

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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Scan the QR code to give electronically

Attendance last Sunday

In-Person: 121 **On-line:** 30

Stewardship as of August 16, 2026

Giving last week: \$5,435.91

Weekly budget need: \$5,723.00

Year-To-Date giving: \$193,963.40

Year-To-Date budget: \$188,859.00

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

Flowers: Open

Coffee Bar: Janet Tweed

Lay Leader: LeeAnne Strickland

Usher Team: Ray Nelson and Ben Barger

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

Pianist: Bev Taylor

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First United Methodist Church

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



“On This Rock...” *Matthew 16: 13-20*

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.

“...and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 23, 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

LeeAnne Strickland

(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: When we look to the rock from where we were cut, and to the quarry from which we were dug, we see our ancestors Abraham and Sarah, who were alone until God blessed them and made them many!

P: When we look to the cornerstone of the church, we see Christ, the Son of the living God. Beginning with Peter, God has made us into living stones. God's house will stand forever!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“How Great Thou Art”

#77/Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

#885

✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God.

We pray in Jesus' name. 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 8/23/26

Requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks and
will be moved to our continuing prayer list at
lumcm.com.

- ◆ Quinn Strickland (knee surgery) and family
- ◆ Gini Tallent (health) and family (Angela's daughter)
- ◆ Gary Hamilton (health) and family
- ◆ Patty Williford Jones' mother (health) and family
- ◆ Kris and Don Browder's son in law (health) and family
- ◆ Scott Venable (ankle surgery) and family
- ◆ Mary Kefauver and family
- ◆ Rosemary Cheek (health) and family
- ◆ Mary Roberts (Latasha Leming's mother) (health) and family (Janet Tweed's request)
- ◆ Congratulations to Kenny Vanderpool who graduated from the Police Academy and has taken a position with the Niota Police Department (Kingsley's son-in-law)
- ◆ Kathy Isbill and family
- ◆ John Maiuri and family
- ◆ Family of Sandy Taylor (Dopkins)
- ◆ Gary Cloud and family (Green)
- ◆ Praise that Abby Blair has joined our staff and as our Coordinator of Children and Family Ministries
- ◆ Family of Ronnie Gay (Veronica Venable's father)
- ◆ Carolyn Peters and family
- ◆ Jill (Peters) Reeves and family
- ◆ Kevin and Bev Taylor and family
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers

Senior Fellowship Lunch

Join us this Wednesday, August 26th at Lenoir City Chili's at 11:30AM. If you would like to carpool please meet in the upper parking lot by 10:30AM.

New Pastor's Bible Study beginning in September... "Mostly Methodical"

Rev. Chris Black will once again host a home style Bible Study **beginning on Wednesday, September 2nd at 7:00PM** in classroom #5 which is downstairs across from the Community Room. This new study called "Mostly Methodical" will take a fun and inviting look at what it means to be Methodist today. We will rely heavily on scripture but will also delve into the history, theology and experience of what it means to be a Methodist. If you have questions please email Pastor Chris at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org.

Bible Fellowship and Joyful Ringers

We are continuing with the new series today after worship. Please join us for "Think, Act, Be Like Jesus". A light lunch will be shared during the study.

*On the 2nd and 4th Sundays come back/stay until 2PM for our amazing Joyful Ringers, FUMC's Bell Choir.

Come Join the Choir!

Our Choir ministry meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 6PM in the sanctuary. This group enjoys plenty of fellowship and fun as they learn new music to help lead our Sunday worship. Even if you have never been in a choir before you are welcome to participate. Joining a choir is a great way to build relationships and to learn a new skill that can glorify God. If you have questions or wish to join please contact Sue at sue@firstumcmadisonville.org

TWU Dental Clinic

The Dental Clinic will be at FUMC on **September 16th from 10AM-2PM.**

Dental cleanings will be provided free by appointment only. Adults and children are welcome to schedule cleaning appointments by calling 423-252-1475. Tennessee Wesleyan (TWU) Dental Hygiene program and their mobile clinic will provide services under the direction of Dr. Randa Colbert and local dentists led by Dr. James Dash, DDS. Participants will receive free dental cleanings and exams.

Our Adult Bible Study returns!

On Sunday, September 6th one of our longtime adult studies is returning after a summer break. They will be meeting at 9:30AM in the Library prior to our worship service for some fellowship, prayer and reflecting on God's word. Reba Dopkins is the host and teacher of this class. This group always has a great time reflecting and applying God's word together. If you are interested in this class, please feel free to show up on **Sundays at 9:30AM beginning on September 6th** or reach out to our own Reba Dopkins.

Are you interested in joining our Church?

We are a faith community that is incredibly blessed because we have so many active members! However, we are also blessed because we have numerous folks who have been faithful as long-time visitors, and some who have been wonderful short-term guests. If you are someone who is interested in learning more about what it means to join the church as a full member, please feel free to reach out to Rev. Chris Black by email at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org.

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.

✠ HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

#545/Screen

CHILDRENS 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

Matthew 16: 13-20

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"On This Rock..."

Rev. Chris Black

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"My Hope Is Built"

#368/Screen

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"My Hope Is Built"

Screen

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

✠ POSTLUDE

~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~