

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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Scan the QR code to give electronically

Attendance last Sunday

In-Person: 91 On-line: 69

Stewardship as of August 30, 2026

Giving last week: \$2,752.96

Weekly budget need: \$5,723.00

Year-To-Date giving: \$196,716.36

Year-To-Date budget: \$200,305.00

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

Flowers: Communion Sunday

Coffee Bar: Glenda Parker

Lay Leader: LeeAnne Strickland

Usher Team:

Steve Cornett and Larry Sellers

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

Pianist: Bev Taylor

Organist: Mary Alice Huff

First Steps Helper: Vanessa Bar

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First United Methodist Church

September 6, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Communion



“Walking In The Light”

1 John 1:1-2:2

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 pew to register your attendance and tell us a little more about you.

“God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 6, 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

“Praise The Name of Jesus”

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✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Look to the heavens!

P: They are shouting the glory of God.

L: The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

P: Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.

L: Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

P: Our Lord, our Rock, our Redeemer!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

"We Are Called To Be God's People"

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✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

#881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Black

PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Chris Black

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Our new design allows us to expand the newsletter in many wonderful ways. The September edition includes lots of fun things happening in and around the church in addition to a devotion from Rev. Chris Black, Sue's News and a reflection from Abby, our Children and Family Ministries Coordinator. There are also digital copies of all newsletters and bulletins available on our website 1umcm.com

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Sermon Notes

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

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Prayer Requests for 9/6/26

Requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks and
will be moved to our continuing prayer list at
1umcm.com

- ◆ Quinn Strickland (recovery) & family
- ◆ Bob Richardson (health) (Dopkins)
- ◆ Gary Hamilton (health) and family
- ◆ Diane Christopher (recovery) & family
- ◆ Craig Miles recent diagnosis and health issues (Mertz family)
- ◆ Lisa Wills and family (health) (Susan Sherrer's sister)
- ◆ Tate and Merritt Sherrer and family
- ◆ Ed Ruppel and family
- ◆ Cindy Stamey and family (Johnson)
- ◆ Tara Stewart and family
- ◆ Mary Humphries' friend (baby in NICU) and family of the baby who passed away
- ◆ Praise that Corey Humphries' grandfather Alvin recovering from successful cancer surgery
- ◆ Sarah Tweed (bicycle trip in Italy)
- ◆ Vanessa Barr's great niece-in-law (health) and family
- ◆ Family of Danny Green
- ◆ Sue Kromhaut and family (Warfel)
- ◆ Family of Janice Grimm (Rose)
- ◆ Brenda Leslie (health) and family (Kevin Taylor's sister)
- ◆ Gini Tallent (health) and family (Angela's daughter)
- ◆ Rosemary Cheek and family
- ◆ Patty Jones' mother (health) & family
- ◆ Browder's son-in-law Rich Bouchard (health) and family
- ◆ Scott Venable (recovery) and family
- ◆ Mary Kefauver and family
- ◆ John Maiuri and family
- ◆ Gary Cloud and family (Green)
- ◆ Carolyn Peters and family
- ◆ Jill (Peters) Reeves and family
- ◆ Kevin and Bev Taylor and family
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers



**Church office closed
Monday for Labor Day**
The church office will be
closed tomorrow
**Monday, September 7th in honor of
Labor Day.**

Postcard Project for Kids & Families

On your way out today, stop by the foyer and let your child pick up one of our **pre-stamped Kids' Postcards**. After service, kids can **draw a picture or write one thing they learned** in church. Then, with a parent's help, drop it in the mail to someone who might need a little encouragement—or even an invitation to join you next Sunday. It's a simple way for kids to share God's love, practice gratitude, and brighten someone's day.

TWU Dental Clinic

The Dental Clinic will be at FUMC on **Wednesday, September 16th from 10AM-2PM**. Dental cleanings will be provided free by *appointment only*. Adults and children are welcome to schedule cleaning appointments by calling 423-252-1475. Tennessee Wesleyan Dental Hygiene program and their mobile clinic will provide services under the direction of Dr. Randa Colbert and local dentists led by Dr. James Dash, DDS. Participants receive free dental cleanings and exams.

Senior Fellowship Lunch

Join us **Wednesday, September 23rd at Gondolier in Athens** at 11:30AM. If you would like to carpool meet in the FUMC upper parking lot by 10:30AM. See Regina Warfel with any questions.

New Sermon Series continues through September-Way of Love

Every Sunday in September, we will journey through the First Letter of John in a four-week sermon series exploring what it means to live as Wesleyan followers of Jesus. Drawing on themes that were central to our United Methodist founder John Wesley's preaching, we will consider grace, holiness, Christian love, and the transforming power of God's presence in our lives. Together, we will discover that faith is more than what we believe—it is a life of love that changes us and sends us into the world. We hope you will join us each Sunday in September as we seek to walk in the light, grow in holiness, and experience the perfect love of God.

Our Adult Bible Study returns!

Next Sunday, **September 6th** one of our longtime adult studies is returning after a summer break. They will be meeting at 9:30AM 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.

The September Newsletter is now available!

Please feel free to pick up a print copy of the September Issue of "The Flame" newsletter in the gathering area. This new edition looks a little "different" than previous editions because it has been reformatted due to Microsoft Publisher going dark in October 2026.

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 1:1-2:2

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Walking In The Light"

Rev. Chris Black

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

CONFESSION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

✠ CLOSING HYMN

***"Trust And Obey"* (v. 1 & 3)**

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✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Black

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Trust And Obey"

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✠ TRINITY CHIMES

✠ POSTLUDE

~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~