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
CHILDREN'S CHOIR | 6pm | Choir Room

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 | *youth@fumcmorristown.org*

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 Coordinator
Gail Burkett | *gailgris@yahoo.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 a FUMC calendar of events in the narthex or gym.

GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WORSHIP & HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES ON CAMPUS

Piano Recital | Paul Ridgway | Thursday | November 12 | 7pm
Join us for an evening of beautiful piano music.

Confirmation Sunday | November 15 | Morning Worship Services
Celebrate with our confirmands as they affirm their faith, pursue full church membership, and baptism.

Thanksgiving Meal and Service | Wednesday | November 18 | 5pm
Adults $15 | Children $8
Dinner will begin at 5pm followed by a worship service at 6pm. Childcare with reservation starting at 5:45pm. Menu- Roasted Turkey Breast, Cornbread Dressing & Gravy, Brown Sugar Glazed Ham, Mashed Potatoes with gravy, green beans, yeast rolls, and a traditional holiday dessert bar. Reserve on the Church Center App or in the church office by November 16 at 4pm.

Day with the Bishop | Thursday | November 19 | 6pm-8pm | Seymour UMC
Come here the latest from our Holston Conference Bishop Deborah Wallace Padgett on the goings on in our conference as well as a vision for the future.
107 Simmons Road, Seymour, TN.

GROW TO BE LIKE JESUS

DISCIPLESHIP, TEACHING & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Joyful Hearts | Thursday| November 19 | 11am
Join David Gibbs as he presents, *Tax Free Charitable Giving* $12 per person for meal. Sign up on the Church Center App or in the church office by Monday, November 16 at 12pm.

GO TO SERVE THE WORLD

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES OFF-CAMPUS & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Deborah Circle | Tuesday | November 10 | 5pm | Room 207

Christmas in November Craft Fair| November 14 | College Square Mall
We request donations of homemade crafts, art, or baked goods. Please contact Denise Aludo to submit them. Proceeds will go to missions, helping to fund Camp in the Community, Rise Against Hunger, and more.

PDO Military Care Package Drive

Beef Jerky	Crossword Puzzle Books
Slim Jims	Sudoku Books
Protein Bars	Word Search Books
Gummy Bears	Adult Coloring Books
Gummy Worms	Colored Pencils
Sour Candy	Chapstick
Toothpaste	Toothbrushes

Great Christmas Cookie Caper | Missions Fundraiser
Donate homemade cookies and/or purchase a cookie tin to fill with cookies.
November 29: Pick up a cookie tray after service on Sunday

December 6 | 8:30-9:45am
Return your filled cookie tray. Please label your tray with the type of cookies you baked and indicate if they contain nuts.

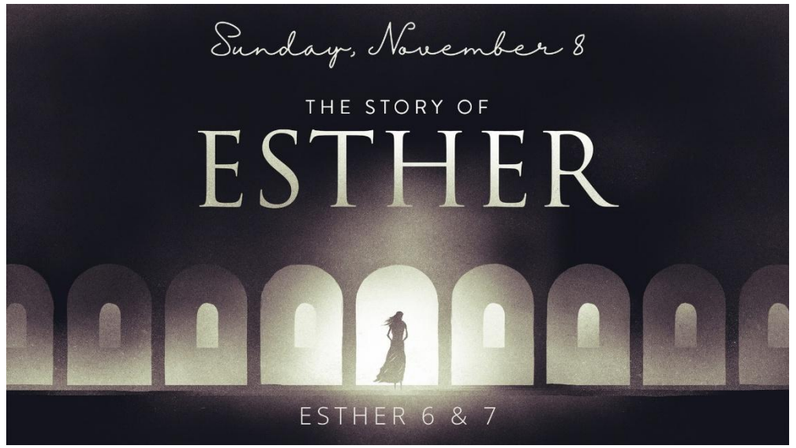
December 6 | 10:15am | Community Room: Cookie tins will be available to purchase for $10. Members and guests can fill their cookie tins with the cookies of their choice.

WELCOME TO
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November 8, 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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

November 8, 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 gather as God's people because we trust in a God who is at work even when we cannot see the whole picture.
When the future is uncertain, God invites us to live by faith. When injustice seems to have the upper hand, God calls us to hope.
When we wonder whether our choices can make a difference, God reminds us that courage matters.
Like Esther, may we find the strength to stand up for what is right, even when the outcome is uncertain.
Let us open our hearts to the God who can bring hope out of despair and new beginnings out of the most difficult circumstances.
Come, let us worship the God who calls us to live by faith and walk forward in hope!

Prelude *The Rejoicing* G. F. Handel

Choral Introit *This Is The Day* Alice Parker

***Hymn** UMH 154 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION
(verse 3-women; verse 4-men)

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 885 Chris Capps
A Modern Affirmation

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:
We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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.

Children's Sermon Misty Graham-Stapleton

Celebrations and Concerns

Hymn UMH 475 *Come Down, O Love Divine* DOWN AMPNEY
(verse 1 solo, verses 2 & 3 all)

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.

Prayer for Illumination Chris Capps

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Esther 6 & 7
The Word of God for the people of God. ***Thanks be to God.***

Anthem *How Great Thou Art* arr. by Eric Nelson
(text on UMH 77)

Sermon *Esther: Taking Her Shot* Pastor Asa

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we often want to see the outcome before we are willing to take a step of faith. We want certainty when you call us to trust, and we want safety when you call us to courage. Forgive us for the times we have remained silent in the face of injustice because speaking up felt too risky. Forgive us when we have looked away from the suffering of others because their struggles seemed too difficult or too far removed from our own lives. We confess that we sometimes lose hope when evil seems to prevail and goodness seems forgotten. We forget that you are at work even when we cannot see what you are doing. Give us faith to trust you in uncertain times, courage to do what is right, and wisdom to recognize the opportunities you place before us. Help us to use our voices, our gifts, and our influence for the good of others. Shape us into people who live by faith rather than fear, who choose courage rather than comfort, and who trust your grace to lead us forward. In the name of Christ, we pray.

Worship of God by Giving Tithes and Offering

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Offertory *Come Down, O Love Divine* Wilbur Held

***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 467 *Trust and Obey* TRUST AND OBEY

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** Randy Edwards
Children, Go Forth Now in Peace

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

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Jessie Goddard in memory of her son Charles David Goddard.

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

ACOLYTE Layla Shugart
CRUCIFER Samantha Gorghis

Church Financial Update

September month end revenue:	$85,582
September month end expenses:	$76,808
Net:	$8,774
Year to date revenue:	$643,905
Year to date expenses:	$666,357
Net total:	$(22,452)

Sermon Notes