

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: 98 On-line: 56

Stewardship as of March 1, 2026

Giving last week: \$7,534.66

Weekly budget need: \$5,723.00

Year-to-date giving: \$49,370.40

Year-to-date budget: \$57,230.00

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

Flowers: Open

Coffee Bar: Janet Tweed

3/11/26 Ignite & Youth Supper:

Carol & Jennifer McKenzie & Peggy Wengert

Usher Team:

Steve Cornett and Jeff McMillian

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

Pianist: Bev Taylor

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Youth Ministry Leaders:

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First United Methodist Church

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent



"Stewardship By Our Gifts"

Mark 12: 41-44

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.

"Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others."

A new Lenten Sermon Series: “The Vows We Live By” continues today

Throughout Lent Pastor Chris will be offering a sermon series which explores the idea of “stewardship” and its connection to our unique UMC membership vows. Whenever a person becomes a full member of our congregation they make a vow to faithfully participate by their **prayers**, their **presence**, their **gifts**, their **service**, and their **witness**. Pastor Chris’ series will explore how to balance all 5 parts of the vows in your own walk and how they can make you a more fruitful disciple of Christ. We hope you will join us for worship throughout March for this insightful series.

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”. 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 that meets after Worship. We share lunch. Please let Marlee Tierce know if you wish to join or need a book.

Alzheimer’s Disease Workshop

Sunday, March 22, directly after worship First United Methodist Church will have the opportunity to host an education and awareness workshop around Dementia and Alzheimer’s disease. Lezli Ledesma-Lemer, a research intern at Tennessee Wesleyan University under our own Dr. Tara Stewart will facilitate the short workshop. There will be a pre and post test along with an Alzheimer’s 101 workshop presentation. We would like to invite our community members to participate in this free and informative event.



UWF March Project: Personal Hygiene Kits

The UWF are putting together small Personal Hygiene Kits for FUMC’s Blessing Box as their March project. Please place any donations on the UWF shelf in Mission Alley.

Items needed:

- Gallon-size plastic bags
 - Two-ounce bottles of hand sanitizer
 - Laundry detergent sheets
 - Pocket tissue packs
 - 3oz bars of soap
 - Combs
 - Hair ties
- Feminine hygiene products (long, thin, super)

Save the dates for Holy Week Services and Events in March & April

- ♦ **Sunday, March 29th:** Palm Sunday Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary.
 - ♦ **Wednesday, April 1st:** Pastor’s Bible Study at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.
 - ♦ **Thursday, April 2nd:** 7:00pm in the Sanctuary we will have an informal *Maundy Thursday Communion Service with foot & hand washing.*
 - ♦ **Friday, April 3rd:** *Good Friday Way of the Cross Prayer Walk* with Pastor Chris at 11:00am. We will meet & depart from the Sanctuary.
 - ♦ **Saturday, April 4th:** Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00am at Houston Park in Downtown Madisonville.
 - ♦ **Sunday, April 5th:**
 - ⇒ *Easter Sunday Worship Sunrise Service* at 7:00am at the home of Donnie and Kris Browder Address: 645 West Crestview Drive, Madisonville
 - ⇒ *Fellowship time* begins at 10:00am in the Gathering Area
 - ⇒ *Easter Worship Service* at 10:30am in our Sanctuary.
- (Don't forget to bring flowers!)*

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

“I Surrender All”

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CHILDREN’S MOMENT

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

“The Gift To Be Simple”

Chancel Choir

✠ DOXOLOGY

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SCRIPTURE

Mark 12: 41-44

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Stewardship By Our Gifts”

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✠ CLOSING HYMN

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

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✠ BENEDICTION

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✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“I Surrender All”

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✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~