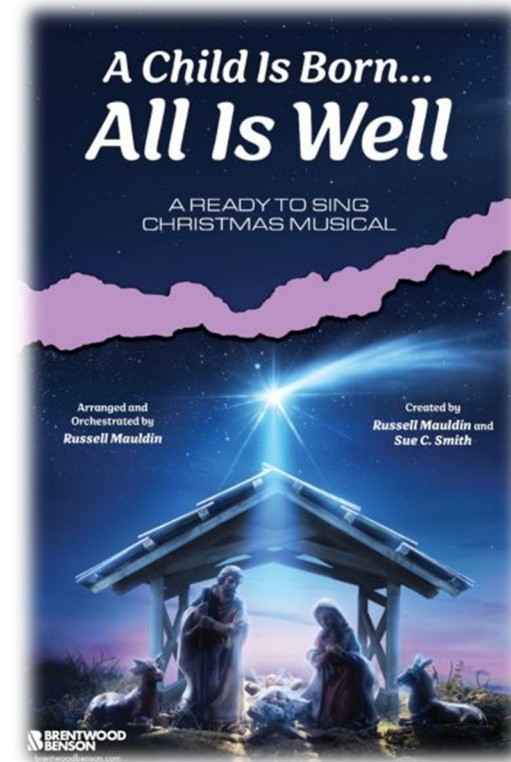
Attendance Last Sunday
In-Person: 100 On-line: 37
Sunday General Giving
\$3,310.00
Sunday Designated Giving
\$980.00
Total Giving for December
\$6,905.98
Needed monthly
\$23,866.50

Flowers: Advent
Coffee Bar: Janet Tweed
12/17 at 6:00PM:
Family Night Covered Dish Supper
Lay Leader: Lee Anne Strickland
Usher Team:
Steve Cornett and Gary Hamilton
Production Team: Steve Tweed,
Regina Warfel, Carter Kennedy and
Briley Williford
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

December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent (Joy)
Cantata Sunday



Luke 1: 46b-55

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 also 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.

***"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant"***

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

This Wednesday evening December 17th at 6PM we will come together as a church family for our annual Christmas covered dish dinner. Then all are invited to join us in the sanctuary for a brief, joy filled, funny, and exciting live nativity and our Ignite children will also sing! This event is always a fun intergenerational way to remember the powerful story of Christ's birth. We hope that every child & youth in our church will be a part of the program. Bring plenty of covered dishes for dinner and join us for this exciting evening.

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service

Christmas Eve worship at First UMC will be held at 7PM in our Sanctuary. We will have communion together and celebrate the birth of our Savior through song, scripture, sacrament, and light. We hope you can join us for this beautiful service of worship on one of the most holy nights of the Christian year.

December 28th is a fun & special Worship service

The first Sunday after Christmas, (which also happens to be the week leading to New Year's Eve) we want to invite you to join us for a casual and simple worship service at 10:30AM. We will be having a hymn sing where you get to choose what hymns we sing together. Near the end of our time together we will also have a moment to reflect on the previous year and the upcoming year via a Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Meditation. You are invited to join us to have a little fun, sing some great songs, and prepare our hearts to continue to adore Him in 2026!

Update on our latest Missions Project

Members of our church took some time this past Friday and Saturday to begin a large ramp building project for one of our families. The Leinart family (Ron, Becky and Karli) have a big need for a ramp due to a planned medical procedure for Ron at the end of the month. We now anticipate needing approximately \$1000 to complete this project. We currently have \$420 that has been given to support this project. If you would like to support this project through your gifts please indicate "Ramp Build" on your check or your offering envelope.

"Into the Bible" with Rev. Chris Black starts back up in January

Have you ever been intimidated by the Bible? Or felt that you didn't know where to start with reading or studying scripture? Have you ever wanted to go deeper and to learn more?

Beginning on Wednesday, January 7th at 7:00pm Rev. Chris Black is beginning a new Pastor's Bible Study Class that will help you approach the Bible with confidence. This class will meet in the fellowship hall and will be a homestyle Bible Study for all ages! Pastor Chris will offer an in-depth exploration of the gospel of Matthew, and then he will move into other areas of the scriptures. In the midst of our study the group will discuss some fundamental ways to engage with the Bible, so that you may apply it to your life today. It doesn't matter if you're new to the Christian faith, or have studied the Bible for years you are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions about the upcoming class please email Pastor Chris at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org.



CHILDREN TO 1ST STEPS

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

"Mary Did You Know"

Steve Tweed

CANTATA

"A Child Is Born...All is Well"

Arranged and Orchestrated by Russell Mauldin

Created by Russell Mauldin and Sue C. Smith

Conducted by Sue Hamilton

Performed by the Chancel Choir

"Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"

"Everything Changes Now"

"A Child Is Born Underscore"

"All Is Well"

"A Cradle In Bethlehem"

"Rejoice With Exceeding Great Joy"

"Manger Throne"

"Gloria Underscore"

*"Gloria (Our Savior Found Us)" **Reba Dopkins, soloist***

"Finale: Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"

✠ HYMN

"Joy To The World"

Screen

✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Black

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Screen

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~