

## 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: 117 On-line: 29

## Stewardship as of July 12th, 2026

Giving last week: \$7,051.48

Weekly budget need: \$5,723.00

Year-to-date giving: \$149,142.92

Year-to-date budget: \$154,521.00

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

**Flowers:** Given by Gary and Brenda Alford in memory of Brenda's late parents Walter and Clarann Mathesius in honor of what would have been their 70th Anniversary

**Coffee Bar:** Open

**Usher Team:** Ray Nelson and Ben Barger

**Production Team:**

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

**Pianist:** Bev Taylor

**Organist:** Mary Alice Huff

**Youth Ministry Leaders:**

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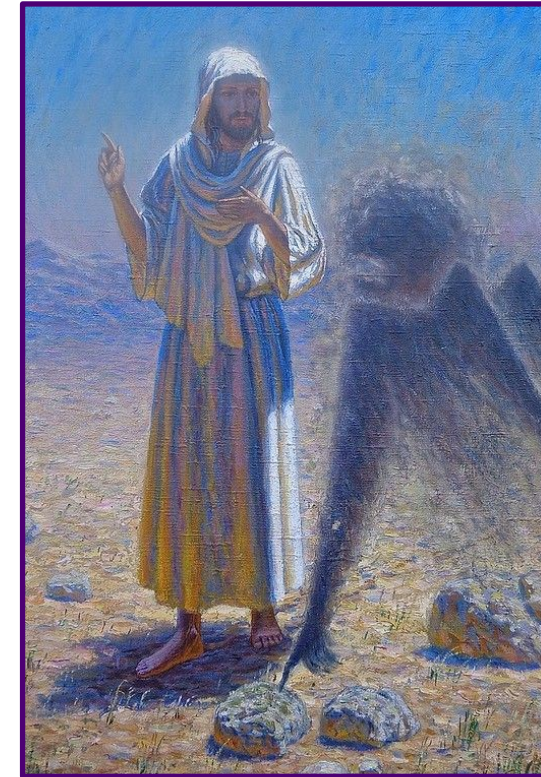
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# First United Methodist Church

## July 19, 2026

### *Eighth Sunday After Pentecost*



## “Armed For The Wilderness”

### *Matthew 4: 1-11*

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

**“... ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 19, 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

## *“Hosanna”*

# Joyful Ringers Bell Choir

## 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

## *“Let’s Just Praise The Lord”*

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## ✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: People of God, let us gather to worship and praise God's name.

**P: I give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart. I will glorify your name forever!**

L: For great is your steadfast love for me.

**P: You have delivered my soul from the depths.**

L: God says, “Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go.”

**P: Let us worship the Lord together now.**

## ✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Praise The Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”*

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## ✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

## From 1 Corinthians and Colossians

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✠ GLORIA PATRI

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## CONFESSION

**Merciful God, your creatures cry-creation groans-but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young, we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. 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 7/19/26

Requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks and will be moved to our continuing prayer list at [lumcm.com](http://lumcm.com).

- ◆ Sue and Dennis Cardarella and family
- ◆ Ronnie Gay and family (Veronica Venable's father)
- ◆ Brooke Kennedy and family
- ◆ Family of Joshua Stuckey (Huff)
- ◆ Carolyn Peters and family
- ◆ Praise for the Barr family in the adoption of their new son and brother Drake
- ◆ Praise for the great turnout on Saturday for the Sequoyah High School Football Booster Club's pancake breakfast held at our church
- ◆ Bill (health) and Brenda Stenson and family (Nelson friends)
- ◆ Martha Marshall (health) and family (Community Cafe' friend)
- ◆ Tara Stewart and family
- ◆ Chad Chester (follow-up scope this week) and family
- ◆ David Fancher and family
- ◆ Margie Perkins and family (Carolynn Greenwood's sister)
- ◆ Jill (Peters) Reeves and family
- ◆ Rustie Stukey and Jim Richardson (Reba Dopkins' sister and nephew)
- ◆ Berta Watts and family (Nelson family)
- ◆ Kevin and Bev Taylor and family
- ◆ Bill Haas and family (Dopkins friends)
- ◆ Sue Kromhaut (Warfel friend)
- ◆ Angie Sutton and family (McKenzie)
- ◆ Selina Bryson and family (McKenzie)
- ◆ Kay Ashley and family (Wanda Barger's sister-in-law)
- ◆ Barbara Penland and family
- ◆ Mary Kefauver and family
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers

### United Women in Faith

UWF is collecting school supplies. These supplies may be brought to Mission Alley at any time. Students and teachers are welcome to take the supplies they need. The most requested supplies are Kleenex, loose-leaf paper and number two pencils. Cleaning wipes to sanitize tables/surfaces are also requested. For smaller children, boxes of large crayons or "jumbo" pencils are also requested.



### Scissor Collection for the Monroe County Back to School Bash!

Our church will be supporting the Monroe County School's Annual Back to School Bash on July 23rd with a **kids scissor collection** this month.

Each year the *Back to School Bash* provides free essential school supply items to the first 500 kids who drop by. It is a wonderful event that provides many essentials for children in need in our area. If you are out shopping during the next few weeks, please feel free to pick up a pair of scissors for a child to begin school with this year. Our church goal will be to offer 500 pairs of scissors! We hope you will participate in this fun July mission initiative.

### Ignite Volunteer Sign Ups!

We are excited to begin making plans for our Ignite ministry this Fall. IGNITE is a children's ministry for K-5th graders that meets on most Wednesday evenings in the fall/spring from 6-7:30PM. This ministry has traditionally included a shared meal, Bible stories, games, crafts and is entirely volunteer driven. This means we need lots of volunteer help to make things run smoothly, and to provide great opportunities for our children to learn

and grow. If you are interested in helping as a lead teacher or games, music, crafts, activity leader/assistant please **sign up on the yellow sheet** in the gathering area by the sanctuary doors.

### Coffee Bar Ministry

Our coffee bar is a warm way to welcome people into our fellowship and worship time each Sunday. The church provides juice, coffee, creamers, and all paper products. Janet Tweed takes care of the table decorations and stocking supplies. We ask for volunteers to take turns providing simple finger-food items. Cookies and donuts are always popular! Set up and clean up are part of volunteering.



If you have questions, please talk to Janet Tweed. Asking does not commit you to help!

If you do decide to participate, there is a sign-up sheet on a clip board at the coffee bar. There is also a sheet of written information about the tasks involved that you could take. We invite you to participate in this ministry.

### Senior Fellowship Group

Please join us on **Wednesday, July 22nd at 11:30 AM at Angela's Miami Grill in Athens**. If you would like to carpool please be at FUMCs upper parking lot by 10:45 AM. Questions, call Regina Warfel at 219-964-8989.

### Church Council Meeting Next Sunday

There will be a brief Church Council Meeting next Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup> right after worship. Pastor Chris will be sharing his mid-year state of the church report, with the council and any/all who are present with us. We hope you will join us!

### SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

United Women in Faith &  
United Methodist Men

### 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

"Seek Ye First"

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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.)

### OFFERTORY

"Ash Grove"

Joyful Ringers Bell Choir

### ✠ DOXOLOGY

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### SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 4: 1-11**

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

P: Thanks be to God.

### SERMON

"Armed For The Wilderness"

Rev. Chris Black

### ✠ CLOSING HYMN

"Take Time To Be Holy"

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### ✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Black

### ✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

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### ✠ TRINITY CHIMES

### ✠ POSTLUDE

*~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~*