

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: 110 On-line: 38

Sunday General Giving

\$7,371.00

Sunday Designated Giving

\$4,547.00

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 Townson

Coffee Bar: Kris Browder

1/28 Ignite & Youth Dinner:

Kim Townson, Veronica Venable and
Janet Ruppel

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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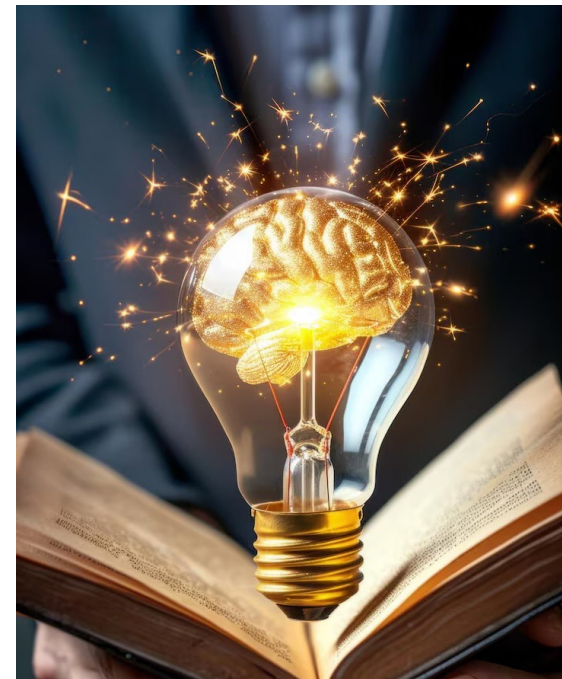
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First United Methodist Church

January 25, 2026

Third Sunday after the Epiphany



“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.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 25, 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

(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

“Awesome God”

Screen

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

P: God calls us to be builders as well.

L: God calls us to build our lives:

P: To restore broken places and continue to grow.

L: God calls us to build our faith:

P: To study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

L: God calls us to build our community:

P: To build bridges of understanding and systems of righteousness.

L: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

P: To preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above" #96/Screen

#96/Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From 1 Corinthians & Colossians #888

#888

✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony.

Amen.

silence for personal confession.



We have a New Nursery Worker!

Our own Mary Humphries has joined us as a new staff person in our nursery beginning in the month of January. She and her husband Corey (along with their two children) officially joined our church in November but they have been with us for many months. Mary comes to us with lots of practical experience with young children. She also has lots of enthusiasm around our children's ministry and has the desire to see these ministries grow. I know that many of you have met Mary and her family already, but please feel free to welcome her this month as our new staff person.

Sermon Notes

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

- ### Prayer Requests for 1/25/26
- Printed requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks and then will be moved to our continuing prayer list on our website.
- ◆ Larry Sellers (health) and family
 - ◆ Joshua Stuckey (Mary Alice's great-nephew)
 - ◆ Joe Grubb (back at Life Care in Athens) and family
 - ◆ Karen McCue and family (Ruppel)
 - ◆ Our nation and world
 - ◆ Mary Nelson and family (Ray and Dora's daughter in law)
 - ◆ Amy Depew Wolz and family
 - ◆ Kathy Atkins Winters and family (Angela Tallent request)
 - ◆ Family of Robbie McLemore (Benton request)
 - ◆ Family of Nelson Hearl
 - ◆ Ronnie Gay (back in the hospital and new surgery) (Veronica Venable's father) and family
 - ◆ Little Grady Givens
 - ◆ Strickland family
 - ◆ Miranda Larson and family
 - ◆ Ron Leinart (surgery) and family
 - ◆ Unspoken Prayers



New Senior Fellowship Event

You are invited to our New Senior Fellowship event this Wednesday, January 28th at 11 AM. We will have games, lunch (\$5 per person for pizza) and fun! Sign-up list is located at the Coffee Bar so we can get a general count. Contact Sue Hamilton or Regina Warfel with any questions.

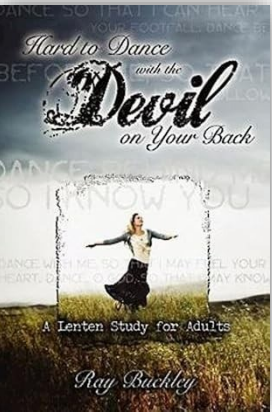


The Susanna Study

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.

Would you be interested in teaching a new adult class?

Throughout 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 that will continue meeting on Sunday mornings. Some of you may feel led to join our teaching team, by offering to teach a new adult class/small group here at First UMC! We will begin having new opportunities for classes beginning in the fall. If you are feeling led in this way, or have questions please feel free to reach out to Pastor Chris at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org.

United Women in Faith invites you to join us!

Please join us at 11:45 AM on the third Sundays of each month in the Fellowship Hall. All women of FUMC are welcome! We share a meal as we work, learn, and strategize together. Contact Jill Alliman or Regina Warfel with any questions. We can't wait to see you there!



PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Black

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 *“Trust and Obey”* #467/Screen

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.)

OFFERTORY

✠ DOXOLOGY #94

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**

✠ CLOSING HYMN *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”* #127/Screen

✠ BENEDICTION **Rev. Chris Black**

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE *“Trust and Obey” (refrain)* Screen

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~