

# 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

~~From the Pastor's desk . . .~~

*United Methodist Youth*

While Pastor Chris is out of the country, it's Vanessa's turn to run the front page!



## Mission Trip 2022: Princeton, Kentucky

Dec. 10, 2021 will forever be etched in the minds of the people in and around Princeton, Kentucky, as a one-mile wide EF4 tornado ripped through the area. The devastation will make you shake your head and bring you to tears before you can even think to hold them back.

When our team arrived for a week-long mission trip, the damage was evident but so was a strong community of grateful, kind and caring people. The congregation at First Christian Church and the coordinators for CrossRoads Missions greeted us with smiles and radical hospitality (a mission of the church).

Our group's theme for the week was "**What do they see when they see me?**" We centered our daily devotions around that theme. What I saw was a team excited to help others, ready to learn new skills and welcoming to the people around them. I saw young adults and (slightly) older adults up early, lifting each other and encouraging them to have a great day. I saw our Youth share stories and experiences during devotions that were so open and honest they took my breath away. Our group grew stronger together and - I hope - stronger in our faith.

Our team of 12 youth (+ Mia) and eight adult leaders were ready to help our neighbors. For more than half of our Youth, this was their first mission trip. I'm guessing they were a little curious, a little nervous and a little excited about what they would be doing. One thing is for certain, though, everyone was ready to get started. On Monday morning, Curtis - the project coordinator for CrossRoads Missions - met with us to go through the projects he had available. He told us about Josh's and Jerry's homes and told us to talk about what our group wanted to do. Our adult leaders looked at each other and without hesitation said we would take on both projects. That's the kind of determination we go with into the mission trip.

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The work we do is at the center of the mission trip. That work was hot and sweaty and a lot of times, it was very dusty. We did A LOT of dry-wall - on the ceiling, on the wall, in the stair-



Itchy work for Mr. Strickland!

well. Oh, and for our insulation team, it got a little itchy. I'm certain some work clothes that made the trip to Kentucky didn't make it back to Tennessee. Instead it went directly into the trash. Whatever the task, we did great work during the trip, and we tried to set

the next crew up for success as well. Check out the blog posts Richard shared on 1UMCM.com to learn more about the projects at each house.

Also at the center of the mission trip are the relationships we build among our own group, with the homeowners, with CrossRoads Missions and with the community. Our Youth worked so well together. They would trade on and off on work being done. One may start using the paint roller and then switch to trim work while a second



So much painting!!!!

picks up the roller and continues that task. We heard a lot of laughter during the day. Through the work and the fun, our Youth were growing stronger together. We also connected with Josh and Jerry, the two homeowners. Josh came by to play cards and basketball in the evening. Jerry wanted us to come back the next week and help him some more. We spoke daily with the CrossRoads Missions coordinators, and at Friday's cookout, we were eagerly invited back

next year. They were happy with the work - and I think just liked our group as a whole. I mean, who wouldn't?



Cole, Wilson, Russ & Cydney with local youths

Then, the relationship building in the community was one of my favorite pieces to watch. Cole, Russ, Wilson and Cydney played basketball downtown with local youth. Many of our youth joined in games of whiffle ball and volleyball with other mission teams and those from the area. Our Youth are so welcoming, and that's evident by how quickly new youth feel comfortable being with our group.

We're excited to share about our trip with you during the July 31 service. Our church family is the best. We couldn't have these experiences without your help, support and prayers. I say it quite often, but here it is again: Our youth are amazing. Get to know them, and they will plant deep roots in your heart.

Thank you to the leaders who joined us and helped teach others new skills. Thank you to parents and guardians for trusting us with your kids for a week. Thank you, heavenly Father, for the opportunity to spread your love and to serve others!

Vanessa Barr

*More Pictures on Page 4*

## Sue's News—July 2022

It dawned on me today that the year 2022 is half over. I can't believe it. It's also hard to believe that Pastor Chris has now been with us for a year and that we are beginning another church year with Chris as our pastor!

This past year has been a great year for our church. We have pretty much gotten back into a feeling of normal while still being careful. Our Sunday morning worship attendance has increased and continues to grow. Our church sent missionaries into the field for the first time since 2019. We have eaten meals together as a church family. We have engaged in community events. Two years ago we were not sure if we would ever feel "normal" again.

July kicks off another church year in many ways. We know that Pastor Chris has returned to our church for another year and we are so glad. We are preparing for the first full Bible School that we have had since the summer of 2019. It won't be too long before we do another Trunk or Treat. Believe it or not, it won't be very long before my choir begins to practice for the Christmas cantata! 2022 is speeding along!

Our big July event is our Vacation Bible School FOOD TRUCK PARTY from July 17-22, and we will again partner with the Presbyterian Church. We will have something for all ages each night. We will have supper each night. We will end with a big pool party at Sweetwater City Pool on the 22nd. We need helpers to work with our children in several capacities. If you will help, we will match you to something you would like to do. Let me know that you want to be a helper.

Continue to read our emails and check our website for updates and fast breaking church news. Chris plans to send us interesting updates and pictures over the next week as he

travels throughout the Holy Land. Please say a very special prayer for him as he travels.

*Sue*



## Who Are They???

He's from Charleston, SC, was in the Navy, and is retired from a nuclear power plant in Maryland. She is from Texas, and was also worked in the nuclear field, but focused on information technology. Between them there are six children. His hobby is racing, and she's a YouTube fan.

*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 Vacation Bible School



**July 17-22** Sunday - Thursday 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM,

Friday 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Sweetwater City Pool

**Cost: \$0.00... That's right! ZERO!!**

At "Food Truck Party" VBS, your kids will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they get on a roll with God. They will become Chefs and discover how we can turn to God in prayer every day to meet our needs and how we can join God in providing for the needs of others.

After a high-energy Opening Assembly time, the Chefs make their way to the Bible Story Sta-

tion. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Daily Specials to equip your Chefs for an active life with God. Your Chefs will also discover our Main Course (Bible memory verse), which will remain with them in their faith long after VBS. The students will expand on what they've discovered by making their own art projects at the Craft Station, singing new songs at the Music Station, exploring the wonders of God's creation at the Science Station, playing games at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty meals at the Food Station.

Along the way, the Chefs will hear about our mission project as their response to a call for action! Join us as we get on a roll with God at the Food Truck Party.

Vacation Bible School Classes are for children, but there will also be inter-generational Bible study sessions for youth and adults.

Food Truck Party VBS is sponsored by First United Methodist Church and Madisonville Presbyterian Church.

## ONLINE REGISTRATION IS EASY!

at [vbs.1umcm.com](http://vbs.1umcm.com)

OR scan this QR code with the camera on your mobile device



## United Methodist Women's Salad Bar Fundraiser—THANK YOU!

**Sunday, June 26** The United Methodist Women would like to thank everyone for their generous support of our Scholarship program at our annual salad bar fundraiser. Thanks to the generous support of our church family, we can continue to positively impact young women in our church and the larger community.

## More Pics from Mission Trip 2022

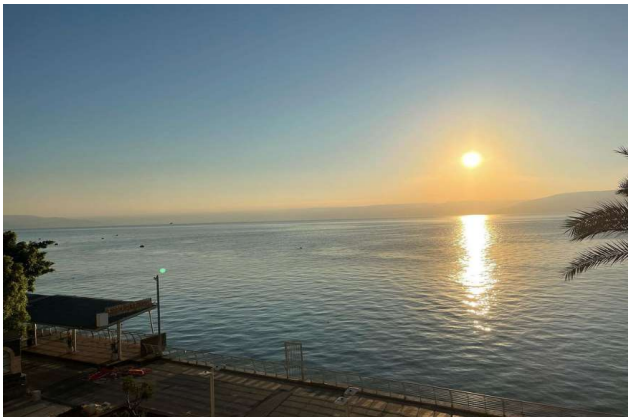


## Holy Land Tour— Photo Album

As of time of publication, this is what we have to share with you. Pastor Chris will be sending us more as the trip goes on—and you may view that content from the “photo album” button at the top of 1umcm.com, as well as on our Facebook and Instagram platforms anytime you wish.



From the Mount of the Beatitudes overlooking the Sea of Galilee



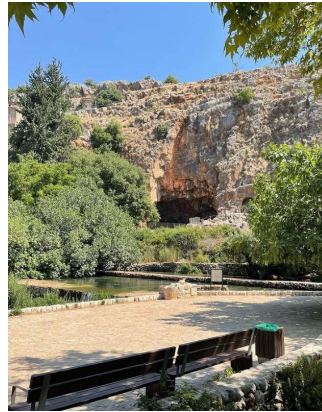
Sunrise over the Sea of Galilee



Pastor Chris at the place where Jesus taught the Beatitudes. Imagine what it would be like to learn as a disciple with this view!

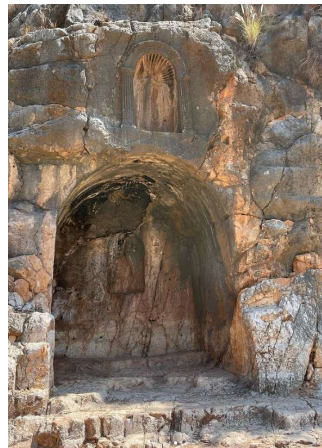
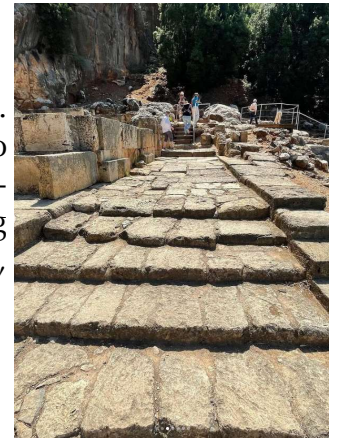
## Caesarea Philippi

At Caesarea Philippi, which was an area with several temples devoted to pagan worship. There are recesses carved into the rock where

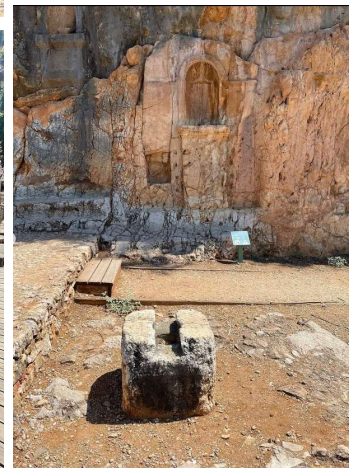


the temples stood. The huge cave was thought by many ancient pagans to be the “gates of Hades.” Those who worshipped here would offer animal sacrifices and would be devoted to other Gods/idols. See

the scripture from Matt. 16. In it, Peter says to Jesus, “you are the Messiah the Son of the living God.” Later Jesus says,



“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.”



## Our Service

### Trustee

The Trustee for the month of July 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](mailto:townsonkjwp@gmail.com) or 423-442-2036. She has the schedule and will be happy to hear from you.

July 3 - Lois Green's Family

July 10 - **Open**

July 17 - Karen Rapping

July 24 - **Open**

July 31 - **Open**

## Our Gifts

For June, 2022

### General Operating Fund:

Needed: \$21,920 Rec'd: \$ 17,293

### Building Fund:

Needed: \$4,084 Rec'd: \$ 2,468

Memorial Fund: \$ 275

Designated: \$ 2,006

## Our Presence

### Worship Service

Average for June, 2022

In person - 94

Online - 5

## Memorials & Honors

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

The **Building Fund** in memory of:

**Joyce Reedy** from:

Alfred &Carolynn Greenwood

Mike & Gabi Tallent

**Freida Naylor** from:

M.T. Edwards

The **Memorial Fund** in memory of:

**Margaret Marshall** from:

The United Methodist Women

The **Memorial Fund** in honor of:

**The whole Ruppel Family &**

**Wes & Sandy Hibbert &**

**Richard & Armida Conley &**

**Richard Beaubien**

from Roger & Laurie McNeece

**Eloise Kathryn Greenwood** from:

Alfred &Carolynn Greenwood

## Our next turn to serve Community Cafe will be Tuesday August 2, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

The Presbyterian Church will be serving take out or dine in at that time. We will be privileged to provide sides such as veggies, salads, bread, desserts, sweet and unsweet tea, milk and fresh fruit - apples, bananas and oranges. We will need to serve the meal and clean up after. This is a great opportunity to serve our community. It always pays back more than we give. Please, no little Debbie cakes: we'd like to serve fresh baked desserts if possible.

Be thinking of helping us at this time. Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 5:00, but food needs to be there by 4:30 PM. Please give me a call if you have questions. 928-660-1009.

Thank you, Dora Nelson

# We Support Our Church By Our Prayers

## On-going Prayer Concerns:

The People of Uvalde, TX  
Stan & Kay Collett  
Mike Stephens  
Sarah Lovingood  
Juan Lopez and Family  
Ronnie Gay  
Shelby Nelson  
Jeff Smith  
Karen Paxton  
Stan & Kay Collett  
Juan Lopez & Family  
Farmers  
Jim Bromwell  
Sharon Torbett Allmon  
Pat Rapping & Family  
Allen & Julia Reedy  
Dustin & Becky Seay  
Lee Anne Perry  
Family of Faye Watson  
Sandra Coleman  
Wanda Stephens  
Joe Alan Johnson  
Joe Grubb  
Scott Turney  
Fred Schwartz

Dr. Mike McCoy  
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)  
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  
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:

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

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

## Those in Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

Pat Harvey  
Mary Margaret Mason  
*Wood Village Assisted Living*  
Judy Lee  
*The Nursing Center at Little Creek*  
Sam Grubb  
*Life Care Center of Athens*  
Marilyn DePew  
*Life Care Center of Blount County*

## Meetings

### United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet on Sunday, July 10th at 9:00 AM in the 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, July 11th at 6 PM in the conference room.

### Finance

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 13th at 6 PM in the fellowship hall.



**United Methodist Women**  
The United Methodist Women will NOT be meeting this month. Keep your eyes open for news though!

### 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** will start meeting again when school starts. For questions, please call Leona Layman at 423-462-4024. The **Scouts BSA** meet at 7 PM on Mondays 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*

## July 2022 Happy Birthday!

- 2 Kim Cox
- 9 Charlie Wimmer
- 14 Karen Rapping  
Gini Tallent  
Wilson Yeung
- 15 Carter Kennedy  
Alan Holloway
- 16 Carson Pyros
- 18 Bob Marshall  
Sandy O'Neill
- 20 Rose Cavett  
Susan Sherrer
- 23 Janet Tweed
- 25 Shane Cavett
- 27 Debbie Radosevich  
Lauren Thompson
- 30 Chris Black
- 31 Carol Rapping

## Happy Anniversary

- 4 Roger & Laurie McNeece
- 28 Chris & Julie Black

### **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](mailto:rbeaubien@firstumcmadisonville.org).

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



# July 2022

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

| SUN   | MON  | TUE   | WED  | THU  | FRI  | SAT       |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|-----------|
|   |  |   |  |  | <b>1 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 5:30 PM</b><br>Community Room   | <b>2</b>  |
| <b>3 In Person &amp; Online Worship</b><br>10:30 AM   | <b>4 Independence Day</b><br>Office Closed   | <b>5</b>  | <b>6 UMYF at 6 PM</b><br><b>Choir 6 PM</b>   | <b>7</b>   | <b>8 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 5:30 PM</b><br>Community Room   | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>10 UMM</b><br><b>Breakfast 9 AM</b><br>Fellowship hall<br><b>In Person Sunday Worship 10:30 AM</b> | <b>11 Trustees</b><br>6 PM, Conference. Rm<br><b>Scouts BSA 7 PM</b><br>Comm. Rm       | <b>12 Lion's Club Eye Exams</b><br>8:30 AM—12 Noon<br>Community Room<br><b>Finance Committee 6 PM,</b><br>Fellowship Hall | <b>13 UMYF at 6 PM</b><br><b>Choir 6 PM</b>  | <b>14</b>  | <b>15 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 5:30 PM</b><br>Community Room  | <b>16</b> |
| <b>17 In Person Sunday Worship</b><br>10:30 AM - Sanctuary<br><br>Vacation Bible School All Week Long | <b>18 Scouts BSA 7 PM</b><br>Community Room<br><br>Vacation Bible School All Week Long | <b>19</b><br><br>Vacation Bible School All Week Long  | <b>20 UMYF at 6 PM</b><br><b>Choir 6 PM</b><br><br>Vacation Bible School All Week Long | <b>21</b><br><br>Vacation Bible School All Week Long | <b>22 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 5:30 PM</b><br>Community Room<br><br>Vacation Bible School All Week Long | <b>23</b> |
| <b>24 In Person Sunday Worship</b><br>10:30 AM - Sanctuary  | <b>25 Scouts BSA 7 PM</b><br>Community Room  | <b>26</b>   | <b>27 UMYF at 6 PM</b><br><b>Choir 6 PM</b>  | <b>28</b>  | <b>29 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 5:30 PM</b><br>Community Room  | <b>30</b> |
| <b>31 In Person Sunday Worship</b><br>10:30 AM - Sanctuary  |  |   |  |  |  |           |



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# Share The World!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 17-22 Sunday - Thurs-  
day 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM,  
Friday 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Information and Registration at [vbs.1umcm.com](http://vbs.1umcm.com)

