

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: 103 On-line: 23

Stewardship as of March 22, 2026

Giving last week: \$11,881.95

Weekly budget need: \$5,723.00

Year-to-date giving: \$74,076.93

Year-to-date budget: \$74,399.00

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

Flowers: Palms given by Margaret and Chad Chester

Coffee Bar: Peggy Wengert

4/1/26 Ignite & Youth Supper:
NO Ignite—Youth still meeting

Usher Team:

Steve Cornett and Jeff McMillian

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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First United Methodist Church

March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday



“Meanwhile, On The Other Side of Town...”

Matthew 21: 1-11

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.

“Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Save the dates for Holy Week Services and Events in April

- ◆ **Thursday, April 2nd:** 7:00pm in the Sanctuary we will have an informal *Maundy Thursday Communion Service with 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 Don and Kris Browder, 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!)**
- ◆ **Sunday, April 19th:** Easter Cantata Sunday



United Women in Faith

On Sunday, April 26th following worship you are invited to our Annual Salad Extravaganza!

This is always a fun event where all proceeds given go to support the UWF scholarship fund, which provides scholarships for high school seniors and camp attendees. As a part of the meal we will be having a silent auction where folks will bid on some "creative" items, services, and fun experiences! If you are interested in providing some art, handy man services, carpentry, baked goods, or a class on how to make a favorite dish then please feel free to let Janet Ruppel know. The UWF is requesting that donations be delivered to FUMC by Sunday, April 19th.

Construction Update

You may notice some new construction beginning to happen in our lower parking lot in the next few weeks. The Trustee and Finance committees are moving forward with a project to expand our lower parking lot and clean up the area. This will mean that the house that sits next to the lower lot of our property will be removed and the area graveled for overflow parking. The house has been deemed unsalvageable based on its current condition. The funds for this project were taken out of our building maintenance investment account with the Holston Foundation and not out of our General Fund. There will be a church-wide discussion in 2026 about how best to permanently utilize this property.

Are you newer to our church?

It is so exciting to see so many newer faces in our pews and online over the last couple of months. We want to celebrate you, and also provide you with a few resources about our great church.

First, our office hours during the week are from 8:30am-2:30pm Monday-Thursday. *(Drop by anytime we are open!)* Check out our Website at: firstumcmadisonville.com or lumcm.com to find links to our YouTube page, weekly events, and more about our outreach as a church.

For our church activities, programming, and our mission please feel free to get subscribed to our Constant Contact email messages. On Sundays feel free to explore around our gathering area just outside the sanctuary. There are snacks and coffee available and you can pick up a copy of our monthly newsletter, brochures about our beliefs, and a welcome bag.

If you would like to sit down with Rev. Chris Black at the office or over coffee, then please feel free to call the church office, email him, or even ask Chris for his cell #.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Black

PASTORAL PRAYER

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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

"Tell Me The Stories of Jesus"

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CHILDRENS 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

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Chancel Choir

✠ DOXOLOGY

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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21: 1-11

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Meanwhile, on the other side of town..."

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✠ CLOSING HYMN

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

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✠ BENEDICTION

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✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"We Will Glorify"

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✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE



~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~