

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: 104 On-line: 3
Sunday General Giving
\$1,900.00
Sunday Designated Giving
\$971.52
(Vanco Fees-General)
-\$2.18
Total Giving for August
\$16,756.69
Needed monthly
\$23,866.50

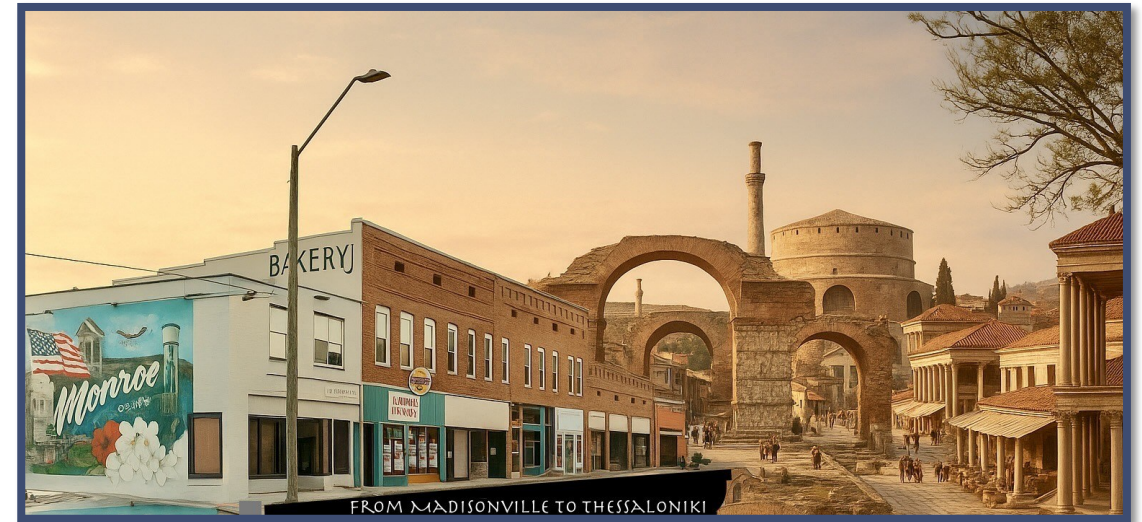
Flowers: In Honor of our church family by Susan Pulliam
Coffee Bar: Open
Ignite/Youth Supper:
Family Night Supper
Lay Leader: Lee Anne Strickland
Usher Team:
Kevin Taylor and Alfred Greenwood
Production Team: Steve Tweed,
Regina Warfel, Carter Kennedy,
Briley Williford and Tate Sherrer
Pianist: Bev Taylor
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 24, 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



“Stand Firm When It’s Not Easy”

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

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.

“...we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 24, 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

“This Is The Day”

#657/Screen

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: God is our rock and our fortress, our refuge and strength.

P: God is our hope and our trust. Praise the Lord!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“Stand Up And Bless The Lord”

#662/Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Affirmation from the United Church of Canada

UMH #883

✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

CONFESSION

God of goodness and truth, we have failed to seek after your wisdom and have followed paths of the world that have led away from you. Forgive our foolish ways, and lead us in your truth, that we may live in the fullness of life as you intend through Christ our Lord. Amen.
silence for personal confession

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Black

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 8/24/25

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

- Carrie Robbins (Janet Tweed's mother)
- Praise for the birth of Baby Beason
- Tate Sherrer and family
- Carolyn Peters and family
- Beason/Lowry family
- Janet Tweed (medical test)
- Tara Stewart and family
- Dora Nelson and family
- Briley Williford's friend Caden (knee surgery)
- Kennedy (accident) (friend of our middle school youth)
- Family of Sue Jenkins
- Dorothy Strickland (Dopkins' friend)
- Reverend Jerry Downs (Pastor of Sonrise Assembly of God)
- Kefauver family
- Carolyn Sherrill (Kat and Barb's friend)
- Prayers for all of our children and young adults returning to school
- Joshua Stuckey (health) and family (Huff)
- Family of Jennifer Waller
- Jackson Watson (8th grade friend of our youth)
- Pat Waddell and family (Megan Cavett's friends)
- Rustie Stuke (Reba Dopkins' sister) and her caregiver Jim Richardson (Reba's nephew)
- Anna Paquette (health) and family (Reba Dopkins' sister-in-law)
- Mark Fagg (recovering from surgery) and family (Robin Osborne's father)
- Kathy McDaniel
- Katie and Jerold Baum (death of their 19-month-old son) and family (extended Greenwood family)
- The family of Monty Barger (Ben's brother)
- Praise for the birth of Patti Williford Jones' new great niece
- Chuck (recovering from heart surgery) and Kathy Isbill and family
- Unspoken Prayers

Check Out Mission Alley!

The hallway between the sanctuary and the office area has been transformed! This area is now called “*Mission Alley*” and is meant to be a vibrant destination for missions collections, and an area where our church can celebrate our missional identity. In the coming weeks you will see some fun pictures from projects/trips that we have done in the past, as well as information about 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 check out the ministry partners that are currently profiled in Missions Alley and make plans to contribute!

Church Council Meeting Today

The Church Council will have a brief meeting right after worship in the sanctuary. This is a regularly scheduled quarterly meeting and all are welcome to attend. The council will be hearing an update from Rev. Chris Black on the state of the church, and hear about some of the work that our visioning team has been doing. If you would like to hear about these things then please feel free to stick around.

Join Us for Family Night Supper!

Family Night Supper is this **Wednesday, August 27th at 6:00PM** in the fellowship hall and we want to invite you to bring your favorite summer dish! This could be casseroles, vegetables, fruit, bread, meatloaf, chicken, etc. We can’t wait to be in fellowship with you!

Bible Fellowship

Bible fellowship’s new bible study continues. **They meet downstairs in the Youth Room after church.** The study is *The Class Meeting* by Kevin Watson, which 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.

Pastor’s Bible Study

Join Rev. Chris Black for his home style Bible Study every Wednesday night at 7:00PM in the Conference Room. Chris is doing 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.

Are you interested in joining our Church Family?

We are a faith community that is incredibly blessed because we have so many active members! However, we are also blessed because we have numerous folks who have been faithful as long-time visitors, and some who have been wonderful short-term guests. If you are someone who is interested in learning more about what it means to join the church as a full member, please reach out to Pastor Chris by email cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org or you can call/text him on his cell. We are so blessed to be such a vibrant community of Christian disciples!

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** “Take Time To Be Holy” #395/Screen

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 “Lord, I Need You” Chancel Choir

✠ **DOXOLOGY** #94

SCRIPTURE *2 Thessalonians 1:1-12*
L: The Word of God, for the People of God.
P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Stand Firm When It’s Not Easy” Rev. Chris Black

✠ **CLOSING HYMN** “Standing On The Promises” #374/Screen

✠ **BENEDICTION** Rev. Chris Black

✠ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “Standing On The Promises” Screen

✠ **TRINITY CHIMES**

✠ **POSTLUDE**

Serve the Lord this week where you are able!