

THE FLAME



From the Pastor's desk . . .

"The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever..."

-Isaiah 40:8

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

-Isaiah 43:19



The season of fall is upon us, and I couldn't be more excited! There are so many unique "flavors" to this season of the year, and I don't just mean all the pumpkin spice that is sure to be everywhere. Along with the flavors that stand out there are also many feelings that go with it too. The weather is getting cooler, days are shorter, our students, parents, and teachers have gotten settled into new routines, and fall sports are underway. I love this time of year for many reasons, but mainly because I have so many wonderful memories of being with friends around a fire, cooking out, eating S'mores, or having chili with cornbread. October can be such a fun and festive month of the year.

I could not be happier about having the opportunity to experience my first fall season with you as your pastor this year. I know that we must remain cautious as we continue to endure the pandemic and all that comes with it, but I am definitely looking forward to having some fun, fellowship, and great worship with you this month.

Along with the fun, I also hope the month of October can be spiritually formative for each of you in some new way. Perhaps you can pick up a new practice to deepen your relationship with scripture through the upcoming class we are offering. You could also find some new way to be in mission or fellowship with other members (or visitors) of our church. Perhaps you could do something you haven't done before with the church, like help with our Trunk or Treat event on October 30th. It could also be a good time to think about worshipping with us more frequently or even in new ways.

I hope you will be on the lookout for ways that God is moving anew through us as a church, and through you individually. October has always been a month of change and transition as summer becomes fall. My prayer for each of you is that you would pay attention to how God may be moving in (and through) you in brand new ways to deepen your own relationship with Christ and to strengthen your witness as his disciples. May we as a church family welcome October as a new season of ministry and worship together.

Lots of Hope!

Chris

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

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. . . for September!

October is here! We still have lots of green leaves on the trees, but there is definitely a tinge of color everywhere. When you step outside, the air just feels different. The news people on television were talking about it being only 3 months until Christmas. 2021 has gone by very slowly in many ways, but it has also gone by very quickly in other ways. We have now spent a quarter of a year with our new pastor Chris Black, and we have made many strides forward under his leadership. Hang on! We have many more things that are in the works for the next few months!

As I said last month, we will not be able to have a Pumpkin Patch this year. We are, however, going to have a very special Trunk or Treat event Saturday, October 30. Please see the article in the newsletter that will tell you more about this exciting upcoming event.

The chancel choir has already begun practicing our Christmas cantata which we will do in December. We were not able to do one last year because of Covid, and we are very excited about getting to do one this year. Please join us in the sanctuary on Wednesdays at 6 PM and sing in this year's cantata. We would love to have you in the choir for morning worship, too.

I have just returned from this week's Kiwanis Club meeting. The program today was given by the Madisonville Downtown Alliance. The speakers told us about many things that this group is doing and promoting. They will be sponsoring many events and activities during the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Since our church sits in the downtown area, they are asking us to take part in many of the activities and plans. We'll let you know more as we find out more.

As you read this newsletter, you will see that we have several activities and meetings taking place and there are other events that are in the planning stages. Please let us know how you want to become more involved in upcoming events. We are going to be busy!

Sue



Community Appreciation

We want to thank everyone who has participated in any way in our community snack basket appreciation project that we are doing right now. We had enough snacks to fill 28 baskets to overflowing. This is something we plan to do every few months. Thanks again for your support of this project.



1st UMC Trunk or Treat Event on October 30th!

On Saturday, October 30th, 1st United Methodist of Madisonville will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event in our upper parking area. This event will be happening at the same time as the City of Madisonville's downtown Halloween celebration. We are planning on having games, a bonfire for s'mores, face/hand painting, and plenty of vehicle trunks open with goodies. We will also have hot dogs grilled by our own Pastor Chris Black. It should be a fun event for all who participate or happen to walk by. Our Trunk or Treat will begin at about 4:30 p.m., with the grill turning on at 5:30 p.m., and things will wrap up at about 8:30 p.m. To make this event as fun as possible we will need lots of cars (or SUV's, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, etc.), candy, and folks to give out candy. We are already beginning to give out parking spots for this event so if you are interested in providing a trunk to give out candy please let Sue (sue@firstumcmadisonville.org) or Pastor Chris (cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org) know in the church office.

We are so excited about this event and how it could welcome the community to our church family!



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. 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.

Childcare Workers Needed:

We have begun our search for a couple of new childcare workers for our Nursery area on Sunday mornings. If you know of anyone over the age of 18, who loves taking care of children or who would be interested in working a few extra hours each week please let us know. If **you** are someone who would like more information about working in our Nursery ministry of play, love, and care please contact Rev. Chris Black in the church office, or by email at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org



Things that People Might Not Know . . .

. . . About Sue Hamilton

This is the second 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 Sue Hamilton this month. Happy reading!

Last month you found out 14 things about Pastor Chris that you might not have known. Since he is new to us, just about everything he told us was new to us. It is my turn to let you know some things about me that you may or may not know. I have been here for a long time. I will mix in some things that are well known to many of you, but I may come up with a few things most of you don't know.

- I have been a part of this church since 1975 as music director and in 2007 my duties as program director were added when I retired from Cleveland State Community College. I have worked with 16 pastors.
- I worked from October 1975 through June 2007 with the State of Tennessee, Cleveland State Community College, Roane State Community College and back to Cleveland State Community with employment and training programs.

- I loved to play softball when I was younger and I can tell you about the broken bones and other injuries to prove it.
- My favorite sport to follow over the years has been baseball and my favorite all time player is Johnny Bench. I saw him hit his last career home run in a game in Cincinnati.
- I am now going to soccer games and learning the rules.
- My favorite meal is a hamburger and fries.
- My favorite beverage of choice is diet Mountain Dew.
- My favorite colors for a vehicle are blue or red.
- I graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan College (at that time) in 1975 with a degree in Music Education.
- In 2013 (I think that was the year) I was named Monroe County Citizen of the year.
- I have lived in Sweetwater all my life-in the same house since 1963.
- I am not an early morning person.
- All of you who have been in my office know that I have a messy desk!
- I have hundreds of church children and now grandchildren who I have worked with over the years, and now some of them are in their 60s.
- I would like to learn to play golf.
- Math is not my thing.
- I am not a coffee drinker.
- I am a cashier's worst nightmare because I pay for things with bills that have been wadded up in my pockets.

"Where, oh where has our typewriter gone?"

If you have borrowed the typewriter from the library, please return it.



Memorials

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



The **Building Fund** in memory of:

Paul Robbins by:

Duane & Reba Dopkins
Mary Alice Huff

The **General Fund** in memory of:

Paul Robbins from:

Barbara Penland

Shirley Napier from:

Barbara Penland

Geri Benton from:

Barbara Penland

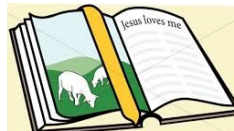
The **United Methodist Women** in memory of

Emma Tate from Frank & Carol McKenzie.



Children's Bible Presentation
October 24th

On Sunday morning October 24th our church will be presenting Bibles to many of our children. We have tradi-



tionally done this annually but missed out on this fun milestone last year because of the pandemic. This year we have several to give away! If you are the parent or the grandparent of one of our children please be on the lookout for an email or call from Sue (sue@firstumcmadisonville.org) about this in the coming weeks.

Happy Birthday

- 2 Tate Sherrer
- 4 Carolyn Hunt
Lawrence Johnson
Aaron Tallent
- 8 Gabi Tallent
- 9 Carol McKenzie
- 10 Taylor Hammitt
- 11 Sharon Benton
- 12 Brendan Severance
- 15 Kevin Kile
- 17 Marilyn DePew
- 19 Harold Hunt
- 21 Mathew Vinyard
- 23 Barrett Scott Cybula
- 24 Steve Tweed
Kim Townson
- 25 Alfred Greenwood
- 26 Freida Naylor
Walter Liszeski
- 28 Dora Nelson

Happy Anniversary

- 10 Mike & Beth Pence
- 26 Charles & Phyllis Harrell
- 27 Jerry & Vanessa Barr

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.

Meetings

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet in the fellowship hall on Sunday, Oct 10 at 9:00 AM. Duane Dopkins will be providing breakfast. All men of the church are invited to attend. Call Ray Nelson for more info. 928-660-1061

Board of Trustees

The Trustees will meet on Monday, Oct 4 at 6 PM in the fellowship hall.

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, Oct 12 at 6 PM in the fellowship hall.

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet on Sunday, Oct 17 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. 423-420-1054

Youth Fellowship

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

Choir Practice

The chancel choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM. **Note the new time!!!**

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.

Reba Dopkins to retire...

...but not yet.

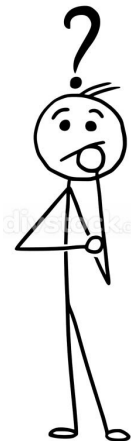
Our long-time church administrative assistant Reba Dopkins has begun making plans to retire from her staff role here at the church. However, she will still be with us until the start of the new year to ensure a smooth transition to the next person who will fill her essential role. All of us have been blessed in one way or another by Reba's ministry here among us. She cares deeply for this church and its people, which is why she wanted to share her news so early. Reba wanted to give Chris and the Staff Parish Relations Committee plenty of time to find and train someone to fill her shoes. We hope that you will find ways to express your love and appreciation for Reba as she begins to enter into a new phase of life with us. She and Duane have already begun making plans to travel and see some family and friends who are spread out across the country. A reception to celebrate Reba's ministry with us will be planned very soon. Please be on the lookout for details in the coming months.

Who Are They???

This is a new feature that we are starting. We will profile a family or person in our church each month. See if you can identify them from the info that we give you.

She is a retired school guidance counselor and he is a retired veterinarian. They have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. Over the years they have been faithful attenders at their children's and grandchildren's sporting events. She is an avid reader and loves to draw. He loves to be outside and fix things. They live in a very big historic home. His father was a United States Senator and her father was held for 3 years in a Japanese (POW) Prisoner of War camp.

Who are they? (Answer on page 6.)



. . .is an opportunity to help over and above your regular tithes and offerings to the church.

Good Shepherd Center

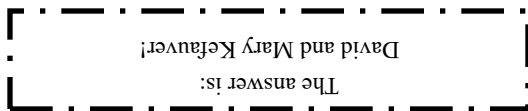
The needs at The Good Shepherd Center at this time

- **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 responsible for providing the **Free Community Dinner** meal for October 12.

We need sides and desserts that go with hot dogs and chili.

Please call Dora (928-660-1009) if you are able to help.

Dora Nelson



Important Choir News!!!

We are changing our practice time from 7 PM to 6 PM—still keeping our practice on Wednesdays.

Please join us for a time of singing and fellowship.



Our Service**Trustee**

The Trustee for the month of October is Bob Marshall. If you have questions or concerns please contact him.

**Coffee Bar**

Coffee Bar hosts for the month of October are:

October 3	Janet Tweed
October 10	Deb Radosevich
October 17	Deb Radosevich
October 24	Deb Radosevich
October 31	Janet Tweed



If you would like to help out by hosting the coffee bar one or more Sundays 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 October by:

Sept 3	Communion
Oct 10	Sue & Gary Hamilton in memory of Fred & Joyce Hamilton
Oct 17	Duane & Reba Dopkins in memory of Ted Hall and Jan Dopkins
Oct 24	Joan Holland in memory of her son, Scott
Oct 31	Chad & Margaret Chester

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 Gifts**

For September

General Operating Fund:

Needed: \$21,340 Rec'd: \$ 17,648

Building Fund:

Needed: \$4,084 Rec'd: \$ 3,465

Memorial Fund: \$.00

Designated: \$ 600

Our Presence

Online Streamed Worship Service

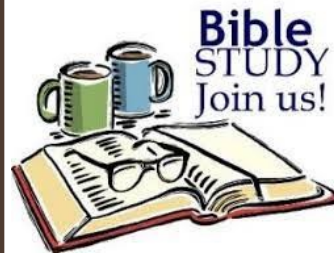
Average for September

Views - 83

Online registered - 14

In person - 67

(Please register your on-line attendance! We have to turn in records to the Conference office. We know people are engaging with us and we would like to know who you are.)

Back to Basics Bible Study
Beginning October 6

Have you ever been intimidated by the Bible? Or felt that you didn't know where to start with reading or studying scripture? Well during the month of October

Rev. Chris Black will be teaching a 4-week class on how to approach the Bible with confidence. We will be discussing some fundamental ways that can help you read, or even study scripture, so that you may apply it to your life today. The class will meet on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. beginning on Oct 6 in the fellowship hall for approximately 45 minutes. If you have any questions about the class feel free call the church office or e-mail Chris at

cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org

We Support Our Church By Our Prayers

On-going Prayer Concerns:

Kat Ahart	Richard Hall	Kevin Reynolds	Wendy and Rick
Vickie Anderson	Ashley Harmon	Maria Rosian	Garland
Barbara Baiz	Kevin Hershman	Audrey Schepker	George & Cindy
Charles Baker	Betty Hicks	Francis Scott	Gatchel
Don Barr	Jennifer Hicks	Carolyn Sherrill	The Hazuda Family
Susan M Blalock	April Hill	Tonya Wells Spires	Christine Hendricks
Jay Browne	Brad Hughes	John Stratton	and son-Randy
Virginia Buckner	Kim Hughes	Val Stratton	Russell & Peggy Hope
Nancy Byrum	Dr Bob Hunt	Todd Strickland	Christy & Jason
Betty Carey	Logan Hunt	John Summitt	Humberd
Bob Carl	Peggy Hyatt	Mike Summitt	The Kapileo family
Jo Curtis	Jan Johnson	Hope Tippie	The Leamon family
Jane Daily	Joe Alan Johnson	Dennis Tramel	Judy Mairui's nephew
Greg Davis	Gay Layne	Dick Turner	Dustin
Casey Deaguero	Doug Lottes	Alexander Wade	Dora & Ray Nelson
Marilyn DePew	Pamela Madden	Jo West	MaryAnne & Ken
Tony Ellison	Doris Melton	Jean White	Nelson
Courtney Farmer	Christopher Miller	Peggy White	Sandy & Mike O'Neil
Bob Ferris	Freida Naylor	Selena Wiggs	The Pyros Family
Marjorie Fezlar	Maria Nelson	Michael Williamson	Carol & Rick Rapping
John H Ford	Mary Nelson	Eleanor Lane Wilson	Ashley Rolen & family
Shane Garrett	Jack Newman	Mitzi Womac	Michael and Becky
Tammy George	George Norton	Eli Zinck	Wacaster
Blair Gifford	Barbara Pennington	Pat & Kelly Burnette	John Wiggins
Roger Green	Kristin Pennington	Eric & Mary Butler	Curwood Witt &
Mike Gregory	Sue Price	Lisa & Fred Chaney	family
	Donna Roberson	Pat & Gary Cloud	
	Catherine Reed	Frank & Betty Dossett	
	Darlene Reed		

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
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.





October 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Online Worship service will continue at lumcm.com at 10:30 AM. In-Person (in the sanctuary) Worship Service at 10:30 AM.</p>					1 <i>AA 5:30 PM CM Rm</i>	2
3 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM	4 Trustees 6 PM <i>Cub Scouts 6 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM CM Rm</i>	5	6 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 6 PM Bible Study 7:15 PM	7	8 <i>AA 5:30 PM CM Rm</i>	9
10 UMM Breakfast 9 AM in the fellowship hall In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM	11 <i>Cub Scouts 6 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM CM Rm</i>	12 Finance Comm 6 PM <i>Lions Club/GSC Eye Exams 8:30 - 2:30 Cm Rm</i>	13 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 6 PM Bible Study 7:15 PM	14	15 <i>AA 5:30 PM CM Rm</i>	16
17 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM UMW 11:45 AM in the fellowship hall	18 <i>Cub Scouts 6 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM CM Rm</i>	19	20 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 6 PM Bible Study 7:15 PM	21	22 <i>AA 5:30 PM CM Rm</i>	23
24 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM Charge Conf 2 PM Swtr 1st	25 <i>Cub Scouts 6 PM Boy Scouts 7</i>	26	27 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 6 PM Bible Study 7:15 PM	28	29 <i>AA 5:30 PM CM Rm</i>	30 Trunk or Treat 4:30 PM
31 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM Holston Home Sunday offering	<p>Children's Bible Presentation Sunday, <u>October 24th</u> See article on page 4 for more information.</p>				<p>Trunk or Treat! Saturday, October 30st See article on page 2 for more information.</p>	



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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!

