

# The Flame

**OUR WORSHIP TIMES:**

- **Worship** 10:30 AM In-Person and On-Line at [1umcm.com](http://1umcm.com)
- **Youth Fellowship** Wednesdays at 6 PM

## From the Pastor's desk . . .

June is upon us and I can't help but be excited about it! It is now the "hot time" of the year, as Sydney calls it. I know many of us have trips planned to be with family or friends, or just to travel. For some of us (especially those in education or our youth), June is the beginning of a season where we catch our breath to get ready for the fall. For those among us in agriculture or farming, it is the complete opposite. This is one of the busiest times of the year for them as hay continues to be put up, livestock is cared for in the heat, and crops are tended to.



As a Pastor, June has traditionally been a month of spiritual rest/renewal for me. I usually take time to reflect on the previous year's ministry, and then begin making long-range plans for the next year. This includes everything from preaching texts, classes, and even fun ministry programming. June is also traditionally the time for all the Holston Conference clergy and laity to come together to meet as an Annual Conference. This is a time where church business is done, but it is also a time of fellowship, renewal, retreat, and inspiration for mission. I hope you will be in prayer for all of us who will gather during the first week of June at Lake Junaluska for the 2022 Annual Conference.

I also hope that you will find time this month to rest and be in retreat like I will be. For some of you, this will come naturally. For others of you it might sound impossible because of all that needs to be done. Still, we are called to find a time for Sabbath rest just as God did in the story of creation. As I considered this, I came across an article by the Rev. Bruce Gaultiere who was reflecting on a book by Eugene Peterson that talked about the importance of the Sabbath. He says, *"Inspired by the Holy Spirit, I began setting aside large blocks of time for Sabbath Rest. Over some years, I grew into the practice of keeping a regular sabbath day to pray and play. A day of rest. A day to humble me with the reminder of my limitations. A day to slow my pace and cease my drive to produce. A day to find my identity outside of what I accomplish. A day to find enjoyment not in what I use, but simply in being myself with*

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God, his creation, and his people, especially my family, and a day for intimacy with Jesus. The more I practiced Sabbath Rest the deeper God's rest got into my body, my pace of life, and my approach to people and to ministry. By "making every effort", I was learning to live and work in "the Sabbath rest that remains for the people of God" (Hebrews 4:9-11). You understand that I'm not just talking about one day a week, but a day that grows into an attitude and a lifestyle.

We were given the gift of Sabbath so that we can be strengthened in our hearts, souls, and even our bodies by God alone. I hope you will join me in striving to carve away some time to rest, to commune with God, and to be centered on Christ this month. The scriptures offered below will be before me as I go about my work among you, throughout Madisonville, and as I spend time at home.

*So then, a Sabbath rest still remains for the people of God; for those who enter God's rest also cease from their labors as God did from his. Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest..." (Hebrews 4: 9-11a)*

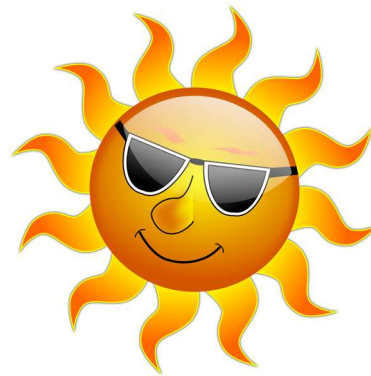
*"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11: 28-30)*

I hope you will keep these two scriptures before you this month as I will, and I look forward to seeing you around the Church!

Lots of hope!

Chris

## Sue's News—June 2022



It's beginning to feel a lot like summer! I look out my office window and see the little children at the daycare playing outside in the warm sunshine. You don't have to plan your travel about town around the time school begins and ends for the day. Flowers and gardens are blooming. Everything is green. Summer does not officially begin for almost 3 weeks, but it definitely feels like summer.

June will be an exciting month for our church. The first Sunday of June (June 5) is the date of Pentecost this year. Pentecost literally means 50. Pentecost is a moving date from year to year because it is always celebrated on the 50<sup>th</sup> day from Easter Sunday. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks. After receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Apostles immediately went out and preached Jesus' message to everyone—even those who spoke other languages. Pentecost is the birthday of the church, and the symbols of Pentecost are wind, fire, and a dove. The color red is associated with Pentecost. Let's all plan to wear red on Pentecost Sunday!

Another big event that takes place in June is the annual meeting of the Holston Conference that takes place at Lake Junaluska this year on June 5-8. This will be the first time Conference has been held in total as a group since June 2019 (before Covid changed everything). This will be a very exciting time. We have a new Bishop presiding. Old friendships

will be rekindled. Lots of decisions will be made. I was a Hiwassee District delegate in 2019 and had a wonderful experience. This year we have three folks attending—Pastor Chris, Marlee Tierce (our church delegate), and Richard Beaubien (Hiwassee District delegate). Please say a special prayer for these folks and for the 2022 Holston Annual Conference.

Another special happening for our church is reviving our annual summer mission trip for our youth and others. Again, 2019 was the last time we were able to send out a team to do mission work. This year up to 25 of our folks will be going to Kentucky June 19-25 to do mission work in one of the areas (close to Paducah, KY) that suffered lots of tornado damage. Mission trips are time of hard work, fellowship and fun for our youth and others making the trip. I have been on 5 of these mission trips, and each one was a different experience that I'll never forget. You eat meals together, sleep in tight places (many times on the floor on air mattresses), and worship together. You make new friends. Sometimes you even take outdoor showers! Going on a mission trip is a life changing experience. Pray for our 2022 team.

Make sure you have the dates for our 2022 Bible School (July 17-22) on your calendar. We will again be joining with Madisonville Presbyterian Church to sponsor a community Bible School. We will have more information soon.

Take time to have fun in June but remember that we will have lots going on here at the church during June and we want you to be a part of it. If you visit a church while you are on vacation, pick up an extra bulletin/newsletter and bring it to me. It is always fun to see what is going on in other churches. Have a good June!

*Sue*



## Who Are They???

They are both retired now. He was medically discharged from the military after being wounded overseas. He worked in Child Protective Services, taught school, and at one time owned a restaurant. She taught school for 32 years, worked in a library, and is a freelance writer. She was a coal miner's daughter. They have 2 children, and 2 grandchildren. Who are they?

*We will continue to profile a family or person in our church each month. See if you can identify them from the info that we give you—the answer is on page 8*

## We Have New Members!

In the last couple of months, we have had several people join our church community as full or associate members. Some of these folks have been in worship with us for a long time, and others are brand new to our faith community and even our city. Below are those who have joined our church since March. If you see them around and haven't welcomed them yet, we invite you to do so!



**Tara Prairie**



**Ed, Janet & Nathan Ruppel**



**John and Judy Maiuri**



**Wes and Sandy Hibbert**

## Our Pastor is heading to the Holy Land in June

Rev. Chris Black will be joining many Holston UMC Clergy and Laity on a trip to the Holy Land, which is being led by our resident Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett. Chris will fly out of Atlanta on Tuesday, June 28th and return on Thursday, July 7th. He will be traveling to many of the areas where Jesus lived and taught, and he will also be visiting some of the Holiest sites in all of Christianity as he explores Jerusalem. If you would like to follow Chris on his journey through the Holy Land then he wants to invite you to join the social media app Instagram and follow him @revcblack1 He will be sharing daily videos and photos from his trip, both of holy sites and everyday life there. Our church website/YouTube will also profile some things too. On Sunday July 10th, Chris will be back in worship and share stories from his trip and answer questions from the congregation.

## Youth Mission Trip



From June 19th-June 25th our youth (and adult volunteers) will be going on a mission trip to Princeton, Kentucky to be a part of tornado

relief and reconstruction there. Our group will be working with Crossroads Missions (See this website to learn more about them:

<https://www.crossroadsmissions.com>) in their "Operation Recovery" which is seeking to help rebuild areas of Western Kentucky that were devastated by tornados in December 2021. If you are a parent or youth who has questions about going on the trip, please reach out to Jerry or Vanessa Barr or Rev. Chris Black.

Registration is **ONLINE** at [mission.1umcm.com](https://mission.1umcm.com), and if you have questions about registration or

signing up, contact Richard in the church office at [rbeaubien@firstumcmadisonville.org](mailto:rbeaubien@firstumcmadisonville.org) We hope that our whole church will be in prayer for our youth as they prepare to depart to serve in mission as disciples for Jesus Christ.

## UMW Salad Bar Fundraiser

**Sunday, June 26, 12 Noon**

The United Methodist Women have awarded a great many scholarships to our students in and headed to colleges and universities, and it's time to re-fill the pot! Everyone in the church (and their checkbooks too) are welcome at this Salad Bar luncheon for this worthy cause!

## Community Vacation Bible School

**July 17-22 at 6:00 PM**

Classes for children, youth, and adults, sponsored by First United Methodist Church and Madisonville Presbyterian Church. More details are coming soon!

If you'd be interested in volunteering, please contact Sue Hamilton.

## Calling Kids of All Ages! The Circus Is Coming!

The Kerbela Shrine Center of Knoxville Presents the Hamid Circus Royale at the Thompson Bowling Arena.

<b>9/30/2022</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>10/1/2022</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>10/2/2022</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>

Each donation of \$15.00 will get you a ticket to the circus—and the Shriners will match it, offering a free ticket to an underprivileged youth. Details at [shrinecircusfund.org](https://shrinecircusfund.org), where you should click on "**Kerbela Shrine Center.**"

## A Message from the Family of Faye Watson

Dear Church Family,



Thank you for everything you have done for our family during this difficult time. We truly appreciate the food, prayers, calls and texts, cards, donations made in memory of Mom, and the kind words that have helped us through these dark days. No one wants to lose a mother and it has not been easy.

The Celebration of Life Service was wonderful! The choir, the technical crew, Rev. Black's sermon, and the good food prepared for our family and friends was truly appreciated. The outpouring of support we have received will never be forgotten. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

**The Family of Faye Watson, Kim, Emily, Storm Alan, Joan, Maddie, and Alex**

## ¡“Fiesta Fue un Gran Éxito!” (“Fiesta” Was a Great Success!)

From the minds of Karen and Pat Rapking came “Fiesta” - a celebration of foods and decorations to help raise funds for Isaiah 117 house, a charity that provides physical and emotional support in a safe and loving home for children awaiting foster care placement. Our church has been actively supporting this ministry for some time now.

Between the taco and nacho bars, the many delicious desserts, and the drinks, the First United Methodist Church raised over \$1,200 for this worthwhile charity.



Thanks to everyone who helped make the Fiesta such a success!! To those who helped with food prep, clean up, donation of food, items for door prizes, ticket sales and especially to all who donated money to Isaiah 117 House we wanted to let you know how much we appreciated it.

## Could We Be Any Prouder?



left to right: Cooper Strickland, Jaxon Pfrogner, Cole Strickland, Merritt Sherrer, Kayana Donegan & Nathan Ruppel

Not Pictured: Elise Kile & Alexis Kagley

They took their last tests, finished up details, dressed up in their gowns, marched at graduation, and are now ready to begin their journeys into the wide world of adulting! Congratulations to First United Methodist Church's class of 2022. We are so very proud of you!



## Our Service

### Trustee

The Trustee for the month of June is Carol McKenzie. If you have questions or concerns please contact her.

### Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for the Altar sometime during this year, please contact Kim Townson at [townsonkjwp@gmail.com](mailto:townsonkjwp@gmail.com) or 423-442-2036. She has the schedule and will be happy to hear from you.

June 5 - Communion Sunday

June 12 - John Summitt & Joan Holland

June 19 - Regina Warfel

**June 26th is still open! Contact Kim if you'd like to handle it!**

## Our Gifts

For May, 2022

### General Operating Fund:

Needed: \$21,920 Rec'd: \$ 22,197

### Building Fund:

Needed: \$4,084 Rec'd: \$ 4,203

Memorial Fund: \$ 270

Designated: \$ 347

## Our Presence

### Worship Service

Average for May, 2022

In person - 98

Online - 9

## Memorials & Honors

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

The **Building Fund** in memory of:

**Faye Watson** from:

Gary & Linda Lord  
 Leo & Brenda Andy  
 Charles & Carolyn Bolen  
 Cheryl Lee, Robert Joe Lee,  
 Peggy Blevins Family, &  
 Barbara M.  
 Robert & Sherry Long  
 Linda & Blair Clements  
 Jack & Patty Gardner  
 Steve & Kathleen Cornett  
 Bill & Tina Spradlin  
 Mary Alice Huff  
 Helen Garner  
 Duane & Reba Dopkins  
 Craig & Cyndia Lindberg  
 Judith Jenkins  
**Freida Naylor** from:  
 Mike & Gabi Tallent  
 Kenneth Chase  
 John Summitt & Joan Holland  
 Alfred and Carolynn Greenwood

The **General Fund** in memory of:

**Faye Watson** from:

Angela Tallent & Richard Mason

The **Pastor's Community Assistance Fund** in memory of:

**Freida Naylor** from:

Duane & Reba Dopkins  
 Laurie & Roger McNeece

**Faye Watson** from:

Laurie & Roger McNeece

The **Memorial Fund** in memory of:

**Dave, Glenn and Letha Rapping** from  
 Pat Rapping



# We Support Our Church By Our Prayers

## On-going Prayer Concerns:

Shelby Nelson  
Jeff Smith  
Karen Paxton  
Stan & Kay Collett  
Juan Lopez & Family  
Ronnie Gay  
Farmers  
Jim Bromwell  
Sharon Torbett Allmon  
Pat Rapping & Family  
Allen Reedy  
Dustin & Becky Seay  
Lee Anne Perry  
Family of Faye Watson  
Sandra Coleman  
Wanda Stephens  
Joe Alan Johnson  
Joe Grubb  
Scott Turney  
Fred Schwartz  
Dr. Mike McCoy  
Lindsay Kefauver (David  
Kefauver's sister)

Dean Johnson (Lawrence  
Johnson's brother)  
Sandy Hampton (Barbara  
Penland's friend)  
Jill Alliman's friend Kayla, and  
her newborn twins  
Chris Hull (friend of Ray &  
Dora Nelson)  
Brad Hughes  
Lonnie Allmon (Karen  
Rapping's co-worker)  
Carl (Kathy Isbill's brother)  
Maria Nelson  
Valerie Stratton (Dora  
Nelson's sister-in-law)  
Mable Graham  
Barbara Raper  
Kat Ahart  
Barbara Baiz  
Karen Balsinger  
Nancy Byrum  
Bob Carl  
Joseph Certo  
Roger Green  
Betty Hicks  
Brad Reedy  
Mari Rosian  
John Stratton

Todd Strickland  
Mike Summitt  
Dick Turner  
Jo West  
Pat & Gary Cloud  
The Kapileo family  
The Leamon family  
MaryAnne & Ken Nelson  
Sandy & Mike O'Neill  
Carol & Rick Rapping  
John Summitt & Joan Holland  
Wanda Williford

**If you have placed a family member or a friend on our prayer list and they have reached a point where they can come off, please let Sue know.**

*In most instances, names will remain on the ongoing prayer list for two months.*

## Our Active Military Personnel:

Shawn Gregg—US Army  
Nathan Greenwood—US Navy  
David Hargett—US Army  
Robert Haller—US Marines  
Zach Johnston—US Army  
Adam Thornton—US Coast Guard Reserves

**If you would like addresses for our church family members who are in the military, nursing homes, or assisted living, please call the office.**

## Those in Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

Pat Harvey  
Mary Margaret Mason  
*Wood Village Assisted Living*  
Judy Lee  
*The Nursing Center at Little Creek*  
Sam Grubb  
*Life Care Center of Athens*  
Marilyn DePew  
*Life Care Center of Blount County*

## Meetings

### United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet on Sunday, June 12th at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are invited. Breakfast will be served. For more information I can be contacted at (423) 210-0992, Mark Radosevich, President



### Board of Trustees

The Trustees will meet on Monday, June 13th at 7 PM in the conference room.

### Finance

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 14th at 7 PM in the fellowship hall.

### United Methodist Women



The United Methodist Women will meet on Sunday, June 19th at 11:45 AM in Fellowship Hall.

### Youth Fellowship

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship meets on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM.—except for when they are off on their Mission Trip this month.

### Choir Practice

The chancel choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM.

### Cub Scouts Den 100, and Scouts BSA Troop 10

The **Cub Scouts** meet on Monday evenings at 6 PM on our lower level. For questions, please call Leona Layman at 423-462-4024. The **Scouts BSA** meet at 7 PM in the Community Room.

*Watch your e-mail and the bulletins for more info/reminders on these meetings. ANY CHANGES WILL BE REFLECTED LIVE ON THE CALENDAR AT [1umcm.com](http://1umcm.com)*

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## Happy Birthday!

- 1 Melanie Slouka
- 6 Wanda Barger
- 9 Mimi Pfrogner
- Jaxon Pfrogner
- 14 Karen Rapping
- 20 Kimberly Bucket
- Alan Holloway
- 24 Sue Hamilton
- 27 Richard Mason
- 28 Alan Benton
- 30 Kathleen Cornett

## Happy Anniversary

- 13 Bryan & Mia Sage Beason
- 17 Peter & Jill Alliman
- 29 Steve & Janet Tweed

### Are we missing your name?

We would like to hear from you if your name is left off of the birthday or anniversary lists. Please call or text the office at (423) 442-2471 or email [rbeaubien@firstumcmadisonville.org](mailto:rbeaubien@firstumcmadisonville.org).

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



# June 2022

OFFICIAL Calendar with up-to-date Updates /Changes  
@ 1umcm.com

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 6 PM	2	3 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 5:30 PM Community Room	4
5 <i>In Person &amp; Online Pentecost Worship</i> 10:30 AM	6 Annual Conference Cub Scouts 6 PM Downstairs Scouts BSA 7 PM Community Room	7 Annual Conference	8 Annual Conference UMYF at 6 PM Choir 6 PM	9	10 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 5:30 PM Community Room	11
12 UMM Breakfast 9 AM Fellowship hall <i>In Person Sunday Worship</i> 10:30 AM	13 Trustees 6 PM, Conference. Rm Cub Scouts 6 PM 1st Floor Scouts BSA 7 PM Comm. Rm	14 Lion's Club Eye Exams 8:30 AM—12 Noon Community Room Finance Committee 6 PM, Fellowship Hall	15 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 6 PM	16	17 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 5:30 PM Community Room	18
19 Youth Mission Trip <i>In Person Sunday Worship</i> 10:30 AM - Sanctuary UMW 11:45 AM— Fellowship Hall	20 Youth Mission Trip Cub Scouts 6 PM Scouts BSA 7 PM Community Room	21 Youth Mission Trip	22 Youth Mission Trip Choir 6 PM	23 Youth Mission Trip	24 Youth Mission Trip Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 5:30 PM Community Room	25 Youth Mission Trip
26 <i>In Person Sunday Worship</i> 10:30 AM - Sanctuary UMW Salad Bar Fundraiser 11:45 AM—Fellowship Hall	27 Cub Scouts 6 PM Scouts BSA 7 PM Community Room	28	29 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 6 PM	30		



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## Youth Mission Trip 2022

With the tornadoes of December 10, 2021, life in Western Kentucky was forever changed. Thousands of homes were destroyed, and people were displaced. The Youth of our Church are answering the call to go and make a difference in the name of Christ with their effort and skills.

We are all set to go to Princeton, Kentucky from June 19 to June 25, to help with tornado disaster relief. We have room for 25 participants, and registration is online at [mission.1umcm.com](http://mission.1umcm.com) . We are

asking for a \$40/person registration fee to help with the costs of food and transportation. However, if that is a concern for anyone, let us know.

If you'd like to financially support our youth, you can do it with a check or online at [1umcm.com](http://1umcm.com) .