

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: 4

Sunday General Giving

\$1900.00

Sunday Designated Giving

\$530.00

(Vanco Fees-General)

-\$1.02

Total Giving for August

\$19,185.67

Needed monthly

\$23,866.50

Flowers: In Honor of David and Mary Kefauver's 57th Anniversary

Coffee Bar: Gabi Tallent

Ignite/Youth Supper:

Carol McKenzie, Jennifer McKenzie & Peggy Wengert

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

August 31, 2025

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



"Steadfast To The End"

2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

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.

"He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 31, 2025

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

Lee Anne 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

“To God Be The Glory”
(vs. 1 & Chorus)

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✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: God calls us to service,

P: rather than honor.

L: God calls us to love the unknown,

P: rather than the familiar.

L: We come to this time of worship,

P: trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

L: who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glorious Is Thy Name”

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✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble.

We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength.

Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

silence for personal confession

Sermon Notes

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

Prayer Requests for 8/31/25

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

- ◆ Jannette Holt (health) and family (Strickland)
- ◆ Family of Mark McClung
- ◆ Dave Burns (friend of Don Browder)
- ◆ Sue Leibert (health) (Kris Browder's friend)
- ◆ Mary Alice Huff and family
- ◆ Brenda (surgery) and Gary Alford
- ◆ Rose (health) and Calvin Williams (Alford neighbors)
- ◆ Family of Kathey McDaniel (Sequoyah High School employee)
- ◆ Susie and Larry (car accident) (Tierce extended family)
- ◆ Fran (Trotter) Goddard (health) and family (grew up in our church)
- ◆ Praise for the birth of Tyllie Sage Beason
- ◆ Tate Sherrer and family
- ◆ Carolyn Peters and family
- ◆ Tara Stewart and family
- ◆ Dora Nelson and family
- ◆ Briley Williford's friend Caden (knee surgery)
- ◆ Kennedy (accident) (friend of our middle school youth)
- ◆ Dorothy Strickland (Dopkins' friend)
- ◆ Kris Kefauver (Mary and David's daughter-in-law and Josh's wife)
- ◆ Joshua Stuckey (health) and family (Huff)
- ◆ Pat Waddell and family (Megan Cavett's friends)
- ◆ Rustie Stuke (assisted living) (Reba Dopkins' sister) and her caregiver Jim Richardson (Reba's nephew)
- ◆ Anna Paquette (health) and family (Reba Dopkins' sister-in-law)
- ◆ Mark Fagg (recovering from surgery) and family (Robin Osborne's father)
- ◆ Chuck (recovering from heart surgery) and Kathy Isbill and family

Check Out Mission Alley!

Checkout the beautiful blue **Mission Alley** hallway! Mission Alley is meant to be a vibrant destination for missions collections, and an area where our church can celebrate our missional identity. In the coming weeks you will see some fun pictures on the walls from projects/trips that we have done in the past, as well as information about new opportunities for us to be in outreach. We will be doing different collections as we enter fall and winter, and we would encourage you to check out the ministry partners that are currently profiled in Mission Alley and make plans to contribute!

Bible Fellowship's Schedule

Bible fellowship's scheduled is as follows: Today, September 7th & 28th, October 5th & 26th, November 2nd, 9th & 23rd and December 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th. **They meet downstairs in the Youth Room after church.** The new study will be *The Class Meeting* by Kevin Watson, which is based on John Wesley's small group initiative that was a vital part of growing deeply and knowing Jesus fully. Please let Marlee know if you would like to join. Books are available.

Pastor's Bible Study

Join Rev. Chris Black for his home style Bible Study **every Wednesday night at 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.** Chris is doing 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. Questions...email Pastor Chris at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org.

FUMC is hosting a community-wide baby shower! Diapers needed!

On **Saturday, Sept. 27th from 10AM to 2PM** our church will be hosting a community-wide baby shower! This event is led by the Monroe County Health Council and the Monroe County Health Department along with many other community partners. There will be many opportunities at this event for families to learn, grow, and be celebrated. Our church has been asked to take the lead on a diaper drive for those parents who will be present at the event. Next time you are shopping we want to invite you to purchase some extra diapers (Newborn/Size 1) and drop them off in **Mission Alley**. This will be a great way for our church to show the love of God to some new young families!



Are you interested in joining our Church Family?

We are a faith community that is incredibly blessed because we have so many active members! However, 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 reach out to Pastor Chris by email cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org or you can call/text him on his cell. We are so blessed to be such a vibrant community of Christian disciples!

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Black

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

"When We All Get To Heaven"
(vs. 1, 3 & 4)

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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. For those who don't have a gift ready today, you may mail your gifts to First United Methodist Church, PO Box 157, Madisonville, TN 37354 or go to www.tithing.1umcm.com)

OFFERTORY

"How Firm A Foundation"

Chancel Choir

✠ DOXOLOGY

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SCRIPTURE

2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
L: The Word of God, for the People of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Steadfast To The End"

Rev. Chris Black

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus"

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✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Black

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Find Us Faithful"

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✠ TRINITY CHIMES

✠ POSTLUDE

Serve the Lord this week where you are able!