



At First United Methodist Church, we are each alive in Christ, united in nurturing fellowship, reaching out to share God's boundless love.

August 22, 2021

8:45 a.m.

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Without Exception. God Loves Everyone.

Come Join Our Journey at First UMC.

We warmly welcome you to First UMC and our worship service! We are glad you are here with us today! We'd love to help you connect with God and with other people through First UMC.

Welcome

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Gathering Music - *"Open Hands"* by Brian Walker
The ALIVE! Praise Band

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship our God,

People: **for there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,**

Leader: who is above all and through all and in all.

People: **We come with humility, gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another in love.**

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Redeeming God,

**you satisfy the hunger of our souls through Jesus Christ,
the bread of life.**

Filled with your steadfast love, let us live in love,

**working honestly and humbly to share with the needy,
feeding others with the bread of kindness,
tenderness, and forgiveness.**

Through our presence and actions here and in the world,

bring about the unity of your Spirit and the bond of peace.

Amen.

Invitation to Praise - *"Love Lifted Me"* by James Rowe

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

Chorus:

Love lifted me, love lifted me,
When nothing else could help, love lifted me.
Love lifted me, love lifted me,
When nothing else could help, love lifted me.

All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too, to Him belongs. [Chorus]

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today. [Chorus]

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Generous, transforming God,
thank you for the blessing of honest labor,
through which you have provided these gifts
for our hands to share with those in need.**

**We dedicate them now as an expression of your love for the world,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A Time For the Child In All of Us

Amanda Bostick

Scripture - Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-16

Sermon - "A Vision for a Church"

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Response of the Church No. 883

"A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada"

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Invitation to Be the Church - "Just As I Am"

by Charlotte Elliot & Travis Cottrell
The ALIVE! Praise Band

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot.
To thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come

CHORUS:

I come broken to be mended. I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued. I come empty to be filled.
I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ, the Lamb.
And I'm welcomed with open arms, praise God, just as I am.

Just as I am, I would be lost, but mercy and grace my freedom bought.
And now to glory in Your cross, oh Lamb of God I come, I come.

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I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ, the Lamb.
And I'm welcomed with open arms, praise God, just as I am.

Benediction

Traveling Music - "Open Hands" by Brian Walker
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Flowers

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of Betty Gregory Frick by Jemmietta Allred and Toni Burchette.

Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Steven, Daniel and Wes Caudill and their families upon the death of their father, Steve Caudill, on August 18, 2021.

Announcements

Remember to visit our website www.fumclex.org to stay connected with the latest news, calendar updates, recorded worship services, bulletin, and newsletter.

Children & Youth Sunday Morning Update

Due to the continuing rise in COVID-19 case numbers here in Davidson County, the Children's Council has decided to delay the start of Children & Youth Sunday School classes and Children's Church until at least the Sunday after Labor Day. With the increasing case numbers, the reopening of schools, and the lack of a vaccine for kids under twelve, we think this is the best way to continue to keep our children safe. We will reassess the situation in a few weeks and give you an update at that time. Thank you for your patience and continued care for our children!

Bible Study Opportunities this Fall

Fast Track Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Disciple I is a Genesis-Revelation overview of the Bible open to everyone! It addresses the main themes of the Bible and is an excellent introduction to the scriptures. Reasonable daily readings will prepare you for lively discussion and discovery during weekly class sessions. Disciple I will be led by Rev. Kirk Tutterow and Clark Smith, and will be held on **Mondays at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. (your choice) beginning September 13**. Contact Kirk for more information or call the church office to sign up!

Fast Track Disciple II: Into the Word, Into the World

Disciple II is a deeper dive into just four books of the Bible: Genesis-Exodus in the Old Testament and Luke-Acts in the New Testament. It is designed for folks who have already taken Fast Track Disciple I. Classes will be led by Rev. Cheryl Skinner and will be held on **Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. beginning September 21**. Please let Cheryl know if you are interested in continuing the journey!

Know your 3 W's



WEAR

a cloth face covering.



WAIT

6 feet apart and
avoid close contact.



WASH

your hands often or
use hand sanitizer

Prayer Requests:

Please note the date beside of each name representing when the request was made and/or an update. All are encouraged to review the list and contact the church office to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

Short Term (8 weeks or less)

Rev. Dr. Ray Howell (8-18-21)

*Lauren Hall (8-18-21)

*Pete Murray (8-16-21)

*Steve & Gay Smith (8-15-21)

*Mary Niner (8-12-21)

*Max Lanning (8-11-21)

*Betty Pope (8-11-21)

*Caroline McCree (8-11-21)

Sandy Moroney (8-9-21)

Gary Leonard (8-4-21)

*Judy Hench (8-1-21)

*Libby Simpson (7-29-21)

*Monty Oliver (7-24-21)

Long Term

Jason & Stacy Heitman Family (8-18-21)

Ann Leonard (8-18-21)

*Sue Corn (8-18-21)

*Adrian Neal (8-15-21)

Gina & Russ Parrot (8-11-21)

*Libby Lanning (8-11-21)

Barry Leonard (8-11-21)

Tami Robinson (8-6-21)

*Jane Cook Harris (7-26-21)

*Mary Louise Wilkerson (7-26-21)

Kendall Conner (7-26-21)

Bill Bingham (7-25-21)

Marc Frye (7-21-21)

Cora Tews (7-19-21)

Keith Tutterow (6-16-21)

Norma S. Trotter (6-15-21)

Alma Kernodle (6-11-21)

Jim McDermott (6-10-21)

Hoy Lanning, Jr. (5-20-21)

Rae Hall (5-20-21)

Caroline Wagner Loder (5-13-21)

Dr. Garrett Breakiron (5-12-21)

Lynn Mack (4-15-21)

Jane King (4-15-21)

*Linda Fisher (4-15-21)

Jayne Cartner Christy (4-11-21)

Doris Brown (3-29-21)

*Earl Hester (3-10-21)

*Lacy Carol Belcher (3-7-21)

Mark Milligan (2-12-21)

Jan Greer (2-11-21)

Betty Jean Whitaker (2-9-21)

Ron & Kristie Wooten (2-9-21)

*Kathy Baragona (1-1-21)

*Dean Davis (1-1-21)

*John Scarff (1-1-21)

*Dare Wilson (1-1-21)

Bentley Leonard (12-27-20)

Martha Shore Winters (10-12-20)

Nicholas Melomo (8-12-20)

*Shane Martin (7-23-20)

Shannon & Steve Ford (1-22-20)

Shut-Ins

*Jean Gosnell

*Caroline McCree

*Evelyn Sink

*Dr. Hunter Strader

*Flonnie Thomason

Piedmont Crossing

(Thomasville)

Health Care

*Barbara Proctor

*Nancy Wilkinson

Piedmont Crossing

(Thomasville)

Residents

*Jo Doris Beck

*Betsy & Jim Buchanan

*Herman Crabtree

*Adrian Neal

*Madeline Palmer

*Karen & Bob Pearson

Abbott's Creek

Tempie Almstead

Benton House (Charleston, SC)

*Janice Bacon

Elmcroft (Salisbury)

*Sandra Shoaf

The Laurels at Highland

Creek (Charlotte)

*Carolyn Briggs

Long Term Care (Florida)

*Mary Williams

Serving in the Armed Forces

*Capt. Kacie Allred

*Specialist McRay Calderone

*SGT John Hall

SGT Alan Ingram

Major Jarrad Thorley

Our Stewardship for God's Work

This stewardship report is given so you may follow our financial progress throughout the year. Please review and thoughtfully pray over this report. Everyone is a part of God's stewardship.

Report for August 15, 2021

YTD Income: \$362,614.20

YTD Expenses: \$326,482.84

Change In Financial Position (Loss): \$36,131.36

Online Giving for mobile device users, the QR (Quick Response) code will take you to a secure mobile site for Online Giving from your smartphone or tablet. **On your first visit**, you will need to create a profile.



Text to Give

– The newest way to give back to God through the ministries of First UMC. Text the amount you wish to send to **855-222-3109** – then follow the directions.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 22

- 8:30 a.m. United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall —light breakfast
8:45 a.m. Early Worship, Church Lawn — *In the event of inclement weather, we will move to the sanctuary.*
9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. **LIVE** streamed Morning Worship on YouTube

Monday, August 23

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Youth/Scout House

Tuesday, August 24

Wednesday, August 25

- 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Lunch, Bar-B- Q Center
12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. Missional Network, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 26

- 6:30 p.m. Faithseekers, Norris' Lake House

Friday, August 27

Saturday, August 28

Sunday, August 29

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