

First United Methodist Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost—September 17, 2023



*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

September 17, 2023

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 “Blessed Be the Name of the Lord” Screen

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: People of God, bless the Lord,

P: bless God’s holy name.

L: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

P: so great is God’s steadfast love for us.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE “Stand Up and Bless the Lord” #662/Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From Romans 8 #887/Screen

✠ GLORIA PATRI #70/Screen

CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us—we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others. You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence For personal confession.)

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

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

"O How He Loves You and Me"

Screen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

"Grace Alone"

Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY

#94/Screen

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:21-35

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A Certain Kind of Freedom & Peace "

Rev. Chris Black

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"Freely, Freely"

#389/Screen

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Freely, Freely" (Chorus)

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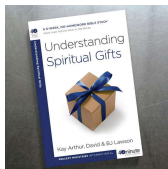
✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

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

Community Assistance Fund Needs You!

With your support, this year our Community Assistance Fund has been able to provide \$2,910 in funding for food, utilities, housing, transportation, work essentials, and health care. In addition, our Blessing Box has provided a great deal of direct food and hygiene supplies to those in our community who are less fortunate. With the approach of Fall, the coffers and cupboards are growing bare, and we will soon need to turn people away. Please consider making a contribution or providing food to these to important outreach missions of our church.



After - Church Bible Fellowship

The Bible Fellowship meets right after church in the Youth Room for lunch provided by volunteers.

We are completing Ten Men of the Bible in September. The next Bible Study begins on Sunday, October 1 and is a 6-week, no homework time of Fellowship. We will use Understanding Spiritual Gifts by Kay Arthur and BJ Lawson.

"Understanding Spiritual Gifts takes you straight to God's Word to discover answers from the Gift-giver Himself. As you dig into Bible passages about God's design for each of us, you'll find out that spiritual gifts aren't complicated, but they are life changing."

We hope you will join us to uncover what spiritual gifts are, where they come from, who has them, how they are received, and how they work within the church. Please contact Marlee Tierce, email mtierce@aol.com, call 423-884-2196 (landline, no text), or see Marlee at church. Marlee will order books in September.

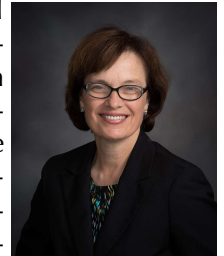


New Midweek Communion at 1st UMC

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 minute worship opportunity consists of prayer, scripture readings, confession, and a time of communion. Our time together promises to be a wonderful mid-week time of renewal, contemplation, and fellowship. All are welcome to participate, even if you're on your lunch break!

District Day with the Bishop

On Tuesday, September 19, 2023, Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett will be with us in the Hiwassee District. She will join with the Pastors of the district at Keith Memorial UMC in the morning, for a clergy meeting. She will then spend the afternoon visiting some ministry sites throughout the district. At 7:00 pm Bishop Wallace-Padgett will lead us in worship at Keith Memorial UMC, 600 W Madison Ave, Athens, TN 37303. All are welcome and encouraged to attend worship at Keith Memorial on Tuesday evening.



Ushers Needed!

If you've ever thought about becoming an usher for our church, now is the time! Check with Lois Green if you're interested!

Around Our Community - Madisonville Library Craft Fair

The City of Madisonville Library has a craft fair planned for Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30 (11 aa AM to 3 PM. Come and support your library!



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NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

Gene Bivens (health - Janet Tweed's in-law)

Carl Stedham (health-Kathy Isbill's brother)

Family of Mike Steele

Brenda Moore and family (Phyllis Harrell)

The family of Robert Parker

Patty Baker (Ruppel friend)

Sue & Gary Hamilton

The Stewart Family

Betty Byrum Hicks and family

Wayne (health) and Lucille Peery and family

Those affected by weather and earthquakes)

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS

Joan Holland and John Summitt

Donnie Westfall and family (Carol Rapking's family)

Joy P. (Melanie Slouka)

Family of Johnny Oliverio (Carol Rapking's cousin)

Kenneth and Pat Gann (friends of Alfred Greenwood and Danny Gibson)

Tanya Jenkins Hughes and family (health-Cavett friends)

The family of Lucy Dail

The Stephens family (friends of Julie Sullivan)

Family of Nancy Byrum

Sandy Taylor (friend of Jennifer McKenzie)

John and Judy Maiuri and family

Lynne Klan (friend of the Hibberts)

Joseph Certo (Armida Conley's brother)

Donna Bradshaw and family

Bill Beason (Bryan's father)

Bryden Kadau (Rapking family)

Those impacted by fire and weather

The Mason family

Beverly Potts and family (friends of Dopkins)

Bryson Raper and family (Strickland friends)

Jason Webb (Nelson family)

Our Ukraine family

Kenneth Stiles (health) and family (friends of Angela Tallent)

Doug Riddle (Patty Williford Jones' brother)

The people of Maui

Jason Webb (Nelson family)

Alfred Greenwood and family

Carolyn Peters and family

Gerald Pickelsheimer (Pat Rapking's friend)

John Sands and family

Linda Thomas (health)

Jim and Kay Ashley (Wanda Barger's brother and sister in law)

Pat Rapking and family

Sam Grubb and family

Jimmy Mason

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 - 57 Online - 10 Youth - 24

Pastor's Bible Studies - 6

Tithing \$ 2,581

Needed in September \$ 23,188

****Receipts \$ 8,992***

Building Fund \$ 350

Needed in September \$ 6,400

****Receipts \$ 1,220***

Community Assistance Fund \$ 0

****Receipts in September \$ 0***

Memorial Fund \$ 45

****Receipts in September \$ 45***

Designated /Non Budget \$ 2,129

****Receipts in September \$ 2,179***

Check Out the Event Announcements Listed Below

- **United Women of Faith** - Sunday, 11:45 AM, Fellowship Hall
- **Cub Scouts** - Monday, 6:00 PM, Youth Room
- **Scouts BSA** - Monday, 7:00 PM, Community Room
- **Community Café** - Tuesday, 5:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- **Pastor's Bible Study** - Wednesday, 10:30 AM, Main Sanctuary
- **Midweek Communion Service** - Wednesday, 12:00 PM, Main Sanctuary
- **Inter-Agency Council** - Wednesday, 12:00 PM, Community Room
- **IGNITE! Children's Ministry** - Wednesday 6:00 PM, Meet in Fellowship Hall
- **UMYF** - Wednesday 6:00 PM, Meet in Fellowship Hall
- **Choir Practice** - Wednesday, 6:00 PM, Main Sanctuary
- **Conversations** - Wednesday, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - Friday, 5:30 PM, Community Room
- **Adult Sunday School** - Sunday, 9:30 AM, Conference Room

Altar flowers today are provided by Mike & Gabi Tallent

The trustee for September is Ray Nelson.

Coffee bar today is hosted by Melanie Slouka



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