

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: 90 On-line: 3

Sunday General Giving

\$3,378.00

Sunday Designated Giving

\$975.00

(Vanco Fees-General)

-\$14.81

Total Giving for July

\$8,931.17

Needed monthly

\$23,866.50

Flowers: Mike and Gabi Tallent in Honor of their granddaughter, Remi

Coffee Bar: Janet Tweed

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

July 20, 2025

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



**“Choosing Presence In a World
of Pressure”**

Luke 10: 38-42

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 pew to register your attendance and tell us a little more about yourself.

“...but few things are needed—or indeed only one.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 20, 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.lumcm.com)

INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE

"May the Peace of Christ be with you....and also with you."

TRINITY CHIMES

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP

“What A Mighty God We Serve”

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✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: God is good and loving to the faithful.

Give thanks and praise for all that God has done for us.

P: God is good! Praise the Lord!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer”

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✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

UMH #881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

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CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have been distracted with many things and have not loved you with our whole heart and strength. We have not paid attention to your Word. We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the weak to be oppressed. We have been impatient in worship and insincere in our dealings with others. We have ignored signs of injustice and disregarded warnings of judgment. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance. Free us from our habits of pride, and make us steadfast in faith, that we may live as those who are reconciled with you in Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom we pray. Amen.
*silence for personal confession***

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Black

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 7/20/25

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)
- Janet Ruppel's friend Alene who works at Sloan Center
- Carolyn Sherrill (friend of Kat Ahart and Barbara Baiz)
- Mark Ahart (knee replacement surgery on August 1) (Kat's brother)
- The McKenzie family
- Mark Stewart and family (Tara Stewart's father in law)
- Kim Maxwell and family
- Allan and Julia Reedy
- Families in Texas
- Our world
- Monty Barger (health) and family (Ben's brother)
- Quinn Strickland and family
- Traveling mercies for Reba and Duane Dopkins
- Jennifer Waller (health) and family
- Family of Betty Byrum Hicks
- Joshua Stuckey and family (Huff)
- Unspoken Prayers



Ignite! Volunteers Needed

We are excited to announce that our **IGNITE** program for K-5th grade children will begin on Wednesday night August 13th. This weekly children's ministry will include a shared meal, music, Bible stories, games, crafts and more! Ignite meets from 6pm-7:30pm and begins in the fellowship hall.

In anticipation of Ignite this year we have identified some new needs for volunteers to help make this great ministry happen.

First, we are in need of a **lead teacher** to help teach one of our kid groups. If you are willing to do this, you would be joining a great teaching team alongside Veronica Venable, Carolynn Greenwood and Kim Townson.

Second, we need some folks who could help **assist our teachers** or be a second adult in our activities.

Lastly, we need a couple of folks to help **assist our music and games team** which includes Carol and Jennifer McKenzie and Charlie Wimmer. This is a great group that has lots of fun each week!

If you are interested in volunteering in any of the areas above, please contact the church office or let Pastor Chris know!

UWF Meeting Today

The United Women in Faith (UWF) will meet today after church. All women in the church are invited to attend and be part of this group's unique mission. Janet Tweed will present the program today, and a meal will be provided! Come join us!

Join the Joyful Ringers...

Anyone interested in joining our growing group of Handbell Ringers, are 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 or call 423-884-2196.

First UMC Communications Update

First United Methodist of Madisonville is now on Constant Contact. Please be on the lookout for fun and exciting communications from our Pastor and Staff in the coming weeks. It has taken some time for our staff to migrate our email services from "GoDaddy" to Constant Contact. But we are preparing some great new things beginning in August. If it has been awhile since you have visited our website please take a look!

Our web addresses are:
firstumcmadisonville.com
firstumcmadisonville.org
www.1umcm.com

On our website you can find our church calendar, worship times, a link to our YouTube page and information about our outreach/programming.

Also, we want to invite you to pick up a July Newsletter in the welcome center, along with a church calendar to know what is going on in the life of our congregation. Our gathering area has lots of resources for you! Especially at our FUMC information center.

Thank You!!!!

A big thank you to all the faithful volunteers that showed up to help at our Vacation Bible School last week. We had an amazing turnout and had a great time spreading God's word and showing that His presence is everywhere!

Next Sunday is a Youth Celebration!

On Sunday, July 27th, we have a special worship service dedicated to celebrating all the great work that was done while our youth and adult volunteers were in mission together here in Monroe County. We will have some youth testimonials, lots of pictures, and a great time to be in fellowship and worship together. We hope you will make special plans to be in worship with us on July 27th. It will certainly be a blessing for all who participate and attend.

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

"Seek Ye First"

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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 don't have a gift ready today, you may mail your gifts to First United Methodist Church, PO Box 157, Madisonville, TN 37354 or go to www.tithing.1umcm.com)

OFFERTORY

"In The Garden"

Marlee Tierce

✠ DOXOLOGY

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 10: 38-42

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Choosing Presence In A World of Pressure"

Rev. Chris Black

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"Take My Life And Let It Be"

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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!

Discovering Your Gifts

*As we seek to grow together in faith and ministry, we're inviting every member to take a few minutes to fill out our **Gifts and Talents Survey** (pink sheet in today's bulletin). This simple tool will help us better connect your passions and abilities with opportunities to serve in meaningful ways—both inside and outside the church walls. **Please return your completed survey in the offering plate sometime during the month of July.***