

THE FLAME



OUR WORSHIP TIMES:

- **Worship** 10:30 AM In-Person and On-Line at lumcm.com
- **Youth Fellowship** Wednesdays at 6 PM
Check with Vanessa Barr for details

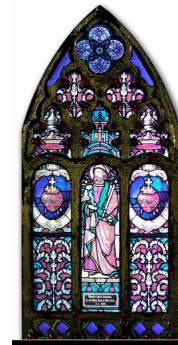
Message from The Staff Parish Relations Committee:

The First United Methodist Church of Madisonville, TN, regretfully announces that Reverend Keith Knight will no longer serve as the pastor of our church. This announcement is a result of personal decisions made by Reverend Knight in collaboration with the District Superintendent for the United Methodist Church Hiwassee District.

We will continue our worship services and work as the Body of Christ through education and missions without interruption. In the immediate future, we will have guest pastors who will serve in the interim until a permanent replacement is in place this summer.

Reverend Knight has served our church well for over four years and we will continue to pray for him and embrace him in Christian love.

Steve Tweed, Chairperson



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Organist
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Roger McNeece

Custodians
James & Kim Cox

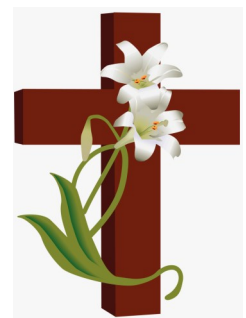
Sue's News . . .

I am writing this on March 31st. It is a Wednesday night and I still cannot get used to not being at the church for choir practice on Wednesday night. I miss my choir!

April will be here in less than 2 hours and it feels like a December night! Such strange weather. As I am writing this, we are making our final plans for our church Easter egg hunt at Reba and Duane's house. We always worry about rain. This time we are thinking about how cold it will be. We can handle the cold. Just throw on another jacket and maybe even a hat and gloves. It is so exciting to think about getting our children back together for an event. It will be outside and all safety precautions will be taken. We can't wait to share stories and pictures of the event with the church. We are moving slowly and cautiously, but WE ARE MOVING FORWARD.

This past Tuesday we were the host church for the community supper that is done weekly at Madisonville Presbyterian Church. The Presbyterians prepared the burgers and we provided the sides and fixings. They have the people drive by and pick up a to-go meal. I know the people miss the fellowship that comes with actually eating a meal together inside the church, but this is MOVING FORWARD from the time the community meal was put on hold because of Covid-19. WE ARE MOVING FORWARD.

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In the month of **March**
donations were made
to:

The **General Fund** in memory of:

Dwaine Peters by:

Mary Alice Huff
Phyllis & Charles Harrell

Margaret Marshall

Mike & Gabi Tallent
Charles & Phyllis Harrell
Marlee Tierce
Regina Warfel
Barbara Penland
John & Susan Sherrer
Dean & Wanda Littreal
Alfred & Carolyn Greenwood
Carolyn Peters
Roger & Laurie McNeece

Bill West by:

Jo West

Steve Cavett by:

Mary Alice Huff

Bill Poole by:

Mary Alice Huff

Billy Williford by:

Phyllis & Charles Harrell

Kay Grubb (Children-Youth Fund) by:

John Summitt & Joan Holland
Bruce & Bettye Sloan
Dean & Wanda Littreal
Alfred & Carolyn Greenwood
Art & Penelope Fowler
Samuel & Margaret Bebb
Sharon Nordsving
Steve & Kathleen Cornett
Patsy Atchley
Lisa & Lawrence Kirkland
Jim & Nancy Hudson
Dana & Nancy Griffin
Ray & Dora Nelson
Peggy C. White
Harold Hunt
Marlee Tierce
Regina Warfel
Phyllis & Charles Harrell
John Houvenagle
Aaron Tallent
Barbara Penland
Lois Green
Frank & Carol McKenzie
William W. Sloan

Richard & Mary Margaret Mason
Angela Tallent
Alva Jean Bradbury
Carolyn Peters
Allen & Sharon Benton
L. A. & M. C. Johnson
Joseph & Kathy Williams
Pat Rapping
Peoples Bank of East Tennessee
Mary Giles Ritchie

Margaret Marshall (Children-Youth
Fund) by:

Steve & Kathleen Cornett
Frank & Carol McKenzie

The **Building Fund** in memory of:

Dwaine Peters by:

Joyce Clark
JD & Ida Mae Nease
Sue Amiot
Betty Kilgore
Everette & Sandra Pack
Melvyn & Marilyn Ottinger
Gary & Patricia Long
Hopewell Fire Department
Mike & Gabi Tallent
John & Patricia Frazier
Kevin & Bev Taylor
Steve & Kathleen Cornett
Barbara Penland
Angela Tallent
Richard & Mary Margaret Mason
Jerry & Janie Strom
Thomas Conway

Kay Grubb by:

Duane & Reba Dopkins
Mike & Gabi Tallent
Floyd Reedy
Kevin & Bev Taylor

Margaret Marshall by:

Duane & Reba Dopkins
John Summitt & Joan Holland
Kevin & Bev Taylor
Blair & Linda Clements
Art & Penelope fowler
Pat Rapping

Alan Johnson by:

Mike & Gabi Tallent

Jim Pennington by:

Mike & Gabi Tallent

Gene Carson by:

Mike & Gabi Tallent

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(Memorials Continued)

Susan Miley by:

Mike & Gabi Tallent

Joyce Turner by:

Mike & Gabi Tallent

Billy Williford by:

Mike & Gabi Tallent

Barbara Penland

Betty Cornett by:

Barbara Penland

Raylene Robinson by:

Barbara Penland

Thank You



Thank you so much for all the acts of kindness that you have shown to us over the last few

months. We can never tell you how much we have appreciated the prayers, visits, phone calls, food and other things that you have done for us. We want to give special thanks to Pastor Keith, Reba, Sue, Richard and Steve. You all are truly part of our family.

Bob Marshall and Family

Thank you so much for all the goodies that you donated to prepare the Easter Baskets of Love for our community in honor and memory of our dear Kay Grubb. We literally had a huge tote full of donated goodies! Kay was a mentor, teacher, second mother, second grandmother and friend to our children and youth for many years. This was the type of project that she loved to do. We also used some of the items for dessert goodie bags for the weekly community supper that we provided food for on March 30th. This was another big project that Kay helped with. We are also taking goodies to Sweetwater Hospital to say thanks to the people who took care of our special friend Billy Williford during his valiant battle with Covid. These donations from you are spreading a lot of love from our church throughout Monroe County. Thank you so much.

Sue

Sue's News . . . *(Continued from page 1)*

We have now been back together for in house worship for three services. Easter Sunday will be our fourth service. It feels so good to be together on Sunday morning. There are things that we can't do right now like have a choir, shake hands or sit together, but it is great to look around and see smiling faces in the pews. I am so glad that we continue to have our online service for those who are not ready to return yet. More and more people are getting vaccinated and feeling a little safer about getting out. We are doing everything possible to make our service safe. We look forward to the day when we can all be back together. **WE ARE MOVING FORWARD!**

March has been a very emotional month in our church. We lost two of my dearest friends, Kay Grubb and Margaret Marshall. Kay and I go back to my teenage years at Sweetwater United Methodist Church when she and Sam were dating. Sam was my Sunday School teacher there and I met Kay during that time. We have been friends (family) ever since. Margaret and I have been friends since she and Bob joined the church. Margaret was always willing to help in anything that I asked of her. She usually rode with me when we did senior lunches and she was so much fun to be around. We also lost Nancy Manning who many of you did not know. Nancy's family belonged to the old St Mary's Methodist Church. When that church closed, Nancy moved her membership to our church and had been a member for many years.

I have not had very good focus as I sit here writing Sue's News for April. My mind is going in all directions. I am determined to set my mind to look toward the next few months as we move forward in many ways. I hope we can all do this. It will be great when we can resume many of the activities and things that we have had to put on hold. Please continue to pray for our church and to **LOOK FORWARD!**

Sue



Church Office Hours

During the month of April the staff will be in the office more than we have over the last year. We are continuing to work from home. Please do not hesitate to call either of us to let us know how we can help you.

For Pastoral needs - Please call Sue or Reba for contact information.

For Prayer requests - please call Sue at 423-337-1830 or email her at

sue@firstumcmadisonville.org Let her know your praises also so we can all rejoice with you.

For other needs - please call Reba at 423-519-6628 (cell), 423-420-9828 (house) or email her at adminassist@firstumcmadisonville.org

If we do not answer our phones - **please leave a message** - we will call you back.

Committee Meetings

Board of Trustees

The Trustees will meet on Monday, April 12th at 6 PM. Mike Tallent will be sending out info before that day.



Finance

The Finance Committee will meet by phone conference on Tuesday, April 13th at 6 PM. Jeff McMillan will be sending out meeting info.



Watch your e-mail for info on both of these meetings!

Happy Birthday

- 5 Quinn Strickland
- 6 Cory Johnston
Joanne McBee
- 7 Zachary Johnston
Ross Burrus
- 12 Mia Sage Lowry Beason
Rachel Cornett Fields
Briley Williford
- 13 Grant Hamilton
Howard Harvey
- 16 Kyleigh Curtis
- 17 Clifford Lynch
- 18 Peggy Wengert
- 19 Cindy Hammitt
- 24 Evan Kile
- 27 Phyllis Harrell
- 29 Tyler Hammitt
Richard Turner
- 30 Sarah Alliman Chermley



Happy Anniversary

- 3 Rick & Cathy Saunders
- 4 Richard & Mary Margaret Mason
- 13 Samantha & Tyler Kadau
- 23 Steve & Kathleen Cornett

Are we missing your name?

We would like to hear from you if we are. Please email the office at adminassist@firstumcmadisonville.org or call 423-442-2471.

Please leave a message if we are not there to let us know when your birthday or anniversary is.



. . . is an opportunity to help over and above your regular tithes and offerings to the church.

Good Shepherd Center

The needs at The Good Shepherd Center at this time

- **GREEN BEANS**
- Canned tomato products



Donations for the GSC may be delivered to them Monday –Thursday, 10AM –Noon. If you cannot deliver to them during these hours you can drop your donations at the church any time. There is a tote at the front entrance to the church to put them in.

Spending Your Spare Time

Don't forget these **mission opportunities** that will only take a few minutes of your time:

- used candles and yarn leftovers for Camp Wesley Woods
- empty prescription bottles for the animal shelter or other organizations who use them
- used or new jigsaw puzzles for the nursing home' and others
- used eye glasses—we will see that they get to a group who could use them
- aluminum can tabs for the Shriners Hospitals for Children or other organizations
- Box Tops for Education –either cut the coupons from the package or scan your receipt for the new digital coupons
- aluminum cans—proceeds from sale will benefit our children's programs

Blessing Box

If anyone wants to help keep the box filled, we welcome your assistance with things like:

- canned food with pull tabs
- crackers
- toilet paper
- non-perishable foods
- bottled water
- small snacks
- baby wipes
- toiletries such as: bath soap, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, socks

Food for Friends

Right now we have many people and families on our prayer list. We have had quite a few people who have been hospitalized or homebound. A good meal is always appreciated. If you would be willing to fix a meal or part of a meal, please let Sue know at sue@firstumcmadisonville.org or by phone at 423 337-1830 or call the church office at 423 442-2471. Sue will make a list and organize the list. Thanks in advance for supporting this food ministry.



Altar Flowers

Now that we are back to worshipping in the sanctuary we would like to have flowers on the Altar. Pat Rapping has volunteered to provide flowers for the month of April (after Easter) in memory of Letha Rapping. We appreciate the work that Joan Holland has done as our Altar flower coordinator over the years but she has chosen to give this task up. If you are willing to coordinate this ministry, please call Reba at 423-519-6628. If she does not answer, please leave a message for her.



Our Prayers**Our Active Military Personnel**

Nathan Greenwood—US Navy
 David Hargett—US Army
 Zach Johnston—US Army
 Wesley Taylor—US Army
 Adam Thornton—US Coast Guard Reserves

Those in Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

Wood Village, Sweetwater
 Mary Margaret Mason
 Pat Harvey
 Gerri Benton

Morning Pointe of Knoxville,
 Memory Care Unit
 Judy Lee

Ouachita Health Care
 Shirley Nappier (Harold Hunt's m-in-law)

Madisonville Health & Rehab Center
 Sam Grubb

Life Care Center of Blount County
 Howard Harvey

Dominion Senior Center—Athens
 Emma Tate

On-going Prayer Concerns:

Vickie Anderson
 Barbara Baiz
 Charles Baker
 Janet Bales
 Susan M Blalock
 Jay Browne
 Cooper Burks
 Nancy Byrum
 Betty Carey
 Becky Chester
 Austin (Bo) Coleman
 Jane Daily
 Greg Davis
 Marilyn DePew
 Tony Ellison
 Courtney Farmer
 Marjorie Fezlar
 John H Ford
 Shane Garrett
 Tammy George
 Kerry Gladden
 Roger Green
 Mike Gregory
 Richard Hall
 Ashley Harmon
 Betty Hicks
 Jennifer Hicks
 April Hill
 Bill Huddleston
 Brad Hughes
 Kim Hughes
 Dr Bob Hunt
 Logan Hunt
 Peggy Hyatt
 Jan Johnson
 Joe Alan Johnson
 Tim Johnson
 Pauline Kauffman
 Gay Layne
 Doug Lottes
 Doris Melton
 Christopher Miller
 Freida Naylor
 Mary Nelson
 Norman Nelson
 Susie Nelson
 Jack Newman
 Barbara Pennington
 Kristin Pennington
 Sue Price

Barbara Roberson
 Donna Roberson
 Catherine Reed
 Darlene Reed
 Kevin Reynolds
 Maria Rosian
 Nancy Saggio
 Francis Scott
 Susan Sherrer
 Carolyn Sherrill
 Tonya Wells Spires
 John Stratton
 Todd Strickland
 Mike Summitt
 Debbie Tucker
 Dick Turner
 Alexander Wade
 Faye Watson
 Jo West
 Jean White
 Peggy White
 Selena Wiggs
 Eli Zinck

Mitch & Lisa Borden
 Lisa & Fred Chaney
 Pat & Gary Cloud
 Casey & Mike Deaguero
 Wendy and Rick Garland
 The Grubb Family
 Christine Hendricks and
 son-Randy
 The Leamon family
 The Marshall Family
 Mary Margaret and
 Dickie Mason
 Dora & Ray Nelson
 Sandy & Mike O'Neill
 The Peters family
 Carol & Rick Rapping
 Paul & Carrie & Robbins
 The Drew Teague family
 Michael and Becky
 Wacaster
 Curwood Witt & family
 The Williford family

Our Gifts**For March****General Operating Fund:**

Needed: \$21,340 **Rec'd:** \$ 21,207.26

Building Fund:

Needed: \$4,084 **Rec'd:** \$ 16,916.36

Memorial Fund: \$ 50.00

Designated: \$ 4,476.02

Our Presence**Online Streamed Worship Service**

Average for March
 Views - 98
 Online - 24
 In person—33

(Please register your on-line attendance! We have to turn in records to the Conference office and we know people are watching but don't know who.)



April 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Our Online Worship services will continue at 1umcm.com at 10:30 AM. In-Person (in the sanctuary) Worship Services at 10:30 AM. You can also listen on the radio at 91.1 FM at 10:30 AM if you are in the vicinity of our church.</p>				1	2	3 Easter Egg Hunt 11 AM at the Dopkins' home
4 <i>Easter</i> In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM	5	6	7 UMYF at 6 PM	8	9	10
11 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM	12 Trustees 6 PM	13 Finance Comm 6 PM <i>Lions Club/GSC Eye Exams 8:30 - 2:30 Cm Rm</i>	14 UMYF at 6 PM	15	16	17
18 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM	19	20	21 UMYF at 6 PM	22	23	24
25 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM	26	27	28 UMYF at 6 PM			



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Stay Safe!!



*Please
 continue to practice social distancing
 and wear a face mask.*

Face Masks – washable & reusable - (given to us by the county health department) are available at the church. If anyone needs one or two they are available.

Reba is still making cloth masks for anyone who would like one or more.

Just call 423-519-6628 to make arrangements to pick up either kind.

Vaccinations—Watch or listen to the news about when and where you can get the COVID-19 vaccine. By getting a major percent of Monroe county residents vaccinated we can reduce the number of cases.

Remember—Wash your hands often, use sanitizer, stay away from large crowds, social distance, and *wear a mask!*

First United Methodist Church
 Madisonville, TN

ELECTRONIC GIVING

If you would like to give electronically GO TO 1umcm.com click on ONLINE GIVING

ONE-TIME GIFTS are simple to set up using a bank account, or from a debit or credit card.

RECURRING GIFTS can be set up on a schedule that works for you, with flexibility to track and manage your giving pattern.

By setting up a bank transfer from your checking or savings accounts, approximately 3% more of your gift will go to ministry compared to a credit/debit card transaction.

FOR ASSISTANCE, please call Reba Dopkins at 423-442-2471.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

