

THE FLAME



OUR WORSHIP TIMES:

- **Worship 10:30 AM** In-Person and On-Line at 1umcm.com
- **Youth Fellowship** Wednesdays at 6 PM
Check with Vanessa Barr for details

From the Pastor's desk . . .

Introducing our New Pastor the Rev. Chris Black

As many of you have already heard, the Rev. Chris Black has been appointed as our next Pastor beginning on July 1st. Chris's first Sunday in worship with us will be on July 4th. Chris comes to us from 1st United Methodist of Oak Ridge where he has been the Associate Pastor for the last three years.



Chris's primary roles at 1st UMC of Oak Ridge were preaching weekly in contemporary or traditional worship, teaching classes often, managing the church's community assistance ministry, and overseeing missions, social concerns, welcoming & connecting, as well as fostering a community of young families. He also spent a significant amount of time in outreach and congregational care.

Chris became a Christian, and disciple, as a youth at his home church of Fountain City UMC in Knoxville, TN. After receiving his BA from Tennessee Wesleyan University in 2008, Chris received his Master of Divinity degree at Emory University's Candler School of Theology in 2015. His studies in seminary centered on preaching, Wesleyan Theology, systematics, and Church leadership.

Before Chris's time at First UMC of Oak Ridge, he served as the Director of Congregational Care and Discipleship at First Presbyterian Church of Oak Ridge for 2 years. During his time there, Chris had the opportunity to lead and coordinate all children, youth, and educational ministries, as well as helping with congregational care and visitation.

Chris is happily married to Julie, who works as a CPA for a company in Knoxville, TN. They have a soon-to-be 4-year-old daughter named Sydney whom they adore, as well as a dog named Jack. As a family, they love keeping active in the mountains, or by working in their yard. They are always on the lookout for a great local coffee shop, diner, or patio to relax, read, or eat on. As a Pastor Chris is passionate about teaching, serving in mission, and building relationships with people from all walks of life. Chris and his

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Haley Allen
- Custodians
James & Kim Cox



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. . . for July

JULY! Can you believe it!!! 2021 is half gone—or we still have half a year to go in 2021! Let's think in terms of still having half a year to go. In many ways this is a new beginning for our church. Let's hit the ground running even harder in July and look forward. In March we moved back into our sanctuary for Sunday morning worship. This was a big milestone. On May 30th the choir was in the choir loft for the first time in over a year. This was a big praise for many of us. We have been blessed on Sunday mornings and through the week by having Pastor Mike Hubble serve as our interim pastor. Pastor Mike, Margaret and sons have been a blessing to all of us. We are alive and well at First United Methodist Church Madisonville.

As we enter the month of July, we have more blessings and many exciting things in store for our church. We welcome Reverend Chris Black and wife Julie and daughter Sydney into our church family on July 1st with Chris bringing us his first message on July 4th. What a day of celebration in so many ways. Chris has been in the office several times over the last few weeks and has already begun to settle into his office and into the town of Madisonville. He

already knows many of you by name because he has been watching our online services, reading our newsletters and bulletins and looking at our membership and attendees list. He has driven around town and familiarized himself with where the schools are. He knows where the restaurants are. He plans to be involved fully in our church and in the community. Be ready to hit the ground running in July.

On Saturday July 10th we will have a one day Bible School from 9 AM-3 PM in partnership with Madisonville Presbyterian Church. We will spend part of the day learning more about Noah and part of the day finding out more about Jonah. We will have classes for 3+ years old children through those going into the 6th grade. We will have breakfast and lunch and lots of activities throughout the day. Let me or Lee Anne Strickland know if you will help in any way. We hope all of our children will participate.

We hope to see all of you in church Sunday morning as we begin a new and exciting chapter in the life of Madisonville First United Methodist Church.

Sue



Re-opening Plans

As we continue to move forward with plans for more and more activities in our church building we are excited about the opportunities to be together again.

Based on information from Holston Conference the statement below has been approved by the leaders of several of our committees :

“The conference has informed us that we now have permission to follow CDC Guidelines regarding masking during church functions. Based upon this it has been determined that masking for the Sunday morning services will not be required for all persons who have been fully vaccinated. Those not yet fully vaccinated should continue to wear masks.”

Peter Alliman, Admin Board Chair
Mike Tallent, Trustees Chair
Steve Tweed, SPRC Chair



Youth Yard Sale

Saturday, July 17th, 7 AM to 4 PM

Lower parking Lot

All proceeds will go to youth program activities.

For more information please call Vanessa Barr at 423-368-9750.

Items large and small—furniture to knick-knacks.



Memorials

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



The **General Fund** in memory of:

Emma Tate by:
Allan & Sharon Benton

The **Building Fund** in memory of:

Emma Tate by:
Miranda Harvey Johnson
Mara Harvey Harris
Clifton Greenwood by:
Miranda Harvey Johnson
Mara Harvey Harris
Blair & Linda Clements
John Summitt & Joan Holland
Jeff McMillan
Bruce & Judy Christopher
Mary Alice Huff
Carolyn Peters
Barbara Penland
Mary Giles Ritchie
Kevin & Bev Taylor
Floyd Reedy
Mike & Gabi Tallent
Marlee Tierce
Duane & Reba Dopkins

Altar Flowers

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

- July 4th Communion
- July 11th In honor of Faye Watson by Kim Townson, Emily Pennington and Storm Millsaps
- July 18th In memory of Dave and Glenn Rapping by Karen Rapping
- July 25th *If you will provide flowers for this day please Let Kim know.*

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.



Thank You!

Thanks to all the people of First United Methodist Church, Madisonville for the love you have shown to us the last three months. For the reception, signed picture of the church, and the monetary love gift, we give you thanks.

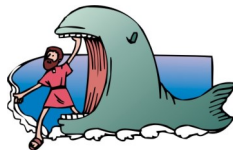
Rev. Mike Hubble, Margaret and Adam

Vacation Bible School

The Adventures of Noah and Jonah



Saturday, July 10
9 AM—3 PM



Ages 3 — Rising 6th Graders

Let Sue or Lee Anne Strickland know
if you will help.



Graduates

We have two more graduates that we would like to honor.



Madison Pennington, granddaughter of Wayne and Lucille

Perry, graduated from the University of Tennessee with a Doctorate of Audiology degree.

Emily Ramsey, granddaughter of Mary Alice Huff, graduated from the University of Tennessee with a Master of Social Work degree.

We have many K-12 children who have moved up to new schools. I need your help. Please let me know if your child or children have moved up to a new school. We will put this in the August newsletter.

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.

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

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family are deeply excited about serving the people of 1st United Methodist Church of Madisonville.

Chris has been around the church some during the month of June to move in, get acquainted with the staff, and get to know folks before he officially begins in worship with us on July 4th. Please be on the lookout for him in the coming weeks, and feel free to introduce yourself!





Happy 90th Birthday,
Dickie!



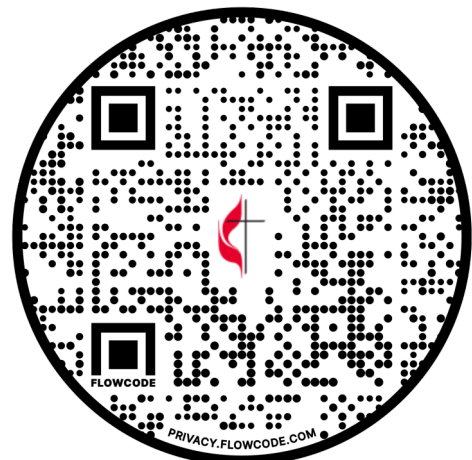
Dickie & Mary Margaret Mason

**News of our Columbarium
and Veteran's Flag Memorials**

The Columbarium floor and the Lee Johnson Veterans Memorial Flag 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 response" 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.



Meetings

Board of Trustees

The Trustees will meet on Monday, July 12 at 6 PM in the fellowship hall.

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 13th at 6 PM. in the fellowship hall.

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet on Sunday, July 18th 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 at Donna's Hometown Café on Sunday, July 11th at 8:30 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 will practice on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM.

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

Happy Birthday

- 1 Wesley Taylor
- 4 Sarah Tweed
- 6 Rhonda Davidson
- 7 Vijay Kanabar
- 9 Matthew Harrell
- 10 Roxanne Gruin
- 11 Faye Watson
- 12 Charlie Lee
- 14 Gini Tallent
Karen Rapking
- 16 Amelia Rapking Childers
- 18 Judy Christopher
Bob Marshall
Sandy O'Neill
- 20 Susan Sherrer
- 23 Janet Tweed
- 25 Shane Cavett
- 27 Kevin Collins
- 29 Patrick Rapking
Carol Bourlard
- 30 Chris Black
- 31 Carol Rapking



Happy Anniversary

- 4 Roger & Laurie McNeece
- 28 Chris & Julie Black

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.



Food for Friends

At times we have a need for a good meal for members of our congregation. 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.



Community Dinner

This Tuesday, July 6th, is our church's turn to serve the Community Café dinner at the Presbyterian Church. We are asked to provide baked beans, mac and cheese and desserts. The desserts should be individually wrapped packages. We need to prepare enough for up to 25 people. The food needs to be at the Presbyterian Church by 4 PM.

If you have any questions please call Dora Nelson at 928-660-1009. The next time we will serve is on August 24th.

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—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

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



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

The Groves at Oak Ridge
 Howard Harvey—please send mail to
 him: c/o Miranda Johnson, 11 River Run Blvd,
 Oak Ridge, TN 37830

On-going Prayer Concerns:

Kat Ahart	Sue Price
Vickie Anderson	Barbara Raper
Barbara Baiz	Parker Richards
Charles Baker	Barbara Roberson
Janet Bales	Donna Roberson
Susan M Blalock	Catherine Reed
Jay Browne	Darlene Reed
Cooper & Kellye Burks	Kevin Reynolds
Nancy Byrum	Parker Richards
Betty Carey	Maria Rosian
Bob Carl	Kimber Russell
Becky Chester	Francis Scott
Jane Daily	Carolyn Sherrill
Greg Davis	Tonya Wells Spires
Casey Deaguero	John Stratton
Marilyn DePew	Val Stratton
Tony Ellison	Todd Strickland
Courtney Farmer	Mike Summitt
Marjorie Fezlar	Hope Tippie
John H Ford	Dennis Tramel
Shane Garrett	Dick Turner
Tammy George	Alexander Wade
Kerry Gladden	Faye Watson
Roger Green	Jo West
Mike Gregory	Jean White
Richard Hall	Peggy White
Ashley Harmon	Selena Wiggs
Betty Hicks	Michael Williamson
Jennifer Hicks	Mitzi Womac
April Hill	Eli Zinck
Bill Huddleston	
Brad Hughes	Lisa & Fred Chaney
Kim Hughes	Wendy and Rick Garland
Dr Bob Hunt	The Greenwood Family
Logan Hunt	The Hazuda Family
Peggy Hyatt	Christine Hendricks and son-Randy
Jan Johnson	The Kapileo family
Joe Alan Johnson	The Leamon family
Gay Layne	Judy Mairui's nephew Dustin
Doug Lottes	The Marshall Family
Doris Melton	Dora & Ray Nelson
Christopher Miller	Sandy & Mike O'Neill
Freida Naylor	The Peters Family
Maria Nelson	The Pyros Family
Mary Nelson	Carol & Rick Rapping
MaryAnne & Ken Nelson	Paul & Carrie & Robbins Michael and Becky Wacaster
Norman Nelson	The Williford Family
Susie Nelson	Curwood Witt & family
Jack Newman	
George Norton	
Barbara Pennington	
Kristin Pennington	

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

Needed: \$21,340 **Rec'd:** \$ 16,813

Building Fund:

Needed: \$4,084 **Rec'd:** \$ 8,611

Memorial Fund: \$.00

Designated: \$ 744

Our Presence**Online Streamed Worship Service**

Average for June

Views - 65

Online registered - 7

In person - 59

(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.)



July 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<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>				1	2 <i>AA 5:30 PM Comm Rm</i>	3
4 <i>Independence Day</i> In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM <i>Communion</i>	5	6 <i>Community Supper at Presbyterian Church</i>	7 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 7 PM	8	9	10 VBS 9 AM—3 PM
11 UMM Breakfast 8:30 AM 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 Choir 7 PM	15	16 <i>AA 5:30 PM Comm Rm</i>	17 Youth Yard Sale 7 AM to 4 PM Lower parking lot
18 UMW 9 AM in the fellowship hall In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM	19	20	21 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 7 PM	22	23 <i>AA 5:30 PM Comm Rm</i>	24
25 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM	26	27	28 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 7 PM	29	30 <i>AA 5:30 PM Comm Rm</i>	31



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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!

