

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: 88 On-line: 4

Sunday General Giving

\$1,755.00

Sunday Designated Giving

\$110.00

(Vanco Fees-General)

-\$2.18

Total Giving for October

\$16,997.15

Needed monthly

\$23,866.50

Flowers: In memory of Fred & Joyce
Hamilton by Gary and Sue Hamilton

Coffee Bar: Open

10/29 Ignite & Youth Supper:

Church provided

Lay Leader: Lee Anne Strickland

Usher Team:

Jeff McMillan and Chal Thompson

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

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

October 26, 2025

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



**“Keeping Your Holiness From
Getting Sour...”**

Luke 18: 9-14

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 all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 26, 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

“His Name Is Wonderful”

Screen

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

P: My soul longs for the courts of the Lord. My flesh sings for joy to the living God.

L: Happy are those who live in the house of the Lord, ever singing your praise, O God.

P: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Statement of Faith from the United Church of Canada

#883

✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

CONFESSION

Merciful God, hope of your people in every age, we confess that we have sinned against you. We have wandered from your pathways, turned toward idols, lived without compassion, and disregarded the well-being of your creation. Do not turn away from us, O Lord, but renew your covenant, for only in you will our lives be healed. Guide us and lead us in your ways, for happy are those who live in your house. 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 10/26/25

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

- ◆ Moore/Harrell family)
- ◆ Congratulations to Natalie Ruppel on her recent marriage
- ◆ Tara Stewart's godfather Bill Clark
- ◆ Family of David (Ahart request)
- ◆ Jim Richardson (Dopkins)
- ◆ Karen McCue and family (Ruppel)
- ◆ Gerald Leichty (health) (Warfel family)
- ◆ Wayne and Lucille Peery and family
- ◆ Family of Gary Lewis (Nelson extended family)
- ◆ Little Bear Humphreys and family
- ◆ Johnanna Britton (Cheyenne and Cydney Cruz's grandmother) and Cheyenne and family
- ◆ Maiuri family
- ◆ Joe Grubb and family
- ◆ Quinn Strickland and family
- ◆ Kefauver family
- ◆ Supplies to Gaza
- ◆ Nelson/Stratton family
- ◆ Tate Sherrer and family
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers



1st UMC Trunk or Treat is TONIGHT!
Join us tonight at 5PM as we will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat event in our upper parking area. We will have 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. It should be a fun event for all who participate or happen to walk by. The grill will be turning on at 4:30PM and things will wrap up at about 7PM. We are so excited about this event and how it will welcome the community to our church family!



Childcare Worker Needed
We are looking for a new paid childcare worker for our nursery area on Sundays and other days of the week. If you are 18 years old or older, who loves taking care of children and would be interested in working some extra hours each week then please reach out to us! You can get more information about working in our Nursery & Childcare ministries by emailing Pastor at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org

Check Out Mission Alley
The hallway between the sanctuary and the office area was transformed weeks ago! **"Mission Alley"** is meant to be a vibrant destination for missions collections and an area where our church can celebrate our missional identity. Make sure to take a walk down the hall to stay up to date on new opportunities for us to be in outreach. We will be doing different collections as we enter fall and winter, and we would encourage you to make plans to contribute!

Interested in joining our Church?
We are a faith community that is incredibly blessed because we have so many active members! We are also blessed because we have numerous folks who have been faithful as long-time visitors, and some 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 Pastor at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org.

Smoky Mountain District Day with the Bishop
On Tuesday, November 18th Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett will spend the day in the Smoky Mountain District spending time with Laity, Clergy, and other leaders in the district. In the evening at 6:00PM she will be at Seymour UMC, 107 Simmons Road, Seymour TN, to meet with laity and clergy and do some **deep** listening. She asks all participants to come prepared to share answers to these questions:

1. *In the past year, where have you seen hopeful signs of God's presence in your local church—through worship, ministries, relationships, or outreach?*
2. *Looking at your wider community, what is one unmet need or opportunity where you believe the church could be a witness for Christ's love in a fresh or deeper way?*
3. *How can conference leadership walk alongside you—resourcing, encouraging, and supporting your congregation—as you live into God's mission in your setting?*

She will share information and dialogue at that time. We would encourage you to go, and to hear from our Bishop directly. It should be a good conversation. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to the Pastor Chris at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org.

Old Toilet & Paper Towel Dispensers
We have approximately 30 of our older toilet paper and paper towel industrial dispensers available for free. If you are interested talk with any of the Trustees.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS		Rev. Chris Black
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Rev. Chris Black
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
<i>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.</i>		
✠ HYMN	"Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying"	Screen
	"Jesus Loves Me"	Joyful Ringers
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Rev. Chris Black
INVITATION TO OFFERING		
<i>(During this time we worship by the giving of our gifts and offerings for the work of the church in ministry and mission.)</i>		
OFFERTORY	"Holy, Holy, Holy"	Joyful Ringers
✠ DOXOLOGY		#94
SCRIPTURE		
L: The Word of God, for the People of God.		
P: Thanks be to God.		
SERMON	"Keeping Your Holiness From Getting Sour..."	Rev. Chris Black
✠ CLOSING HYMN	"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"	#351/Screen
✠ BENEDICTION		Rev. Chris Black
✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE	"Keep Us Close To You, Lord"	Screen
✠ TRINITY CHIMES		
POSTLUDE		

~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~