

# THE FLAME



## OUR WORSHIP TIMES:

- **Worship** 10:30 AM  
On-Line at [1umcm.com](http://1umcm.com)
- **Youth Fellowship**  
Wednesdays at 6 PM  
Check with Vanessa Barr  
for details

## GETTING READY!!



**Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> — our target date to open the Sanctuary for in-person worship, again! Be praying that, if this is God’s will for our congregation, He will pave the way! We are working to get ready, making plans (recommended by the CDC and required by Bishop Taylor) to protect against transmission of the COVID-19 virus — asking everyone to wear masks, keeping our attendance to 25% of maximum attendance, about 58 persons. And other things— cleaning the pews and chairs, using disinfectant wipes and a disinfectant aerosol, cleaning the restrooms extensively with disinfectant, and setting distanced seating in the pews.**

At the same time, let us all be “getting ready” to be witnesses for Christ, and inviters of others to worship and praise God with us. We often hear preachers and church leaders encouraging “every believer to be a witness for Christ” and “every Christian should be a faith-sharer.” Many of us, however, feel that we are not trained, or gifted, or skilled at sharing our faith in Christ. We don’t know the proper terms, we don’t know what Bible verses to quote, and we just don’t have the talents for that. “That is what preachers and evangelists are supposed to do!” we say.

Recently, *Our Daily Bread* told of a retired missionary doctor who had served in Africa, and met a brilliant but unschooled man, who became his surgical assistant. Kolo was a quick learner, and soon he was able to perform surgeries himself.

A team of doctors from the United States came to Africa to provide short-term help. They were performing operations when they came across a condition rare in the U.S. but common in Africa. The U.S. doctors were not sure what to do, so Kolo took the surgical instruments, cut through layers of tissue and ligaments, and corrected the problem.

The doctors were amazed and began to quiz Kolo on the specifics of the complicated procedure. Kolo replied, “I do not know the terms; I just know the way.” Many Christians may not be able to define complex theological terms like *redemption*, *justification*, and *propitiation*. But they can still be effective witnesses for Christ because they know Jesus, who is *“the Way..no one comes to the Father except through me.”* (John 14:6) Non-believers need the simple gospel— that Jesus died for their sins and that they must accept Him by faith. **Most will listen to you, if you just say what Christ has done in your life.**

See you Sunday at the “Getting Ready to Invite and to Praise” place.

*Keith G. Knight*

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. . .for March

It is hard to believe that it has been almost a year since we have been together for Sunday morning worship in our sanctuary. If all goes as planned, we will be back together on Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a very special day for me. It is special for the fact that we will have church together. It is also special because it will be Grant and Mikayla's one year wedding anniversary. They were married on March 14, 2020—just as everything was closing down. They went to Pigeon Forge for a few days and day by day things began to close down or alter their way of business. March 15, 2020 was the first Sunday that we were not together in our sanctuary. It is very fitting that our first Sunday back together will be March 14, 2021. We pray that things will be stable enough with Monroe County COVID 19 numbers so that we can gather together to ask the Lord's blessing on that day.

February 24<sup>th</sup> marked the beginning of the Lent season and we had our livestream Ash Wednesday Service. The color for the Lent season is purple. March 28<sup>th</sup> will be Palm Sunday and April 4<sup>th</sup> will be Easter Sunday. Won't it be great to decorate and flower our outside cross on that day?! I can't wait. I think Easter will have an even deeper meaning for us this season.

On Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup> we were faced with a situation we hadn't encountered before. Pastor Keith became ill on Saturday night and was still not feeling good at all on Sunday morning. Our online service was scheduled for 10:30 AM. We were already one Sunday morning team person down because Lee Anne was at UT Hospital with Kay. If it had been a regular Sunday morning when we had our service in the sanctuary, I probably could have put together a service of singing and other music on short notice. Such was not the case on this Sunday because we were livestreaming only. I want to thank those on our team for rallying together and making our livestream service possible. Everyone there (5 of us) took on added responsibili-

ties and made sure that the service happened. I really want to thank everyone on the team for making the service possible. God can make things happen that need to happen. We are glad that Pastor Keith is feeling better now!

We still have details to work out before our first Sunday in the sanctuary. Over the next couple of weeks we will have more information for you. Please watch for emails and check the website as plans are finalized.

*Sue*

Music / Program Director

Stay Safe!!

*Please  
continue to  
practice social  
distancing and  
wear a face  
mask.*



**Face Masks** – washable & reusable - (given to us by the county health dept) are available at the church. If anyone needs one or two they are available.

Reba is still making cloth masks for anyone who would like one or more.

Just call 423-519-6628 to make arrangements to pick up either kind.

**Vaccinations**—Watch or listen to the news about when and where you can get the COVID-19 vaccine. By getting a major percent of Monroe county residents vaccinated we can reduce the number of cases.

**Remember**—Wash your hands often, use sanitizer, stay away from large crowds, social distance, and *wear a mask!*

## Church Office Hours

During the month of March the staff will continue to work from home as much as possible. Please do not hesitate to call any one of us to let us know how we can help you.

For Pastoral needs - please call Pastor Keith at 865-803-2547 or email him at [keith\\_knight@aol.com](mailto:keith_knight@aol.com)

For Prayer requests - please call Sue at 423-337-1830 or email her at

[sue@firstumcmadisonville.org](mailto:sue@firstumcmadisonville.org) Let her know your praises also so we can all rejoice with you.

For other needs - please call Reba at 423-519-6628 (cell), 423-420-9828 (house) or email her at [adminassist@firstumcmadisonville.org](mailto:adminassist@firstumcmadisonville.org)

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

## Re-Opening Task Force

The Reopening Task Force met February 4 and decided to attempt to begin in person sanctuary services March 14, 2021 provided our local COVID-19 numbers continue to decrease. We will be following the Bishop's and CDC Guidelines-masks will be mandatory, limited occupancy of 25% or approximately 58 people, temperatures will be taken, seating in family groups and maintenance of social distancing at all times. The Bishop has instructed that no congregational or choir singing shall take place but we will have special music on occasion. We are very concerned about everyone's safety and health and want everyone to feel not only welcome but comfortable. We will continue to live stream our services as we have been and hope that eventually we will be able to return to full worship services. Please do not feel pressured to come if you are uncomfortable about your health or safety. We are all in this together and want to take care of each other as much as possible. Thank you to all for your patience and understanding.

Peter Alliman, Chairperson



## Committee Meetings

### Board of Trustees

The Trustees will meet on Monday, March 8th at 6 PM. Mike Tallent will be sending out info before that day.



### Finance

The Finance Committee will meet by phone conference on Tuesday, March 9th at 6 PM. Jeff McMillan will be sending out the contact info—watch your e-mail.



**Palm Sunday** is the Sunday before Easter and begins Holy Week, also known as Passion Week. It is the day that Christians celebrate the

triumphant entry into Jerusalem, an event recorded in Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11: 1-11, Luke 19:28-44 and John 12:12-19. On that day, as Jesus and His disciples traveled toward Jerusalem, Jesus sent two disciples ahead to locate a donkey. They returned with the donkey and spread their cloaks on it, and then Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the donkey. When He did, crowds gathered, spreading their clothes and branches on the ground and shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel" (John 12:13). Making a path with garments or branches was a customary way of honoring a person (2 Kings 9:13), similar to laying out a red carpet in modern times. In essence, the people were praising Jesus and asking Him to be their Messiah, though likely in a political context rather than a spiritual context. Sadly, less than a week later, the same people shouting "Hosanna" would shout "Crucify Him" (John 19:6).

**Memorials & Honorariums**



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

The **Building Fund** in memory of:

- Billy Williford** by:  
Alfred & Carolynn Greenwood
- Irad Lee** by:  
Alfred & Carolynn Greenwood
- Betty Cornett** by:  
Alfred & Carolynn Greenwood
- Lynne D. Nelson** by:  
Wayne & Lucille Peery
- Dwaine Peters** by:  
John Summitt & Joan Holland  
Duane & Reba Dopkins  
Art & Penelope Fowler  
James & Rhonda Humbert  
Jim & Nancy Hudson  
Bruce & Judy Christopher  
Alfred & Carolynn Greenwood  
Farmers Coop, AgCentral  
Lisa & Tony Harris  
Blair & Linda Clements  
Judy Harris Wilson  
Zelma Leslie & Shannon Leslie Raper  
Wayne & Lucille Peery  
Terry & John Denton  
Judy Wayman  
John F. Sands  
Allan & Sharon Benton

The **General Fund** in memory of:

- Billy Williford** by:  
Marlee Tierce  
Mary Alice Huff
- Irad Lee** by:  
Mary Alice Huff
- Betty Cornett** by:  
Mary Alice Huff
- Jim Pennington** by:  
Laurie & Roger McNeece

The **General Fund** for **IT Technology** in honor of **Marlee Tierce** by Laurie & Roger McNeece

The **Choir Fund** in memory of **Dwaine Peters** by David & Mary Kefauver



Happy Birthday

- 3 Rick Rapping  
Art Slouka
- 4 Penelope Fowler
- 6 Duane Dopkins
- 8 Bruce Christopher  
Richard Beaubien
- 9 Greyson Strickland
- 10 Samantha Buckett-Veliz
- 13 Kevin Taylor
- 15 Lindsay Greenwood Liszeski
- 18 Jordan Watkins
- 20 Chalmers Thompson
- 22 Charles Harrell
- 24 Joe Alan Johnson
- 26 David Hargett  
Jillian Pence
- 27 Zaiden Kadau
- 29 Joe Grubb  
Jennifer McKenzie
- 30 Wayne Peery  
Patty Williford

Happy Anniversary

- 18 Butch & Carol McKenzie  
Keith & Lisa Johnston
- 25 Kevin & Bev Taylor

**Are we missing your name?**

We would like to hear from you if we are. Please email the office at [adminassist@firststumcmadisonville.org](mailto:adminassist@firststumcmadisonville.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

- **GREEN BEANS**
- Canned tomato products



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 blue 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:

- used candles and yarn leftovers for Camp Wesley Woods
- 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
- toilet paper
- non-perishable foods
- bottled water
- small snacks
- 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](mailto: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.



Our Prayers

## On-going Prayer Concerns:

**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

Life Care Center of Blount County  
 Howard Harvey

Dominion Senior Center—Athens  
 Emma Tate

Sharon Amundson  
 Vickie Anderson  
 Barbara Baiz  
 Charles Baker  
 Janet Bales  
 Susan M Blalock  
 Jay Browne  
 Cooper Burks  
 Nancy Byrum  
 Betty Carey  
 Becky Chester  
 Austin (Bo) Coleman  
 Jane Daily  
 Greg Davis  
 Marilyn DePew  
 Tony Ellison  
 Courtney Farmer  
 Marjorie Fezlar  
 John H Ford  
 Shane Garrett  
 Tammy George  
 Kerry Gladden  
 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  
 Tim Johnson  
 Pauline Kauffman  
 Gay Layne  
 Doug Lottes  
 Nancy Manning  
 Doris Melton  
 Christopher Miller  
 Freida Naylor  
 Mary Nelson  
 Norman Nelson  
 Susie Nelson

Jack Newman  
 Barbara Pennington  
 Kristin Pennington  
 Sue Price  
 Barbara Roberson  
 Donna Roberson  
 Catherine Reed  
 Darlene Reed  
 Kevin Reynolds  
 Maria Rosian  
 Nancy Saggio  
 Francis Scott  
 Susan Sherrer  
 Carolyn Sherrill  
 Tonya Wells Spires  
 John Stratton  
 Todd Strickland  
 Mike Summitt  
 Debbie Tucker  
 Dick Turner  
 Alexander Wade  
 Faye Watson  
 Jo West  
 Peggy White  
 Selena Wiggs  
 Eli Zinck

Mitch & Lisa Borden  
 Lisa & Fred Chaney  
 Pat & Gary Cloud  
 Casey & Mike Deaguero  
 Wendy and Rick Garland  
 The Grubb Family  
 Christine Hendricks and  
 son-Randy  
 The Leamon family  
 Mary Margaret and  
 Dickie Mason  
 Sandy & Mike O'Neill  
 The Peters family  
 Carol & Rick Rapping  
 Paul & Carrie & Robbins  
 The Drew Teague family  
 Michael and Becky  
 Wacaster  
 Curwood Witt & family  
 The Williford family

Our Gifts

**For February** (thru the 21st)

**General Operating Fund:**

**Needed:** \$21,340 **Rec'd:** \$ 7,959.51

**Building Fund:**

**Needed:** \$4,084 **Rec'd:** \$ 5,620.00

**Memorial Fund:** \$ 1,100.00

**Designated:** \$ 1,539.31

Our Presence

**Online Streamed Worship Service**

Average for the month (thru the 21st)

Views — 116

Registered and in person — 41

(Please register your attendance! We have to turn in records to the Conference office and we know people are watching but don't know who.)

# March 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 UMYF at 6 PM	4	5	6
7 Online Worship 10:30 AM	8 Trustees 6 PM	9 Finance Comm 6 PM	10 UMYF at 6 PM	11	12	13
14 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM	15	16	17 UMYF at 6 PM	18	19	20
21 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM	22	23	24 UMYF at 6 PM	25	26	27
28 <i>Palm Sunday</i> In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM	29	30	31 UMYF at 6 PM	<p><b>Our Online</b> Worship services will continue at <b>1umcm.com</b> at 10:30 AM. We will begin <b>In-Person</b> (in the sanctuary) worship on March 14th at <b>10:30 AM</b> provided that we have at least a 2 week reduction in the number of COVID-19 cases in Monroe County. You can also listen on the radio at <b>91.1 FM</b> at 10:30 AM if you are in the vicinity of our church.</p>		



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## **ELECTRONIC GIVING**

**If you would like to give electronically GO TO 1umcm.com click on ONLINE GIVING**

**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 Hall at 423-442-2471.

