



Welcome Asa Majors

Our Life Together

Songs of Worship *Child of Love* *The Connection* Worship Band
All My Love

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayer

Offering / Special Music *Come as You Are* The Connection Worship Band

Gospel Reading *John 20:24-29* Diana Sampley

Sermon Series *Hope is Here: Hope for the Doubter* Asa Majors

Song of Response *Lift Your Head* The Connection Worship Band



NURSERY CARE 9:15am – 11:45am || Ages 5 & under
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15am || Pre-K & K-5
CHILDREN'S CHURCH || 10:15am

WELCOME! If you are new to FUMC and would like to find out more information about our children's programs, please contact Lisa Cavallucci (lisa@fumcmorristown.org). Our registration team (main floor) would be happy to answer any questions as well.

VOLUNTEER KICK-OFF LUNCH || * **TODAY** * **SEPT. 12 @ 11:30am**
COMMUNITY RM

Mark your calendars to join us for this exciting and informational event! Food, fun and **GIVE AWAYS!** This is a major vision-casting event that every volunteer should attend - new and returning! Childcare available (ages 5 & under). Come, join the fun!



RIOT - Our Sunday school program runs year round from 9:15am - 10:15am.

RALLY—We're back! Our weekly Wednesday youth gatherings are back 5:55pm - 7:07pm. Come join us for fun games, authentic worship, Biblical message, group talk, and creative prayer.

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NEXT SUNDAY IS BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY—September 19 We welcome everyone back to church services on this day. This will be the last sermon in our "Hope is Here" series. Hope you can make it!

Traditional services will include music from Carilloneurres. Brass players will join the choir and congregation at the 10:30 service.

SMALL GROUPS

BOOK OF MARK **Wednesdays @ 6pm | Room 103** Bring your Bibles and dive into the Book of Mark led by Walter Weikel. *Although food will not be served, tables will be set up in the gym for anyone that would like to bring their own dinner to enjoy before class.*

FORGIVING WHAT YOU CAN'T FORGET **Tuesdays @ 10am | Cornerstone Building** Nancy Renner will lead a study on Lisa Terkeurst's *Forgiving What You Can't Forget*. This six week study is DVD driven using the book, study guide and of course, the Bible! Books and study guides will be available in the church office. **Begins September 21.**

LETTERS OF JOHN **Mondays @ 7pm | Room 207** Ed Cunningham will lead an 8-week study on the *Letters of John*. **Begins October 4.**

KIDS HANDBELLS (3rd-5th grade) **Wednesdays @ 5:30pm | Music Room** This is a fun way to learn to read music and the kids that participate in this group take great pride in the effort they put forth and the music they present. We will play during worship services and as part of *Old Fashioned Christmas*.

KIDS CHOIRS (Age 4- 5th grade) **Wednesdays @ 6pm | Room 202 & 3rd Floor** We have a comprehensive Children's Choir program that meets on Wednesday nights. They sing but also play instruments, games, and more. We will sing in all of the worship services as well as present a Christmas musical for our church's annual *Old Fashioned Christmas*.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR **Wednesdays 7pm | Music Room** This is a short term choir opportunity for adults to sing for our upcoming Christmas recording and in our December Music traditional worship service. 7:00pm-7:45pm each Wednesday.

EXERCISE CLASS **Monday/Wednesday/Friday @ 8:30am** Jane Hopson will lead exercise class in the gym. Everyone welcome! **Begins September 13.**

THE HARVEST TABLE Bring your garden surplus, flowers, plants, bulbs, and put them on the table in the hall near the elevator. All donations will go to FUMC missions. **FREE RANGE EGGS !!!!** Garry Brooks shares his overflow of eggs and all it takes is a donation from you. Check with the church office on Monday to see if there are some available. All donations go to support our mission projects.

Church Staff

Walter Weikel—Pastor (walter@fumcmorristown.org)
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Welcome to FUMC

First United Methodist Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ by Reaching, Growing and Serving

September 12, 2021

WELCOME! Thank you for choosing to worship with us. We trust you will find a warm greeting and the Spirit of God as we gather today. We are always glad to welcome guests. Please let us know if there are ways in which we can be of service to you.

WITH COVID CASES INCREASING in Hamblen County, FUMC strongly encourages everyone entering the church to wear a mask. Thank you!

FACEBOOK LIVE PRAYER GROUP—Join Walter on our church Facebook page **Monday mornings @ 9am** for a special time of prayer. You can call in or email your prayer concerns and celebrations to: walter@fumcmorristown.org

PRAYER CONCERNS If you have a prayer concern you would like to pass on to our Monday morning Prayer Team and our pastors, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering basket. Cards are on the table in Connection and in the pew rack in the Sanctuary.

HOSPITAL WORKERS APPRECIATION We are still collecting **chocolate!** In addition to chocolate, we are also collecting donations of what the hospital workers call **POCKET FOOD**. Under the extreme conditions that our hospital is currently experiencing, the employees often do not have time to stop to eat a meal, or even take a break. They can use food that they can put in a pocket and carry around with them, and eat a bite when they have a moment. This would include items like; granola, breakfast, energy and protein bars, packs of peanut butter crackers, individual packs of fig newtons, etc. Monetary donations are appreciated to purchase perishable items like fruit.

Thank you so much for your support of our hospital staff.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE ASKS FOR CLEANING BUCKETS AND HEALTH KITS for the people affected by flooding in middle Tennessee. Lists of what to include in the kits are available at the church. If you wish to participate, the church will supply the buckets and will pack the health kits. Just bring your items to the church office by Sept. 27.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

16th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

September 12, 2021

8:15am & 10:30am

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and devices for the hearing impaired are available for this morning's service. Please see an usher.

Please remember to silence cell phones.

Welcome and Announcements Walter Weikel

Prelude Like a River Glorious James Pethel

Choral Introit (10:30am) Sing For Joy Hal Hopson

* **Hymn** UMH 57 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON
(verse 3: women only, verse 5: men only)

* **Affirmation of Faith** UMH 881 The Apostles' Creed
(8:15am) Becky Reel (10:30am) Janie Wilson

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*
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* **Gloria Patri** UMH 70 Glory Be to the Father MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Congregational Celebrations & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Walter Weikel

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.

* **Prayer for Illumination** (8:15am) Becky Reel (10:30am) Janie Wilson

Eternal God, in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

* **Gospel Lesson** John 20:24-29

(8:15am) Becky Reel (10:30am) Janie Wilson

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

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Hymn UMH 357 Just as I Am, Without One Plea WOODWORTH

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.

Prayer of Confession

We confess that we far too often want proof for everything, O Lord. We want proof that someone loves us; we want proof that we can trust in others; we want proof that everything in life is going to turn out all right. It is easy for us to point our finger at Thomas who was honest about his fears. He had seen so much healing and hope. But those hopes seemed dashed when Jesus died. Even the news of the Resurrection did not completely lift the darkness from his life.

(sing) *Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

Jesus said to him, just as he says to us, "Peace, be still. Do not doubt but believe!"

Lord, forgive our unbelief! Forgive the many times when we think and act in ways which are hurtful and mean. Heal our wounds. Bind up our spirits in the cords of your compassion. Help us to fully place our trust in you, with our whole hearts, and minds, and spirits, and souls. For we ask this in your blessed Name. AMEN.

(sing) *Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

Words of Assurance

Peace. Be still. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Jesus came to bring you new life. Believe in him. Receive the blessing of hope and peace. **AMEN.**

Worship of God by Giving Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (8:15am) It Is Well arr. by Craig Courtney
Skip Frierson

Offertory Anthem (10:30am) Like a River arr. by Tim Ossiek

* **Doxology** UMH 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

* **Prayer of Dedication**

* **Hymn of Response** UMH 307 W ZLOBIE LEZY

Christ Is Risen

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction** (10:30am) A LA PUERTA
Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace

* **Postlude** Improvisation

(* Please stand as you are able.)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS this morning are given to the glory of God by Dorah Kate, Fletcher, Robert, Logan and Olivia Kelly in memory of their "Da" (Duane Kelly.)



Music Spot

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978
Music: Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623;
harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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SEPTEMBER USHER TEAMS

8:15am Capt. Capt. Brody Robertson, Steve Brown, Wayne McCamey, David Purkey, Mark Stapleton

10:30am Capt. Bob Schwalb, Barbara Crawford, Drew Leach, Mike Leach, Rebecca Skeen, Ron Strobe

Calendar Highlights—September 12-18, 2021

Sunday (12) 8:15am Traditional Worship Service—SA
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Worship Service—SA
10:30am The Connection Worship—Gym
11:00am Kids Volunteer Lunch—CR
2:00pm District Conference—Gym
5:00pm Revelation Youth Choir—MR

Mon. (13) 8:30am Exercise Class (Jane Hopson)—Gym
10:00am Yoga—CS
10:00am Staff Meeting—207
11:00am Stretchin' Out—Gym
11:00am Ruth Circle meeting—CR
12noon Yoga—CR
5:30pm SLT meeting—YC

Tue. (14) 10:00am Bible Study (Nancy Renner) - CS
10:00am District Ministers' meeting—Gym
6:00pm District Ministers' meeting—CR
6:00pm Deborah Circle meeting—CS

Wed. (15) 8:30am Exercise Class (Jane Hopson)—Gym
11:00pm Stretchin' Out—CR
12noon Yoga—CR
5:30pm Kids Handbells—MR
5:55pm Youth Rally—YC
6:00pm Kids Choirs—Room 202, 3rd Floor
6:00pm Small Group Study (Asa Majors) - CS
6:00pm Small Group Study (Walter Weikel) - CR
6:00pm Carillonnuerres—MR
6:00pm Connection rehearsal—Gym
7:00-7:45pm Christmas Choir rehearsal—MR
7:45-8:45pm Chancel Choir rehearsal—MR

Thurs. (16) 10:00am Yoga—CS
6:30pm Cub Scout Den Meetings—LL, Gym
7:00pm Boy Scouts—CP

Friday (17) 8:30am Exercise Class (Jane Hopson)—Gym
11:00am Stretchin' Out—CR

Calendar Legend

CP—Cumberland Place
CR—Community Room
CS—Cornerstone
K—Kitchen
LL—Lower Level
MR—Music Room
SA—Sanctuary
YC—Youth City

COMING THIS FALL—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

RUMMAGE SALE Drop Off Items: September 29 (pm) and 30
Sale: October 1 and 2
*** Sign up NOW online! ***

FUMC QUILTERS—The quilters had planned to resume meeting on September 14, but due to the influx of COVID have decided to postpone their start date again.

THE HARVEST TABLE Don't forget to check the Harvest Table for fresh produce and free range eggs! The table is in the hall near the elevator on Sunday mornings and on the bench outside the church entrance during the week. All donations go to support our mission projects.

THE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ISSUE OF UPPER ROOM (50 cents) is now available on the bench outside the building entrance during the week and in the Narthex on Sunday mornings.