

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: 90 On-line: 2
Sunday General Giving
\$4,523.00
Sunday Designated Giving
\$1,205.00
(Vanco Fees-General)
-\$13.65
Total Giving for August
\$13,887.35
Needed monthly
\$23,866.50

Flowers: In Honor of Margaret and Chad Chester's 49th Wedding Anniversary

Coffee Bar: Glenda Parker

Ignite/Youth Supper:
Janet Tweed, Regina Warfel and Angela Tallent

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 17, 2025
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



“Awake and Ready”

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

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.

“For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 17, 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

“Stand Up And Bless The Lord” #662/Screen

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: God gives justice to the weak and the orphan;
God rescues the weak and needy.

P: Blessed be the one, holy and living God, now and forever.

L: Mindful of the gifts we receive and confident of the sustenance the Lord provides, let us worship God.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

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✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Affirmation from Romans 8

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✠ GLORIA PATRI

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CONFESSION

God of goodness and truth, we have failed to seek after your wisdom and have followed paths of the world that have led away from you. Forgive our foolish ways, and lead us in your truth, that we may live in the fullness of life as you intend through Christ our Lord. Amen.

silence for personal confession

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Black

Sermon Notes

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

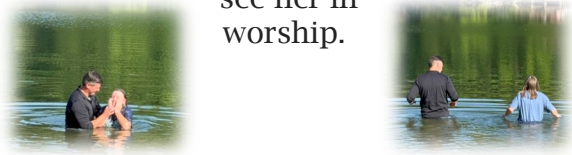
Prayer Requests for 8/17/25

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

- ◆ Carrie Robbins (Janet Tweed's mother)
- ◆ Rev. Jerry Downs
- ◆ Praise for the baptism of Haley Derby
- ◆ Prayers for all of our children and young adults returning to school
- ◆ Joshua Stuckey (health) and family (Huff)
- ◆ Family of Jennifer Waller
- ◆ Jackson Watson (8th grade friend of our youth)
- ◆ Pat Waddell and family (Megan Cavett's friends)
- ◆ Rustie Stuke (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)
- ◆ Kathy McDaniel
- ◆ Katie and Jerold Baum (death of their 19 month old son) and family (extended Greenwood family)
- ◆ Vicki (health) and Chuck Grover (recovering from surgery) and family (Nikki Rutzen's parents)
- ◆ The family of Monty Barger (Ben's brother)
- ◆ Chuck (recovering from heart surgery) and Kathy Isbill and family
- ◆ Carlene Boswell (Linda Trout's mother)
- ◆ Mark Ahart (knee replacement surgery) (Kat's brother)
- ◆ Allan (Floyd's son) and Julia Reedy
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers

Celebrating another baptism!

We celebrate that one of our youth, Hayley Derby, was baptized at Laurel Lake on August 6th and joined the church as a professing member. We are so excited for her and praise God that she has taken this step in her faith life. We hope that you will welcome Hayley to our church in your own way if you see her in worship.



Bible Fellowship

Bible fellowship's new bible study started last Sunday. They meet downstairs in the Youth Room after church. The new study is *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 Tierce 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 Conference Room. 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. If you have questions about the upcoming class, please email Pastor Chris at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org.

We celebrate First UMC hosting community groups

In the last month First United Methodist Church has been thrilled to host several events with the Monroe County Health Council and leaders from our community including a Transportation Summit, a behavioral health Summit, and a planning team from the health department who are working on a community-wide baby shower. First UMC has always found itself as a crossroads in downtown Madisonville, and at a crossroads of sending and serving people.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church has asked us to join forces and offer sign-up times for their ARC Blood drive this Thursday, August 21st from 1:00PM-6:00PM in their Fellowship Hall. Appointments are still available, please see Nikki in the church office.

Mark Your Calendars!

Family Night Supper will be on Wednesday, August 27th at 6:00PM in the fellowship hall and we want to invite you to bring your favorite summer dish! This could be casseroles, vegetables, fruit, bread, meatloaf, chicken, etc. We can't wait to be in fellowship with you!



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

"Amazing Grace"
(vs. 1-4 & 6)

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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

"Heaven Medley"

Chancel Choir

✠ DOXOLOGY

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SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11
L: The Word of God, for the People of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Awake and Ready"

Rev. Chris Black

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"Sing With All The Saints In Glory"

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✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Black

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"When We All Get To Heaven"

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✠ TRINITY CHIMES

✠ POSTLUDE

Serve the Lord this week where you are able!