

## 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: 103 On-line: 60

## Stewardship as of April 12, 2026

Giving last week: \$3,368.69

Weekly budget need: \$5,723.00

Year-to-date giving: \$92,442.93

Year-to-date budget: \$97,291.00

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

**Flowers:** Given by Jan Lowry in honor of Mia Sage Beason, my sweet daughter and mother of my precious granddaughters

**Coffee Bar:** Kris Browder

### 4/29/26 Ignite & Youth Supper:

Kim Townson, Veronica Venable and Janet Ruppel

**Usher Team:** Steve Cornett and Jeff McMillian

### Production Team:

Steve Tweed, Regina Warfel, Carter Kennedy and Briley Williford

**Pianist:** Bev Taylor

**Organist:** Mary Alice Huff

### Youth Ministry Leaders:

Jerry and Vanessa Barr

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# First United Methodist Church

## April 26, 2026

### Fourth Sunday of Easter



## “The Good Shepherd and His Sheep” John 10: 1-18

*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.*

***“I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.”***



### Blessing Box Update

We are so thankful to all of you who give faithfully to our Blessing Box Ministry each week. Some of you have given monetary donations which go towards food and essential items, and some of you have been faithful to give extra food. Each day we strive to fill the Blessing Box to feed members of our community and you help make this essential ministry possible. As we enter into the summer months we do not need any clothing donations/book donations for our blessing box.

### Name Tags are in the Gathering Area

We have name tags available for you to wear while you are with us on Sunday mornings. This is a fun and easy way to share who you are with the folks around you. If you cannot find yours on the blue board in the gathering area then please let an usher know.

### United Women in Faith

Today, following worship you are invited to our Annual Salad Extravaganza! This is always a fun event where all proceeds go to support the UWF scholarship fund, which provides scholarships for high school seniors and camp attendees. We have approximately ***30 amazing items*** that were *generously donated to this fun event*. Please come and enjoy the food and place your bid!

### First UMC to host the Monroe County Day of Prayer Breakfast

The National Day of Prayer will take place on Thursday, May 7th with events happening in town. Monroe County Mayor's Office has invited First UMC to begin this special day with a prayer breakfast for local Pastors and community leaders. Rev. Chris Black will be sharing a reflection for the group as we begin the day. We are so excited and honored to host this wonderful community event.

### Hand's On Mission for the Smoky Mountain District

**Total Count so far: 93!**

Thank you so much to all of you who have generously supported this missional effort. If you would still like to create a kit to get us to our goal of 100 then please feel free to pick up a blue list in the gathering area with a 2 gallon bag. ***Please bring your completed kits to Mission Alley by Sunday, May 3rd.***

*Please place the \$5 shipping fee into the bag of supplies. (Checks made payable to 1st UMC of Madisonville. We will be sending one total shipping check to the Smoky Mountain District.)*

### Reception for our 2026 High School Graduates

We will honor our 2026 high school graduates Catherine Barger, Justin Deaton and Evan Kile on Sunday morning May 3rd in the gathering area beginning at 9:30 AM. We will have drinks prepared and we are asking everyone to bring your favorite breakfast finger food (by 9:30 AM) to share with everyone. ContactCarolynn Greenwood or Sue Hamilton if you have any questions.

### Calling all new members and friends to our Church!

If you are newer to our church community, have been attending worship in the last several months, or recently joined as full members in the last couple of years...you are invited to a very special lunch at noon on May 3rd in the Fellowship Hall. Some of our Care Team members are creating an opportunity to join in fellowship together, to break bread, and to learn more about our church. If you are interested in joining us for this meal please RSVP with Marlee Tierce at [mtierce@aol.com](mailto:mtierce@aol.com) or Nikki in the office.

For those of you who have joined our church since 2024, look for an invitation to this fun event in the mail. We look forward to being together on May 3rd!

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

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Chris Black

OFFERTORY

"Gentle Shepherd"

Chancel Choir

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.)*

✠ DOXOLOGY

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SCRIPTURE

**John 10: 1-18**  
L: The Word of God, for the People of God.  
P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Good Shepherd and His Sheep"

Rev. Chris Black

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

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✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Black

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Lead Me, Lord"

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✠ TRINITY CHIMES

✠ POSTLUDE

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