

The Flame

OUR WORSHIP TIMES:

- **Worship** 10:30 AM In-Person and On-Line at 1umcm.com
- **Youth Fellowship** Wednesdays at 6 PM

From the Pastor's desk . . .

April is here! I can't believe that springtime is already upon us. I am so excited about having the opportunity to experience my first Easter season with you all as your Pastor here at 1st UMC.



As we enter into this new month, the 40 day season of Lent will come to an end with Palm Sunday worship on April 10th. We will then enter Holy Week, which is one of the most sacred seasons in the church year. This is a time where we will intentionally seek to contemplate the days leading up to the passion and death of our Lord. It is a week meant for prayer, fellowship, scripture meditation, and participation in the story of our Savior. On the next page, you will find all the ways we are planning to move through Holy Week, as a community. I hope and pray that you will find ways to participate in some (if not all) the things we have planned for you during this sacred week of the year.

To guide our devotional journey through Holy Week I will be sending out a daily Psalm to all of you via email, and daily verses will be posted to our social media. The Psalms are the prayer book of the Bible, and the book that Jesus himself probably prayed from. My hope is that as we journey toward Easter together, and in the days after, the Psalms can help us to be rooted & grounded in scripture and in conversation with God.

Below are a few verses from the book of Hebrews that I will have before me this month as I continue in ministry with you.

“Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for God who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10: 23-25

Lots of hope!

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Holy Week Schedule at First UMC



- Sunday, April 10th: Daily Psalm for Holy Week will be sent out by Rev. Chris Black to guide our community in prayer and devotion.
- Sunday, April 10th: Palm Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. *(All children will be invited to process in at the beginning of the service. Parents please try to have children here at least 10 minutes early to line up.)*
- Wednesday, April 13th: Final Pastor's Bible Study for Lent at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Thursday, April 14th: Maundy Thursday Worship with Tenebrae at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary *(Soup & Bread Family Supper will take place at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall)*
- Friday, April 15th: Good Friday Way of the Cross Prayer Walk with Pastor Chris at 11:00 a.m. We will meet in our sanctuary.
- Saturday, April 16th: Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 a.m. at Houston Park in Downtown Madisonville.
- Sunday, April 17th: Easter Sunday Worship Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. at the home of Don and Kris Browder Address: 645 W. Crestview Dr., Madisonville, TN 34354 *(Feel free to bring a lawn chair, with a hot beverage, and make sure to wear a coat.)*
- Fellowship time begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Area.
- Easter Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. in our Sanctuary. *(Please feel free to bring along some flowers for the flowering of the cross.)*

Maundy Thursday Worship with Tenebrae

On Thursday, April 14th, at 7:00 p.m., our church will have a special evening service marking Holy Thursday. On this night we will remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples. Then, through scripture, prayer, light, sound, and darkness, we will also remember what led up to the death and crucifixion of Jesus with a service of Tenebrae.

This service of worship will be a powerful way for us to participate in holy week as a community. It will mark the beginning of a vigil of prayer before we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior on Easter Sunday. We hope you will join us for this unique and powerful worship experience.

Simple Family Supper before Thursday's Service

At 6:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday we will be having a family supper of Soup and Bread in the fellowship hall. Soup and bread will be provided, so just bring yourselves. If you are willing to make a pot of soup or to bring a loaf of bread, please let Sue know at sue@firstumcmadisonville.org or by calling the church office.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

On Friday, April 15th, at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Chris Black will lead the Way of the Cross through our downtown area. This will be a time for us to intentionally mark Good Friday as a faith community and to consider the full story of Christ's passion. We will meet in the sanctuary of the church and then begin our contemplative walk through downtown, and arrive back at the church once we are done.

As we go we will stop at various places to hear scriptures read and offer prayer together. If you would like to participate, please wear comfortable shoes. If it is raining that day, we will do our prayer walk within the church.

Sue's News for April

I love the month of April! The skies seem to be a different shade of blue. Flowers are blooming and trees are budding. Children have begun to play baseball, softball and soccer. You can smell fresh mown grass about anywhere you go. Kids are counting down the days left in the school year. Seniors are counting down the days left until graduation and all that lies ahead for them. People are planning vacations. There is just a lot of excitement in the air.

I think that April 2022 will be a very exciting time for our church. We are looking forward to our first Easter with Pastor Chris and his family. I think that the fact Easter is late this year makes the entire month of April more exciting. If you have an early Easter in March, April just loses some of its specialness. (I am not sure that is even a real word!) Having a late Easter just feels very special to me. I love it when it is time to prepare Easter music with the choir. We have been working hard to get ready for the season. We only get to practice for an hour a week, but we are working hard during that hour so that we make sure we have special music for the congregation. The music plan for the month of April is already almost in place.

April 10th is Palm Sunday. The palms have been ordered and we always look forward to our children parading around the sanctuary at the beginning of the service. Please make sure you have your children here a few minutes early that morning to get instructions. The choir will sing one of my favorite Palm Sunday anthems during the service.

On Thursday April 14 our choir will have an anthem and Reba Dopkins will sing Via Dolorosa which is about the route believed to have been taken by Jesus through Jerusalem to Calvary. It is a beautiful song especially fitting for this service. This service leads us into Easter Sunday on the 17th.

On Sunday April 24th the chancel choir will

present the cantata One Day. We began working on this music in 2020 right before the pandemic began. It is a beautiful cantata and we are excited about presenting it to the congregation. We will be in Eastertide until Pentecost so the Sunday after Easter is a perfect time for us to present this cantata to the congregation.

We would love to have people join our choir. This is a very faithful and close knit group. We practice on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. Think about a worship service and the part that music plays in the service. From the time the prelude begins until the time the postlude ends, music helps to tie the service together. Wouldn't you like to be a part of this special group? I will be glad to give you more information.

See you in church.

Sue



Who Are They???

She has been a member of our church her entire life. She loves to sing, can play the violin, and is a school teacher. She has two sons: one loves to play video games, and is a trivia nut. The other loves to play soccer and other sports, but they both love Pokémon. All of them love music. Both kids are excited about learning how to operate the church's video equipment. They have two bearded dragons, dogs, and fish. Who are they?

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—the answer is on page 8

Community Easter Egg Hunt 2022

The excitement is building! It is almost time for our 2022 Community Easter Egg Hunt which will be on Saturday April 16th at 11:00 AM at Houston Park in downtown Madisonville. Because of Covid (*continued next page*)

(continued) we have not sponsored this community event since Easter 2019, and we can't wait to sponsor this very special Saturday morning event for the community in 2022. We need the assistance of the entire church!

We have Houston Park reserved for that morning. Our United Methodist Men are again serving hot dogs, drinks and cookies from the Volunteer Federal Weiner Wagon which we have reserved. Our youth group always stuffs and hides the eggs. We need lots of individually wrapped candy and lots of plastic Easter eggs. There is a tote in the gathering area where you can drop candy and eggs on Sunday mornings or you can bring these items by the office during the week.

This is a fantastic community outreach opportunity for our church. We hope that everyone will participate in some way. It is always a fun morning. Make plans right now to bring your children, grandchildren, neighborhood children or any other children you know! Everyone is invited!

Pastor's Lenten Bible Study Continues...

Rev. Chris Black continues to offer a special Bible Study class that will meet on Wednesday April 6th and 13th at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. You are invited to join Pastor Chris as he dives deeply into Lenten scripture passages with whoever decides to show up. If you have questions about the class, then please feel free to email Chris at

cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org

Below is the class schedule and the themes that he is planning to explore:

- Wednesday, April 6th: Theme: Jesus loves abundantly, and invites us to love abundantly too.
- Wednesday, April 13th: Theme: Jesus reverses expectations.

"First UMC at the Movies" Sermon Series coming in May!

During the month of May, the Rev. Chris Black will be offering a unique and fun sermon series entitled "First UMC at the Movies." Each Sunday during worship we will look at themes from different films (or series) and relate them to our own life of discipleship. Our conversations will be deeply rooted in scripture but will also feature some movie scenes as well. Be on the lookout for details about this series during the month of April, and for the list of movies we will be profiling. (This is so you can watch them for the first time, or rewatch them to get ready for church!)

Diaper Depot for Nurture the Next

March 29, 2022. A small wall of size 2-6 Diapers were collected by our church family, and



delivered to Morgan Ellis of "Nurture the Next" for immediate delivery to parents. As Chris was helping Morgan and her

two kids load the diapers into her van, she remarked that she was on the way to two families to make needed deliveries. Morgan extends her gratitude to the members of our Church.



Community Café

The next Community Café will be Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at Madisonville Presbyterian Church. The food needs to be at the church by 4:30 PM.

The menu will be Sub sandwiches & we provide the sides. Needed are: 6 inch hoagie or sub buns, coleslaw, potato chips, sliced tomatoes and lettuce, Individually wrapped dessert, apples and oranges. They are serving about 40 people at this time.

If you are willing to provide any of these items, please let Dora Nelson know. You may phone her at (928) 660-1009, or see her at church.

Thank you for always stepping up to help in this endeavor. It makes a difference to many.

Dora

Mulch-a-Palooza 2022: How Many Hands MADE Light Work

On Saturday, March 26 at 9:00 AM, a true crew of church family members showed up to tackle 300+ bags of mulch that needed to be spread



around the church campus.

Young and Old, this crew DECIMATED the task, and had everything handled in a little more than an hour. At the same time, everyone seemed to have fun, and enjoy the spirit of fam-

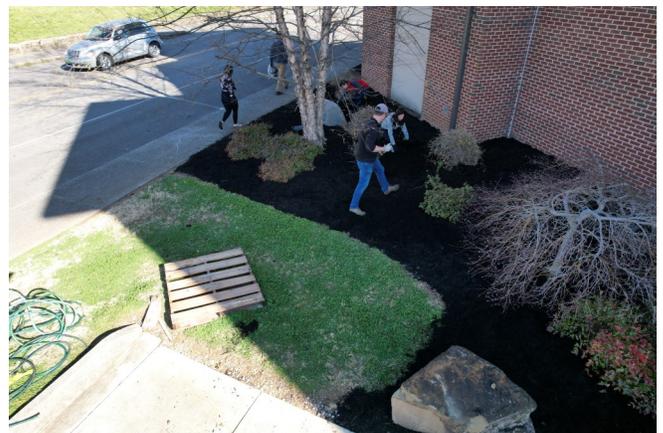
ily and teamwork. The weather cooperated, and turned out to be perfect for the task.



Thanks to our own Hunter Cavett (also known



as the 1UMCM Air Force), we have some shots from the air to show what it looks like from



Heaven's perspective.

Our Service

Trustee

The Trustee for the month of April is Ray Nelson. If you have questions or concerns please contact him.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for the Altar sometime during this year, please contact Kim Townson at townsonkjwp@gmail.com or 423-442-2036. She has the schedule and will be happy to hear from you.

Since it is now Lent, we will not have flowers on the Altar.

Our Gifts

For March, 2022

General Operating Fund:

Needed: \$21,920 **Rec'd:** \$ 23,386

Building Fund:

Needed: \$4,084 **Rec'd:** \$ 4,293

Memorial Fund: \$ 0

Designated: \$ 100

Our Presence

Worship Service

Average for **March, 2022**

In person - 80

Online - 10

Memorials

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

The **Building Fund** in memory of:

Howard Harvey from:

Barbara Pennington

John Oliverio from:

Barbara Pennington

Beatrice Irwin from:

Barbara Pennington



A Message from the Beason Family

The family of Myrtle Beatrice Irwin would like to thank the Church family for all your prayers cards, meals, visits, and donations. Your loving support before, during, and after her illness has meant so much to us.

Bryan & Mia Sage

On-going Prayer Concerns:

Lindsay Kefauver (David Kefauver's sister)
 Dean Johnson (Lawrence Johnson's brother)
 Sandy Hampton (Barbara Penland's friend)
 Jill Alliman's friend Kayla, and her newborn twins
 Chris Hull (friend of Ray & Dora Nelson)
 Brad Hughes
 Lonnie Allmon (Karen Rapping's co-worker)
 Carl (Kathy Isbill's brother)
 Maria Nelson
 Valerie Stratton (Dora Nelson's sister-in-law)
 Mable Graham

Barbara Raper
 Kat Ahart
 Barbara Baiz
 Karen Balsinger
 Nancy Byrum
 Bob Carl
 Joseph Certo
 Roger Green
 Betty Hicks
 Gay Layne
 Freida Naylor
 Maria Nelson
 Brad Reedy
 Mari Rosian
 John Stratton
 Todd Strickland
 Mike Summitt
 Dick Turner
 Jo West
 Pat & Gary Cloud
 The Kapileo family

The Leamon family
 MaryAnne & Ken Nelson
 Sandy & Mike O'Neill
 Carol & Rick Rapping
 John Summitt & Joan Holland
 Wanda Williford

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.

In most instances, names will remain on the ongoing prayer list for two months.

Our Active Military Personnel:

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

Judy Lee
NHC Farragut
 Sam Grubb
Life Care Center of Athens
 Marilyn DePew
Life Care Center of Blount County

Those in Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

Pat Harvey
 Mary Margaret Mason
Wood Village Assisted Living

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

Nurture the Next: Family Fun Time - Parent/Child Activity Group

Family Fun Time is for moms AND dads with infants to preschoolers. Join us for a fun activity that encourages your child's development, and strengthens the parent-child bond!

Thursday, April 7th from 2 to 3 PM in the Community Room. Let your friends and family know. Register by calling or texting (423) 333-6929



Meetings

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet on Sunday, April 10th at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.



All men of the church are invited. Breakfast will be served. For more information I can be contacted at (423) 210-0992 Mark Radosevich, President

Board of Trustees

The Trustees will meet on Monday, April 11th at 7 PM in the conference room.

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, April 11th at 7 PM in the fellowship hall.

United Methodist Women



The **United Methodist Women** will meet on Sunday, April 24th at 11:45 AM (immediately after the Easter Cantata) in the Fellow-

ship Hall. Lunch will be provided. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Youth Fellowship

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

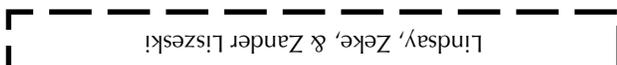
Choir Practice

The chancel choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM.

Cub Scouts Den 100, and Scouts BSA Troop 10

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

Watch your e-mail and the bulletins for more info/reminders on these meetings. ANY CHANGES WILL BE REFLECTED LIVE ON THE CALENDAR AT 1umcm.com



April

Happy Birthday!

- 4 Penny Fowler
- 5 Mike O'Neill
Quinn Strickland
- 6 Joanne McBee
- 7 Sam Grubb
- 12 Mia Sage Beason
Rachel Fields
Alex Radosevich
Briley Williford
- 13 Grant Hamilton
- 16 Kyleigh Curtis
- 17 Clifford Lynch
- 18 Peggy Wengert
- 19 Cindy Hammitt
- 26 Sydney Cruz
- 27 Phyllis Harrell
- 29 Tyler Hammitt

Happy Anniversary

- 3 Rick & Kathy Saunders
Richard & Mary Margaret
- 4 Mason
- 13 Tyler & Samantha Kadau
- 23 Steve & Kathleen Cornett

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 or text the office at (423) 442-2471 or email rbeaubien@firstumcmadisonville.org. Please leave a message if we are not there to let us know when your birthday or anniversary is.

April 2022

OFFICIAL Calendar with up-to-date Updates /Changes @ 1umcm.com

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 5:30 PM Community Room	2
3 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM	4 Cub Scouts 6 PM Downstairs Scouts BSA 7 PM Community Room	5	6 Pastor's Bible Study/ Lent 10AM Fellowship Hall UMYF at 6 PM Choir 6 PM	7 Nurture the Next: Family Fun Time - Parent/Child Activity 2 PM - 3 PM Community Room	8 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 5:30 PM Community Room	9
10 UMM Breakfast 9 AM in the fellowship hall Palm Sunday Worship 10:30 AM	11 Trustees/ Finance 7 PM, Conf. Rm & Fellowship Hall Cub Scouts 6 PM 1st Floor Scouts BSA 7 PM Comm. Rm	12 Lion's Club Eye Exams 8:30 AM—12 Noon Community Room	13 Pastor's Bible Study/ Lent 10AM Fellowship Hall UMYF at 6 PM Choir 6 PM	14 Maundy Thurs. Dinner 6 - 7 PM, Fellowship Hall Maundy Thursday Worship/ Tenebrae 7 PM - Sanctuary	15 Stations of the Cross 11 AM, Sanctuary/Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 5:30 PM Comm. Room	16 Easter Egg Hunt 11 AM, Houston Park
17 Sunrise Service 7 AM - Browder Residence Easter Sunday Worship 10:30 AM - Sanctuary	18 Cub Scouts 6 PM Scouts BSA 7 PM Community Room	19	20 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 6 PM	21	22 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 5:30 PM Comm. Room Youth Lock-In 7 PM,-12 AM Youth Room	23 Youth Lock-In 12 AM,-10 AM Youth Room
24 Easter Cantata 10:30 AM Sanctuary UMW after ward in the fellowship hall	25 Cub Scouts 6 PM Scouts BSA 7 PM Community Room	26 Community Café 4:30 PM Presbyterian Church	27 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 6 PM	28	29 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 5:30 PM Community Room	30



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2022 Holston Annual Conference Hands-On Mission Project Liberia & Zimbabwe

Hiwassee District: Collecting Health Kits for Liberia— Goal 400 – Drop off date and location TBD
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-gallon bag:

- 1 tube antibacterial ointment (1 oz.)
- 1 bottle Tylenol/acetaminophen 500mg (24 ct.)



Please include \$ 5.00 per kit to cover the shipping costs to Africa. Please put the money/check for your kits in a separate envelope — do not put money in the Zip-Loc container itself.