

THE FLAME



OUR WORSHIP TIMES:

- **Sunday School** 10 AM
- **Worship** 11 AM
- **Youth Fellowship and Ignite**—Wednesdays at 6 PM

“GATHERING for WORSHIP!!”

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness” Psalm 100: 1—2



THIS SUNDAY, October 4th, 2020, we will gather together again to worship God, together! Finally!! It will be a little different. We will worship OUTSIDE, in the upper parking lot, near the main entrance to the sanctuary. And we will begin worship at **10:30 am**, 30 minutes early. It is World Communion Sunday. We have individually packaged cups of “wine” (grape juice) and a wafer, that each person can unwrap themselves. Anyone may plan to bring your own “wine” or juice, and a more tasty bread. Let’s remember for a moment the importance of worship for all Christians. During World War II, William Temple was the Archbishop of Canterbury in Britain, the Chief Bishop of the Church of England. To the war weary Brits of England, he said: For worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness; the nourishment of mind with His truth; the purifying of imagination by His beauty; the opening of the heart to His love; the surrender of will to His purpose, and all of this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable and therefore the chief remedy for that self-centeredness which is our original sin and the source of all actual sin.

Finally!!

So, we will gather for worship OUTSIDE, just outside the coffee bar and sanctuary main entrance, in the parking lot, either in cars, or seated in lawn chairs that you bring yourselves, sitting the chairs on the asphalt. There will be ushers to direct those who wish to sit in their cars, in the upper parking lot, and ushers who will help families, couples, and individuals to set their chairs at proper social distancing from their other worshipers. The worship service will be broadcast on the FM radio, at 91.1 FM, and anyone in their cars will be able to listen. We will also broadcast the video LIVE on Facebook, as we have been doing, so those who can’t come to the outdoor worship will still be able to join us in praising God. WE PLAN TO HAVE SOME SPACES THAT CAN

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On-Line or In-Person

October! It feels like it today (Tuesday September 29). The weather is cool and the skies just have that fall look. There is a sense of anticipation in the air, especially at First United Methodist Church Madisonville!

When Lee Anne said this past Sunday that we were doing our 29th livestreaming service, I really had to stop and think. Has it really been that long since we have been together in person for a Sunday morning worship service? It sure has. The first Sunday we were not together was March 15. The next week we had a meeting and put together our streaming service. We have not missed a week yet. We have had a great Sunday morning team. In the beginning our faithfuls were Pastor Keith, Reba Hall Dopkins, Richard Beaubien, Jan Johnson, Alan Johnson, and me at the piano. Alan was with us until he just couldn't make it. His presence will never be replaced. Lee Anne Strickland, in her spare time (that is a joke) joined us along the way. Lindsay Liszeski joined us one week and helped with singing as did Carol McKenzie just a week or so ago. Marlee Tierce and Reverend Joe Ratledge filled in for Keith when he was out for his 2 week vacation. Our crew has been very faithful and it has been a blessing to us to read and hear the comments that many of you have made about the services. We have some folks who have told us that they will not be able to attend in person services right now and our plan is to make sure we continue to

“There is a sense of anticipation in the air”

stream a service for these folks. We have also had folks who have moved away to be with family members or other family members of our folks who live away from Madisonville to join with us almost every Sunday. It has been very special to be back in the fold with these folks and to make new church friends.

We will begin (weather permitting) our in person outdoor services this Sunday (October 4) at 10:30 AM in the upper parking lot. Bring a lawn chair and join us or pull up in your vehicle and worship with us by tuning to 91.1 FM on your radio. Plans have been put together following Holston Conference and CDC guidelines. Please bring your mask and wear it. Practice social distancing. If the weather is bad, we will make a decision on Saturday evening and change to a live streaming service at 10:30 AM on Sunday. We will send out an email, but we know that gmail is slow to get to you who use gmail. We will also post a notice on our web page at **lumcm.com**. Everyone needs to get in the habit of looking there for information. It will be great to see folks (even at a distance) that we have not seen for many months. Let me know if you have questions and I will try to find out answers.

Sue

Music / Program Director





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

The **Building Fund** in memory of:

Edna Bonifacius from:

- John Summitt & Joan Holland
- Blair & Linda Clements
- Duane & Reba Dopkins
- Alfred & Carolynn Greenwood
- Mike & Gabi Tallent
- Steve & Kathleen Cornett
- Mary Alice Huff

Gene Carson from:

- John Summitt & Joan Holland
- Blair & Linda Clements
- Duane & Reba Hall Dopkins
- Alfred & Carolynn Greenwood
- Mike & Gabi Tallent
- Mary Giles Ritchie
- Steve & Kathleen Cornett
- Frieda Naylor
- Floyd Reedy
- David & Kathy (Sands) Blankenship
- Mary Alice Huff

Scott Holland from:

- Joan Holland & John Summitt

The **General Fund** in memory of:

Edna Bonifacius from Jan Johnson

Gene Carson from Jan Johnson



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
- 16 Bill Huddleston
- 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

- 1 Richard & Joyce Turner
- 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 we are. Please email the office at 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.



Out-Door In-Person Worship

As most of you know by now, our plan for outdoor worship services has been approved by our District Superintendent Reverend Hugh Kilgore. We are making plans for our first outdoor service, weather permitting, on Sunday October 4th at **10:30 AM** in our upper parking lot. We are excited!

If you plan to sit out in the parking lot, please bring a lawn chair for everyone in your family. We will have a few extra chairs for those who cannot bring one. If you plan to sit in a chair (with your family) please park in the gravel parking lot, along College Street or in the Tellico Street lower parking lot. We will reserve the back part of the upper parking lot for those who will stay in their vehicles. We now have a transmitter that you can use to listen by radio to the service if you are fairly close to the church. If you plan to come to the church and be a part of the service while you are sitting in your vehicle, please enter the upper parking lot through the exit and you will be directed to a parking place. Tune your radio to 91.1 FM.

Remember that the service begins at **10:30 AM** and you might want to get here a little early so you can get your chairs out or get into a parking space. We will have people here to make sure you get settled in. Remember that our plan states that we will wear masks. We will also practice social distancing with family groups sitting at least 6 feet apart from other individuals or groups. This Sunday we will be observing World Communion Sunday. We will have individually packaged communion servings or you can bring your own.

If weather will not permit us to have an outdoor service, we will have the live streamed service as we have had in the past at **10:30 AM** available for you. If you are going to

be at home, you can be a part of this service by going to lumcm.com just like you have been doing for the last 29 weeks. If it looks like weather will not permit us to meet outdoors on Sunday morning, we will send out an email on Saturday evening to let everyone know that we will not have the outdoor service. Many of you who use gmail know that it takes hours and sometime days to receive an email. If we are not going to be outside for our service, we will also post this information on our website at lumcm.com on Saturday night. **Please get in the habit of checking the website lumcm.com for current information.** IF YOU DON'T PLAN ON RETURNING TO AN IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE ANYTIME SOON, YOU CAN STILL JOIN US ONLINE AT **10:30 AM** ON SUNDAYS OR ACCESSING THE SERVICE LATER JUST AS YOU DO NOW.

Please say a prayer for the team putting the service together and let us know if you have any questions.

Re-opening Task Force Team:
Rev. Keith Knight, Pastor
Peter Alliman, Admin Board Chairperson
Mike Tallent, Trustees Chairperson
Sue Hamilton, Program Director
Reba Hall, Admin Assistant
Richard Beaubien, Video
Steve Tweed, Sound

Others on the team are:
Bob Marshall
Kathleen Cornett
Alfred Greenwood
Ray & Dora Nelson
Jeff McMillan
Laurie McNeece
Mark Radosevich
Matt Deaton
Jan Johnson
Vanessa Barr



Charge Conference

Our Charge Conference this year will be held at our church on Sunday, October 25th, at 2 PM. This will be a cluster Charge Conference with four other churches in Monroe County. Everyone is invited to attend. We will be sending out more details as the time approaches. Please mark you calendars and plan to attend.



Upper Rooms

We still have a few copies of the Sept/Oct issue of the Upper Room Devotional Book in the white tote at the front entrance to the church. If you would like a digital copy please e-mail me and I will send it to you.

Reba

adminassist@firstumcmadisonville.org

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BE USED FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO PARK IN THE UPPER PARKING LOT, STAY IN THEIR CARS AND PARTICIPATE IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

There will be no group or congregational singing for those gathered on the asphalt.

You may hum along with the songs or hymns, or sing the words in your head.

Those in their cars can sing or not sing according to their discretion. AS FOR

WEATHER, dress appropriately. It may be cool. There is little chance of rain, so, unless an unexpected tornado comes roaring

through downtown Madisonville, we will meet for worship this Sunday, outside in the upper parking lot, at the SPECIAL TIME of 10:30 a.m. Try to arrive by 10:15 a.m., so that we can balance those seated in their own

chairs and those parked in their cars. **Please get in the habit of checking our website lumcm.com for info and watch your e-mail Saturday after 6:00 pm for any last minute “emergency” guidance, just in case.**

We will have hand sanitizer available.

Masks are required and will be provided for you if you do bring your own.

See you at the “Worship of a Unique Kind” place this Sunday.

Keith G. Knight

CONTACT US

Contact Info

We are working in the church office more and more. If you can't reach us there please call or email us at the numbers/email addresses listed below:

For Pastoral needs - Please call Pastor Keith at 865-803-2547 or email him at keith_knight@aol.com.

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 adminasist@firstumcmadisonville.org.

If we do not answer our phone - leave a message - we will call you back.

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 here at the church. If anyone needs one or two, please stop by to pick them up.

Reba is still making cloth masks for anyone who would like one or more. Just call to be sure she is in the office or make other arrangements to pick one up.

Wednesday Night Covered Dish Suppers

Dear Church Family,
As most of you have figured out by now, we are not having

Wednesday Night Supper in October.

There is light at the end of the tunnel, as we are having outside services in our parking lot. Praise God. If things progress, we might get to have one of our suppers in the next few months. Keep praying for each other and being a good neighbor where ever you can. God answers all our prayers in his time. We just need to be patient.

Dora Nelson



Tuesday Night Community Dinner

There will be no Tuesday Night Community Supper on October 25, 2020. If there is one planned for our next rotation we will let you know in time to help.

Thank those of you who have helped in the past. It takes a family to get everything done. Thanks for being part of our FAMILY.

Kay Grubb and
Dora Nelson

Free Community Dinner



. . . 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

- ◆ fruit cups
- ◆ kids breakfast foods such as:

instant oatmeal

individual cereal boxes,

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
- 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

Thinking of You

We have several church members who are in nursing homes or assisted living facilities and some who are still live at home or with family members—but can't really get out—who really enjoy receiving mail that comes from our church and church family. We have one person who faithfully sends inspirational letters every 4 to 6 weeks to many of our members, friends, and our extended family. We have one person who sends birthday and anniversary cards. We send from the office the monthly newsletter and weekly bulletin and sermon notes. If you would like to join in this ministry by sending notes or cards to some of this group please call the office and we will get names and addresses for you.

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 & Howard Harvey
 Gerri Benton

Northshore Heights, Knoxville
 Judy Lee

River Oaks, Loudon
 Steve Cavett, Room 307

Ouachita Health Care
 Shirley Nappier (Harold Hunt's m-in-law)

NHC
 Bill West, Johnson City
 (Send Bill's mail to Jo West, 3207 Bristol Hwy,
 Apt 218, Johnson City, TN 37601)

On-going Prayer Concerns:

Sharon Amundson	Kristin Pennington
Catherine Ashton	Gerald Phillips
Barbara Baiz	Linda Plemons
Charles Baker	Bill Poole
Janet Bales	Carol Rapping
Wanda Barger	Barbara Roberson
Steve Berrong	Donna Roberson
Susan M Blalock	Meredith Robinson
Jay Browne	Catherine Reed
Cooper Burks	Darlene Reed
Nancy Byrum	Kevin Reynolds
Becky Chester	Paul Robbins
Jane Daily	Maria Rosian
Greg Davis	Francis Scott
Marilyn DePew	Susan Sherrer
Tony Ellison	Tonya Wells Spires
Courtney Farmer	John Stratton
Marjorie Fezlar	Todd Strickland
John H Ford	Mike Summitt
Tammy George	Emma Tate
Kerry Gladden	Debbie Tucker
Mable Graham	Alexander Wade
Mike Gregory	Faye Watson
Richard Hall	Peggy White
Ashley Harmon	Selena Wiggs
Betty Hicks	Eli Zinck
Jennifer Hicks	Mitch & Lisa Borden
Bill Huddleston	Wendy and Rick Garland
Brad Hughes	The Grubb Family
Dr Bob Hunt	Christine Hendricks and son-Randy
Logan Hunt	Rev. Jason & Christy Humberd
Peggy Hyatt	The Leamon family
Virginia Jacobs	Mary Margaret and Dickie Mason
Tim Johnson	Sandy & Mike O'Neill
Pauline Kauffman	The Drew Teague family
Gay Layne	Joyce & Dick Turner
Irad Lee	Michael and Becky Wacaster
Doug Lottes	Curwood Witt & family
Mckinzie	
Doris Melton	
Christopher Miller	
Freida Naylor	
Maria Nelson	
Mary Nelson	
Norman Nelson	
Susie Nelson	
Rev. John Oldham	
Barbara Pennington	

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

Needed: \$20,862 **Rec'd:** \$ 14,908

Building Fund:

Needed: \$4,034 **Rec'd:** \$ 4,545

Memorial Fund: \$ 1,320

Designated: \$ 778

Our Presence**Online Streamed Worship Service**

Average for the month

Views— 96

Registered— 48

Our Commitments

For October

Go to the website at **1umcm.com** for more info.
 We are having our first outdoor in-person wor-
 ship on Sunday, October 4th at **10:30 AM.**





October 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Our Online Worship services will continue (with a couple of changes) as we move forward with In-Person Worship.</p> <p>Our Online Worship at lumcm.com will now be 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> <p>The order of worship may be a little different from what we have been experiencing but it will still be First United Methodist Church.</p>				1	2	3
4 Outdoor In-person and Online Worship 10:30 AM at lumcm.com	5	6	7 UMYF Zoom at 6:30 PM	8	9	10
11 Outdoor In-person and Online Worship 10:30 AM at lumcm.com	12 Trustees 6 PM Phone Conf	13 Finance Comm 6 PM Phone Conf	14 UMYF Zoom at 6:30 PM	15	16	17
18 Outdoor In-person and Online Worship 10:30 AM at lumcm.com	19	20	21 UMYF Zoom at 6:30 PM	22	23	24
25 Outdoor In-person and Online Worship 10:30 AM at lumcm.com Charge Conf here at 2 PM.	26	27	28 UMYF Zoom at 6:30 PM	29	30	31



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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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!