

# 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 Check with Vanessa Barr for details

## From the Pastor's desk . . .

*"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." -Colossians 2: 6-7*



November is here, and it feels like it has come very quickly this year! October was such a fun time for worship, study, and fellowship that it has flown by. As we approach a new month I was reminded of a sermon I offered for us during my first few weeks here. During that sermon I spoke about how difficult this season of COVID has been on us as a church. As I discussed this I centered on a passage from the Book of Acts chapter 2, where it talks about what life was like for the early Christians and how they went about practicing their faith as a young church. There were four "focuses" that I lifted from our Acts passage that I said could be restorative for us this year as a community of faith. The early disciples focused on:

- Holding fast to the Apostles' teaching
- Being in fellowship together
- Breaking bread together (by sharing a meal or communion)
- Being devoted to prayer.

At the close of that sermon I invited all of us to embrace a "simple path," during our first year together in ministry and to make these four things priorities for our ministry. I said, *"If we could just focus on studying scripture together, being together in fellowship, eating together, and praying for one another, it could change the trajectory of who our church is and what it could be in the future."*

The month of November is traditionally a time when we are encouraged to give thanks and to gather with family and friends to share, eat, and visit. I hope you will take advantage of the opportunities here at the church to be in worship, to pray for one another, to study, and to be in fellowship together as believers. November is a time in the church year that often previews the deeply rich season of preparation called Advent. This year, Advent will begin on Sunday, November 28th. My hope as your Pastor is that the month of November, and the season of Advent, will be a time for us to continue to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ together via the simple path offered above. If we can do this intentionally enough, our experience might just mirror what happened to the early church. Remember that passage in Acts ends by saying, "Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." I pray that our discipleship as a church would lead others to salvation in Christ, and to help them know what it means to have a church community to call home. Lots of Hope!

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. . . for September!

I am writing this on the morning of November 1, the morning after our blowout Trunk or Treat evening! A great time was had by all who planned, worked, and attended the event. No one should have gone away hungry. Chris and crew cooked and handed out over 400 hundred hot dogs. Alfred and his Boy Scout crew manned a wonderful fire where many many marshmallows were roasted for delicious S'mores. I think the final count for Trunk or Treat vehicles was 15 and we gave out thousands of pieces of candy. The kids enjoyed the craft table and we heard several comments from older kids about how they had made crafts when they were little and visited our Pumpkin Patch events. Madisonville police officer Martin stayed with us the entire evening and was a wonderful bun opener on the hot dog assembly line. The kids enjoyed the games area. Many people stayed after the event and assisted in cleanup. The evening was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who helped in any way! We are already looking forward to next year's event.

As we begin the month of November, we have many things to plan and do this month. Our United Methodist Women will host the Hiwassee District United Methodist Women on Saturday November 6. See the information in the newsletter. Our own group has grown in numbers over the last few months. This is so exciting. Meeting right after church for a lunch meeting on the third Sunday of the month seems to be a great meeting time. All ladies of the church as invited to be a part of this group. We will observe All Saints Day on Sunday November 7th and remember those who have passed away during the last TWO years. The United Methodist Men meet on the second Sunday of the month and their activity level continues to grow. They will be recognizing the charter members of the group

during morning worship on the 14th. I am really excited that we are going to have a Wednesday night covered dish dinner for the first time in over a year and a half on the 17th! We will have a Thanksgiving theme. Choir, on that night we will move our practice to 7:15 so we can enjoy the meal and the fellowship. Right now the plan is to have a community Thanksgiving service at 7 PM on the 18th, and we will be the host church. On the 21st the United Methodist Women will meet for their 11:45 meeting in the fellowship hall. We are asking those who are not a part of this group to stay after church and decorate for Advent which will begin on November. This is that year where we do not have the luxury of that extra time between Thanksgiving and the beginning of Advent. As you can see, November is already a month of extra activities for our church family in addition to our regular worship services, and I am sure we will add other things as we go through the month. Read the newsletter, watch your emails, and keep checking the webpage and the Facebook page. You don't want to miss out on anything.

*Sue*



## 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](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.

## Sunday November 7th is All Saints Day

Each year on the first Sunday in November, churches around the world name those faithfully departed members who have passed away within the past year. Our church has not observed All Saints Day for 2 years now. During worship on November 7th we will be honoring the saints of our church, along with the loved ones in our church family who have passed away. We encourage you to take a moment, read over our list of members who have passed away since we last observed an All Saints Day, and offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their lives.

J Alan Johnson  
Jim Pennington  
Eugene Carson  
Susan Miley  
Joyce Turner  
Billy Williford

Dwaine Peters  
Nancy Manning  
Kay Grubb  
Margaret Marshall  
Emma Tate  
Bill Huddleston

## Things that People Might Not Know . .

### . . .About Reba Dopkins

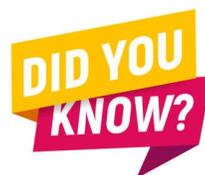
*This is the third in a series focusing on lesser-known facts about our wonderful staff members. Some things may surprise you, others may make you laugh, and still others might enable you to identify unexpected connections with the featured employee. We are happy to bring you items of interest about **Reba Dopkins** this month. Happy reading!*

Last month you found out things about Sue Hamilton that you might not have known. She has been with us **forever**, so there was probably not much you didn't know. Now it's my turn. I will be leaving my position on the staff soon but will be remaining with you in church family.

1. I share my birthday with George Washington.
2. I am the youngest of 5 children so 'rules do not apply to me'.
3. I am the only one of the five children in my family that was born in a hospital – the rest were born at home.
4. I learned to play the clarinet while I was in the fifth grade and played all through high school.
5. I majored in music/voice while at college. I also

took piano lessons and if I try really hard I can render a mean rendition of 'chop sticks.'

6. I am not usually a quitter, but I "withdrew" from my college psychology class rather than have an "F" on my grades.
7. My favorite hobby is piecing quilt tops. I have never learned to quilt so I have someone else do that for me.
8. I once wore a \$1,000 outfit for "Truck-r-Treat!"
9. My favorite treat type food is pizza and salad.
10. I've been told that I am 'OCD' and I guess I have to agree with that.
11. I love to turn the car radio up loud to an oldies channel and sing while I'm driving.
12. I am still adding salt & pepper sets to a collection that was started by my grandmother when she married in 1899. I have two curio cabinets full and the tops are getting there.
13. My most favorite thing to do is sit on our back porch in the evening with Duane and watch the animals – our cat, the birds, and the deer that roam in the field. And, I frequently slap mosquitos at the same time.



**Memorials**

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

The **Building Fund** in memory of:

**James Cornett** from:

John Summitt & Joan Holland  
Duane & Reba Dopkins  
Kevn & Bev Taylor  
Mike & Gabi Tallent

**Paul Robbins** from:

Kevin & Bev Taylor

**Clifton Greenwood** from:

Allan & Sharon Benton

**Bill Huddleston** from:

Allan & Sharon Benton

**J T Scruggs** from:

Allan & Sharon Benton

The **General Fund** in memory of:

**James Cornett** from:

Carolyn Peters

The **United Methodist Women** in memory of

**Emma Tate** from Melissa Crabtree.

The **Choir Fund** from Pat Rapping in memory of:

**Geri Benton**

**Dwaine Peters**

**Bill Huddleston**

**Paul Robbins**

**Happy Birthday**

4	Sandra Tompkins Haley Harrell Allen
7	Alexito Martinez-Barker
10	Megan Cavett
11	Barbara Penland
14	Mike Pence
15	Blair Clements
17	Peyton Dotson
21	Roger McNeece
23	Alexis Kagley
28	Gary Hamilton
30	Zander Liszeski

**Happy Anniversary**

6	Jeff & Karen McMillan
21	Ben & Wanda Barger
22	Mike & Gabi Tallent

**United Methodist Men  
65th Anniversary**

On Sunday, November 14th, the United Methodist Men of First United Methodist Church of Madisonville, TN will be celebrating their 65th Anniversary! The charter members will all be honored/remembered at the morning worship service at 10:30 AM. Please join us that morning for this special time of recognition.

**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 the office at 423-442-2471 or email adminassist

@firstumcmadisonville.org.

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

**Advent is Coming!**

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 28th this year. Followers of Jesus often use the days leading up to Christmas to celebrate and prepare for the coming of Christ. Our congregation will mark the 4 weeks in Advent leading up to the Christmas season in some very rich, unique, and fun ways both on Sundays and throughout the week. Please be on the lookout for all the ways we will be preparing as a community to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Meetings

United Methodist Women

The Hiwassee District United Methodist Women will meet on Saturday, Nov 6 at 9 —12 AM in the fellowship hall. Call Laurie McNeece for more info. 423-519-6456



Board of Trustees

The Trustees will meet on Monday, Nov 8 at 6 PM in the fellowship hall.

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, Nov 9 at 6 PM in the fellowship hall.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet in the fellowship hall on Sunday, Nov 14 at 9:00 AM. All men of the church are invited to attend. A light breakfast will be served. Call Ray Nelson for more info. 928-660-1061



Thanksgiving Covered Dish Supper

Plans are being made for a covered dish supper to be held on Wednesday, Nov 17th at 6 PM. Please watch the bulletins, your emails, and social media as more information will be available closer to that time.

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet on Sunday, Nov 21 at 11:45 AM (immediately after the worship service) in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be provided. All women of the church are invited to attend. Call Laurie McNeece for more info. 423-519-6456

Advent/Christmas Decorating Party

There will be a church wide decorating party after church on Sunday, Nov 21. Watch for more information in the next couple of weeks.

Youth Fellowship

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

Choir Practice

The chancel choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM.

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts

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

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

Who Is This Person???

*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.*

This person is a preacher's child. He/she has 1 child and 1 grandchild. He/she attended school in Tellico Plains for 11 years and graduated from Sweetwater High School. He/she was a dental assistant in Madisonville for 19 years. He/she loves to read and watch Titans football and Tennessee Vols sports (especially Lady Vols basketball). He/she is very active in our church in many ways.

Who is it? (Answer on page \_6\_.)



. . .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.

### 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
- 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

Bring these items to the church and we will see that they are delivered to the organizations who can use them.



### 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

### Community Café

Our church is scheduled to provide sides and desserts for the dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 30th. I will be asking for volunteers to provide those items. Please deliver them to the Presbyterian Church around 4 PM that day.

Thank you to all who have so graciously provided items in the past. This is a much needed and very much appreciated service to our community.

The next time we will be asked to help will be in mid January 2022.

Dora Nelson  
928-660-1009



### Let's Eat Together!

On Wednesday evening, November 17th we will be having a covered dish dinner at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate Thanksgiving. This will be a time to gather as a church family, share a meal, and be in fellowship with one another. Bring a dish or two of food to share. Pastor Chris **may be** smoking a turkey for us to sample. This dinner should be a wonderful time to be together and offer thanksgiving as a community.

Choir practice will be at 7:15 on **this** evening.

The answer is:  
Mary Alice Huff

**Our Service**

**Trustee**

The Trustee for the month of November is Mark Radosevich. If you have questions or concerns please contact him.



**Our Gifts**

**For October**

**General Operating Fund:**

**Needed: \$21,340 Rec'd: \$ 20,790**

**Building Fund:**

**Needed: \$4,084 Rec'd: \$ 2,995**

**Memorial Fund: \$ 50**

**Designated: \$ 600**

**Coffee Bar**



If you would like to help out by hosting the coffee bar one or more Sundays in November there is a sign up sheet on the table by the coffee bar. Please see Janet Tweed if you have questions.

**Altar Flowers**

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

- Nov 7 Communion
- Nov 14 Karen Rapping
- Nov 21 Lawrence Johnson in memory of Martha Johnson
- Nov 28 Advent



**Our Presence**

**Online Streamed Worship Service**

Average for October

Views - 59

Online registered - 18

In person - 74



# We Support Our Church By Our Prayers

## **On-going Prayer Concerns:**

Kat Ahart  
Sandy Anderson  
Vickie Anderson  
Barbara Baiz  
Charles Baker  
Karen Baksinger  
Don Barr  
Bill Beason  
Susan M Blalock  
Virginia Buckner  
Nancy Byrum  
Betty Carey  
Bob Carl  
Jane Daily  
Greg Davis  
Marilyn DePew  
Tony Ellison  
Courtney Farmer  
Bob Ferris  
Marjorie Fezlar  
John H Ford  
Shane Garrett  
Tammy George  
Blair Gifford  
Roger Green  
Mike Gregory

Ashley Harmon  
Kevin Hershman  
Betty Hicks  
Jennifer Hicks  
April Hill  
Brad Hughes  
Kim Hughes  
Dr Bob Hunt  
Logan Hunt  
Peggy Hyatt  
Jan Johnson  
Joe Alan Johnson  
Gay Layne  
Doug Lottes  
Pamela Madden  
Doris Melton  
Christopher Miller  
Freida Naylor  
Maria Nelson  
Mary Nelson  
Jack Newman  
George Norton  
John Oliverio  
Maverick Patton  
Barbara Pennington  
Kristin Pennington  
Sue Price  
Catherine Reed  
Darlene Reed

Alan Reedy  
Kevin Reynolds  
Donna Roberson  
Maria Rosian  
Audrey Schepker  
Francis Scott  
Carolyn Sherrill  
Tonya Wells Spires  
Todd Strickland  
Mike Summitt  
Dennis Tramel  
Dick Turner  
Alexander Wade  
Jo West  
Jean White  
Peggy White  
John Wiggins  
Selena Wiggs  
Michael Williamson  
Eleanor Lane Wilson  
Mitzi Womac  
Eli Zinck  
  
Pat & Kelly Burnette  
Lisa & Fred Chaney  
Pat & Gary Cloud  
Jo Curtis & Boyd Curtis  
Frank & Betty Dossett

Wendy and Rick  
Garland  
George & Cindy  
Gatchel  
The Hazuda Family  
Christine Hendricks  
and son-Randy  
Christy & Jason  
Humberd  
The Kapileo family  
The Leamon family  
Judy Mairui's nephew  
Dustin  
Dora & Ray Nelson  
MaryAnne & Ken  
Nelson  
Sandy & Mike O'Neill  
Carol & Rick Rapping  
Jim & Rita Richesin  
Ashley Rolan & family  
The Venable family  
Michael and Becky  
Wacaster  
Faye Watson & family  
Curwood Witt &  
family

## **Our Active Military Personnel:**

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

## **Those in Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:**

Pat Harvey  
Mary Margaret Mason  
John Summitt  
*Wood Village, Sweetwater*  
  
Judy Lee  
*Morning Pointe of Knoxville,  
Memory Care Unit*  
  
Sam Grubb  
*Life Care Center of Athens*  
  
Howard Harvey  
*The Groves at Oak Ridge*

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

*If you have placed someone on our prayer list and would like an acknowledgement sent to that person, please provide a mailing address to the office.*

**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.**





# November 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 6 PM	4	5  AA 5:30 PM CM Rm	6  <i>Hiwassee District UMW 9—Noon Fellowship Hall</i>
7 <i>All Saints Day</i> <b>In Person &amp; Online Wor- ship</b> 10:30 AM	8 Trustees 6 PM  <i>Cub Scouts 6 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM CM Rm</i>	9 <b>Finance Comm</b> 6 PM  <i>Lions Club/GSC Eye Exams 8:30 – 2:30 Cm Rm</i>	10 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 6 PM	11	12  AA 5:30 PM CM Rm	13  <i>Relay For Life All Day— Fellowship Hall</i>
14 <b>UMM Break- fast</b> 9 AM in the fellowship hall <b>In Person &amp; Online Wor- ship</b> 10:30 AM	15  <i>Cub Scouts 6 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM CM Rm</i>	16	17 <b>Covered Dish Supper</b> 6 PM UMYF at 7 PM Choir 7:15 PM	18 <b>Community Thanksgiving Service</b> 7 PM (Here)	19  AA 5:30 PM CM Rm	20  <i>Kiwanis—upper parking lot— Thanksgiving Bas- kets—morning</i>
21 <b>In Per- son &amp; Online Worship</b> 10:30 AM  UMW 11:45 AM in the fel- lowship hall <b>Decorating Party</b> after worship	22  <i>Cub Scouts 6 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM CM Rm</i>	23	24 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 6 PM	25	26  AA 5:30 PM CM Rm	27
28 <b>In Person &amp; Online Wor- ship</b> 10:30 AM	29  <i>Cub Scouts 6 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM CM Rm</i>	30  <i>Community Caf� 4:30 PM Presby- terian Church</i>		<b>Online</b> Worship service will continue at <b>1umcm.com</b> at 10:30 AM. <b>In-Person</b> (in the sanctuary) Worship Service at <b>10:30 AM</b> .		



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