

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Children are always welcome in worship and we embrace their presence, their joy and the fun things they often do & say as we worship. However, if your child is actively upset we would invite you to take them into the gathering area to be calmed down. You are also welcome to take advantage of our nursery which is down the hall for children 6 months-3 years old.

All children who are ages 4-10 may participate in a children's church ministry called First Steps following the Children's Moment. They will enjoy a snack, an activity or craft, and a lesson based on the sermon text. Lastly, we have crayons and children's bulletins available in the gathering area for those who would like to be creative during worship.



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Attendance Last Sunday

In-Person: 85 On-line: 2

9/7 Sunday General Giving

\$4,436.00

9/7 Sunday Designated Giving

\$2,656.00

(Vanco Fees-General)

-\$1.02

Total Giving for August

\$37,140.65

Needed monthly

\$23,866.50

Flowers: In memory of Carol McKenzie's mother, Pearl Kelpser

Coffee Bar: Open

Ignite/Youth Supper:

United Methodist Men

Lay Leader: Lee Anne Strickland

Usher Team: Kevin Taylor and Alfred Greenwood

Production Team: Steve Tweed, Regina Warfel, Carter Kennedy, Briley Williford and Tate Sherrer

Pianist: Bev Taylor

Organist: Mary Alice Huff

Youth Ministry Leaders: Jerry and Vanessa Barr

Rev. Chris Black

Pastor

Nikki Rutzen

Executive Assistant

Sue Hamilton

Director of Congregational Care & Choir Ministries

Erin Strickland

First Steps Coordinator

First United Methodist Church

September 14, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost



“Rejoice With Me; I Have Found...”

Luke 15: 1-10

Welcome! We pray that worship here at First United Methodist Church is a blessing for you, as your presence blesses us. Our mission here at First United Methodist Church is to make discipleship of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. If you would like to learn more about our church and its ministries you can find a copy of the church newsletter, welcoming brochures and devotionals in the gathering area. There are also refreshments available at our coffee bar. Please fill out the clipboard at the end of your row to register your attendance and tell us a little more about you.

“I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 14, 2025

10:30AM

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Whether this is your church home or the first time that you have entered our doors, we extend a warm welcome to you.

✠ *Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee Anne Strickland

(At this time please register your in-person attendance on the clipboard placed in each pew or if you are watching on-line register at www.lumcm.com)

INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE

"May the Peace of Christ be with you....and also with you."

TRINITY CHIMES

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP

“Great And Mighty”

Screen

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Rejoice with me, people of God.

P: God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

L: Rejoice with me, people of God.

P: God has swept away the darkness of the night.

L: Rejoice with me, people of God.

P: Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart”

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✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

UMH #881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we fail to put our trust in you completely. Instead, we calculate our gains and losses, hoarding the things that do not lead to abundant life. Forgive us, and help us to treasure only you, that we may follow you faithfully and discover the blessings only you can give. Amen.

silence for personal confession

Sermon Notes

We hope you use this space for reflections,
and reminders from the sermon
or throughout the service.

Prayer Requests for 9/14/25

The printed requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks and then will be moved to our ongoing prayer list on our website.

- ◆ Cindy and William Brickey (Tweed)
- ◆ Shannon Larson's father
- ◆ Mary and Tony Nelson
- ◆ Hayley Derby and family
- ◆ Tate Sherrer and family
- ◆ Family of Madelle Bunch (Tallent)
- ◆ Praise for Tara Stewart obtaining tenure at TWU
- ◆ Christina (Joe Grubb's friend)
- ◆ Family of Carolyn Sherrill (Kat & Barb's friend)
- ◆ Family of Mitzi Robinson (Hamilton)
- ◆ Heather Summey (health) (Harrell)
- ◆ Mike Milsaps (Charlie Harrell's coworker) (health)
- ◆ The Hibberts good friends' grandchild (health)
- ◆ Tara Stewart's friend's Ginger's mother
- ◆ Tara Stewart's friend Tina
- ◆ Donatella (friend of Lois Green)
- ◆ Larson family cousin Caden (health)
- ◆ Dave Burns (friend of Don Browder)
- ◆ Sue Leibert (health) (Browder's friend)
- ◆ Mary Alice Huff and family
- ◆ Tweed family
- ◆ Family and friends of Rose Williams (Alford neighbor)
- ◆ Joshua Stuckey (health) and family (Huff)
- ◆ Rustie Stuke (Reba Dopkins' sister) and her caregiver Jim Richardson (Reba's nephew)
- ◆ Anna Paquette (health) and family (Reba Dopkins' sister in law)
- ◆ Chuck (recovering from heart surgery) and Kathy Isbill and family
- ◆ Maiuri family
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers

The Summer Ramp Project is complete!

This past Saturday youth and adult members from our congregation gathered back at Sequoyah village to complete a 10th ramp and also finished up hand rails and thresholds for all the ramps that were done. It is so wonderful how we are in mission as a church community!

FUMC is hosting a community-wide baby shower! Diapers needed!

On Saturday, Sept. 27th from 10AM-2PM our church will be hosting a community-wide baby shower! This event is led by the Monroe County Health Council and the Monroe County Health Department along with many other community partners. There will be many opportunities at this event for families to learn, grow, and be celebrated. Our church has been asked to take the lead on a diaper drive for those parents who will be present at the event. Next time you are shopping we want to invite you to purchase diapers (Newborn/Size 1) and drop them off in Mission Alley. This will be a great way for our church to show the love of God to some new young families!

Pastor's Bible Study Continues in September!

Throughout the month of September, Rev. Chris Black will continue to host a home style Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Chris will do a deep dive into Paul's two letters to the Corinthian Church. It doesn't matter if you're new to the Christian faith or have studied the Bible for years, you are welcome to be part of this unique study of 1st and 2nd Corinthians. Please email Pastor Chris with questions at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org.

First UMC Communications Update

First United Methodist of Madisonville is now on Constant Contact. We have been sending church-wide emails for the last several weeks. If you have not seen email updates from First UMC for a while, please feel free to look in your SPAM/promotions/social tabs in your email. If you still don't see any, then please call our church office so that we can make sure you are added to our email distribution lists. If it has been a while since you have visited our website please take a look!

Our web addresses are:
firstumcmadisonville.com
firstumcmadisonville.org
1umcm.com

On our website you can find our church calendar, worship times, a link to our YouTube Page and information about our outreach/programming. Also, we want to invite you to make sure you pick up the September edition of The Flame Newsletter in the welcome center. There are lots of fun updates as well as a devotion from Pastor Chris.

Childcare Workers Needed

We have begun our search for a couple of new childcare workers for our Nursery area on Sunday mornings here at the church. 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.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Chris Black

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

✠ HYMN

"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Chris Black

INVITATION TO OFFERING

(During this time we worship by the giving of our gifts and offerings for the work of the church in ministry and mission. For those who are watching online, you may mail your gifts to First United Methodist Church, PO Box 157, Madisonville, TN 37354 or go to www.tithing.1umcm.com)

OFFERTORY

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

Chancel Choir

✠ DOXOLOGY

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 15: 1-10

L: The Word of God, for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Rejoice with me; I have found..."

Rev. Chris Black

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"Spirit Song"

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✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Black

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Spirit Song"

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✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

~Serve the Lord this week where you are able! ~