

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: 122 On-line: 47

Stewardship as of July 26th, 2026

Giving last week: \$24,828.55

Weekly budget need: \$5,723.00

Year-To-Date giving: \$179,866.57

Year-To-Date budget: \$171,690.00

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

Flowers: Communion Sunday

Coffee Bar: Glenda Parker

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

Organist: Mary Alice Huff

Youth Ministry Leaders:
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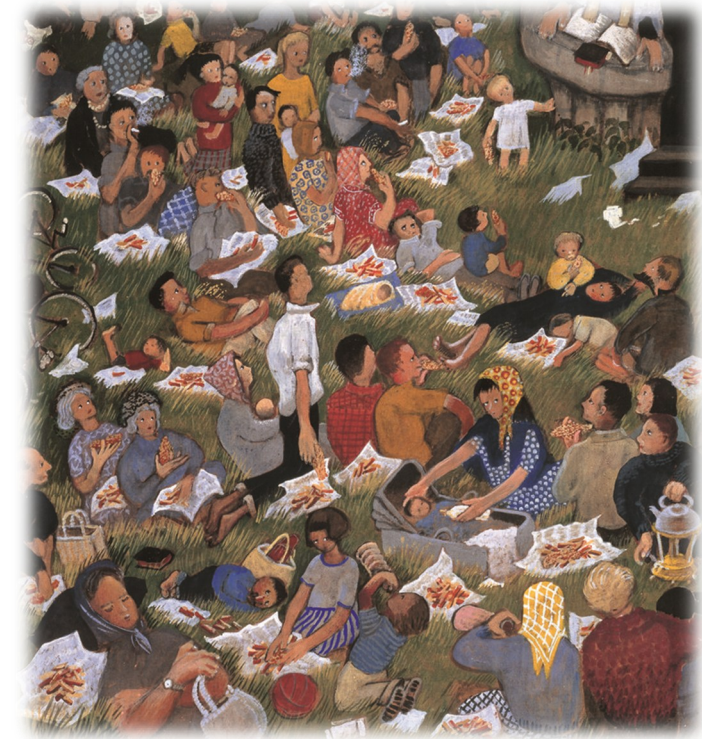
First United Methodist Church

August 2, 2026

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Blessing of the Backpacks

(Communion)



“A Miraculous Meal”

Matthew 14: 13-21

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 pew to register your attendance and tell us a little more about you.

“Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves...”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 2, 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

“His Name Is Wonderful”

#174/Screen

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: God meets us in our greatest need

P: and satisfies us with divine presence and provision. In gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

#89/Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

#885

✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Black

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Chris Black

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS/CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students and educators. They stand here ready to receive your blessings and they commit themselves to the school year ahead. We ask for your blessing on each of them. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call toward teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care.

United Women in Faith August Collection

In August, we be collecting diapers in sizes 3-7 and wipes for Nurture the Next. Baby food can also be used by clients of this program. Nurture the Next provides home visits and parenting classes to support new parents.

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Sermon Notes

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

This image shows a full page of handwriting practice paper. It contains ten identical rows of horizontal guidelines. Each row is composed of three lines: a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line. These lines are evenly spaced across the entire page to help children learn letter height and placement. There is no text or other markings on the page.

Prayer Requests for 8/2/26

Requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks and
will be moved to our continuing prayer list at
1umcm.com

- ◆ John Maiuri and family
- ◆ Margie Patton Burns and family in the death of her husband Dave Burns (Browder)
- ◆ Family of Gene Bivens (Tweeds)
- ◆ Praises and prayers for the birth of Oliver Dean Lands son of Hannah Harrell and Hagen Lands (grandson of Charlie and Phyllis Harrell)
- ◆ Janice Grimm and Ron Stiltner (Rose friends)
- ◆ Alisha Gordon (beginning boot camp and friend of Haley Derby)
- ◆ Family of Ronnie Gay (Veronica Venable's father)
- ◆ Family of Amber Isbill's father (Jennifer McKenzie)
- ◆ Family and friends of Reverend Larry Dial and his congregations at Asbury UMC & French Broad UMC
- ◆ Family of Joshua Stuckey (Huff)
- ◆ Carolyn Peters and family
- ◆ Praise for the Barr family in the adoption of their new son and brother Drake
- ◆ Tara Stewart and family
- ◆ Jill (Peters) Reeves and family
- ◆ Kevin and Bev Taylor and family
- ◆ Sue Kromhaut (Warfel friend)
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers

Feedback from Council meeting

Last week after worship we had a great turnout for our Church Council meeting. Rev. Chris Black shared his mid-year “State of the Church” update, as well as received feedback from all those gathered. One thing that came up in the conversation was the desire to have our financial reporting more readily available from month to month. So, the church office in consultation with our Finance Committee will begin offering a “**First UMC Financial Dashboard**” which will be a single page summary of what is shared at our monthly finance meetings. This will be sent via email to our community and be available in the Gathering Area each week. Please be on the lookout for this in the month of August.

Another wonderful Update for our Sign of Faith Campaign!

In June we kicked off a campaign to replace the main front electronic sign by the church office. We established a goal of 21k to make this project possible. Members and friends of our church have given a total of **\$24,500!!!** ***This means that (as of July 28th) this project has been fully funded!***
Praise God!

This upgrade will allow us to communicate and even bless our community in powerful new ways. It also allows us to let folks know about the great things happening in our church family from week to week. What a blessing for this new initiative to be able to move so quickly!

An Important Update about our Ignite Children’s Ministry

Throughout the month of July we promoted some volunteer opportunities for our **Ignite Children’s Ministry** program. This is our Fall/Spring Wednesday night ministry that offers some fun discipleship opportunities for children K-5. As this ministry is currently organized we need at least 2-3 folks in areas of K-2 teacher and classroom helper, 3-5 teacher and classroom helper, games/craft/music leader/helper. We also need 6-7 groups to provide dinners on a rotation. Unfortunately, we did not get enough volunteers signed up and committed to this ministry to make it work in its current form. (we want to be able to follow our own Safe Sanctuary guidelines, but also need enough support so that no volunteer teacher/helper is over burdened.)

At this juncture, we will be doing a ministry “**program pivot**” with Ignite. This happens from time to time in church...(especially in growing ones!) where a ministry may need to be adjusted or changed/refreshed or lay fallow for a little while. In August a group will come together with Rev. Chris Black to create plans for a new/restructured Wednesday night children’s ministry program which will begin in January 2027. If you are interested in helping with this work in the next few months please let Pastor know.

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 “10,000 Reasons” Chancel Choir

✠ DOXOLOGY #94

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 14: 13-21*
L: The Word of God, for the People of God.
P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “A Miraculous Meal” Rev. Chris Black

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

CONFESSION

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.*

✠ CLOSING HYMN “God Will Take Care of You” (v.1 & 3) #130/Screen

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Lead Me, Lord” Screen

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

✠ POSTLUDE

~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~