

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: 111 On-line: 30

Stewardship as of July 19th, 2026

Giving last week: \$5,895.10

Weekly budget need: \$5,723.00

Year-To-Date giving: \$155,038.02

Year-To-Date budget: \$165,967.00

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and faithfulness in supporting the ministry of our church.

Flowers: Open

Coffee Bar: Janet Tweed

Lay Leader: LeeAnne Strickland

Usher Team: Ray Nelson and Ben Barger

Production Team: Steve Tweed, Regina Warfel, Carter Kennedy, Briley Williford and Zander Liszeski

Pianist: Bev Taylor

Organist: Mary Alice Huff

Youth Ministry Leaders:
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First United Methodist Church

July 26, 2026

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



“Sharing the Faith in the Wilderness”

Acts 8: 26-40

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 FUMC is to make disciples 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 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.

“Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news, about Jesus.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 26, 2026

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

LeeAnne Strickland

(At this time please register your in-person attendance on the clipboard placed in each pew.)

INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE

“May the Peace of Christ be with you....and also with you.”

TRINITY CHIMES

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

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✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,

P: whose love has conquered death.

L: Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,

P: who leads us into life.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“See The Morning Sun Ascending”

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✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From 1 Timothy

#889

✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

CONFESSION

We confess that we have turned away from you and have not lived with upright hearts. Forgive us for failing to follow you. Guide our feet to walk in your ways and serve your world to the glory of your name.

Amen.

silence for personal confession

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Black

Sermon Notes

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

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Prayer Requests for 7/26/26

Requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks and
will be moved to our continuing prayer list at
1umcm.com



- ◆ John Maiuri and family
- ◆ Praise for all of the Isaiah 117 lemonade stands in the area
- ◆ Praise that the Higgins' grandson has been accepted into the architecture program at UT
- ◆ Family of Amber Isbill's father (Jennifer McKenzie request)
- ◆ Ronnie Gay and family (Veronica Venable's father)
- ◆ Brooke Kennedy and family
- ◆ Family and friends of Reverend Larry Dial and his congregations at Asbury UMC and French Broad UMC
- ◆ Family of Nancy Hudson
- ◆ Family of Joshua Stuckey (Huff)
- ◆ Carolyn Peters and family
- ◆ Praise for the Barr family in the adoption of their new son and brother Drake
- ◆ Bill (health) and Brenda Stenson and family (Nelson friends)
- ◆ Martha Marshall (health) and family (Community Cafe' friend)
- ◆ Tara Stewart and family
- ◆ David Fancher and family
- ◆ Margie Perkins and family (Carolynn Greenwood's sister)
- ◆ Jill (Peters) Reeves and family
- ◆ Kevin and Bev Taylor and family
- ◆ Sue Kromhaut (Warfel friend)
- ◆ Barbara Penland and family
- ◆ Mary Kefauver and family
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers

Church Council Meeting Today

There will be a brief Church Council meeting today following worship in the sanctuary. Pastor Chris will be sharing his mid-year state of the church report, with the council and with any/all who are present with us. We hope you will join us for this exciting meeting!

An Exciting Update for our Sign of Faith Campaign!

At the end of June we kicked off a campaign to replace the main front electronic sign by the church office. We established a goal of \$21k to make this project possible and members and friends of our church have already given: **\$19,580.00 !!!**

This means that we will only need: \$1,420.00 in additional funds to make this project happen. We are so thankful for the generosity of our community members and friends!

This upgrade for our church will allow us to communicate and even bless our community in powerful new ways. It will allow us to let folks know more about all the great things happening in our church family from week to week. We praise God for how quickly this new initiative is moving!

Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, August 2nd, we are asking all our children, youth, teachers and educators to bring their school backpacks/work bags to church with you for a special blessing as we look forward to returning to school! Blessing of the Backpacks has become a wonderful tradition at our church as we seek to remind our students and teachers that God is with them wherever they go, and that everything inside their backpacks can be a means to serve and

bless our neighbors. We hope you can join us!

A Big Thank you!!!

Our 2026 Snowball Mountain Challenge Vacation Bible School was a success! A huge thank you to all our volunteers who helped set up, tear down, teach, cook, lead games, run registration, shepherd children, make crafts, teach, host/MC, and run our technology in the sanctuary. Also, a big thank you to our Presbyterian friends who helped us host. A wonderful time was had by all and many of our children, youth, and adults learned a little more about God and how to have a deeper relationship with him.

Ignite Volunteer Sign-Ups

We are excited to begin making plans for our Ignite Ministry this Fall. IGNITE is a children's ministry for K-5th graders that meets on most Wednesday evenings in the fall/spring from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

This volunteer driven ministry has traditionally included a shared meal, Bible stories, games, and crafts. This means we will need lots of volunteer help to make things run smoothly, and to provide great opportunities for our children to learn and grow. If you are interested in helping as a lead teacher or a games, music, crafts, activity leader/assistant please ***sign up on the yellow sheet in the gathering area.***

Scissor Drop Off!

Great news! We were able to hand out over 500 pairs of children's scissors for Monroe County's Annual Back to School Bash! Our church has such a wonderful history of stepping up for community outreach and missions! Pastor Chris was present at the bash to greet families, get to know some of our educators and to hand out our scissors.

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 "Amazing Grace" (v. 1-4 & 6)

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CHILDRENS MOMENT

GENEROSITY MOMENT

Jill Alliman

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.)

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

✠ DOXOLOGY

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SCRIPTURE

Acts 8: 26-40

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Sharing the Faith in the Wilderness"

Rev. Chris Black

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"Go, Make of All Disciples"

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✠ BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

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✠ TRINITY CHIMES

✠ POSTLUDE

~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~