

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 . . .

A year and a half ago our world, including the church (our church), was turned upside down by the COVID-19 virus. Very little of our way of life has not been impacted. We may not have actually contracted the virus but we know friends, family members, neighbors, co-workers, fellow church members and others who have been impacted. The life of our church has also changed. For a long while our worship was only online. (Thank God for the technology and the folks in our church who know how to use it.) We have not been able to have Sunday School or gather for fellowship moments. We have missed hearing the choir sing. Even our outreach ministries have been impacted but have still found ways to reach out. It has been an uneasy time in our lives.

The virus is still with us but we are grateful for the vaccines that are helping to reduce the number of cases. We still need to be cautious but we are thankful some of the restrictions placed on the church are being lifted, enabling the UMW and UMM to resume meeting. Our youth have already been meeting in person. Choir practice has resumed and before long Sunday School and other ministries will resume. We will return to what will be our new normal. I say new normal because I do not think our way of life will ever return to how it was before COVID-19 started in January of 2020. We are just grateful God continues to faithfully lead us into the future.

Here at First UMC Madisonville we have had the added experience of an unexpected transition of pastors. A change of pastors can be a trying time for a church even under the best of circumstances. Unexpected change can be even more stressful.

Keith Knight faithfully served as your pastor for almost five years. During Keith’s ministry I am certain there have been many times when he blessed your lives. It might have been a moment in worship, a sermon that was especially helpful. It might have been a time when he was there for you when pastoral

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. . . for June



June is here! Excitement is building! We are moving forward in many ways.

It has been great to get many of our folks back into in person worship. I did some figuring and looked at attendance since we came back together for our first in person worship service in April. My counting is not exact, but I came up with about 92 individuals who have attended at least one worship service since we have been back.

Many folks have been here every Sunday and some have been here part of the time. We know that because of health and other reasons many are watching online-some every Sunday. We are moving forward!

During the month of June some of our small groups are planning to meet again. Look for information in the newsletter about plans for the United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, choir and youth. All these groups are excited to be getting back together. Our youth have actually been meeting for several months now! We are moving forward.

When you read this our senior group will have had its first outing in over a year. We had lunch together at Kahite Pub and Grill in Vonore and we had a huge turnout. Everyone was so excited to get back together. We will have another outing soon. We are moving forward.

We have met with folks from Madisonville Presbyterian Church and talked about Bible School 2021. Our thought right now is that we will have a Super Saturday one day Bible School event in August. We will have more information soon. We are moving forward.

Karen Rapping, the leader of our young adult/midlife team, has been planning a big picnic/event for over a year now. It is going to be a big picnic for the entire church hopefully at Houston Park. We talked to-

night and we might try to tie it into the weekend that we do our Bible School event. This will be a time when we can all come together and have fun. We will have more information soon. We are moving forward.

As most of you know, last Thursday was a big day for the Hamilton family. Grant and Mikayla's new baby girl Hadley Elizabeth Hamilton made her entrance into this world and into our lives. They are doing great! She is a beautiful little bundle of joy. Grant says she looks just like him! She has already become the center of our universe. Please continue to pray for this special young family.

Please continue to pray for our church. We have been through a lot over the last year plus. Things are different in many ways. We hope that people will step up and take on new responsibilities. We will officially welcome our new pastor, Reverend Chris Black and family, the first Sunday of July. We thank God for sending us Reverend Mike Hubble and family to help us through this transition time that we are going through. Just keep remember that WE ARE MOVING FORWARD.

Great Aunt Moo (Sue)



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

The **General Fund** in memory of:

Emma Tate by:
Mary Alice Huff
Bill Howe
Tom & Mary Hendershot
Marlee Tierce
Jason Tate
David & Kathy Sands Blankenship
Tom & Nancy Stresser
Peoples' Bank of East TN

Margaret Marshall by:
Laurie & Roger McNeece

for the **Children & Youth Fund** in memory of:

Kay Grubb by:
Larry & Lydia Sloan
Carol & Rick Rapking

Alan Johnson by:
Carol & Rick Rapking

Emma Tate by:
Carol & Rick Rapking

Dwaine Peters by:
Carol & Rick Rapking

Margaret Marshall by:
Carol & Rick Rapking

Jim Pennington by:
Carol & Rick Rapking

Billy Williford by:
Carol & Rick Rapking

and in Honor of **Keith Knight** by Lawrence Johnson

The **Columbarium Fund** in memory of :

Kay Grubb by:
Carol & Rick Rapking

Alan Johnson by:
Carol & Rick Rapking

Emma Tate by:
Carol & Rick Rapking

Dwaine Peters by:
Carol & Rick Rapking

Margaret Marshall by:
Carol & Rick Rapking

Jim Pennington by:
Carol & Rick Rapking

Billy Williford by:
Carol & Rick Rapking

The **Flower Fund** in memory of:

Emma Tate by:
Lawrence Johnson



The **Building Fund** in memory of:

Emma Tate by:
Blair & Linda Clements
Kevin & Bev Taylor
Roger & Laurie McNeece
Mary Giles Ritchie
Alfred & Carolyn Greenwood
Wayne & Lucille Peery

The **Stained Glass Fund** in memory of:

Emma Tate by:
Roger & Laurie McNeece
John Summitt & Joan Holland

The **United Methodist Women** in memory of:

Emma Tate by:
John F. Sands
Mr & Mrs W. R. Matherly
Dennis & Betty Rollins
Linda Spurling Krug
Monroe County Retired Teachers
Association
Catherine Millsaps
Donna & William Bennett

Altar Flowers

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

- June 6th Communion
Flowers from Ray & Dora Nelson in honor of their 55th Anniversary
- June 13th Joan Holland in memory of her daughter Kristen
- June 20th The Pennington family in memory of Jim Pennington
- June 27th Lawrence Johnson in memory of Patsy Lynch

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.



High School Grads and Higher Education Degrees



Nicholas Radosevich, Sequoyah High School. He will be attending Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton.

Theo Loudermilk, Ray & Dora Nelson's granddaughter, Locust Grove High School in Locust Grove, GA. She will be attending Wesleyan Christian College.

Hannah Harrell, Northeast State Community College in Blountville, TN.

Leia Holland, Joan Holland's granddaughter (May 2020), Florida Gulf Coast University with a degree in Physical Therapy.

LeeAnne Strickland and Sarah Kile, Carson Newman University, each with a Doctor of Education degree.

Brandie McConkey, UT, Masters in Therapeutic Physical Therapy.

Please keep all of these young (and not-so-young) people in your prayers as some of them continue their education and others put their education into practice.

These are the High School and College grads that we are aware of. If we have missed someone, please let us know. We will list them next month when we list the children of our church family who are moving from one school to another in the fall.

Church Office Hours

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

For Pastoral needs - Pastor Mike will be in the office on Monday mornings from 10 AM to noon if you would like to stop by. Or, you may call him at 423-368-6576.

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.

United Methodist Men Scholarship Award

On Sunday, May 23rd, the UMM Scholarship was awarded to Nicholas Radosevich. Nicholas graduated from Sequoyah High School and will be attending Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, FL this fall.



Please keep Nicholas and his family in your prayers as they work toward this transition for him.

If you would like to help the UMM in this ministry as well as their other projects, contact Ray Nelson, president, at 928-660-1061 or email him at: sunrayphone72@gmail.com.

The UMM will meet on Sunday, June 13th 8:30 AM at Donna's Café. More info—page 6.

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care was needed or some other meaningful moment that touched your heart in a special way. Unfortunately there was not an opportunity for the congregation to express their gratitude for his ministry I would encourage those of you who may feel led to do so to send Keith a message expressing your appreciation (a letter, an e-mail or text) for his faithful service among you. His contact information is as follows: 142 Black Mash Hollow Rd, Townsend, TN 37882; e-mail to: pasadenagr82@aol.com; phone: 865-635-1227.

The second part of this change is the appointment of a new pastor to First UMC Madisonville. The new pastor will be the Rev. Chris Black who is now serving as an associate pastor at First UMC Oak Ridge. His first Sunday here will be July 4, 2021. In the ensuing time Chris will be saying goodbye to the folks he has served in Oak Ridge and First UMC Madisonville will be preparing for his arrival here.

I would like to offer some suggestions for welcoming Chris and his family:

1. Put Chris and his family at or near the top of your prayer list.
2. Contact him—a letter or an e-mail,—to welcome him, his wife and child.
Contact info: Rev. Chris & Julie Black, 520 Wedgwood Dr, Alcoa, TN 37801-1752; e-mail—revchrisblack1@gmail.com. (Phone info will be coming soon.)
3. When he gets here tell him your name each time you met him.

(Remember you have only one name to remember; he has nearly 300.) A good idea would be for the whole church to wear name tags for his first few weeks.

4. When he and his family get here invite them to you home for a meal or take them out to eat.
5. Be patient as you get to know one another and your work together progresses.
6. Offer to accompany Chris to make his first visits—to those who are homebound, in the nursing home, or at assisted living—and others with special needs.
7. Again, Pray! Pray! Pray!

I have known Chris since he was in college at Tennessee Wesleyan and am excited for him to be appointed as pastor of this wonderful congregation.

Finally, my last Sunday with you will be June 27. I have enjoyed serving these few weeks as your interim pastor. Margaret and I thank you for the warm way you have received us during this time. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Your Friend in Christ,

Mike Hubble

2021 Vacation Bible School

Watch for more info about Vacation Bible School in the bulletins, emails, on facebook, and our website!

You will not want to miss it!

Big things are being planned!

Meetings

Board of Trustees

The Trustees will meet on Monday, June 14 at 6 PM in the fellowship hall.

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 11th at 6 PM. in the fellowship hall.

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will have a meeting on Sunday, June 20th at 9 AM in the fellowship hall. This will be a reorganization meeting and all women of the church are invited to attend.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet at Donna's Hometown Café on Sunday, June 13th at 8:30 AM for a reorganizational meeting and breakfast. All men of the church are invited to attend.

Youth Fellowship

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

Choir Practice

The chancel choir has resumed practice on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM.

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



Happy Birthday

- 1 Melanie Slouka
- 2 Mike Pence
- 5 Abigail Greenwood
- 6 Wanda Barger
- 10 Nathan Greenwood
- 12 Charlotte Lee
- Eric DePew
- 13 Todd McConkey
- 20 Kimberly Bucket
- Alan Holloway
- 21 Darrell Benton
- 24 Sue Hamilton
- 27 Richard Mason
- 28 Allan Benton
- 30 Kathleen Cornett

Happy Anniversary

- 12 Tom & Beth Lewis
- Peter & Jill Alliman
- 24 Steve & Janet Tweed

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.



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

Our Gifts

For May (thru 5/23)

General Operating Fund:

Needed: \$21,340 **Rec'd:** \$ 16,024

Building Fund:

Needed: \$4,084 **Rec'd:** \$ 3,040

Memorial Fund: \$ 1,250

Designated: \$ 810

Our Presence**Online Streamed Worship Service**

Average for May (thru 5/23)

Views - 90

Online registered - 15

In person - 53

(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.)

On-going Prayer Concerns:

Kat Ahart
 Vickie Anderson
 Alicia Anthony
 Barbara Baiz
 Charles Baker
 Janet Bales
 Susan M Blalock
 Jay Browne
 Cooper Burks
 Nancy Byrum
 Betty Carey
 Bob Carl
 Becky Chester
 Jane Daily
 Greg Davis
 Casey Deaguero
 Marilyn DePew
 Tony Ellison
 Courtney Farmer
 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
 Mary Nelson
 MaryAnne Nelson
 Norman Nelson
 Susie Nelson
 Jack Newman
 George Norton
 Barbara Pennington
 Kristin Pennington

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

Lisa & Fred Chaney
 Wendy and Rick Garland
 The Hazuda Family
 Christine Hendricks and
 son-Randy
 The Leamon family
 Dora & Ray Nelson
 Sandy & Mike O'Neill
 The Pyros Family
 Carol & Rick Rapping
 Paul & Carrie & Robbins
 Michael and Becky
 Wacaster
 Curwood Witt & family
 Two pastor friends of
 Mike Hubble



. . .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.

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

If anyone wants to help keep the box filled, we welcome your assistance 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

Food for Friends

Right now we have many people and families on our prayer list. We have had quite a few people who have been hospitalized or homebound. 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.



Health Kits

Hiwassee District has been asked to prepare Health Kits for the 2021 Hands On Mission Project. \$5 in cash will need to be turned in with each kit prepared. Bring your donations by the office or to church with you **no later than May 31st.**

Pack these items in a 2-gallon Zip-Loc bag:

- 1 hand towel
- 1 washcloth
- 2 toothbrushes
- 2 tubes toothpaste (6.4 oz or less)
- 1 bottle shampoo (15 oz or less)
- 1 bottle lotion (18 oz or less)
- 1 bottle roll-on deodorant (4 oz or less)
- 1 small spray perfume/cologne/body mist (4 oz or less)

Pack these separately in sandwich-size Zip-Loc bag—please do NOT put in larger 2 gal bag

- 1 tube antibacterial ointment (1 oz)
- 1 bottle Tylenol/acetaminophen 500 mg (24 ct)

June 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 UMYF—Fun at Monkey Business in Knoxville Choir 7 PM	3	4	5
6 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM Communion	7	8 <i>Lions Club/GSC Eye Exams 8:30 – 2:30 Cm Rm</i>	9 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 7 PM	10	11	12
13 UMM Breakfast 8:30 AM In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM	14 Trustees 6 PM 	15 Finance Comm 6 PM	16 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 7 PM	17	18	19
20 <i>Father's Day</i> W 9 AM in the fellowship hall In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM	21	22	23 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 7 PM	24	25	26
27 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM	28	29	30 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 7 PM	<p>Our Online Worship service will continue at 1umcm.com at 10:30 AM.</p> <p>In-Person (in the sanctuary) Worship Service at 10:30 AM.</p> <p>You can also listen on the radio at 91.1 FM at 10:30 AM if you are in the vicinity of our church.</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!

