CHILDREN

Ages 0-Age 5

SUNDAYS

NURSERY | 9am-12pm | Newborn - 5yrs | Main Floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL | 10am | Ages 0-4: Main Floor | Grades K-5: Third Floor

WEDNESDAYS

CHILDRENS CHOIR | 6pm-6:45pm | Third Floor | Ages 4-11
Starts October 15! We will have a variety of music activities including singing and instruments. We will share our music at Old Fashioned Christmas on Wednesday, December 17.

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

YOUTH

Grades 6-12

SUNDAYS

RIOT | 10am | Grades 6-12 | Youth City
REVELATION YOUTH CHOIR | 5pm | Choir Room

WEDNESDAYS

RALLY | 6pm | Youth City

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

ADULTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES | Sundays (year around) | 10am
Please scan the QR code on the front of the bulletin to explore which class is right for you!

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

NEWSLETTER EDITOR | Teresa Ayers | teresabatemanayers@gmail.com

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For more information about activities/events or calendar items, please go to the Church Center app. If you need assistance operating the app, see Lisa Cavallucci or Ben Stapleton. They are happy to assist you. You may also pick up an FUMC calendar of events in the narthex or gym.

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GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WORSHIP & HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES ON CAMPUS

Flannel Fest | October 12 | 12pm
Hot dogs and s'mores in the parking lot. Wear your flannel to church. Sign up in the church office or in the Church Center app.

Chili Cook Off | Wednesday | October 15 | 5pm
Bring your best pot of chili or come with belt loosened to try everyone else's! The Boy Scouts will provide cobbler. Vote for your favorite chili with your donation. Proceeds will go to the Boy Scouts and missions. Sign up to enter or attend in the church office or in the Church Center app.

Concert for All Saints Sunday | Requiem by John Rutter | November 2 | 6pm
FUMC Chancel Choir will be joined by the Chamber Choirs of Walters State Community College Morristown and Sevier County campuses along with an instrumental ensemble in presenting this choral masterwork.

GROW TO BE LIKE JESUS

DISCIPLESHIP, TEACHING & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Parent Meeting | September 28 | 10am | Community Room
Lunch provided. Find out about the opportunities coming up this school year. We will also fill out health forms for the year and discuss youth fundraising opportunities.

***The Bible With and Without Jesus* | Wednesdays | 11:00am | room 207**
October 8-November 12. Join Pastor Asa for a deep dive into scripture as we look at the Bible and explore the Old Testament passages that are quoted in the New Testament. This study will help us understand what the texts meant in their original contexts and then how Jews and Christians, over time, understood those same texts. Books are $19. Sign up in the church office on in the Church Center app. You may purchase your book through the church or on Amazon.

Grief and Loss Support | Sundays | Begins October 5 | 4pm | Room 111
Grief touches every story. This group offers a space to journey through loss together—accepting sorrow, seeking meaning, and finding the strength to turn the page. Through journaling, prayer, and shared presence, you'll be reminded that your story matters and you are not alone. Led by Kim Wilaniskis. Sign up in the church office or in the Church Center app.

GO TO SERVE THE WORLD

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES OFF-CAMPUS & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Blessing of the Animals | Saturday | October 4 | 12pm
A day of blessing our family pets! At Robb and Liz Neill's farm.

Fall Rummage Sale| October 24 8am-4pm | October 25 8am-1pm
Bring donations on Wednesday, October 22 from 5pm-7pm and all day Thursday. Pickups are available. Call the church office by Wednesday, October 22. Proceeds go to support youth missions and choir. Sign up to volunteer at the sale in the Church Center app.

WELCOME TO

First United Methodist Church

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September 28, 2025

Making disciples as we gather, grow, and go.

WELCOME to First **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 red 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**

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WORSHIP

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

September 28, 2025 **9:00am**

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.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Praise to the Lord* John Leavitt

Choral Introit *Speak to One Another in Words of Psalms* Hal Hopson

***Hymn** UMH 68 *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* ENGLEBERG

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 883 Mike Pittman

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.

***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.

***Passing of the Peace**

Celebrations and Concerns

Call to Prayer UMH 402 I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

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 Response UMH 402 I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Anthem *Father of Light* Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir and Revelation Youth Choir
Kristy Stooksbury and Matt Winstead, soloists

All praise to the name of the Father of light,
One who listens and hears when I call.
Every step He ordains, I shall walk without fear.
In His light I'll not stumble or fall,
In His light I'll not stumble or fall.

What can mortal man do while I'm safe in His hand?
He is God on His Word I rely.
In the midst of my fear I will trust in His name,
For I know He will hear when I cry.
He knows all of my feelings, the depths of despair,
All the limits my soul can endure.
I will trust in His Name, I have nothing to lose,
For in Him all my hopes are secure.

All praise to the name of the Father of light,
One who listens and hears when I call.
Every step He ordains, I shall walk without fear.
In His light I'll not stumble or fall,
In His light I'll not stumble or fall.

God alone can deliver a soul from its death,
lift a life from a wasteland of need.
God alone can replenish with blessings untold,
Until into His light we are freed,
We are freed.

All praise to the name of the Father of light,
One who listens and hears when I call.
Every step He ordains, I shall walk without fear.
In His light I'll not stumble or fall,
In His light I'll not stumble or fall.

Every step He ordains, I shall walk without fear.
In His light I'll not stumble or fall.

***Prayer of Illumination** Mike Pittman

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

***Gospel Lesson** John 6:1-14

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

Sermon *Abundance is Communal and Connectional* Pastor Asa

Worship of God by Giving Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *The Commission* Cain

Modern Worship Team

***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!

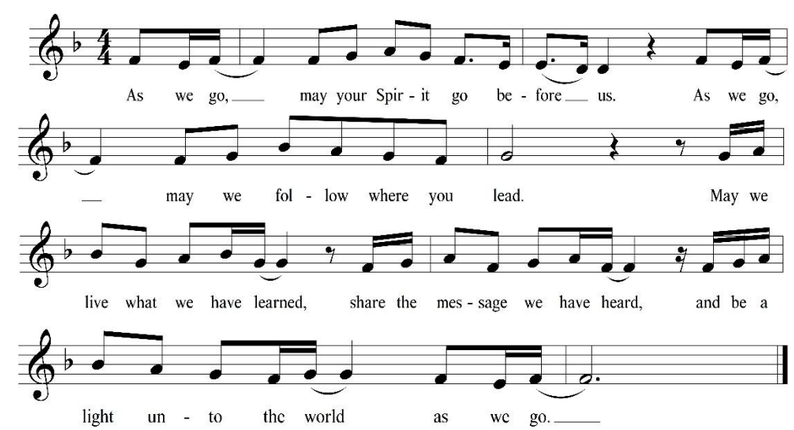
* **Prayer of Response**

Faithful God, remind us today that everything big and small can be used to bless the community. Help us to remember that you can take what we have and multiply it to meet our needs. Increase our faith as we trust you for our provision. We recognize that we are better together than alone. You have called each of us to live in connection with each other. God, we give you thanks that as we love you, you give us the heart to love our neighbor. Today we give you praise for all the ways you have blessed us in our personal lives, our church, and our community. Amen.

***Hymn** UMH 451 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

***Benediction**

***Sung Benediction** *As We Go* AS WE GO



***Postlude** *Improvisation*

(Please remain standing and silent as the organ concludes our worship.)

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Sandy Kelly and family in memory of Duane Kelly.

SEPTEMBER USHER TEAM Jerry Cranford, captain; Jeff Cranford, Susan Frazier, Charles Goddard, Darwin Kilday, and Jeff Wright.

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