

### 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: 126 On-line: 6

### Sunday General Giving

\$2,845.00

### Sunday Designated Giving

\$245.00

### (Vanco Fees-General)

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### Total Giving for July

\$18,453.15

### Needed monthly

\$23,866.50

**Flowers:** Communion Sunday

**Coffee Bar:** Glenda Parker

**Lay Leader:** Lee Anne Strickland

### Usher Team:

Kevin Taylor and Alfred Greenwood

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

**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*

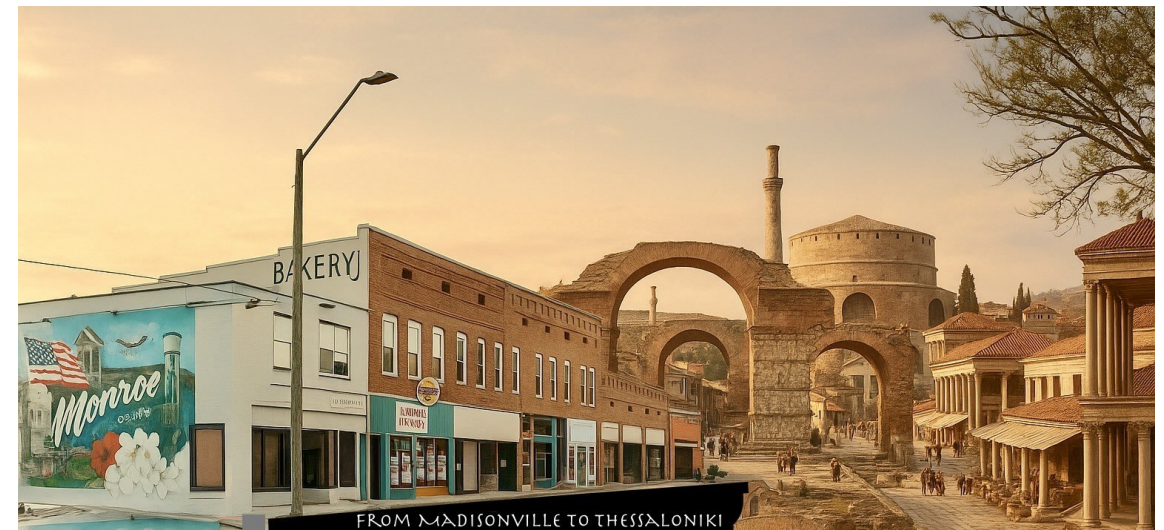
# First United Methodist Church

August 3, 2025

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

*Communion*

*(Blessing of the Backpacks)*



## “The Church That Changed The Neighborhood”

*1st Thessalonians 1:1-10*

*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.*

*“..in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.”*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 3, 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](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

## *“This Is The Day”*

## #657/Screen

## ✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: God meets us in our greatest need

**P: And satisfies us with divine presence and provision.**

**In gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.**

## ✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

*“O Spirit of The Living God”*

## #539/Screen

## ✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

## A Modern Affirmation

UMH #885

**✠ GLORIA PATRI**

# #70

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Rev. Chris Black**

**✠ HYMN**

## “Pass It On”

## #572/Screen

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

**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 8/3/25

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

- Stan Collett (health) and family (Veronica Venable's step father)
- Katie and Jerold Baum (death of their 19 month old son) and family (extended Greenwood family)
- Jackie Partin and family (death of son) (Bonnie Brown's friends)
- Vicki (health) and Chuck Grover (upcoming surgery) and family (Nikki Rutzen's parents)
- Oscar Carey and family (Mechelle Maiuri's father)
- The family of Monty Barger (Ben's brother)
- Hayden
- Chuck (upcoming heart surgery) and Kathy Isbill and family
- Carlene Boswell (Linda Trout's mother)
- Jim West and family (Jo West's son)
- Carolyn Sherrill (friend of Kat Ahart and Barbara Baiz)
- Mark Ahart (knee replacement surgery on August 1) (Kat's brother)
- Family of Kim Maxwell
- Allan and Julia Reedy
- Jennifer Waller (health) and family
- Unspoken Prayers



### August Sermon Series:

#### *From Madisonville to Thessaloniki*

This month Pastor Chris will offer a new 5 week sermon series on Paul's two letters to the Thessalonian church. This series will take a look at how we can bridge who we are as disciples of Christ in modern day Madisonville with what Paul was trying to teach the ancient church at Thessaloniki. Chris will discuss many themes that you can apply to your faith life today. Please make plans to join us in worship for all five weeks of this unique series!

#### **Pastor's Bible Study starts this week**

Rev. Chris Black will once again host a home style Bible Study beginning this Wednesday, August 6th at 7PM 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 the upcoming class please email Pastor Chris at **cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org**.

#### **Family Night Supper!**

On Wednesday, August 27th at 6:00PM we will be having our August family night supper in the fellowship hall and we want to invite you to bring your favorite summer dish! This could be casseroles, deviled eggs, vegetables, fruit, bread, meatloaf, chicken, etc. Every time we have a family night supper it is a wonderful time to fellowship and break bread together! The August 27th supper will be no different. Please join us!

#### **United Women In Faith-School Supplies**

UWF are collecting school supplies for students and teachers. They especially will collect wide ruled paper. Please put your donations into the UWF tote in the Gathering Area. Contact Jill Alliman with any questions.

### Join the *Joyful Ringers...*

Anyone interested in joining our growing group of Handbell Ringers, is invited regardless of age or experience. We meet downstairs in Classroom 1 at 2:00PM the second and fourth Sundays. Please contact Marlee Tierce for more information at **mtierce@aol.com** or text 678-525-0348.

#### **The IGNITE Children's Ministry**

We are excited that our IGNITE program for K-5th grade will resume meeting on Wednesday, August 13th from 6:00-7:30PM. Each Wednesday all children ages 5-12 are invited for a free meal, bible lesson, music, crafts, fun games and more! The fun begins with dinner in the fellowship hall at 6:00PM then activities move to our classrooms & library on the upper level of the church until 7:30PM. If you have any questions or to register contact

**Carol or Jennifer McKenzie.**

PARENTS/GUARDIANS—If you are interested in bringing your child to IGNITE, there is a registration process required by our Safe Sanctuaries Policy. You may register your child online at **<https://youth.1umcm.com>**.

#### **Bible Fellowship**

We meet downstairs in the Youth Room after church. We take turns bringing lunch. Our next study: *The Class Meeting* by Kevin Watson is based on John Wesley's small group initiative that was a vital part of growing deeply and knowing Jesus fully. Please let Marlee Tierce know if you would like to join. Books are available.

#### **Want to know what is going on at FUMC...**

Grab your copy of The Flame August Newsletter with an August Calendar inside; located in the Gathering Area. See all the fun things happening throughout our church building.

### 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

*"Give Me Oil In My Lamp"*

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

#### ✠ DOXOLOGY

**#94**

#### SCRIPTURE

***1st Thessalonians 1:1-10***

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**AUGUST SERMON SERIES: *From Madisonville To Thessaloniki***

#### SERMON

**"The Church That Changed The Neighborhood"**

**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

*"Go, Make of All Disciples"*

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#### ✠ BENEDICTION

**Rev. Chris Black**

#### ✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*"Let The Peace of Christ Rule In Your Heart"*

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#### ✠ TRINITY CHIMES

#### POSTLUDE

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