

First United Methodist Church

Third Sunday after Epiphany — January 21, 2024



*Welcome! We pray that worship here at First United Methodist is a blessing for you, even as your presence blesses us. The Church newsletter, large print hymnals, name tags, and refreshments are available in the welcoming area. Children are **always welcome** in worship, and we embrace their presence, their joy, and the fun things they often do and say as we worship God. In the welcoming area we have crayons and children's bulletins available. Please fill out the clipboard at the end of your row to register your attendance and tell us a little more about you.*

"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 21, 2024

10:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee Anne Strickland

(At this time please register your in-person attendance on the clipboards placed on each pew; or if you are watching on-line register at www.1umcm.com and continue sending us your comments via Facebook, Twitter, email, etc.)

INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE

“May the Peace of Christ be with you. . . . **and also with you.**”

TRINITY CHIMES

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

“Make Us One”

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✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

P: The Lord will speak peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

L: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord, and God’s glory will dwell in our land.

P: Let us worship God.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“Many Gifts, One Spirit”

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✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From 1 Timothy

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✠ GLORIA PATRI

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CONFESSION

Prayer: Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us. We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go. Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude, that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Black

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Chris Black

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

"We Are The Church"

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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 are watching online, you may mail your gifts to First United Methodist Church, P O Box 157, Madisonville, TN 37354, or go to our website: **tithing.1umcm.com** for directions and other options.*

OFFERTORY

Bev Taylor

DOXOLOGY

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SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11, 28-31

Leader: The Word of God, for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"But Strive for the Greater Gifts... "

Rev. Chris Black

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"Forward Through The Ages"

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✠ BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Forward Through The Ages" (Chorus)

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✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

✠ Please stand as you are able.
Serve the Lord this week where you are able!

Mark Your Calendars for "Breakfast for Dinner"



This Wednesday, January 24th at 6:00 p.m. we will be having our monthly family night supper in the fellowship hall, and we want to invite you to bring your favorite breakfast dish! This could be biscuits with gravy, fruit salad, bacon, egg & sausage casserole, etc. Pastor Chris will be making pancakes to share. This dinner should be a wonderful time to be together during one of the coldest months of the year.

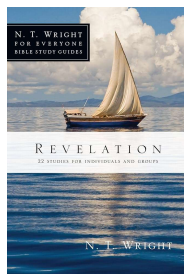
Pastor's Bible Study Returns for Week 2 of a 5 week class:

"Galatians as a Foundation"

You are invited to join Pastor Chris for an in-depth exploration into one of the most important books of the Bible: Paul's letter to the Galatians. This little book lays out much of the early theology of the Apostle Paul, and had a profound impact on the early church. If you have ever wondered where to begin studying the Bible, or been intimidated by scripture then this class is for you! It doesn't matter if you're new to the Christian faith, or have studied the Bible for years you are welcome to attend. He will catch up for the missed snow day this week.

Pastor Chris will offer a morning and evening opportunity for this class on Wednesdays beginning on January 10th. Classes will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary or at 7:00 p.m. in the community room downstairs.

A New Study on the Book of Revelation



The Bible Fellowship will begin studying N.T. Wright's Revelation about the mysterious book of Revelations on January 14th (today). The group meets in the Youth Room after church services with lunch provided. Please feel free to bring your Bibles and join the conversation! Need a book? Want to join us? Please let Marlee Tierce know (mtierce@aol.com or landline 423-884-2196).

Midweek Communion at 1st UMC

All are welcome to participate in a casual weekly communion service led by the Rev. Chris Black on Wednesdays at noon in the sanctuary following Bible Study. This 15 minutes worship opportunity consists of prayer, scripture readings, confession, and a time of communion. Our time together is always a wonderful mid-week time of renewal, contemplation, and fellowship. All are welcome to participate, even if you're on your lunch break! an exciting and rewarding series.

Read Together in 2024

Readings for week 4; Jan. 21st-27th

January 21 = Genesis 46-48

January 22 = Genesis 49,50

January 23 = Exodus 1,2

January 24 = Exodus 3,4

January 25 = Exodus 5-7

January 26 = Exodus 8-10

January 27 = Exodus 11,12





January 21, 2024

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ace Mason (9 year old with brain aneurysm)
- Ben (upcoming surgery) and Wanda Barger
- Mary Alice Huff (upcoming surgery) and family

Unspoken Prayers

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Katie (Collins) Woodby (Laurie and Roger McNeece's daughter)
- Jorgen Hedegaard (health) friend of Regina Warfel
- Mindy Frank and new premature baby Ellie (cousin of the Cruz family)
- Family of Mary Gertrude (Trudy) James Gumbs (friends of Richard Beaubien)
- Doug Riddle (Patty W. Jones' brother)
- Mary Margaret Mason (fall) and family
- The Pyros family and extended family
- Vanessa Barr's friend
- Vanessa Barr's mother
- The family of Kimberly Leamon's PA pastor (Hopeton)
- Buddy Ray Tallent (Mike's brother)
- Jim and Mary Schnegg's daughter in law
- Friends of the Kingsleys who have lost children in the last year
- Pat Cody (health) and Jim Miller (friends of the Hibberts)
- Family of Janet Ruppel's friend Tammy (Mike and Lisa)
- Pat Rapking and family
- Calvin and Nick (Community Cafe)
- Shelby Nelson and expected twins

- Leslie Bankston and her dad (Carey Kefauver friends)
- Unspoken prayers by Stewart family
- Becky Chester (Chad's sister)
- Capoldi family (Australian friends of the Hibberts)
- Mary Ann (health) and Ken Nelson (friends of Dopkins)
- Sierra (friend of Alexis Jones battling cancer)
- Christine and Joel (Melanie Slouka's request)
- Quinn Strickland and family
- Our Church (Marlee's request)
- Betty Hicks and family
- John & Judy Maiuri and family
- Unspoken Requests
- Military personnel

There are more continuing prayer requests in The Flame (our monthly newsletter). The Prayer List is constantly updated live at 1umcm.com

Attendance and Giving Last Week

In-Person - 76 Online - 15 IGNITE - 8 Youth - 23

Giving to the General Fund	\$ 5,027
Needed in January	\$ 20,615
*Receipts	\$ 9,726
Maintenance/Improvement	\$ 100
Needed in January	\$ 2,538
*Receipts	\$ 300
PCAF/Memorial	\$ 75
*Receipts	\$ 610
Designated/Non-Budgeted	\$ 1,000
*Receipts	\$ 6,319

This Week In Our Church

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Afternoon Return Resurrection 2024
Pigeon Forge
11:45 AM - 01:15 PM United Women in Faith
Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 22, 2024

06:00 PM - 06:30 PM Cub Scouts Den 100
Youth Room
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM Scouts Troop 10
Community Room

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

05:00 PM - 06:00 PM Community Café
Fellowship Hall
06:00 PM - 07:00 PM Finance Committee
Conference Room

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study (AM)
Main Sanctuary
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM Midweek Communion
Main Sanctuary
06:00 PM - 06:30 PM "Breakfast for Dinner"
Fellowship Hall

The trustee for today is Wes Hibbert.

06:30 PM - 07:30 PM IGNITE! Child's Ministry
Admin Wing
06:30 PM - 08:00 PM United Methodist Youth
Youth Room
07:00 PM - 08:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
Main Sanctuary
07:00 PM - 08:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (PM)
Community Room

Thursday, January 25, 2024

06:30 PM - 08:30 PM Girl Scouts
Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 26, 2024

05:30 PM - 06:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
Community Room

Sunday, January 28, 2024

09:30 AM - 10:30 AM Adult Sunday School
Library
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship Service
Main Sanctuary
12:00 PM - 02:00 PM Revelation Bible Fellow-
ship Youth Room

Altar flowers are provided in memory of Kay Grubb
by Joe Grubb, for her birthday today.

Coffee bar today is hosted by Peggy Wengert &
Janet Tweed.



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