

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: 105 On-line: 1
Sunday General Giving

\$2,096.00

Sunday Designated Giving

\$1,710.00

(Vanco Fees-General)

-\$1.02

Total Giving for June

\$20,499.94

Needed monthly

\$23,866.50

Altar Flowers: Margaret and Chad
Chester

Coffee Bar: Peggy Wengert

Lay Leader: Lee Anne Strickland

Usher Team:

Jeff McMillan and Wes Hibbert

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

Pianist: Bev Taylor

Organist: Mary Alice Huff

Youth Ministry Leaders:

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First United Methodist Church

June 29th, 2025

Third Sunday After Pentecost



"No Turning Back"

Luke 9: 51-62

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 pew to register your attendance and tell us a little more about yourself.

"Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 29, 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 *“There’s Something About That Name”* **Screen**

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Jesus calls to the crowds with warnings.

P: Jesus calls to the converts to follow him.

L: Jesus calls to the resisters with parables of rejection.

P: Jesus calls to us: “Proclaim the kingdom of God.”

L: And the people answer:

P: Thanks be to God for life and health and all goodness.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *"Praise The Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him"* Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From 1 Corinthians & Colossians UMH #888

✠ GLORIA PATRI #70

CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we desire what is not your will. We fear failure and cling to unquestioned habits. We are truly sorry and repent of what we have done and what we have not done. Show us the path of your prophetic way. Open our eyes to new ventures. Help us love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us and renew us, in the name of life abundant, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
silence from personal confession

Sermon Notes

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

Prayer Requests for 6/29/25

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

- Derek Bryant (former student of Judy Maiuri) and all those involved in his kidney transplant
- Jim West and family (Jo West's son)
- Family of Judy Ogle
- Tracy Green and family
- Mike Wruzel and family (friends of Sarah Tweed in Colorado)
- Family of Don Rohde (Nikki R's uncle)
- Family of Malinda Blankenship Torbett
- Family of Betty Byrum Hicks
- Kathy Witt (health) (Nelson family)
- Jennifer Waller and family
- Don Stratton (Dora Nelson's brother)
- Sharon Young (Hamilton family)
- Dr. Dennis Trammel
- Joshua Stuckey and family (Huff)
- Donna (health) and Peggy Wengert
- Miranda Larson (health concerns) (daughter of William & Shannon Larson)
- Jimmy Liszeski (mother of Walter and grandmother of Zander and Zeke)
- Calvin and Rose Williams (Alford)
- Connie Carione (Sandy Hibbert's sister)
- Lucille Peery (health) and family
- Strickland family
- Ruppel family
- Kefauver family
- John and Judy Maiuri
- Unspoken Prayers

FAQs about Rev. Chris Black's new appointment

Last week Rev. Chris Black announced that he will begin serving a new appointment beginning on July 1st 2025. Pastor Chris will remain as the full time appointed Pastor to First UMC of Madisonville, but he will also serve as the Part-Time Pastor of the historic Eleazar UMC which is in the Madisonville/Tellico Plains area. After his announcement Chris received several questions about this new opportunity. Here are the most frequent questions that he received:

When will you preach?

I will be preaching each week at 1st UMC of Madisonville and will preside there in worship at 10:30am as I have for the last 4 years. However, on the first and third Sundays of the month I will be with Eleazar UMC to preach at 9:00am. On those Sundays I will plan to leave Eleazar UMC by about 9:50am to commute 12 minutes to 1st UMC to preside in worship.

How often will you be at Eleazar vs First UMC during the week?

I will be at 1st UMC of Madisonville as normal each week and will lead both congregations from my office here. I will go to Eleazar for meetings, emergencies, and events on an as needed basis.

What about Pastoral Care?

I will be on call with them as I am with the congregation at 1st UMC of Madisonville.

Is a "Circuit" or a shared appointment a common thing?

Yes, it is a common practice and unique to all Wesleyan denominations. The UMC

Methodist movement and the UMC Church has a long history of pastors serving multiple congregations at one time. A preacher being assigned to a circuit of churches has been part of our DNA as a denomination since our founding in the 1700's.

Can I go and visit the other church? Will they come and visit us?

Yes and (hopefully) Yes! We are better together!

What's the point of this?

This is an opportunity for both churches to share in ministry together and mutually benefit one another within our own unique contexts. We will be linked for service, outreach and worship, but we will also be linked in our shared mission of *"making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."*

If you have additional questions Pastor Chris would be happy to answer them for you.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 13th. We will discover new places, new friends and ways that we can see God's goodness and presence everywhere. Classes are for all ages: children, youth and adults. Let Sue Hamilton know if you can help!

Altar Flower Sign-up

We are in need of people to donate altar flowers for Sunday Worship. There are openings through July. If you feel this is something you would like to participate in please contact Kim Townson at townsonkjwp@gmail.com or you can speak with Sue Hamilton or call the church office.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Black

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

"O How I Love Jesus"

#170/Screen

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

"Alleluia"

by Mozart
Soloist Kimberly Leamon

✠ DOXOLOGY

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 9: 51-62
L: *The Word of God, for the People of God.*
P: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

"No Turning Back"

Rev. Chris Black

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"

Screen

✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Black

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Lead Me, Lord"

Screen

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

Serve the Lord this week where you are able!