

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: 92 On-line: 43

Stewardship as of March 8, 2026

Giving last week: \$7,155.85

Weekly budget need: \$5,723.00

Year-to-date giving: \$56,526.25

Year-to-date budget: \$62,953.00

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

Flowers: Bruce and Diane Christopher in honor of their first anniversary

Coffee Bar: Bruce and Diane Christopher

3/18/26 Ignite & Youth Supper:

Kim Townson, Veronica Venable and Janet Ruppel

Usher Team:

Steve Cornett and Jeff McMillian

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

Pianist: Bev Taylor

Organist: Mary Alice Huff

Youth Ministry Leaders:

Jerry and Vanessa Barr

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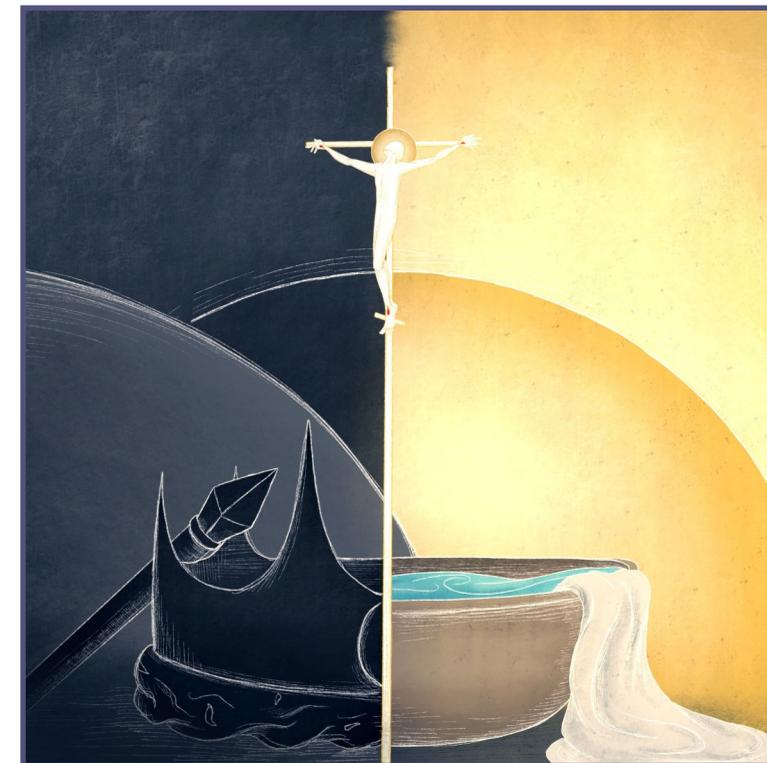
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First United Methodist Church

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent



“Stewardship By Our Service”

Mark 10: 32-45

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 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.

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Are you newer to our church?

We want to extend a special welcome to those of you who may be new to our church. It is so exciting to see so many newer faces in our pews and online over the last couple of months. We want to celebrate you, and also provide you with a few resources about our great church.

First, our office hours during the week are from 8:30am-2:30pm Monday-Thursday. (*Drop by anytime we are open!*) Check out our Website at: firstumcmadisonville.com or 1Umcm.com There you will find links to our YouTube page, our weekly events, and more about our outreach as a church.

For our church activities, programming, and our mission please feel free to get subscribed to our constant contact email messages. We send a variety of updates each week to keep everyone connected. Also, feel free to explore around our gathering area just outside the sanctuary. There are snacks and coffee available and you can pick up a copy of our monthly newsletter, brochures about our beliefs, and a welcome bag.

If you would like to sit down with Rev. Chris Black at the office or over coffee, then please feel free to call the church office, email him, or even ask Chris for his cell phone #. (*Most people in the church have his # to text/call and you should too!*)

Alzheimer's Disease Workshop

On Sunday, March 22, directly after worship FUMC will have the opportunity to host an education and awareness workshop around Dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Lezli Ledesma-Lemer, a research intern at TWU under our own Dr. Tara Stewart, will facilitate the short workshop. There will be a pre and post test along with an Alzheimer's 101 workshop presentation. We would like to invite our members to participate in this free informative event.

Save the dates for Holy Week Services and Events in March & April

- ◆ **Sunday, March 29th:** Palm Sunday Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary.
- ◆ **Thursday, April 2nd:** 7:00pm in the Sanctuary we will have an informal *Maundy Thursday Communion Service with a hand washing.*
- ◆ **Friday, April 3rd:** *Good Friday Way of the Cross Prayer Walk* with Pastor Chris at 11:00am. We will meet & depart from the Sanctuary.
- ◆ **Saturday, April 4th:** Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00am at Houston Park in Downtown Madisonville.
- ◆ **Sunday, April 5th:**
 - ⇒ *Easter Sunday Worship Sunrise Service* at 7:00am at the home of Don and Kris Browder, 645 West Crestview Drive, Madisonville
 - ⇒ *Fellowship time* begins at 10:00am in the Gathering Area.
 - ⇒ *Easter Worship Service* at 10:30am in our Sanctuary. (*Don't forget to bring flowers!*)

Construction Update

You may notice some new construction beginning to happen in our lower parking lot in the month of March. The Trustees committee in consultation with our Finance committee is moving forward with a project to expand our lower parking lot and clean up the area. This will mean that the house that sits next to the lower lot of our property will be removed and the area graveled for overflow parking. The house has been vacant for several months now and has been deemed unsalvageable based on its current condition. The funds for this project were taken out of our building maintenance investment account with the Holston Foundation and not out of our General Fund. There will be a church-wide discussion in 2026 about how best to permanently utilize this property.

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

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

Screen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

"I Give All To You/Lead Me Lord"

Chancel Choir

✠ DOXOLOGY

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SCRIPTURE

Mark 10: 32-45

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Stewardship By Our Service"

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✠ CLOSING HYMN

"The Servant Song"

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✠ BENEDICTION

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✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Make Me A Servant"

Screen

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~