

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH...

Sunday, December 15, 2024

9:30am-10:15am Adult Bible Sunday
Library
10:30am-11:30am Worship Service
Sanctuary
11:45am-1:15pm Bible Fellowship
Youth Room

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

5:00pm-6:00pm Community Café
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

12:00pm-12:30pm Midweek Communion
Sanctuary
6:00pm Christmas Covered Dish Supper
Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Children's/Youth Christmas
Program
Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary

Friday, December 20, 2024

5:00pm-6:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
Community Room

Sunday, December 22, 2024

9:30am-10:15am Adult Bible Sunday
Library
10:30am-11:30am Worship Service
Sanctuary
11:45am-1:15pm Bible Fellowship
Youth Room



Coffee Bar provided by:
Susan Sherrer

Altar Flowers:
All of December will be the beautiful
Advent Flowers



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First United Methodist Church

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent



Christmas Cantata

*Welcome! We pray that worship here at First United Methodist is a blessing for you, as your presence blesses us. The Church newsletter, brochures, devotionals, and refreshments are available in the gathering area. Children are **always welcome** in worship, and we embrace their presence, their joy, and the fun things they often do and say as we worship God. In the welcoming area we have crayons and children's bulletins available. Please fill out the clipboard at the end of your row to register your attendance and tell us a little more about you.*

“This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 15, 2024

10:30AM

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee Anne Strickland

(At this time please register your in-person attendance on the clipboards placed on each pew or if you are watching on-line register at www.1umcm.com)

INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE

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

TRINITY CHIMES

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP

"Let's Worship and Adore Him"

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✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name of the most high God.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

L: Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

L: Trust and do not be afraid.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

L: Now with joy in our hearts through song.

P: let us worship God together.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

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✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Korean Methodist Church UMH 884

✠ GLORIA PATRI

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New Prayer Requests

- ◆ Family and friends of Larry Davis
- ◆ Matthew Slouka
- ◆ Praise Ruby Levinson is home
- ◆ Allan and Bev Potts (Dopkins' friends)
- ◆ Dalton Duckett (Sequoyah student)
- ◆ Greg Davis and family
- ◆ Ken and Sarah Parris (Jones family)
- ◆ The Barger family
- ◆ Fire victim
- ◆ Kefauver family
- ◆ Conley family



Continuing Prayer Requests

- ◆ Kyle & family (Slouka)
- ◆ Ken Hibbert and family (Wes' brother)
- ◆ Scott and Julie Nelson
- ◆ Barbara Baiz and Kat Ahart
- ◆ Dossett family (Brown)
- ◆ Valerie Stratton (Nelson)
- ◆ Britney West's family & friends (Williford)
- ◆ Ruby Levinson and family
- ◆ TWU's Love Thy Neighbor Outreach
- ◆ Family of Darrah Wiseman
- ◆ Allan and Julia Reedy and family
- ◆ John and Judy Maiuri and family
- ◆ Family of Mary Margaret Mason
- ◆ Pat Rapping and family
- ◆ Helga Bulger and family of Ronald McNinch (Ruppel)
- ◆ Doug Riddle (Williford/Jones)
- ◆ Regina Moore (Penland)
- ◆ Kayla Couch and family
- ◆ Jack and Janie Thomas (Hamilton)
- ◆ Gerald Picklesimer (Rapping)

- ◆ Michael Benlardy (Christopher)
- ◆ Mark Whitehead (Cafe' friend)
- ◆ Robert Mitchell (Nelson)
- ◆ Tara Stewart's sister Laura & family
- ◆ Leamon family (Green)
- ◆ Houvenagle family
- ◆ Doug Warren and family
- ◆ Andy Chermely (Alliman)
- ◆ Shirley Leverton (Davis)
- ◆ Betty Byrum Hicks and family
- ◆ Wayne and Lucille Peery
- ◆ Baby Thomas & family (Nelson)
- ◆ John Stratton (Dora's brother)
- ◆ Ray Sammons & family (Slouka)

The complete Prayer List is updated live at www.1umcm.com

Attendance

In-Person-81 On-line-2

Giving last Sunday

December 8th-\$5,310.05

Giving for December

\$9,267.05

Needed each month

\$23,153.00

Memorials

- ◆ Donations given in Memory of Larry Davis:
 - Frank and Carol McKenzie
 - Angela Tallent
- ◆ Donations given in Memory of Mary Margaret Mason:
 - Edward and Nancy Reddy
 - Frank and Carol McKenzie
- ◆ Donation given in Memory of Curwood Witt:
 - Frank and Carol McKenzie

Advent Study of *Almost Christmas*

We continue with this four week study that draws on scriptures and the writings of John and Charles Wesley as they consider God's gifts of the traditional themes of Advent: peace, hope, love, and joy. Bible Fellowship invites you to continue with us each Sunday through Advent. We meet after church in the Youth Room for lunch, lessons & fellowship. Contact **Marlee Tierce** for a book.

Family Night Supper at 6:00pm with Impromptu Nativity following

This Wednesday, December 18th at 6:00pm we will come together as a church family for our annual Christmas covered dish dinner. Then all will be invited to join us in the sanctuary for a brief, joy filled, funny, and exciting Christmas children's program and impromptu nativity that will be put on by our young people. This event is always a fun intergenerational way to remember the powerful story of Christ's birth. We hope that every child & youth in our church will be a part of the program. Bring a covered dish/dishes for dinner and join us for this exciting evening!

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service

Christmas Eve worship here at First United Methodist Church of Madisonville will be held at 7:00pm in our Sanctuary. We will have communion together and celebrate the birth of our Savior through song, scripture, sacrament, and light. We hope you can join us for this beautiful service of worship on one of the most holy nights of the Christian year.

Into the Bible with Rev. Chris Black starts in January

Have you ever been intimidated by the Bible? Or felt that you didn't know where to start with reading or studying scripture? Have you ever wanted to go deeper and to learn more?

Beginning on Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00pm Rev. Chris Black is beginning a new Pastor's Bible Study Class that will help you approach the Bible with confidence. This class will meet in the fellowship hall and will be a home-style Bible Study for all ages! Pastor Chris will offer an in-depth exploration of the gospel of John, and then he will move into other areas of the scriptures. In the midst of our study the group will discuss some fundamental ways to engage with the Bible, so that you may apply it to your life today. It doesn't matter if you're new to the Christian faith, or have studied the Bible for years you are welcome to attend. If you have any questions about the upcoming class please email Pastor Chris at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org

December 29th is a fun & special worship service

On the Sunday after Christmas, (the week leading to New Year's Eve) you are invited to join us for a casual and simple worship service at 10:30am. We will be having a hymn sing, where you get to choose what hymns we sing together. At the end of our time together we will also have a moment to reflect on the previous year and the upcoming year via a Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Meditation. We hope you join us to have a little fun, sing great songs and prepare our hearts to adore Him in 2025!



ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

"Joy"

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.

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 www.tithing.1umcm.com for other options.)

✠ **DOXOLOGY**

✠ **CANTATA**

"The Living Gift"

by Michael Frazier & Johnathan Crumpton

✠ **HYMN**

"Joy To The World"

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✠ **BENEDICTION**

✠ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

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✠ **TRINITY CHIMES**

POSTLUDE

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

Serve the Lord this week where you are able!