

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

From the Pastor's desk . . .

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing." (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20)

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

"For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you--or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine." (Romans 1: 11-12)

The verses above have come to my mind at random times during the last 5 weeks, as I have been with you as your new Pastor because I have had numerous opportunities to be in fellowship with many of you. I have truly enjoyed all the impromptu conversations that I have had with some of you here in the church office, before/after Sunday worship, or just around town. It has been an absolute joy to learn about you and this wonderful place that you call home. I hope to get to know **all** of you on some level in the coming weeks and months.

So far what I have taken away from just about every interaction that I have had with you is the word: **Encouragement**.

As we have gotten to know one another in worship, direct conversation, and in fellowship, I have felt incredibly encouraged by you as a congregation. At the same time, my hope is that you have felt the same way about me as I have begun serving as your pastor.

Some of you have been encouraging by welcoming Julie, Sydney, and me so warmly to your church family. Others of you have encouraged me as a Pastor by telling me, "To try new things with us!" Others of you have given me practical advice about our church building, administration, our congregation members, and even our community. Some of you have shared your vision for the future of this church, and a few of you have handed me 4 things from your green sheets from the sermon on July 11th. Many of you have told me how I could pray for you and your families, and others of you have shared how our worship is helping you "grow in the faith" from week to week.

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. . . for August

Watch for new and exciting things!

August 2021 is here! Can you believe it! It is time for school to start again. The days are getting shorter little by little. It seems like summer has just begun. This summer has gone by much too fast.

July was a very exciting month at First UMC Madisonville. It has been so exciting to welcome our new pastor Reverend Chris Black and his wife Julie and daughter Sydney into our church family. Chris is great to work with. He is full of energy and is anxious to get to know everyone in our church family and everyone in Madisonville. I already can tell that Sydney and I are going to become good buddies. If you haven't met the Black family yet, come a little early before Sunday worship and you will find them in the gathering area. Sydney has already found the coffee bar and loved the M & Ms that were there. She is a sweetie!

Pastor Chris, Reba and I are setting aside time on Tuesday mornings at 10 AM for a staff/ planning time. We talk about the past Sunday service and look ahead to the upcoming Sunday service. We are looking where or church is strong and areas where we need to improve and strengthen. During the pandemic we had to put many things on hold. As we go forward, we, as a church, will look at programs we need to start again and possibly revamp. We will look at new programs and ideas. It will take us all working together to accomplish our goals. Please think about what you can do to be a part of this effort. Let us know your thoughts and prayers. Let us know how you will help.

This is an exciting time for First UMC Madisonville. Let us know how you would like to be involved.

Sue



New Members!



During worship on Sunday, July 25th we had three folks officially join our church as members: Rick and Gayle Rathburn, along with Duane Dopkins. We hope that you will take some time to meet and celebrate them in the coming weeks if you haven't already. If you are interested in joining the church or learning about membership please don't hesitate to reach out to Chris in the church office.

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Each of you, in your own way, has been an encouragement to me, and for this, I am deeply grateful.

Being in fellowship with each other and encouraging one another in the faith are two of the most unique and joyful parts about being Christian disciples within a church community. When one of us hurts, we all do, and when one of us celebrates, we all do. I pray that as we move into this next phase of ministry together, we may continue to look for ways to encourage one another in the faith, hope, and love that we have all been called to make manifest in the world.

See you around the Church,

Chris

Memorials

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



The **General Fund [Children & Youth Fund]** in memory of **Kay Grubb** by Nell and Ross Burrus.

The **General Fund** in memory of **Edith Milsaps** from Wayne & Lucille Peery.

The **Building Fund** in honor of:
Sue Hamilton & Reba Dopkins by:
 Barbara Penland
Mary Alice Huff by:
 Laurie & Roger McNeece

The **Building Fund** in memory of:
Lewis Pangle by:
 Wayne & Lucille Peery
Clifton Greenwood by:
 Barbara Pennington
Emma Tate by:
 Barbara Pennington
Gloria Witt by:
 Laurie & Roger McNeece
Geri Benton by:
 Duane & Reba Dopkins

Thank you!!

For all the prayers, cards, phone calls and food we received as I have journeyed with surgeries and cancer treatments. Now to gain strength and endurance to carry on in the path God has for me. You are truly an extension of God's hand helping those who need it.

Our church family has gone thru so many disturbing heartbreaking things this past year, but knowing all of you are there with us helps us find the strength to put our feet on the floor each day and continue going forward.

Thanks for all your care and love.

Dora Nelson

Altar Flowers

Flowers for our Altar will be provided during the month of August by:

Aug 1st Communion
 Aug 8th Alfred & Carolynn Greenwood—
 in honor of their 40th anniversary
 Aug 15th
 Aug 22nd
 Aug 29th Joan Holland in memory of her son
 David

If you are willing to provide flowers sometime during the rest of 2021, please call Kim Townson at 423-836-5385. If she does not answer, please leave a message for her.

New Sermon Series in August

For the month of August, we will be offering a 5-week sermon series based on Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, Jr.'s book, *A Way of Life in the World*. This book takes a fresh look at some of the unique spiritual practices that United Methodists do as they seek to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Each Sunday sermon in August will focus on one or two of the practices that Carter highlights in his book. Listed below are the focuses for each week:

August 1st: Searching & Teaching Scripture

August 8th: Generosity with the Poor

August 15th: The Power of Testimony

August 22nd: Prayer and Praise

August 29th: Sacramental Life Together

Each of the practices listed above, when put together, can add up to become a way of Christian discipleship in the world. Reading Carter's book is not essential to gain something from the upcoming series, but it could help illuminate something new for you as we journey through August together. The book is available on Cokesbury's website as well as on Amazon. We will have a few copies available in the church office if you are interested. If you have any questions about the series please email Rev. Chris Black at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org.

Church Office Hours

The office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 8 AM to 1 PM and on Friday till noon.

For Pastoral needs - Rev. Chris Black will be in the office Monday thru Thursdays from 9 AM to 5 PM. Phone 865-410-4503

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 423-442-2471 (office), 423-519-6628 (cell), or email her at adminassist@firstumcmadisonville.org.

Reba will be out of the office until Thursday, Aug 5th. Sue and Chris will be in during this time and Richard will be in and out. Please call to be sure someone will be in the office to assist you before you come.

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

Staff Meetings Have Begun at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays

Each week our staff has begun to meet together at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. During our time with one another, we discuss the previous Sunday morning experience, and then we make plans for the upcoming Sunday and beyond. It is a wonderful time of sharing, planning, prayer, and conversation. If you happen to call the church on a Tuesday at around 10 a.m. and we miss you, we will follow back up with you that day before the office closes.



**God's Work
Our Hands**

Nursery is coming...but not yet.

In consultation with some of our leadership and staff, Chris is working on plans for our nursery space and our Sunday morning children's ministry. It is his hope that the Nursery will be open and available for our children in the coming months, and that you will begin to see some new and exciting programming very soon for our children on Sundays. If you would be interested in helping with our nursery or with our church's ministry with children, please reach out to Rev. Chris Black on email at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org

Have you seen one of the Morning Coffees?

Each week since Chris has arrived as Pastor he has done a brief video devotion called "Morning Coffee." These videos get released to YouTube & social media early on Wednesday mornings and are usually under 3 minutes long. In the future, Chris will be filming these messages from various places throughout the church building and all over town. If you see him filming around town feel free to say hi so you can appear in the video! If you would like to receive notifications for new video content feel free to hit the subscribe button on our YouTube page.

Morning Coffee

with Rev. Chris Black



These videos can also be found on our website at **1umcm.com**.

Celebration of Life Rev. Jack B. Porter

Sunday, August 29, 2021

1st United Methodist Church

804 Montvale Station Rd, Maryville, TN 37803

Receiving Friends 1:30—3:00 PM

Service 3:00—4:00 PM Fellowship 4:00—5:00 PM

Wearing of masks is strongly encouraged. Thank You!



In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice.

OR honor Jack's passion and calling by sending children to camp with a donation to the Porter Scholarship Fund, Holston Conference Camp and Retreat Ministries, Mary Thompson, CRM Executive Director, 262 Bart Greene Drive, Gray, TN 37615.

News of our Columbarium and Veteran's Flag Memorials

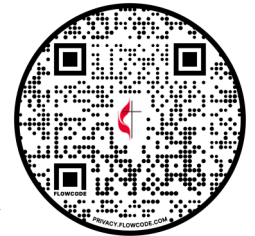
The Columbarium floor and the Lee Johnson Veterans Memorial are wonderful ways that we can remember and honor those near and dear to us. If you have family members or friends that you would like to honor/remember, please come by the office during office hours for information and order forms for the bricks or granite plates. You may also e-mail or call the office for order forms or with any questions you may have. 423-442-2471 or (adminassist@firstumcmadisonville.com)

"QR" Code

You may have seen things like this popping up in advertising or on the web.

What is it? It's called a "QR code", or a "quick re-

sponse" code. It's a kind of barcode that is readable by - among other things - the camera on your smartphone. It contains information about the item to which it is attached. In practice, QR codes often contain data for lots of things, including websites. This QR code will point a smart phone (when the camera on your phone sees it) to the email signup page at lumcm.com so that someone can easily register to receive emails from the church.



Praise and Worship Night

What: 5th Sunday Service of Singing
When: Sunday, August 29th, 7 PM
Where: Madisonville Presbyterian Church
Why: Join with other churches in our community for a night of food, fellowship and music.

Watch for more info about the time for the covered dish supper.

Meetings

Cub Scouts

If you are interested in helping with Cub Scouts or have children or grandchildren of Cub Scout age, you are encouraged to attend a meeting on Tuesday, Aug 3 at 6 PM in the fellowship hall. For questions, please call Lorena Layman at 423-462-4024.



Board of Trustees

The Trustees will meet on Monday, Aug 9th at 6 PM in the fellowship hall.

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, Aug 10th at 6 PM in the fellowship hall.

Watch your e-mail and the bulletins for more info/reminders on these meetings!

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet on Sunday, August 15th at 9 AM in the fellowship hall. All women of the church are invited to attend. Call Laurie McNeece for more info. 423-420-1054

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet in the fellowship hall on Sunday, Aug 8th at 9:00 AM. All men of the church are invited to attend. Call Ray Nelson for more info. 928-660-1061

Youth Fellowship

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship is meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM.

Choir Practice

The chancel choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM.

Happy Birthday

- 4 Sydney Black
- 5 Kevin Cornett
- 7 John Byrum
Josh Watkins
- 10 Mark Radosevich
- 12 Chad Chester
Mikayla Hamilton
- 15 Rose Barker
- 18 Corey Taylor
Larry Davis
- 19 Tim Rapping
- 20 Andrew Tallent
- 21 Robert Scott
- 24 Sarah Kile
- 25 Donna Wengert
- 27 Joan Holland
- 28 Lois Green



Happy Anniversary

- 1 Alfred & Carolyn Greenwood
- 2 John & Heather Houvenagle
- 11 Howard & Pat Harvey
- 14 Margaret & Chad Chester
- 19 Bruce & Judy Christopher
- 22 Charlie & Charlotte Lee
- 24 David & Mary Kefauver

Are we missing your name?

We would like to hear from you if we are. Please email the office at adminas-sist@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

- **shelf stable foods**
- **fresh produce**
- **toiletries**



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.

If you would like to be a volunteer, contact Dora Nelson at 928-660-1009.

Spending Your Spare Time

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

- 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
- 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



Bring these items to the church and we will see that they are delivered to the organizations who can use them.

Holston Home For Children

On Sunday, August 29th, we will receive an offering for the Holston United Methodist Home for Children.

“Every child deserves a safe place to live where he or she is loved and cared for.”

Please prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do in support of this ministry and be prepared on the 29th or before to give accordingly.

Blessing Box

We welcome your assistance in keeping this box supplied with things like:

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



Community Dinner

Free Community Dinner



Thank you to all who helped with July's Community Café dinner. They really enjoyed the food and those serving said they should eat so good.

Our turn to provide food next time is Tuesday August 24th. This is a great way to be a help to those who need a hand up.

May you be truly blessed as we serve others!

Dora Nelson

Our Prayers**On-going Prayer Concerns:****Our Active Military Personnel**

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

Those in Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

Wood Village, Sweetwater
 Mary Margaret Mason
 Pat Harvey
 Morning Pointe of Knoxville,
 Memory Care Unit
 Judy Lee
 Ouachita Health Care
 Shirley Nappier (Harold Hunt's m-in-law)
 River Oaks Place
 Sam Grubb, Rm 212
 1101 Grove Street, Loudon, TN 37775
 The Groves at Oak Ridge
 Howard Harvey, Rm 175
 734 Emory Valley Rd,
 Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Kat Ahart
 Vickie Anderson
 Barbara Baiz
 Charles Baker
 Janet Bales
 Susan M Blalock
 Jay Browne
 Cooper & Kellye Burks
 Nancy Byrum
 Betty Carey
 Bob Carl
 Becky Chester
 Jane Daily
 Greg Davis
 Casey Deaguero
 Marilyn DePew
 Tony Ellison
 Courtney Farmer
 Bob Ferris
 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
 Gay Layne
 Doug Lottes
 Doris Melton
 Christopher Miller
 Freida Naylor
 Maria Nelson
 Mary Nelson
 MaryAnne & Ken Nelson
 Jack Newman
 George Norton
 Barbara Pennington
 Kristin Pennington
 Sue Price

Barbara Raper
 Donna Roberson
 Catherine Reed
 Darlene Reed
 Kevin Reynolds
 Maria Rosian
 Kimber Russell
 Francis Scott
 Carolyn Sherrill
 Tonya Wells Spires
 John Stratton
 Val Stratton
 Todd Strickland
 Mike Summitt
 Hope Tippie
 Dennis Tramel
 Dick Turner
 Alexander Wade
 Faye Watson
 Jo West
 Jean White
 Peggy White
 Selena Wiggs
 Michael Williamson
 Mitzi Womac
 Eli Zinck

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

Needed: \$21,340 **Rec'd:** \$ 31,878

Building Fund:

Needed: \$4,084 **Rec'd:** \$ 2,715

Memorial Fund: \$.00

Designated: \$ 2,565

Our Presence**Online Streamed Worship Service**

Average for July
 Views - 75
 Online registered - 9
 In person - 84

Pat & Kelly Burnette
 Lisa & Fred Chaney
 Wendy and Rick Garland
 Julie Graham & family
 The Hazuda Family
 Christine Hendricks and
 son-Randy
 The Kapileo family
 The Leamon family
 Judy Mairui's nephew
 Dustin
 Dora & Ray Nelson
 Sandy & Mike O'Neill
 The Pyros Family
 Carol & Rick Rapping
 Paul & Carrie & Robbins
 Ashley Rolan & family
 Michael and Becky
 Wacaster
 Curwood Witt & family

(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.)

August 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM <i>Communion</i>	2 <i>Boy Scouts 7 PM CM Rm</i>	3 <i>Cub Scouts 6 PM FH</i>	4 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 7 PM	5	6 <i>AA 5:30 PM Comm Rm</i>	7
8 UMM Breakfast 9 AM in the fellowship hall In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM	9 Trustees 6 PM <i>Cub Scouts 6 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM CM Rm</i>	10 Finance Comm 6 PM <i>Lions Club/GSC Eye Exams 8:30 – 2:30 Cm Rm</i>	11 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 7 PM	12	13 <i>AA 5:30 PM Comm Rm</i>	14
15 UMW 9 AM in the fellowship hall In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM	16 <i>Cub Scouts 6 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM CM Rm</i>	17	18 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 7 PM	19	20 <i>AA 5:30 PM Comm Rm</i>	21 <i>Jim & Rosemary Cheek anniversary celebration— Welcome Center— all day</i>
22 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM	23 <i>Cub Scouts 6 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM CM Rm</i>	24 <i>Community Café Dinner 4:30 PM</i>	25 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 7 PM	26	27 <i>AA 5:30 PM Comm Rm</i>	28
29 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM 5th Sunday Svc at Mad Presbyterian Ch <i>Holston Home Offering</i>	30 <i>Cub Scouts 6 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM CM Rm</i>	31	<p>Online Worship service will continue at 1umcm.com at 10:30 AM. In-Person (in the sanctuary) Worship Service at 10:30 AM.</p>			



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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!

