

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

**Sunday, November 17, 2024**  
9:30am-10:15am Adult Sunday School  
Library  
10:30am-11:30am Worship Service  
Sanctuary  
11:45am-1:15pm United Women in Faith  
Conference Room

**Tuesday, November 19, 2024**  
5:00pm-6:00pm Community Café  
Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, November 20, 2024**  
12:00pm-12:30pm Midweek Communion  
Sanctuary  
6:00pm-7:00pm Thanksgiving Covered  
Dish Dinner  
Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, November 20, 2024 cont'd**  
6:00pm-7:30pm Ignite Kid's Ministry  
Fellowship Hall/Classroom  
6:00pm-8:00pm United Methodist Youth  
Fellowship Hall/Youth Room  
7:00pm-7:30pm Choir Rehearsal  
Sanctuary

**Friday, November 22, 2024**  
5:30pm-6:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous  
Community Room

**Sunday, November 24, 2024**  
9:30am-10:15am Adult Bible Sunday  
Library  
10:30am-11:30am Worship Service  
Sanctuary

**Coffee Bar is provided by:**  
Kris and Donnie Browder

**Ignite/Youth Supper:**  
Thanksgiving Covered Dish Dinner

**Altar Flowers:**  
In memory of our parents by  
Gabi and Mike Tallent



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First United Methodist Church  
November 17th, 2024  
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28)



“Sowing For A Good Crop...”  
Luke 8: 5-15

*Welcome! We pray that worship here at First United Methodist is a blessing for you, as your presence blesses us. The Church newsletter, brochures, devotionals, and refreshments are available in the gathering area. Children are **always welcome** in worship, and we embrace their presence, their joy, and the fun things they often do and say as we worship God. In the welcoming area we have crayons and children's bulletins available. Please fill out the clipboard at the end of your row to register your attendance and tell us a little more about you.*

**“This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!”**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**November 17, 2024** **10:30AM**

*We are glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Whether this is your “usual” church home or the first time that you have entered our doors, we extend a warm welcome to you.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** **Lee Anne Strickland**  
*(At this time please register your in-person attendance on the clipboards placed on each pew or if you are watching on-line register at [www.1umcm.com](http://www.1umcm.com))*

**INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE**  
*“May the Peace of Christ be with you....and also with you.”*

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP** *“Let’s Just Praise The Lord”* **Screen**

**✠ WORDS OF INVITATION**

L: Sing Praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;  
**P: let us sing God’s praises throughout all the earth.**  
L: Shout aloud and sing for joy,  
**P: from the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.**  
L: Shout aloud and sing for joy,  
**P: from the tiniest creatures, to the greatest herds.**  
L: Shout aloud and sing for joy,  
**P: in the midst of our joys and our sorrows.**  
**P: Shout aloud and sing for joy, as we come to worship the God of all creation!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *“To God Be The Glory”* **Screen**

**✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles’ Creed* **UMH 881**

**✠ GLORIA PATRI** **#70**

**CONFESSION**  
L: Just as the prophet Isaiah assured God’s people so many years ago he assures us now that God is our salvation. It is because of that confidence, because of that promise, that we dare approach God with our confession.  
**P: God of peace we confess we are a people of fear. We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights. We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension. We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid. Forgive us, O God. Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs, and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you. Amen.**  
*(silence for personal confession)*

*New Prayer Requests*

- Beth Nelson and family (Hamilton)
- The family of Mary Margaret Mason
- Cheyenne Cruz and family
- Families and friends of 2 MTSU students who have passed away
- The family of Luke William Marshall
- The family of Darrah Wiseman
- Ruby Livingston and family
- Strickland family
- Allan and Julia Reedy & family (Floyd)
- Ann Byers (Jan Johnson’s sister)
- All those affected by weather events
- John and Judy Maiuri
- Armida Conley and family

*Continuing Prayer Requests*

- Kyle & family (Slouka)
- The Kefauver family
- Pat Rapking and family
- Helga Bulger and family of Ronald McNinch (Ruppel)
- Doug Riddle (Williford/Jones)
- Regina Moore (Penland)
- Kayla Couch and family
- Dennis Miller (Hamilton)
- Beason family
- Kellie Noe (Tierce)
- Daniel Ragan (Ahart)
- Jack and Janie Thomas (Hamilton)
- Gerald Picklesimer (Rapking)
- Krista Crabtree (McConkey)
- Michael Benlardy (Christopher)
- Mark Whitehead (Cafe’ friend)
- Robert Mitchell (Nelson)
- Tara Stewart’s sister Laura and family
- Leamon family (Green)
- Houvenagle family
- Doug Warren and family
- Andy Chermely (Alliman)
- Bev and Allan Potts (Dopkins)
- Shirley Leverton (Davis’)

- Kenneth Gann & wife (Greenwood/Gibson)
  - Johnny Pickens (Davis)
  - Betty Byrum Hicks and family
  - Wayne and Lucille Peery
  - Baby Thomas & family (Nelson’s great grandson)
  - John Stratton (Dora’s brother)
  - Ray Sammons & family (Slouka)
- The complete Prayer List is updated live at [www.1umcm.com](http://www.1umcm.com)*

*Attendance*  
In-Person-100    On-line-1

*Giving last Sunday*  
November 10th-\$5,645.00

*Giving Total for November*  
\$10,686.00

*Needed monthly*  
\$23,153.00

- Memorial Donations*
- ♦ Many donations made in Memory of Curwood Witt
  - ♦ Many donations made in Honor of Barbara Penland
  - ♦ Many donations made in Memory of Mary Margaret Mason



*The Moving Forward Stewardship Campaign comes to an end...*

In November, during our worship time, we have had an emphasis on the power of stewardship. In the midst of this we have looked ahead to our ministries in 2025. This unique financial campaign has been coupled with a sermon series from Rev. Chris Black that will have a special focus on what it means to equip our vision for our church and to make it a reality. The financial stewardship campaign is titled, “*Moving Forward.*” This title was chosen because our goal is not merely to maintain our ministries. We desire for God to lead us into the future, which means strengthening current programs and beginning new ministries that connect people to Jesus Christ. We believe the Holy Spirit is calling us to make a difference in the Madisonville community in 2025 and beyond. Our campaign began 2 weeks ago and culminates today in a commitment moment during worship. There are 4 wonderful resources available in the gathering area if you want to learn more. If you don’t make a “pledge” or a “2025 commitment” today, you may still turn it in to the office or in the offering plate until December 1st.

*Advent Study of Almost Christmas*

The authors of this four week study, beginning December 1st, draw on scriptures and the writings of John and Charles Wesley as they consider God’s gifts of the traditional themes of Advent: peace, hope, love, and joy. Bible Fellowship invites you to join us each Sunday through Advent. We meet after church in the Youth Room for lunch, lessons & fellowship. Contact Marlee for a book.

*UWF collecting new relief items*

Our United Women in Faith are collecting a new set of Hygiene Kits for the Hiwassee District. These will go to meet immediate/ongoing needs in areas that were the hardest hit by recent hurricane flooding. The items that make up the “Menstrual Hygiene Kits” are valued at approximately \$24.00 per kit. All completed kits will be collected in the UWF tote in the gathering area. **These kits will be collected until today.**

*Advent is coming!*

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 1st this year. Followers of Jesus often use the days leading up to Christmas to celebrate and prepare for the coming of Christ. Our congregation will mark the 4 weeks in Advent leading up to the Christmas season in some very rich, unique and fun ways both on Sundays & throughout the week. Please be on the lookout for all the ways we will be preparing as a community to celebrate the birth of our Savior. The last Sunday of the liturgical year is “Reign of Christ” Sunday, November 24.

*Let’s Eat Together!*

On Wednesday, November 20th we will be having a covered dish dinner at 6:00pm to celebrate Thanksgiving. This will be a time to gather as a church family, share a meal, and be in fellowship with one another. Bring a dish or two of food to share. Pastor Chris may be bringing a ham or smoking a turkey to share. This dinner should be a wonderful time to be together and offer thanksgiving as a community. Choir practice will be at 7:00pm; this is the dinner for Ignite and Youth Group.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS		Rev. Chris Black
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Chris Black
THE LORD’S PRAYER	<i>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.</i>	
HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>“Wonderful Words of Life”</i>	#600/Screen
CHILDREN’S MOMENT		Rev. Chris Black
INVITATION TO OFFERING	<i>(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 are watching online, you may mail your gifts to First United Methodist Church, PO Box 157, Madisonville, TN 37354 or <a href="http://www.tithing.1umcm.com">www.tithing.1umcm.com</a> for directions &amp; other options)</i>	
OFFERTORY	<i>“Bringing In The Sheaves”</i>	Chancel Choir/Screen
DOXOLOGY		#94
SCRIPTURE	Luke 8: 5-15 <i>L: The Word of God, for the People of God.</i> <i>P: Thanks be to God.</i>	
SERMON	<i>“Sowing For A Good Crop...”</i>	Rev. Chris Black
✠ CLOSING HYMN	<i>“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”</i>	#664/Screen
✠ BENEDICTION		
✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE	<i>“Make Me A Servant”</i>	Screen
✠ TRINITY CHIMES		
POSTLUDE	✠ <i>Please stand as you are able.</i> <i>Serve the Lord this week where you are able!</i>	