

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: 85 On-line: 2

Sunday General Giving

\$2,234.00

Sunday Designated Giving

\$675.00

(Vanco Fees-General)

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Total Giving for September

\$14,088.15

Needed monthly

\$23,866.50

Flowers: In memory of Joan Holland
and John Summitt

Coffee Bar: Open

10/1 Ignite & Youth Supper:

Lee Anne Strickland and
Whitney & Jon Grubb

Lay Leader: Lee Anne Strickland

Usher Team:

Jeff McMillian and Chal Thompson

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

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

September 28, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



“The witness you already have...”

Luke 16: 19-31

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

“...he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 28, 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 or if you are watching on-line register at 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

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

Screen

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: When they call to me, I will answer them, says the Lord. I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue and honor them.

P: The Lord God reigns forever, for all generations. With thanksgiving and praise, let us worship God.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“For The Beauty of The Earth”

#92/Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

UMH #881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

CONFESSION

We have sinned, O God, hoarding what we have, grasping for more, and ignoring those who hunger and thirst. We stay with our own kind; we are complacent in the face of systems that oppress.

Forgive us; purify us; remake us; that we might love as you love. Amen.
silence for personal confession

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 9/28/25

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

- Family of Dr. Dennis Trammel
- The Kefauver family
- Family of Mike Choate
- Linda Hetrick and family (Dopkins)
- School Safety
- Family of Lewis McCrary (Tweed friend)
- Family of Jennifer Waller
- Larry Barnes (health) (friend of Bonnie Brown)
- Family of Lori Tilley (friends of Bonnie Brown)
- Vicki Grover (surgery) (Nikki Rutzen's mother) and family
- John Stratton and family (Dora Nelson's brother)
- Ryan of 220 Electric's daughter (surgery)
- Family of Matthew Fitch (Warfel family)
- Tim Crowder (accident) friend of Barbara Baiz and Kat Ahart
- Mary and Tony Nelson
- Tate Sherrer and family
- Mary Alice Huff and family
- Tweed family
- Joshua Stuckey (health) and family (Huff)
- Maiuri family
- Unspoken Prayers



Next week we welcome Rev. Dale Wyrick to preach for us

While Pastor Chris is away on a family vacation, we will enjoy hearing from the Rev. Dale Wyrick next Sunday, October 5th. Rev. Wyrick is a retired Elder in the Holston Conference and served in pastoral ministry for 44 years. He was appointed to several churches in both Virginia and Tennessee, with his last appointment being in Spring City where he served for 23 years. During his active ministry Rev. Wyrick served on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, Chaired the Conference Disaster Response Team and was Commissioned as a Herald for the Key Event and Cornerstone celebration by the General Board of Discipleship and Evangelism. As an active and retired clergy, he has led short term mission teams to both Mexico and Jamaica. In retirement Rev. Wyrick continues to travel annually to the Holy Land and other biblical destinations. He enjoys photography, golfing, tennis, hiking and anywhere there is a beach on the ocean. He now resides in Rhea County and enjoys spending time with his two adult children and his grandson. We know you will warmly welcome Rev. Wyrick and will enjoy his message.

Pastor's Bible Study Continues in September!

Throughout the fall, Rev. Chris Black will continue to host a home style Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Chris will do 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 attending this class please email Pastor Chris at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org.

1st UMC Trunk or Treat Event on Sunday, October 26th!

On Sunday, October 26th, First United Methodist of Madisonville will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat event in our upper parking area. This event will be happening at the same time as several other church events across Madisonville. We are planning on having games, a bonfire for s'mores, children's crafts and plenty of vehicle trunks open with goodies. We will also have hot dogs grilled by our own Pastor Chris Black. It should be a fun event for all who participate or happen to walk by.

Our Trunk or Treat will begin at about 5:00PM, with the grill turning on at 4:30PM, and things will wrap up at about 7:00PM. To make this event as fun as possible we will need lots of cars (or SUV's, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, etc.), candy and folks to give out candy. We are already beginning to give our parking spots for this event so if you are interested in providing a truck to give out candy please sign up on the orange sheet in the welcome center. We are so excited about this event and how it could welcome the community to our church family!

Also... We Need Candy!

If you are not planning to attend our Trunk or Treat you can still participate by donating some candy for folks to hand out.

There will be a tote in Mission Alley beginning next week for your donations, as well as in the Church Office during normal business hours, Mon.-Thur., 9:00AM-2:00PM.

Come Join the Choir!

Our Choir ministry meets on Wednesday's at 6PM in the main sanctuary. This group enjoys plenty of fellowship and fun each week as they learn new music to help lead our Sunday worship. Joining a choir is a great way to build relationships with others and to learn a new skill glorifying God. See Sue with any questions!

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

"Love Lifted Me"

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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 are watching online, you may mail your gifts to First United Methodist Church, PO Box 157, Madisonville, TN 37354 or at www.tithing.1umcm.com)

OFFERTORY

"How Great Is Our God"

Chancel Choir

✠ DOXOLOGY

#94

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16: 19-31

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The witness you already have..."

Rev. Chris Black

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

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✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Black

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"
(chorus)

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✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

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