

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 . . .

In mid March 2020 I received a call from our District Superintendent, Rev. Hugh Kilgore, asking me to serve as interim pastor at Spring City UMC until the end of the conference year. This would turn out to be my first experience with "online" worship. Other than meeting with family members to plan two funerals, I did not meet any of the congregation in person other than members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee and those on the worship planning team until mid June. This meant I had the privilege of leading "in house" worship there only twice. Even under these unusual circumstances it was still a blessing to serve the Spring City church. I thought it would be a one time experience.

Surprise! A few weeks ago our District Superintendent, Rev. Hugh Kilgore, called again. This time to ask about serving as interim here at First UMC Madisonville until the end of the conference year. I was not anticipating such an invitation but am glad to serve here just as I was at Spring City UMC.

Reba asked me to share some introductory comment about my life and ministry in this month's newsletter.

I was born on August 29 1949, in Radford, Virginia. I grew up and lived across the New River from Radford in Pulaski County. I was the middle child of Franklin and Virginia Hubble, having an older brother and a younger sister. I was educated in the Pulaski County School system, graduating from Dublin High School in 1967.

After high school I attended the New River Vocation Technical School taking the Machine Shop Operator training course. I was intending to become a machinist but it was during this year the call to ministry came. This meant a change in education plans.

I enrolled at Hiwassee College in 1968. Following graduation at Hiwassee I enrolled at Tennessee Wesleyan and later at Candler School of Theology at Emory University, graduating with the Master of Divinity degree in 1974.

While at TWC, there were two significant milestones other than my graduation. The first was meeting Margaret Reed, who would become my wife in 1973. The other was beginning to serve as a pastor in the United Methodist Church. In 1970 my first appointment was in Meigs County, the Oak Grove/Ten Mile circuit.

Margaret and I have been blessed with two sons, Daniel and Adam. Daniel lives in Athens and is employed by Mayfield Dairy. Adam lives in Knoxville and is employed by Cellular Sales.

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



The **General Fund** in memory of:

Emma Tate by:

Phyllis Harrell
Steve & Kathleen Cornett
Floyd Reedy
Barbara Penland
Harold Hunt
Angela Tallent
Richard & Mary Margaret Mason

Kay Grubb by:

Roger & Laurie McNeece
Mary Goodman
Charles Anderson
Jan Johnson
The Radosevich Family
Peter & Jill Alliman
Wayne & Lucille Peery

Margaret Marshall by:

Roger & Laurie McNeece
Jan Johnson
Peter & Jill Alliman
Wayne & Lucille Peery
Jon & Whitney Gubb
Angela Tallent
Richard & Mary Margaret Mason

Dwaine Peters by:

Roger & Laurie McNeece
Jan Johnson

Bill West by:

Jan Johnson

Steve Cavett by:

Jan Johnson

Billy Williford by:

Jan Johnson

The **General Fund**— Children & Youth Fund in memory of:

Kay Grubb by:

Mary Alice Huff
Tom & Mary Hendershot
The Sherrer Family

Margaret Marshall by:

Mary Alice Huff
Lois Green

The **Building Fund** in memory of:

Emma Tate by:

Duane & Reba Dopkins
Carolyn Peters
Mike & Gabi Tallent

Kay Grubb by:

Barbara Pennington

Margaret Marshall by:

Barbara Pennington

Dwaine Peters by:

Scott & Veronica Venable
Barbara Pennington
Bill & Nellie Gregg
Keith & Shaun Gregg
Lee Anne, Kile, Andrew & Eli Briggs
Greg Bowman

The **UMW** purchased a brick for the Columbarium Garden in memory of **Margaret Marshall** and **Emma Tate**.

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Margaret and I have been privileged to serve a number of wonderful churches from one end of the Holston Conference to the other. We loved the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, the Tri-Cities Area in upper East Tennessee, the Scenic City (Chattanooga) and the Sweetwater Valley. While serving our seventh year at Keith Memorial UMC in Athens, Bishop James Swanson invited me to serve as District Superintendent of the Abingdon District in Virginia. We loved the Abingdon area and thought we would be there until our retirement. To our surprise after two years serving as DS there Bishop Swanson moved us to serve as DS of the Chattanooga District. Following our service in Chattanooga we spent our final two years before retirement at First UMC Sweetwater. Those two years were one of the greatest blessing of our ministry.

I retired in 2016 but since then have served a full year as pastor of the Tasso/Charleston Charge and the interim at Spring City.

My hobbies are fishing, picking wild blackberries, picking up and shelling pecans, working in my yard and watching high school and college sports. Margaret and I love to take drives to Tellico Plains and the Cherohala Skyway.

We attend Keith Memorial UMC in Athens where Margaret sings in the choir, plays bells and volunteers in other ministries. I mainly try to stay out of the pastor's way at Keith but do volunteer in the Feed One Child Ministry.

Margaret and I look forward to serving alongside you at First UMC Madisonville.

Your friend in Christ,

*Mike*

Mike Hubble, Interim Pastor

Sue's News . . . .

May! May is usually the time that we think of as a time of completions and slow downs. The school year ends. We wind down our children's weekly activities here at the church. Our college kids complete another year of school and come home to summer jobs. People take leisurely vacations. This past year has been totally different. As we all know, most of our activities have been temporarily halted or reduced over the last year. NOW is a time for new beginnings.

The anticipation for the month of May this year feels different. It definitely feels like a time of new beginnings and a time to look forward. Over the last year we have been very cautious as we went about the business of the church as best we could. Now some of the restrictions that we were given by Holston Conference have been lifted. That does not mean that we will not continue to be cautious. It does mean that we will have more opportunities to now expand our programming here at First UMC Madisonville. I am writing this on Monday April 26<sup>th</sup>. On Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup> our Reopening Task Force will meet to discuss and look at how we can safely do more things.

I am asking that our Ministry Teams meet soon after the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Reopening Task Force to look at things that we will be able to do. It has been over a year since most of our teams have met. Now is the time to look forward and plan for the coming months. I have a list of the teams and who was leading the teams when everything shut down. I plan to reach out to those folks and make sure they plan to continue to lead their team. Everyone! Let's get excited and look to the future! The next few months are going to be very exciting.

*Sue*



Church Family,  
Words can never convey how much our dear mother Emma Tate loved First United Methodist Church and all of her friends there over her lifetime of 94 years. Thank you for everything you have done for her and meant to her. Thanks you for your prayers over the past week, for the beautiful Celebration of Life Service and for the wonderful food that you prepared for us.



Laura Jones, Kenny and Bob Tate  
and the extended Tate Family



Thanks to everyone who contributed snack food items to our Baskets of Love project in memory of Kay Grubb. We delivered baskets to Monroe County Health Department/TN National Guard, Madisonville Police Department, Madisonville Fire Department, Monroe County 911 Center, Monroe County Ambulance Station, Sweetwater Hospital ER, Sweetwater Hospital ICU (in memory of Billy Williford) and the Monroe County Schools Central Office. The recipients were thrilled to receive the snacks! We plan to do this again. Thanks again.



Thomas Spradlin  
Madisonville Police

**Church Office Hours**

The office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 8 AM to 1 PM; and on Friday till noon. For Pastoral needs - Please call Sue or Reba - they will forward the message. 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](mailto:sue@firstumcmadisonville.org) Let her know your praises also so we can all rejoice with you. For other needs - please call Reba at 423-442-2471 (office), 423-519-6628 (cell), 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.

**Reba will be out of the office thru Thursday, May 6th. Sue and Richard will be in and out during that time. If you need to come by the office, please call ahead to be sure someone will be here to assist you.**

**Committee Meetings**

**Board of Trustees**

The Trustees will meet on Monday, May 10th at 6 PM. Mike Tallent will be sending out info before that day.



**Finance**

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



Watch your e-mail for more info/reminders on both of these meetings!

**Happy Birthday**

- 1 Elizabeth Benton
- 2 Lee Anne Strickland
- 4 Jeffrey Houvenagle
- Mike O'Neill
- 5 Bev Taylor
- 7 Britney Williford
- 10 Todd Strickland
- 11 Jill Alliman
- 13 Lucille Peery
- 21 Stephanie Vinyard
- 22 Steve Cornett
- 25 Pat Rapking
- Angela Tallent
- Hunter Jozwiak
- 26 Samantha Kadau
- 30 Jo West
- Hannah Harrell
- 31 Ben Barger
- Kayana Donegan



**Happy Anniversary**

- 15 Paul & Pam Barker
- 16 Kevin & Sarah Kile
- 27 Blair & Linda Clements
- 29 Harold & Carolyn Hunt
- David & Jackie Hargett
- 30 Shane & Megan Cavett

**Are we missing your name?**

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



## 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. We will let you know the deadline date as soon as we get it.

### 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)

## Altar Flowers

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.



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

Life Care Center of Blount County  
 Howard Harvey

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

**Needed:** \$21,340 **Rec'd:** \$ 16,176.42

**Building Fund:**

**Needed:** \$4,084 **Rec'd:** \$ 3,585.00

**Memorial Fund:** \$ 50.00

**Designated:** \$ 750.00

Our Presence**Online Streamed Worship Service**


Average for April  
 Views - 83  
 Online - 82  
 In person - 56

(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           | Sue Price                            |
| Vickie Anderson     | Barbara Raper                        |
| Barbara Baiz        | Barbara Roberson                     |
| Charles Baker       | Donna Roberson                       |
| Janet Bales         | Catherine Reed                       |
| Susan M Blalock     | Darlene Reed                         |
| Jay Browne          | Kevin Reynolds                       |
| Cooper Burks        | Maria Rosian                         |
| Nancy Byrum         | Kimber Russell                       |
| Betty Carey         | Nancy Saggio                         |
| Becky Chester       | Francis Scott                        |
| Austin (Bo) Coleman | Susan Sherrer                        |
| Jane Daily          | Carolyn Sherrill                     |
| Greg Davis          | Tonya Wells Spires                   |
| Casey Deaguero      | John Stratton                        |
| Marilyn DePew       | Todd Strickland                      |
| Tony Ellison        | Mike Summitt                         |
| Courtney Farmer     | Dennis Tramel                        |
| Marjorie Fezlar     | Debbie Tucker                        |
| John H Ford         | Dick Turner                          |
| Shane Garrett       | Alexander Wade                       |
| Tammy George        | Faye Watson                          |
| Kerry Gladden       | Jo West                              |
| Roger Green         | Jean White                           |
| Mike Gregory        | Peggy White                          |
| Richard Hall        | Selena Wiggs                         |
| Ashley Harmon       | Eli Zinck                            |
| Betty Hicks         |                                      |
| Jennifer Hicks      | Mitch & Lisa Borden                  |
| April Hill          | Lisa & Fred Chaney                   |
| Bill Huddleston     | Pat & Gary Cloud                     |
| Brad Hughes         | Wendy and Rick Garland               |
| Kim Hughes          | The Grubb Family                     |
| Dr Bob Hunt         | Christine Hendricks and<br>son-Randy |
| Logan Hunt          | The Leamon family                    |
| Peggy Hyatt         | The Marshall Family                  |
| Jan Johnson         | Mary Margaret and<br>Dickie Mason    |
| Joe Alan Johnson    | Dora & Ray Nelson                    |
| Tim Johnson         | Sandy & Mike O'Neill                 |
| Pauline Kauffman    | The Peters family                    |
| Gay Layne           | Carol & Rick Rapping                 |
| Doug Lottes         | Paul & Carrie & Robbins              |
| Doris Melton        | The Emma Tate Family                 |
| Christopher Miller  | The Drew Teague family               |
| Freida Naylor       | Michael and Becky<br>Wacaster        |
| Mary Nelson         | Curwood Witt & family                |
| Norman Nelson       | The Williford family                 |
| Susie Nelson        |                                      |
| Jack Newman         |                                      |
| Barbara Pennington  |                                      |
| Kristin Pennington  |                                      |

# May 2021

| SUN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | MON                 | TUE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | WED                | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| <p><b>Our Online</b> Worship service will continue at <b>1umcm.com</b> at 10:30 AM.</p> <p><b>In-Person</b> (in the sanctuary) Worship Service at <b>10:30 AM</b>.</p> <p>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> |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |     |     | 1   |
| 2<br>In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM<br><i>Communion</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3                   | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 5<br>UMYF at 6 PM  | 6   | 7   | 8   |
| 9<br><i>Mother's Day</i><br>In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 10<br>Trustees 6 PM | 11<br>Finance Comm 6 PM<br><i>Lions Club/GSC Eye Exams 8:30 - 2:30 Cm Rm</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 12<br>UMYF at 6 PM | 13  | 14  | 15  |
| 16<br>In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 17                  | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 19<br>UMYF at 6 PM | 20  | 21  | 22  |
| 23<br>In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 24                  | 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 26<br>UMYF at 6 PM | 27  | 28  | 29  |
| 30<br>In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 31                  | <p>We will be collecting an offering on Sunday, May 30th for Holston United Methodist Home for Children. Please prayerfully consider your donation and bring it with you on the 30th or you may mail it to FUMC, P O Box 157, Madisonville, TN 37354. You may also drop it by the office—just be sure to call to see if someone is at the church to take care of your gift.</p>  |                    |     |     |     |



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**Stay Safe!!**

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



**Face Masks** – washable & reusable - (given to us by the county health department) 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!*

First United Methodist Church  
 Madisonville, TN

**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 Dopkins at 423-442-2471.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

