ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Donna Winstead in memory of parents- Fred and Opal Samsel Miller; in honor of her daughter- Mendi Winstead's birthday & her sister- Rhonda Reagan's birthday.

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Music Notes

Let the Lower Lights Be Burning
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As We Go
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Church Financial Update

Finance as of July 2026

Month End Revenue:	$75,600
Month End Expenses:	$72,572
Year to date Revenue:	$474,908
Year to date Expenses:	$513,722
Net Total:	($38,814)

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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 a FUMC calendar of events in the narthex or gym.

GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WORSHIP & HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES ON CAMPUS

Hymn Service | Sunday | September 27 | 6pm
Join us for a night of sharing the congregation's favorite hymns. All the choirs will sing; brass, percussion, and handbell choirs will play; and lots of congregational singing. Make plans now to attend!

Pizza with the Pastor | Wednesday | September 30 | 6pm | Community Room
New to our church or interested in learning more? Join pastor Asa for some pizza and to learn about FUMC, United Methodism, and more.

GROW TO BE LIKE JESUS

DISCIPLESHIP , TEACHING & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Disciple 2 Bible Study | begins Monday | September 14 | 6:00pm | Room 207
Led by Ed Cunningham. Books available through Cokesbury.com

Lest We Forget: 59 Days at Ground Zero| Thursday | September 17 | 11am
Joyful Hearts welcomes Arthur Bohanan, a renowned forensic detective and one of five East Tennessee men that were sent to New York to help after 9/11. Meal $12. Sign up on the Church Center app or in the church office by noon on Monday, September 14.

Rhinestones- The Songs of Glen Campbell | Saturday | September 19 | 4pm
Joyful Hearts will grab an early dinner on the way to the St. James Auditorium in Greeneville, TN. Please register in the church office or on the Church Center app by this evening. $20

Parent Group| Wednesdays | Starts September 16 | 6pm | Room 207
Come share the parenting journey and find comfort among friends. Workbooks will be $16. You can register in the Church Office or on the Church Center app.

Rez27 | January 22-24 | October 12 Early Bird Registration due | $50 deposit
Resurrection is an annual weekend retreat filled with worship and spiritual growth for youth and youth mentors. Through inspirational words and music led by gifted speakers and musicians, young people encounter the Lord in new and deeper ways. We invite you to come and be with us and experience the life-changing power of Jesus Christ - the One who is The Resurrection and The Life.

GO TO SERVE THE WORLD

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES OFF-CAMPUS & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Rummage Sale | Friday & Saturday | September 18 & 19
Drop off items 5pm-7pm on Wednesday, September 16 and all day Thursday, September 17.

Fish Fry | Friday | September 25 | 5pm-7pm | Gym
Enjoy a mouthwatering meal while supporting United Methodist Men. All proceeds will be used to help refinish the main front doors of our church.

WELCOME TO
First United Methodist Church

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September 13, 2026

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 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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

September 13, 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.

Welcome and Announcements

***Passing of the Peace**

Call To Worship

We are called together this day to praise God.
We ask that God will put us in pathways of service to others.
The Lord will walk with us as we faithfully witness to Christ's love.
Open our hearts, Lord, to receive your words and will.
Come, let us worship God!
Let us sing our praises to God our Redeemer and Healer. Amen.

Prelude *Sonata III* Felix Mendelssohn

Choral Introit *This is the Day the Lord Has Made* Robert Wright

***Hymn** UMH 327 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 881 Wendy McGowan
The Apostles' Creed

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.

Children's Sermon Pastor Asa

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.

Anthem *Let the Lower Lights be Burning* Howard Helvey
Chancel Choir

Brightly beams our Father's mercy From His lighthouse evermore;
But to us He gives the keeping Of the lights along the shore.
Let the lower lights be burning! Send a gleam across the wave!
For to us He gives the keeping of the lights along the shore.

Dark the night of sin has settled, Loud the angry billows roar;
Eager eyes are watching, longing, For the lights along the shore.
Let the lower lights be burning! Send a gleam across the wave!
Eager eyes are watching, longing, for the lights along the shore.

Trim your feeble lamp, my brother! Some poor sailor, tempest-tossed,
Trying now to make the harbor, In the darkness may be lost.
Let the lower lights be burning! Send a gleam across the wave!
Trying now to make the harbor, some poor sailor may be lost.

***Prayer for Illumination** Wendy McGowan

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***New Testament Lesson** Galations 6:9-10
The Word of God for the people of God. ***Thanks be to God.***

***Hymn** UMH 432 *Jesu, Jesu* CHEREPONI
(verses 1-3 and 5)

Sermon *The Power of God* Pastor Asa

Stewardship Testimony Ann Cranford, Lay Leader

Worship of God by Giving Tithes and Offering

Scan here to give online:

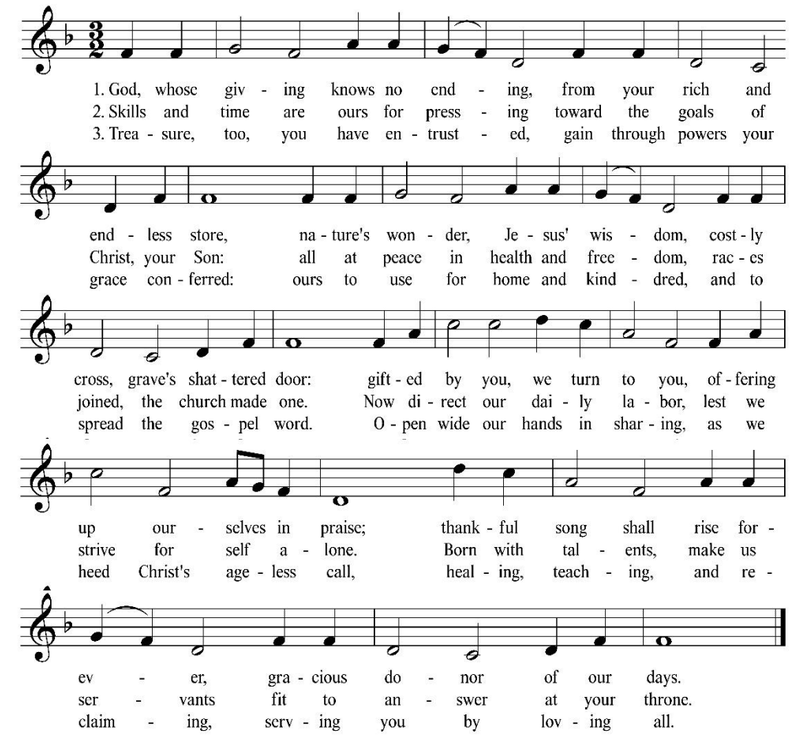
Offertory *Nocturne* John Field

***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!

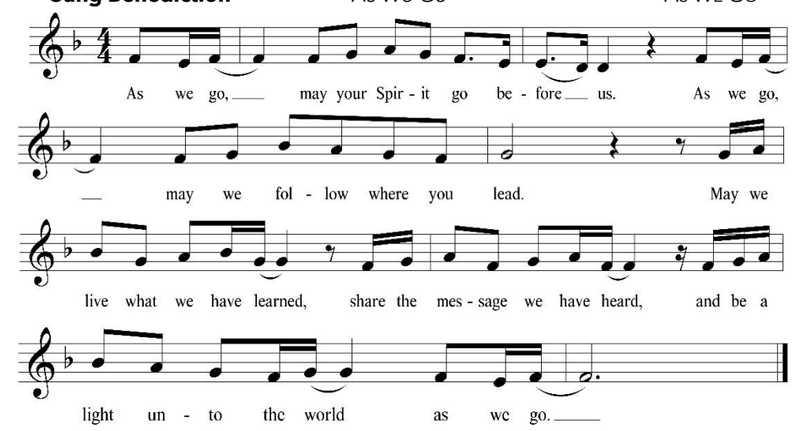
***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING



***Benediction**

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



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