



NURSERY: Sundays | 9:15am - 11:45am | Newborn - 5yrs | Main Floor

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays | 9:15am
Ages 0-4: Main Floor | Grades K-5: Third Floor

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Sundays | 10:30am | 3rd Floor



RIOT: Sundays | 9:15am - 10:15am | Grades 6-12 | Youth City

RALLY | Wednesdays | 5:55-7:07pm | Grades 6-12 | Youth City

CONFIRMATION CLASS | Sundays | 4:00pm | Youth City

Dec. 9 | 6:30pm | Neon Church @ Trinity UMC, Morristown

Dec. 14 | 5:55pm | Redneck Christmas Party

Dec. 16 | 4:30pm | Shadrack's Christmas Wonderland—Kodak

Rez 23 | Jan. 20-22, 2023 | Registration is now OPEN on the Church Center app. Adults - \$150, Students - \$100. Contact Chris for scholarships or to be a chaperone or driver. Registration deadline is Dec. 31.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES | Sundays (year around) 9:15am-10:15am
Please scan the QR code to explore which class is right for you!

CONTACT | Sunday School Coordinators
Mike & Sandy Pittman | mspitt@charter.net

HIGHCALLING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS STARTS NEXT SUNDAY!

The class will host a breakfast social on December 4 in Room 111 (main building, downstairs, near the gym). This class will focus on Bible-based lessons and discussions for anyone who is looking for a Sunday School to join. It will be led by Melia Brown and Carrie Moore. Please call or text them if you are interested in attending or have any questions.

Melia Brown 423-258-8377

Carrie Moore 423-585-7264

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!



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OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS & TALENT SHOW | December 4 | 5pm | Gym
We'll enjoy a churchwide potluck dinner, short program by our Kids Choir and Handbells and a talent show! Come join the fun!!

The meal is potluck - Church will provide the Main Dish. Everyone brings a side dish or dessert.
If you'd like to perform in our talent show, be sure to sign-up on the Church Center app or in the church office. We'd love a variety of talents from all ages!!
Deadline for Talent Show sign-ups is November 28.

JOYFUL HEARTS | Candlelight Tour of Glenmore Mansion | December 5
The evening begins with dinner on your own at Gondolier in Jefferson City with the tour following. Cost for the tour and transportation is \$10. Sign up and pay \$10 in the church office by Nov. 28.



ADVENT STUDY Join Pastor Asa and Rev. Ed Cunningham for the four Wednesdays of Advent (Nov. 30-Dec. 21) as they discuss the promises of Immanuel in scripture. We will meet in Room 207 at 10am each week. There is no book for this study, but please bring your Bible. Sign up in the church office.



COOKIES for our Civil Service Workers— From now until Christmas, we will be collecting cookies (homemade or store bought) to be delivered in December. Please bring your cookies to the church office.

MORRISTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE December 1
First UMC will host a Hot Chocolate Station on Main Street in front of East Tennessee Diamond on Dec. during the parade. If you would like to help with this, please contact Meaghan Mosely.

LUNCH FOR WITT SCHOOL TEACHERS—we are asking for donations toward lunch for the teachers of Witt School. Kevin Summers is preparing the lunches that will be delivered on Dec. 9. You may donate on Church Center or in the church office. Checks should be made out to First UMC. Please contact Meaghan Mosley if you would like to help deliver the lunch.

Place Your Orders for Poinsettias!

We are taking orders for poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary December 18, for a cost of \$15 each. To order, fill out the form below and return to the church office with your payment *or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday morning*. Make checks out to "FUMC" and mark them "Poinsettias." Quantities are limited so order soon. Plants may be picked up after the 5:00pm Christmas Eve service. If you need further information, please call the church office at 581-2180. **Orders received by Dec. 11, will be listed in the bulletin on Dec. 18.**

Given by: _____

(check one) In Memory of In Honor of Gift

of Plants _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

WELCOME TO
First United Methodist Church
- Est. 1852 -



November 27, 2022

Making disciples as we gather, grow, and go.

WELCOME to **First United Methodist Church (FUMC)**. We would love to have you fill out your name and any information you feel comfortable sharing on the attendance pad. In this Advent Season, we invite you to prepare your hearts for the Christmas Celebration. The Season proclaims the coming of Christ—whose birth we celebrate once again, who comes to us in word and spirit, and whose return in final victory we anticipate.



GATHER



GROW



GO

CONNECT WITH US



Scan our QR code to find FUMC on social apps, including the Church Center app, which connects you to our Small Groups, events, calendars, and more!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent
Liturgical Color: Purple

November 27, 2022

8:15am & 10:30am

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Veni Emmanuel* Wilbur Held
Call to Worship (8:15am) Dick Copeland (10:30am) Drew Leach
Jeremiah 33:14-16 alt

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

With what shall we come to God's house? Bring branches of cedar and holly, bring evergreens and a pine tree, hang wreaths and garlands. Bring poinsettia plants with their rich red color to remind us throughout these weeks of the sacrifice of Christ.

Make the church fragrant with the smell of living things and our holy play. In acts of hanging greens and listening to the words of prophets and seers let us make our hearts and this space a place of inward and outward preparation for the One who comes to give us second birth.

Choral Introit (10:30am) *People Look East* BESANÇON

* **Processional Hymn** UMH 211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL
(sing verses 1 and 2)

Lighting the Advent Wreath (8:15am) Reenie & Rusty Cantwell
(10:30am) Dawn & Peter Cantwell

All will sing together.



Hope came down from God on high, As the star shone in the sky;



Hope came down on Christ-mas morn in the form of a ba-by born.

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE. *(The candle is lit.)*

We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen.

(repeat chorus)

The Wreaths

Musical Offering Traditional Appalachian Folk
Brightest and Best

The Nativity

Hymn UMH 211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL
(verses 3 and 4)

The Tree

Children's Message (10:30am) Ben Stapleton
The Chrismons

Response UMH 230 ST. LOUIS
O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Jason

* **Gospel Lesson** Luke 1:24-38
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (10:30am) *Gabriel's Message* arr. by David Willcocks

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail," said he to meek and lowly Mary, "most highly favored maiden." Gloria!

"I come from heav'n to tell the Lord's decree: a blessed virgin mother you shall be.

Your Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored maiden." Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleases God," she said. "My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name." Most highly favored maiden, Gloria!

Of her, Immanuel, the Christ, was born In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say, "Most highly favored maiden." Gloria!

Sermon *The Mom* Pastor Jason

Worship of God by Giving Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming* Max Drischner

* Doxology

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* Prayer of Dedication

* **Hymn of Response** UMH 209 MERLE'S TUNE
Blessed Be the God of Israel

* Benediction

* **Choral Benediction** (10:30am) BESANÇON
People Look East
* **Postlude** *Improvisation*

(* Please stand as you are able.)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS this morning are given to the glory of God by Rebecca Skeen in memory of her father, Harold Glass, Sr., and her brother, Harold Glass, Jr.

NOVEMBER USHER TEAMS

8:15am Capt. Jerry Cranford, Jeff Cranford, Charles Goddard, Darwin Kilday, Tom Sisson, Jeff Wright
10:30am Capt. Randy Corlew, John Hodge, George McGuffin, Tommy Sanders, Drudy Surber

ACOLYTE (10:30am) Caiden Mosley

CRUCIFER (10:30am) Isabel DuVal



Music Notes

Doxology
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Please be in prayer for this team and feel free to contact them for more information.