CHILDREN

Ages 0—Grade 5

SUNDAYS

Nursery | Sundays | 9:15am - 11:45am | Newborn - 5yrs | Main Floor
Sunday School | 9:15am | Ages 0-4: Main Floor | Grades K-5: Third Floor
No Sunday School this Sunday!
Children's Church | 10:30am | Third Floor

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

YOUTH

Grades 6-12

SUNDAYS

RIOT | 9:15am - 10:15am | Grades 6-12 | Youth City No Riot this Sunday!
CHOIR | 5:00pm | Music Room No Choir this Sunday!
HANDBELLS | 6:00pm | Music Room No Handbells this Sunday!

WEDNESDAYS

RALLY | 5:55-7:07pm | Youth City

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

RESURRECTION | January 19-21 | Pigeon Forge
Please remember the youth and chaperones in your prayers this weekend.

ADULTS

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

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(423) 581-2180

GATHER

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS start January 24!
$10 per plate; $5 half plate
5pm supper line opens
6pm Adult program; Kids Choir; Youth gathering
Reservations and prepay are 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, JANUARY 24
5pm FREE PIZZA for everyone!
6pm Fast Fellowship

Sign up online or in the church office by 12noon January 22!

NEW MEMBER APPRECIATION LUNCH January 28 | 11:45am | Gym
Join us as we celebrate our 2023 new members! Sign up in the church office or on Church Center if you would like to come and bring sandwiches, dessert or soup.

GROW

JOYFUL HEARTS The January meeting was canceled. Those who paid can either get a refund or apply their payment to the February meeting. Call the church office and let them know which you prefer.

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE will meet Sunday, January 28, around tables at the New Member Appreciation Luncheon.

LIFELINE SCREENINGS Mon., Jan. 29, 2024 | 9am-4pm | FUMC Gym

Call 1-800-640-6307 to make your appointment and get the special rate below.

4 Screenings for $149
Carotid Artery Disease | Atrial Fibrillation
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm | Peripheral Arterial Disease

A limited number of certificates for a free individual screening are available in the church office.

GO

FENCE MINISTRY NEEDS

Warm Socks Warm Gloves Warm Hats Warm Scarves
Men - Women - Boys - Girls

A silver can is located on the main level of the church near the elevator to collect your donations. Contact Leigh Travis (423-736-3031) with any questions or ideas.

WELCOME TO

First United Methodist Church

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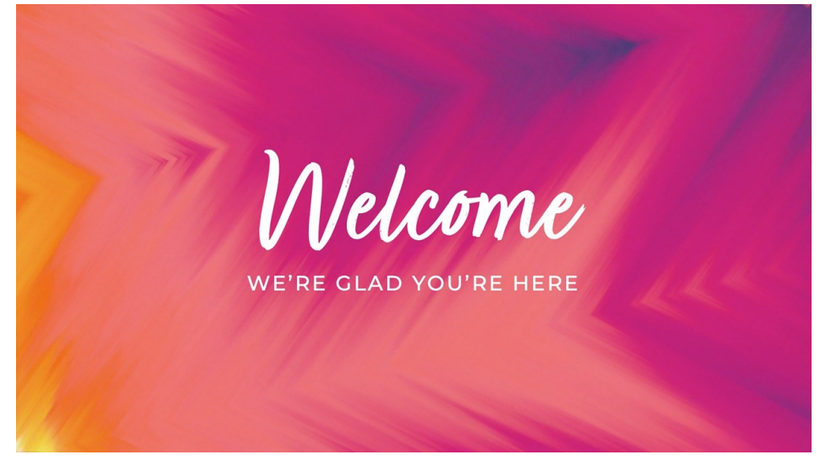

January 21, 2024

Making disciples as we gather, grow, and go.

WELCOME to **F**irst **U**nited **M**ethodist **C**hurch (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!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
Liturgical Color: Green

January 21, 2024 **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 *A Mighty Fortress* A.L. Page

Choral Introit *Come, Let Us Join* K. Lee Scott

* **Hymn** UMH 103 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* St. Denio

* **Affirmation of Faith** UMH 881 *The Apostles' Creed*
Ben Stapleton

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 Pastor Dennie

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 Brad Jones

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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

* **Gospel Lesson** Mark 1:14-20

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* **Hymn** UMH 398 *Jesus Calls Us* Galilee

Sermon *Callings* Pastor Dennie

Anthem *Will You Come and Follow Me* Tom Trenney

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known? Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen? And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide If I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

We come before you with humble hearts, acknowledging our need for your forgiveness and grace. In the spirit of Jonah, who proclaimed your message of repentance to Nineveh, and the disciples who responded to your call to follow, we recognize the times when we have strayed from your path.

Forgive us, O Lord, for the moments when we have been slow to heed your voice, hesitant to embrace the message of repentance, and resistant to the changes you desire in our lives.

Grant us the courage to turn away from our shortcomings and the strength to respond wholeheartedly to your call. May our lives be a reflection of the transformative power of your love and grace.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who invites us to follow him. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, hear the good news of God's abundant grace and mercy: Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we are reconciled to God. Receive this assurance with gratitude and renewed commitment. In Christ, we find redemption and the promise of a new beginning. May the peace of God's forgiveness fill your heart and guide your journey. ***Amen.***

Worship of God by Giving Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Be Thou Near* J.S. Bach

* **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 396 Angel's Story

O Jesus, I Have Promised

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction** Geneva 124

Go Forth For God

* **Postlude** *Improvisation*

(*) Please stand as you are able.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS this morning are given to the glory of God by Carole Jones and family in memory of her parents, Sara & Tom Carlisle.

ALTAR FLOWERS Flowers are provided by The Blossom Shop at a cost of $60 (That's for both sets!) A Sign Up Calendar is in hall near the elevator during the week and in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. If you want to reserve that Sunday every year, put an * by the date. You may also call the church office to reserve a date or if you have questions.

JANUARY USHER TEAMS
10:30am Capt. Randy Corlew, Dan Fisher, John Hodge, Mike Pittman, Tommy Sanders, Lisa Shiveler

ACOLYTE Abbi Knight

Music Notes

Will You Come and Follow Me
Music: John L. Bell/Tom Trenny
Words: John L. Bell and Graham Maule
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DONNA BREWSTER TO RETIRE! After 19 years of faithful service to our church and church family, Donna will be retiring at the end of the month. The Staff Parish Team will have a Celebration of Thanks in her honor on Sunday, February 4, after the 10:30am services in the gym.

Join us and wish Donna well as she embarks on a new phase of her life—retirement.