

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES | Sundays | 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



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

REVELATION YOUTH CHOIR Sundays | 5:00pm | Music Room

YOUTH HANDBELLS Sundays | 6:00pm | Music Room

RALLY Wednesdays | 5:55-7:00pm | Grades 6-12 | Youth City

RESURRECTION 2024 Registration for Rez 24 is OPEN! We are excited to welcome GLO Foreman and FRVR FREE to lead our weekend together. Can't wait to see what God has for us!

CONTACT | Interim Youth Director | Lori Hotel | LorenHotel@yahoo.com



SUNDAY MORNINGS

NURSERY 9:15am - 11:45am | Newborn - 5yrs | Main Floor SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15am | PreK - 5th Grade | 3rd Floor

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH today.

CONTACT | Director of Children's Ministries Lisa Cavallucci | lisa@fumcmorristown.org

TRUNK OR TREAT | October 31 |

We need candy! Container is located on the main floor near the elevator to collect all donations of individually wrapped candy.



TODAY-CONGREGATIONAL VOTE | 3:00pm | Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

\$5 half plate Family Max \$40 \$10 per plate

5pm supper line opens

6pm Adult program | Kids Choir | Youth gathering

Reservations and prepay required by noon Monday each week. You may reserve and pay on the Church Center app (there is a small surcharge when paying on the app) or in church office before and after 10:30am service or during the week.

If you can't make your reservation, you may grab a meal to go, but no refunds are available.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

5pm Menu: Zaxby's Chicken Sandwich, Chips, Cookie

6pm Program: Me and My Big Mouth by Andy Stanley, a DVD/ discussion

led by Marcia Whetsel

Remember to make and pay for your reservations by noon Monday, Oct. 2

NO WEDNESDAY SUPPER ON OCTOBER 11 - Spring Break

JOYFUL HEARTS SPIRITUAL RETREAT Growing with God

October 19 | 11:00am | Community Room Lunch will be catered by Jersey Girl at noon.

Asa Majors, Dennie Humphreys, Ed Cunningham, Ellen Fisher, and Sandy Pittman will lead the retreat based on the book, I Love Growing Older, But I'll Never Grow Old, by Elsworth Kalas. Sign up and pay \$10 by Oct. 15. **The first 50 people to sign pay a special price of \$5!**



WOMEN UNITED IN FAITH

Elizabeth Circle meets Wednesday, October 4 | 11:30am | Regency Ruth Circle meets Monday, October 9 | 11:00am | Community Room **Deborah Circle** meets Tuesday, October 10 | 6:00pm | Cornerstone

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Sunday, October 8 | 8:30am | Community Room | Join them for Breakfast!

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER UPPER ROOM

Copies are available on the table on the main floor near the elevator.

WILD & WONDERFUL | November 2 | 9am-12:30pm | FUMC Gym This is an annual Festival for Senior Adults in the Mountain View District. Registration forms are in the church office. Deadline for registration is Oct. 23.



IT'S RUMMAGE SALE TIME!!!

Friday & Saturday, October 20 & 21

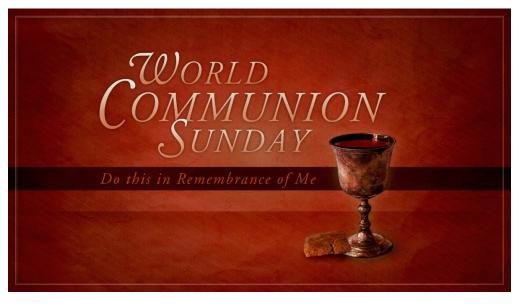
We will be accepting your rummage donations beginning Wed, Oct. 18 after the supper and all day Thurs. Oct. 19. Call the church office by Tuesday if you need a pick up. Sign up to work on the Church Center app under Events.

THE HARVEST TABLE FOR MISSION is now open. Bring your garden overflow and share it with those who don't have access to fresh fruits & vegetables. Feel free to pick up some it you need it. All donations go to FUMC missions.

WELCOME TO

First United Methodist Church

- Est. 1852 -



October 1, 2023

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. If you need help with anything today, please contact one of our ushers, pastors or security team members. We hope you will join us again as we Gather, Grow and Go at FUMC.







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!



WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

18th Sunday After Pentecost

World Communion

Liturgical Color: White

October 1, 2023

8:15am & 10:30am

Please remember to <u>silence</u> 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 Maestoso (Sonata III) Felix Mendelssohn
Choral Introit (10:30am) Praise Ye the Lord Mendelssohn
* Hymn UMH 160 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart MARION

* Affirmation of Faith UMH 881

The Apostles' Creed

(8:15am) Lisa Jolley (10:30am) Rich McGowan

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

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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

* Prayer for Illumination

(8:15am) Lisa Jolley (10:30am) Rich McGowan

Holy God, author of word made flesh, to whom belongs both the first Word and the last, open us to your Spirit, that as scripture is spoken and your Word proclaimed, we may be comforted, convinced, and changed to the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

* Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:23-32

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

Sermon Saying and Doing

Pastor Dennie

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

* Communion Hymn UMH 616

HURSLEY

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

Worship of God by Giving Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (8:15am)

Charles Callahan

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Offertory Anthem (10:30am)

Jeffrey H. Rickard

Lord, Speak to Me See UMH 463 for text. Chancel Choir

* **Doxology** UMH 94

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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!

* Prayer of Dedication

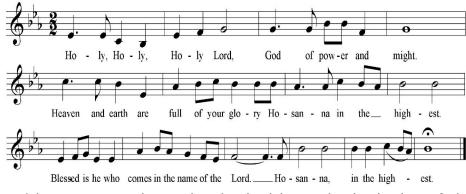
The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:)

... as we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Sing as directed.)



(The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:) ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith. (Sing as directed)



(The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:) All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

(Sing as directed.)



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.

Instructions for Communion

All are invited to come to the table as you are able.

Please tell the usher if you would like to be served in the pew.

Gluten-free bread is served at the center station.

After being served, all are invited to kneel at the altar rail.

Breaking the Bread

Taking the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

* Hymn of Response UMH 614

FOR THE BREAD

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Amen

Benediction

* Choral Benediction (10:30am)

Mendelssohn

* Postlude

Improvisation

(*) Please stand as you are able.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS this morning are given to the glory of God by Rich & Wendy McGowan in memory of their dads, Dick McGowan and Bob Hudak.

THE ROSEBUD this morning announces the birth of Benjamin Scott Swinson to Steve & Jennifer Swinson on September 25. Grandparents are Larry & Jane Swinson.,

10:30am ACOLYTE: Kara Hotel

CRUCIFER: Samantha Altizer

COMMUNION SERVERS

8:15am Jerry & Ann Cranford, Pam Wright, Paula Waldron 10:30am Barbara Baker, John Stroud, Melanie Hime

OCTOBER USHER TEAMS

8:15am Capt. Brody Robertson, Steve Brown, Rusty Cantwell, Wayne

McCamey, Ron Reel

10:30am Capt. Randy Corlew, John Hodge, George McGuffin, Keith

Nystrom, Tommy Sanders.