

### 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: 84 On-line: 0

### Sunday General Giving

\$3,234.00

### Sunday Designated Giving

\$980.00

### (Vanco Fees-General)

-\$14.81

### Total Giving for September

\$11,290.17

### Needed monthly

\$23,866.50

### Flowers: Open

### Coffee Bar: Glenda Parker

### Ignite/Youth Supper:

Family Night Supper

### Lay Leader: Lee Anne Strickland

### Usher Team:

Jeff McMillian and Chal Thompson

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

### 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 21, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost



## “The Shrewd Steward: Lessons In Faithful Living”

**Luke 16: 1-13**

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.

**“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other; or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 21, 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.1umcm.com](http://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

## *“Jesus, Name Above All Names”*

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## ✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Praise the Lord, O servants of the Lord!

**P: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.**

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**P: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.**

## ✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

## *“Blessed Be The Name”*

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## ✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

## From Romans 8

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**✠ GLORIA PATRI**

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## CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you know our sin: We have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us.**

**We have been unfaithful and dishonest in small things and great things alike. We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your way.**

**Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake. Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given and generous in forgiving others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 9/21/25

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

- ◆ Family of Dr. Dennis Trammel
- ◆ Ryan of 220 Electricals' daughter (surgery)
- ◆ Family of Matthew Fitch (Warfel family)
- ◆ Tim Crowder (accident) friend of Barbara Baiz and Kat Ahart
- ◆ Mary and Tony Nelson
- ◆ Tate Sherrer and family
- ◆ Family of Madelle Bunch (Tallent friends)
- ◆ Christina (Joe Grubb's friend)
- ◆ Mary Alice Huff and family
- ◆ Tweed family
- ◆ Family and friends of Rose Williams (Alford neighbor)
- ◆ Joshua Stuckey (health) and family (Huff)
- ◆ Chuck (recovering from heart surgery) and Kathy Isbill and family
- ◆ Maiuri family
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers

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

This 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. 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**

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](mailto:cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org).

### **Rev. Chris Black to lead a retreat at 1st UMC of Gatlinburg.**

On September 22nd-24th Pastor Black has been invited to be the guest speaker at a spiritual formation retreat for 1st United Methodist Church in Gatlinburg, TN.

Pastor Black will join them for their annual retreat in Bryson City, NC and will teach 4 sessions over two days. This is a wonderful opportunity for our church to be in connection with another church in the Smoky Mountain District.

### **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](http://firstumcmadisonville.com)  
[firstumcmadisonville.org](http://firstumcmadisonville.org)  
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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 Worker Needed**

We have begun our search for a new childcare worker 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](mailto: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**

*"Seek Ye First"*

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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 at [www.tithing.1umcm.com](http://www.tithing.1umcm.com))*

### **OFFERTORY**

**Chancel Choir**

### **✠ DOXOLOGY**

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### **SCRIPTURE**

***Luke 16: 1-13***

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

**"The Shrewd Steward: Lessons In Faithful Living"**

**Rev. Chris Black**

### **✠ CLOSING HYMN**

*"We Are Called To Be God's People"*

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### **✠ BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Chris Black**

### **✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*"Make Me A Servant"*

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### **✠ TRINITY CHIMES**

### **POSTLUDE**

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