



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

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Grades 6-12

**SUNDAYS**

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

**WEDNESDAYS**

**RALLY** | 6pm | Youth City

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Lori Hotel | [youth@fumcmorristown.org](mailto:youth@fumcmorristown.org)



**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!

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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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**Worship Series | Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously | January**  
Pastor Asa will walk us through the new vision statement of the United Methodist Church- *The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.*

**Pastor Dennie's Retirement Celebration | Today | 10am | Gym**  
Join us for brunch as we celebrate Pastor Dennie's retirement. Thankfully, he and Sondra will still be here at our church worshipping and serving.

**New Member Celebration | Wednesday | January 28 | 5pm**  
Bring soup, salad, or sandwiches to share as we celebrate those who joined our church family in 2025.



**Joyful Hearts | Thursday | January 15 | 11am**  
Digital Defense - F.B.I. Special Agent Reanna O'Hare will be joining Joyful Hearts to present information to us on staying safe in an everchanging tech world. Sign up in the church office or on the Church Center app.

**Joyful Hearts | Tuesday | January 27**  
Joyful Hearts will travel to the Bible Museum in Pigeon Forge. Sign up in the church office or on the Church Center app.



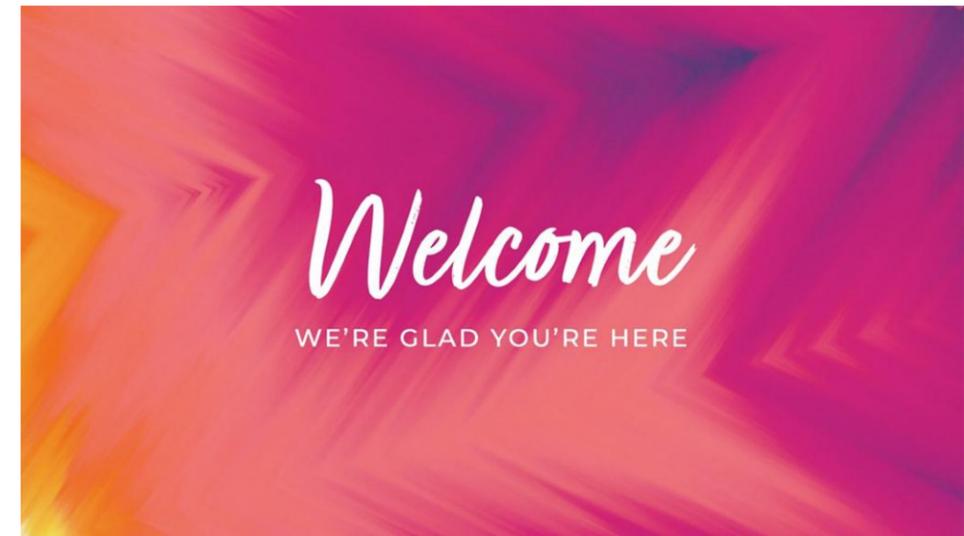
**United Women in Faith**  
Ruth Circle | January 12 | 11am | Library  
Deborah Circle | January 13 | 5pm | Room 207

**Food Pantry | Mondays and Wednesdays | 10am-1pm**  
Spread the word about our church food pantry and email Denise Aludo at [denise.aludo1@gmail.com](mailto:denise.aludo1@gmail.com) to volunteer.

**Fence Ministry | Wednesdays | 6pm**  
NO MORE PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED AT THIS TIME! We do need more people to flatten, cut, loop, and roll plastic bags into plarn (plastic yarn). No skill required and fun guaranteed! We will provide the mats that we make to homeless ministries in our area.

**WELCOME TO**  
First United Methodist Church  
-est. 1852-  
January 11, 2026

*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

## Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Liturgical Color: White

January 11, 2026

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.)

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### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** *Psalm 19* B. Marcello

**Choral Introit** *This is the Day* Robert Wright

\***Hymn** UMH 545 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA  
(verse 3- men only; verse 4- women only)

\***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 883 Linda Kilday  
*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

**Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Asa

### 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.**

\***Hymn** UMH 584 ABBOT'S LEIGH  
*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*  
(sing verse 1 and 2)

### Installation of Church Leaders

**Hymn** UMH 584 ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*  
(Remain seated and sing verse 5)

**Prayer of Illumination** Linda Kilday

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**Old Testament Lesson** Isaiah 43:1-7

\***Gospel Lesson** Mark 1:4-11  
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *Claimed By God* Pastor Asa

### Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

**I will.**

### Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

### Time of Prayer and Commitment

**Anthem** arr. by David L. Mennicke

*Down in the River to Pray*  
Chancel Choir

### Worship of God by Giving Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** *Reflection on Child of Blessing* H. J. Gauntlett

\***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** UMH 605 *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* BEACH SPRING

### \*Benediction

\***Choral Benediction** *Amen* Felix Mendelssohn

\***Postlude** *Improvisation*  
(Please remain standing and silent as the organ concludes our worship.)

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given by Alice Shugart in honor of Bettie Crowell and Phyllis Hime.

**JANUARY USHERS** Rusty Cantwell, captain; Susan Capps, Louis Galbreath, Dennis Rainwater, Ron Reel, Ralph Stelzman

**ACOLYTE** Travis Hotel  
**CRUCIFER** Robert Kelly