

Welcome

We are glad that you are here. Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Welcome Center for information on our ministries and visit us online at firstumc.org. When you're ready, we invite you to **Explore First** to learn more about the life of the church and how to get involved. To find out when you can **Explore First** or for information on how to become a member, contact Diana (drussell@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

Sunday school takes place at 9:30am.

Children

(On the ground floor of the C building)

Crib room	C-001
Toddlers	C-001
Two-year-olds	C-006
Three-year-olds	C-008
Four-year-olds	C-010

(On the first floor of the C building)

Kindergarten	C-111
First grade	C-110
Second grade	C-102
Third grade	C-105
Fourth grade	C-107
Fifth grade	C-106

Youth

6th-12th grade	F-1
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Adults

(On the second floor of the C building)

BYKOTA Class	C-207
Genesis Class	C-202
Koinonia Class	C-205
Searchers Class	C-206
Sendero Class	C-204
Storyline Class	C-201C
Vanguard Class	C-203
Homebuilders Class	Chapel

Sunday Morning Childcare During Worship

Check in on the ground floor of the C building.

- **8:15am service:** provided for children six weeks to four years old in C-001.
- **9:30am service or Sunday school:** provided for children six weeks through Pre-K four. Infants & Toddlers are in C-001 and C-002, Nursery 2 is in C-006, Pre-K 3 is in Room C-008 and Pre-K 4 is in Room C-010.
- **11am and 11:20am services:** provided for children six weeks to four years old in C-001 and C-002.

Nursing Room: C-013

Worship service activity bags for children are in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and Lobby of the Fellowship Center. Ask an usher for assistance locating them!

The purpose of First United Methodist is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We strive to accomplish this by being a **worship plus three church**.



Worship plus three is how we define our ministries. We believe **worship** is of prime importance and is our foundation. In addition, we are to **invite** others into a relationship with God, **grow** in our own relationship with God and our neighbor and **serve** others as a continued sign of God's work in our lives.

Worship Times:

8:15 & 11am Traditional, Sanctuary
 9:30 & 11:20am Contemporary, Fellowship Center
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Rev. David McEntire, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Melissa Stump, Associate Pastor
 Rev. Andy Whitaker Smith, Associate Pastor
 Rev. Lee Lallance, Minister of Music & Fine Arts
 Rev. Candace Lewis, District Superintendent
 Bishop Ken Carter, Florida Area Bishop

8:15am & 11am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		David McEntire
PRELUDE	<i>Fantasy on We Three Kings/Corl</i>	Matthew H. Corl, CAGO
*CALL TO WORSHIP (see below)		Melissa Stump
*HYMN 254	<i>We Three Kings</i>	KINGS OF ORIENT
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 881		Melissa Stump
*GLORIA PATRI, 70		
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Let There Be Peace on Earth/arr, Johnson</i>	A Cappella Praise
PASTORAL AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Andy Whitaker Smith
MEDITATION	<i>Gifts of the Spirit: What are they? / Romans 12:1-8</i>	David McEntire
INVITATION/CONFESSION AND PARDON, Hymnal page 12		
OFFERTORY	(8:15am) <i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing/Robinson</i> (11am) <i>Here I Am, Lord/Schutte</i>	Lee Lallance, piano Chancel Choir
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Hymnal page 13		Andy Whitaker Smith
GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP		
*HYMN 383	<i>This is a Day of New Beginnings</i>	BEGINNINGS
*BENEDICTION		David McEntire
*RESPONSE 666	<i>Shalom to You</i>	SOMOS DEL SENOR
POSTLUDE	<i>Toccata in D/Becker</i>	Matthew H. Corl, CAGO

9:30am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

GATHERING	<i>Open the Eyes of My Heart</i>	
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS (please sign & pass the registration pad)		Waite Willis/David McEntire
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>King of my Heart</i>	
CONFESSION AND PARDON		Waite Willis
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>We Three Kings; Glorious Day; What a Friend</i>	
CONGREGATIONAL GREETING		
COMMISSIONING OF KENYA MISSION TEAM		
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY	<i>Mary Was the First One to Carry the Gospel</i>	Praise Band
MEDITATION	<i>Gifts of the Spirit: What are they? / Romans 12:1-8</i>	David McEntire
GIVING OF THE BREAD & CUP	(please join in singing <i>Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone</i> and <i>10,000 Reasons</i>)	
BENEDICTION		David McEntire

11:20am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

GATHER TOGETHER		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREET ONE ANOTHER		Melissa Stump
CALL TO WORSHIP		Jeremy Hearn
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Joyful, Joyful; Be Thou My Vision; Holy Spirit</i>	
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Melissa Stump
OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY	<i>Called Me Higher</i>	
SERMON	<i>Gifts of the Spirit: What are they? / Romans 12:1-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:1-7, 11</i>	Melissa Stump
CONFESSION AND PARDON		
COMMUNION	<i>Build My Life</i>	
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Melissa Stump

Call to Worship (All Services)

LEADER: For as in one body we have many members,
ALL: and not all the members have the same function,
 LEADER: so we, who are many, are one body in Christ,
ALL: individually we are members of one another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given us.

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First United Methodist

Worship Notes

We are glad you joined us today! Whether you are a member or a guest, please take a moment to register your attendance on the registration pad before passing it on to your neighbor. Thank you for helping ensure our records are accurate.

Acolytes and Crucifers:

8:15am: Kyle McMullen
11am: Christopher Cabrera and Michael Cabrera

Communion Servers:

8:15am: Jose Bove, doug Hallman, Debbie Nonnemaker, Alice Ray Overstreet, Frank & Darcy Shinn
11am: Mont Duncan, Vicki Hobbs, Carlolyn Lindsey, Ravi & Edna Stevens, Bill & Terry Knight

Fresh flowers are placed on our altars to the glory of God and in honor of Jim and Laura Verplanck's 56th anniversary by Lesley, Brian and Caroline Chambers; Beth Verplanck, Sara Jayne and Will Sutton.

Opportunities

Coffee with the Pastors: If you are ready to become a member, join us today from 5-6:45pm in the Administrative Office Large Conference Room. Learn more about the church and how to join. Contact Diana Russell (drussell@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

Do you have hearing loss? On Wed, Jan 16, during PHOENIX (5-6:15pm) you can find out here at the church. Central Florida Speech & Hearing will provide free screenings and information. Those eligible may be able to receive free hearing aids and cell phones.

The UMW invites all women to the Jan General Meeting on Jan 14 at 10:30am in the Fellowship Center. The program will be "Sisterhood for Human Flourishing," led by Lois Polstra and Judith Rose. RSVP for lunch (\$4/person) by Jan 9 to UMWReservations@firstumc.org.

Westminster Concert Bell Choir on Tue, Jan 22, at 7pm in the Sanctuary: Don't miss seeing this renowned ensemble perform on the largest range of handbells in the world. This group has appeared on several holiday broadcasts on television. Under the direction of Kathleen Ebling Shaw, they continue to amaze and excite audiences all over the United States. Tickets are \$5/person, available in "Our Giving Tree" Bookstore and Gift Shop or at the door.

OneBlood Mobile: The OneBlood Mobile is parked on Walnut Street today from 8:15am - noon. Please give the gift of life.

Holy Yoga's mission statement is to create a space for people to experience God's love through Yoga. Adults age 18 and older who have completed high school are invited on Tue evenings (beginning Jan 8) to Room E-22 from 5:30-6:30pm. The cost is \$25/person for 16 sessions. Register at firstumc.org/adults.

Missions

Giving life to missions is the mission statement of "Our Giving Tree" Bookstore and Gift Shop. After Christmas Sale: all items on or under the tree in the bookstore through close of business today are 25% off. Shop Mon, Tue and Thu from 10am-5:30pm, Wed from 10am-7pm, Fri from 10am-4pm and Sun from 9am-12:30pm.

kidsPACK USA Meal Assembly: Instead of the first Wed of the month, our meal assembly for kidsPACK USA will take place on Jan 9 at 4pm in the Welcome Center. The change in date is for Jan only. See you then!

College students and young adults: Our church will send a team to serve with Costa Rica Mission Projects (costaricamissionprojects.com) June 15-22. Contact Forrest White (fwhite@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163) for more information.

Beginning Jan 8: The Missions Area will publish a monthly email newsletter on the second Tue of each month. Keep an eye out for this new addition to First United Methodist communications.

Mission Fair on Feb 10: Make plans now to attend the Missions Fair on the second floor of the C Building (where the Welcome Center is located) from 9am - 1pm. Representatives from some of our key mission ministries will be there to tell you more about hands-on opportunities to serve.

Church Directory

Have you had your photo taken for our new Church Directory? Sign up for an appointment next Sun, Jan 13. Tables will be located at the entrance to each worship service and in the Welcome Center. You can also sign up online at firstumc.org/directory. Everyone receives a \$10 off coupon and seniors (60+), military and first responders are eligible for another 20% off. **It's important that all our members and winter visitors are included.**

Our Jan JOY (Just Older Youth) 55+ luncheon is Thu, Jan 10, at 11:30am in the Fellowship Center: Our speaker will be Dick Fearnow from Polk Seniors vs. Crime. \$10/person. RSVP by Jan 7 to Gloria Jenney (gjenney@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

What New Year's Resolutions are you called to? We have groups, studies and classes to help you reach your goals in the New Year! For more information on these opportunities visit firstumc.org/adults.

Work out holy practices to live into your church membership vows with *A Disciple's Path*. Wed evenings at 6:30pm starting Jan 16.

Make a difference through service. Discover how God has gifted and called you in *Serving from the Heart*. This is a great companion to our sermon series. Sun evenings at 5:15pm starting Jan 13.

Live with a heart of peace in fractured and contentious times. Study *Anatomy of Peace* with Rev. Andy Whitaker Smith on Sun evenings at 5:15pm. Class starts Jan 13 with an introductory conversation.

Be healthier in body, mind and spirit with *The Daniel Plan*. Enjoy a better life through food, faith, fitness, focus and friends. Wed evenings at 6:30pm starting Jan 16.

Dive into the Word and discover how to read and better understand the Bible. *Bible Basics - New Testament* will meet on Sun evenings at 5:15pm starting Jan 20.

Start or deepen your prayer practice. *The Way of Prayer* explores different forms of prayer practices and various dimensions of God's grace and love. Sun evenings at 5:15pm starting Jan 13.

Follow Jesus more closely by learning about Simon Peter. Explore Adam Hamilton's new book on an ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call. Wed evenings at 6:30pm starting Jan 16.

Take control of your money with *Financial Peace University*. Dave Ramsey's popular and practical course shows you the baby steps to take to be in control of your money and your future. Wed evenings at 6pm starting Feb 6.

Our Monthly Pastors' Bible Studies Return Tue, Jan 8, at 6:30pm:

- Women's Study with Melissa Stump in Room C-204
- Men's Study with David McEntire in Room C-203

PHOENIX Dinner returns Wed, Jan 9. Dinner service begins at 5pm in the Fellowship Center. Dinner is \$6/adults and \$3/child 12 and under, with a family max of \$20.

Children

Sunday School at 9:30am:

- Nursery 2 through fourth grade: the Magi. "When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him." Matthew 2:10-11
- Fifth grade: Jesus' baptism is described in Luke 3:21-22.

Tonight: Family Movie on the Lawn - \$3/person for dinner. Bring a blanket or chair! Students in fifth grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Mon: No Pray & Play (until Feb)

Wed: Classes for children from 6:30-7:30pm. **Childcare is available 6:30-7:30pm for children six weeks through PK2 for families participating in events on campus.** Reservations required - please visit firstumc.org/children.

Thu: No Early Connections (until Feb)

Contact Cristi Moore with questions (cmoore@firstumc.org or 863-682-1912).

Youth

Sunday Morning Bible Study (sixth-twelfth grades) at 9:30am in F-1: Join us for in-depth study and discussion.

Tonight: Join us for a family movie on the lawn at 5pm.

Jan 7: Youth Council Meeting at 7pm in F-1

Jan 8: Youth Parent Meeting at 7pm in E23. All youth parents are encouraged to attend to learn about upcoming events for spring and summer.

Our One United Youth are going to Winter Jam Jan 12. What is Winter Jam? A Christian Music Festival in Tampa like no other. Leave at 3pm and return around 11:30pm. Cost: \$30 (\$15 for the concert and \$15 for dinner). Register by Jan 9 at firstumc.org/oneunited. Questions? Contact Stephanie Keen (skeen@firstumc.org) or call/text Brett at 904-910-5565.

Wed Night RECHARGE: 6-7:30pm in the Youth Game Room. Join us for snacks, fellowship and a dynamic discussion on our callings.

Martin Luther King Parade: We will participate in the Martin Luther King parade on Sat, Jan 12 with other Methodist churches in our area. If you are interested please contact Melissa, (863-686-3163x221, mstump@firstumc.org)

Prayers, Presence, Gifts

The First United Methodist prayer line is available 24/7. Call 863-686-3163 x*652 and leave your request. The prayer line is regularly checked by our intercessors and your request will be prayed for. (Please note: you must enter the * before the extension). You may also submit a confidential prayer request on our website at firstumc.org.

Prayers

Hospitalized (as of Dec 31)
Cindy Connors

In Memoriam

Elsie Sweat, Dec 21
Hattie Ann Knapp, Dec 22

Presence In Worship Last Sunday

8:15am Traditional: 200
9:30am Contemporary: 512
11am Traditional: 293
11:20am Contemporary: 123

Gifts

Needed Each Sunday: \$ 69,357
Received on Dec 23: \$ 167,332
Received to Date: \$ 3,400,068

Electronic Donations

VIA QR CODE:
Scan the code with your phone's QR Reader and follow directions.



VIA TEXT: Text the amount you would like to give to 863-617-7899. Make sure to include a "\$" before the amount and follow instructions.

For more information on electronic giving, please contact Harriet Mayes (hmayes@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).