

## 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: n/a On-line: n/a  
**Sunday General Giving**  
n/a  
**Sunday Designated Giving**  
n/a  
**Total Giving for January**  
\$21,306.33  
**Needed monthly**  
\$23,866.50

**Flowers:** In memory of Gene Pennington, Kennard Watson and Jim Layman given by Kim Townsend

**Coffee Bar:** Glenda Parker

**2/4 Ignite & Youth Dinner:**  
United Methodist Men

**Usher Team:** Ray Nelson and Wes Hibbert

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

**Pianist:** Bev Taylor

**Organist:** Mary Alice Huff

**Youth Ministry Leaders:**  
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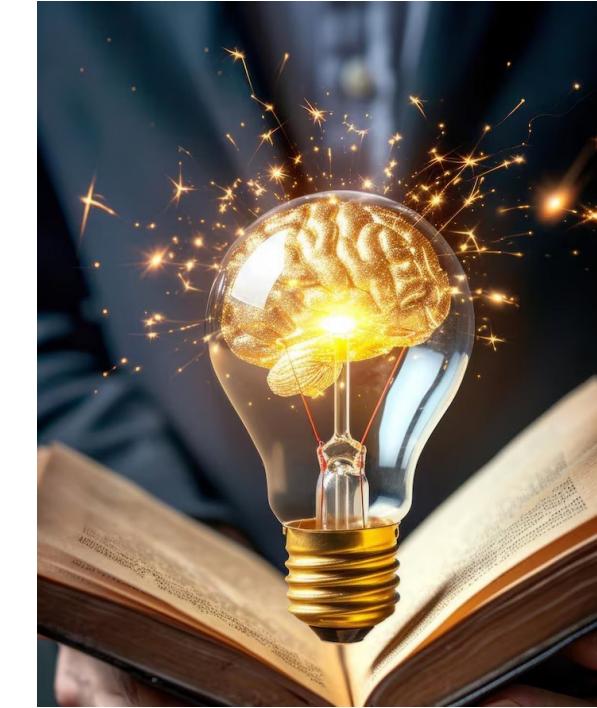
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# First United Methodist Church

**February 1, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Communion**



**"Wisdom for Everyday Living"**  
**Proverbs 1:1-7, 3:5-6 & 16:9**

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 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.

**"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."**



## Communion is today but what is it???

The Lord's Supper, Holy Communion and the Eucharist are all names for the 2nd sacrament celebrated by United Methodists. Each of these names highlights an aspect of this act of worship. According to This Holy Mystery, The United Methodist Church's official document on communion, "The Lord's Supper reminds us that Jesus Christ is the host and that we participate at Christ's invitation." Jesus invites us to take part in the special meal he ate with his disciples the night before his crucifixion, and other meals he shared in homes and on hillsides.

"The term Holy Communion invites us to focus on the self-giving of the Holy God which makes the sacrament an occasion of grace, and on the holiness of our communion with God and one another."

This Holy Mystery continues. Finally, "Eucharist, from the Greek word for thanksgiving, reminds us that the sacrament is thanksgiving to God for the gifts of creation and salvation." The pastor will lead the congregation in a prayer called

"The Great Thanksgiving." We join in the ancient tradition of sacrifice by offering God our praise and thanksgiving for the wondrous gift of salvation. We offer ourselves and our gifts of bread and the fruit of the vine to God with thanksgiving.

Then we ask for the Holy Spirit to be poured upon us and these gifts, that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ, nourishing us, who have been redeemed by his blood, to be the body of Christ in the world. We conclude praising the Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—before uniting our voices in the Lord's Prayer. The great thanksgiving is a shared prayer of blessing between the Pastor and all who are gathered to share in the sacred meal together.

## The Susanna Study

The Susanna Study (for widows) is beginning. Please let Marlee Tierce know if you are interested in joining this group at 678-525-0348 or mtierce@aol.com.

## Lenten Bible Study

*Hard to Dance with the Devil on Your Back* by Ray Buckley. In every culture and time, persons of faith, of all ages, have summoned trials and tribulations to find the endurance and strength to "dance". They have danced with the weight of the world upon their shoulders, sustained by God and others dancing near them. This study looks at the struggle in the lives of believers, while helping us to enter the continually crumbling world surrounding

Jesus and the disciples in the days preceding Easter. The Bible Fellowship invites you to join their Lenten study beginning on Sunday, February 22 after church. We share lunch. Please let Marlee Tierce know if you wish to join or need a book.

## Altar Flowers-we need you!

If you are interested in providing flowers for the Altar, please contact Kim Townson directly at 423-836-5385 or townsonkjwp@gmail.com to sign-up.

## Are you interested in teaching a new adult class?

Each season of the year we have various class opportunities for learning, fellowship, and growth as disciples of Jesus Christ. Pastor Chris has taught various studies, as well as a weekly Bible study that will continue in the spring. Marlee Tierce has been our Bible Fellowship leader for a couple of years. Reba Dopkins & Regina Warfel have been great leaders for our Adult Sunday School class. Some of you may feel led by offering to teach a new adult class/small group here at First UMC! Please reach out to Pastor Chris at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org.

## 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.)*

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## OFFERTORY

## ✖ DOXOLOGY

## SCRIPTURE

*Proverbs 1:1-7, 3:5-6 & 16:9*

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

P: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

"Wisdom for Everyday Living"

Rev. Chris Black

## CONFESION

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## 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.

## HOLY COMMUNION

## SENDING FORTH

## ✖ CLOSING HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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## ✖ BENEDICTION

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## ✖ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Trust and Obey" (refrain)

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## ✖ TRINITY CHIMES

## POSTLUDE

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