

**THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH...**

**Sunday, February 2, 2025**

9:30am-10:15am Adult Sunday School  
Library  
10:30am-11:30am Worship Service  
Sanctuary  
11:45am-1:15pm Bible Fellowship  
Youth Room

**Monday, February 3, 2025**

9:00am-1:00pm Soar Program  
Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, February 4, 2025**

5:00pm-6:00pm Community Café  
Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, February 5, 2025**

12:00pm-12:30pm Midweek Communion  
Sanctuary  
6:00pm-7:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
Sanctuary

**Wednesday, February 5, 2025 cont'd.**

6:00pm-7:30pm Ignite Kid's Ministry  
FH/Classroom  
6:00pm-8:00pm United Methodist Youth  
FH/Youth Room  
7:00pm-8:00pm *Into The Bible* Study  
Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, February 6, 2025**

6:00pm-8:00pm Girl Scout Meeting  
Fellowship Hall

**Friday, February 7, 2025**

5:30pm-6:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous  
Community Room

**Sunday, February 9, 2025**

9:30am-10:15am Adult Sunday School  
Library  
10:30am-11:30am Worship Service  
Sanctuary  
11:45am-1:15pm Bible Fellowship  
Youth Room

Flowers given by  
Communion Sunday  
Coffee Bar provided by  
Janet Tweed

Ignite/Youth Supper for 2/5/25  
Lee Anne Strickland, Whitney Grubb  
and Janet Ruppel



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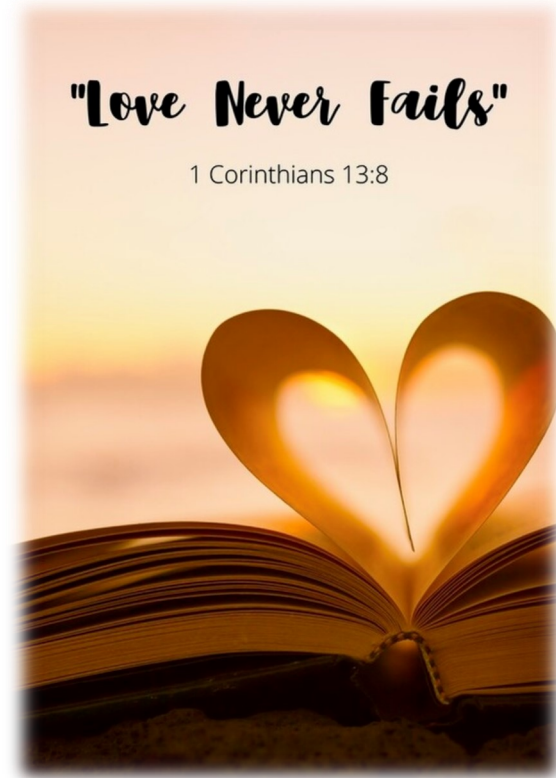
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# First United Methodist Church

February 2, 2025

*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

*Communion*



**"Love Never Fails"**

1 Corinthians 13:8

## 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

*Welcome! We pray that worship here at First United Methodist is a blessing for you, as your presence blesses us. The Church newsletter, welcoming 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. 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. Lastly, we have crayons and children's bulletins available that go with some of today's worship themes. 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

**February 2, 2025**

**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.*

✠ *Please stand as you are able*

## 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

*"Bind Us Together"*

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## ✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Our hope is in God all of our lives.

**P: God is a rock of refuge: a fortress against threat and shame.**

L: God has held us since our birth.

**P: So we are never in full grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

L: In love, God saves and supports us.

**P: Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

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## ✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

## ✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

## PRAYERS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**Rev. Chris Black**

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

**Rev. Chris Black**

## New Prayer Requests

- ◆ Jan Johnson and family
- ◆ Bob Fink (surgery) and family
- ◆ Diane Boit
- ◆ Kefauver family
- ◆ Joshua Stuckey (Huff)
- ◆ Pat Waddell and family (Cavett)
- ◆ Kingsley's sons retirement from the military & in the death of their son-in-law's father
- ◆ Michael Stephens and Merle Pearson
- ◆ Joe Cafarelli (Maiuri)
- ◆ Conlie Rasnake
- ◆ Camille Williams (Tierce)
- ◆ Chad Brackett and family (Barr)
- ◆ Family of Noah Grave's father (Tallent)
- ◆ Ruppel's cousin Karen and her husband
- ◆ Ben and Wanda Barger
- ◆ Liszeski's friend Sam
- ◆ Kayla Couch and family
- ◆ D. J. (Larson)
- ◆ Sharon Benton and family
- ◆ Lois Green and the Leamon family

## Continuing Prayer Requests

- ◆ Kyle & family (Slouka)
- ◆ Philip DeGeoff (Pyros)
- ◆ Griffin Pennington
- ◆ Matthew Slouka
- ◆ Family of Joseph Certo (Conley)
- ◆ Betty Byrum Hicks and family
- ◆ Family of London McKeehan
- ◆ Angie Aiken and family
- ◆ Jerry Barr and family
- ◆ Charlie Alexander and family (Hibbert)
- ◆ Doug Riddle (Jones' brother)
- ◆ Mary and Tony Nelson
- ◆ Helga Bulger & family of Lynn (Ruppel)
- ◆ Judy and John Maiuri
- ◆ Kim (Larson friend)
- ◆ Dalton Duckett (Sequoyah student)
- ◆ Carol Rapking's sister Theresa
- ◆ Allan and Bev Potts (Dopkins)

- ◆ Conley family
- ◆ Susan Pulliam's missionary friend
- ◆ Shay Farnsworth
- ◆ Kat Ahart and Barbara Baiz
- ◆ Ken Hibbert and family (Wes' brother)
- ◆ Valerie Stratton (Nelson)
- ◆ Ruby Levinson and family
- ◆ Allan and Julia Reedy & family
- ◆ Regina Moore (Penland)
- ◆ Jack and Janie Thomas (Hamilton)
- ◆ Gerald Picklesimer (Rapking)
- ◆ Doug Warren and family
- ◆ Andy Chermely (Alliman)
- ◆ Tara Stewart's sister Laura and family
- ◆ Wayne and Lucille Peery
- ◆ John Stratton (Dora's brother)
- ◆ Ray Sammons & family (Slouka)
- ◆ Mark Whitehead (Community Café)

*The complete Prayer List is updated live at [www.1umcm.com](http://www.1umcm.com)*

## Attendance

In-Person-87

On-line-5

Resurrection-18

## Giving for last Sunday

January 26th-\$2,221.00

## Total Giving for January

\$13,782.35

## Needed monthly

\$23,153.00

*The bud vase this morning is to honor Baby Thomas's 1st Birthday and a purple butterfly in memory of Baby Theodore given by Ray and Dora Nelson.*



## Communion is today but what is it?

The Lord's Supper, Holy Communion and the Eucharist are all names for the 2nd sacrament celebrated by United Methodists. Each of these names highlights an aspect of this act of worship. According to ***This Holy Mystery***, The United Methodist Church's official document on communion, "*The Lord's Supper* reminds us that Jesus Christ is the host and that we participate at Christ's invitation." Jesus invites us to take part in the special meal he ate with his disciples the night before his crucifixion, and other meals he shared in homes and on hillsides. "The term *Holy Communion* invites us to focus on the self-giving of the Holy God which makes the sacrament an occasion of grace and on the holiness of our communion with God and one another," This *Holy Mystery* continues. Finally, "*Eucharist*, from the Greek word for thanksgiving, reminds us that the sacrament is thanksgiving to God for the gifts of creation and salvation." The pastor will lead the congregation in a prayer called "*The Great Thanksgiving*." We join in the ancient tradition of sacrifice by offering God our praise and thanksgiving for the wondrous gift of salvation (see Psalm 141). We offer ourselves and our gifts of bread and the fruit of the vine to God with thanksgiving. Then we ask for the Holy Spirit to be poured upon us and these gifts, that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ, nourishing us, who have been redeemed by his blood, to be the body of Christ in the world. We conclude praising the Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—before uniting our voices in the Lord's Prayer. The Great Thanksgiving is a shared prayer of blessing between the Pastor and all who are gathered to share in the sacred meal together.

## Are you interested in joining our Church?

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 interested in learning more about what it means to join the church as a full member, please feel free to reach out to Rev. Chris Black by email [cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org](mailto:cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org) or you can call or text him on his cell.

## Come Join the Choir!

Our Choir ministry meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm in the main Sanctuary. Even if you have never sung in a choir before you would be welcomed to participate. Joining a choir is a great way to build relationships with others and to learn a new skill that can glorify God. If you have questions about our Choir ministry or wish to join please contact Sue Hamilton at [sue@firstumcmadisonville.org](mailto:sue@firstumcmadisonville.org)

## The Bible Fellowship invites you to join them

***Light from Afar: An Advent Devotional from Around the World.*** Yes, we know that we've passed 2024 Advent, Christmas and New Year's Day, but this is a study of stories and reflections of authors from Brazil, Philippines, Ukraine and South Africa as they share cultural and religious traditions in their home country. This study provides a daily devotional for four weeks that includes recordings of songs from each country. We will enjoy lunch & fellowship together today and on February 9th. Please let Marlee Tierce know if you would like a book or just come to the Youth Room after church services.



## 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 are watching online, you may mail your gifts to First United Methodist Church, PO Box 157, Madisonville, TN 37354 or go to [www.tithing.1umcm.com](http://www.tithing.1umcm.com))*

## OFFERTORY

*"The Gift of Love"*

**Chancel Choir**

## ✕ DOXOLOGY

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## SCRIPTURE

**1 Corinthians 13: 1-13**  
*L: The Word of God, for the People of God.*  
*P: Thanks be to God.*

## SERMON

*"Love Never Fails"*

**Rev. Chris Black**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## CONFESSION

## 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

*"They'll Know We Are Christians"*

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## ✕ BENEDICTION

## ✕ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*"They'll Know We Are Christians"*

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## ✕ TRINITY CHIMES

## POSTLUDE

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