

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-002
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 4. 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>A Prayer for Peace/Maxwell</i>	Matthew H. Corl, CAGO
*CALL TO WORSHIP (see below)		Melissa Stump
*HYMN 617	<i>I Come with Joy</i>	DOVE OF PEACE
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 888		Melissa Stump
*GLORIA PATRI, 70		
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep/Rutter</i>	A Cappella Praise, Karen Buie, Soloist
PASTORAL AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Andy Whitaker Smith
MEDITATION	<i>Unity In New Life / Ephesians 4:25-32</i>	David McEntire
INVITATION/CONFESSION AND PARDON, Hymnal page 12		David McEntire
OFFERTORY	(8:15am) <i>Contemplating Grace/Maxwell</i> (11am) <i>Search Me, O God/Sharp</i>	Matthew H. Corl, CAGO Chancel Choir
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Hymnal page 13		Andy Whitaker Smith
GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP		
*HYMN 389	<i>Freely, Freely</i>	FREELY, FREELY
*BENEDICTION		David McEntire
*RESPONSE 393	<i>Spirit Of The Living God</i>	LIVING GOD
POSTLUDE	<i>Rondell/Callahan</i>	Matthew H. Corl, CAGO

9:30am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

GATHERING	<i>The Lord Reigns</i>	
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Please sign & pass the registration pad.	Waite Willis/David McEntire
CALL TO WORSHIP/LITANY	<i>Your Grace Finds Me</i>	
CONFESSION AND PARDON		Waite Willis
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Rescuer; Awake My Soul (A Thousand Tongues); Happy Song</i>	
CONGREGATIONAL GREETING		Waite Willis
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY	<i>Strong Hands</i>	Brett and Charlie Wilson
MEDITATION	<i>Unity In New Life / Ephesians 4:25-32</i>	David McEntire
GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP (Join us in singing <i>Lord Have Mercy and Come As You Are</i>)		
CLOSING	<i>Simple Gospel</i>	
BENEDICTION		David McEntire

11:20am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

GATHER		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREET ONE ANOTHER		Melissa Stump
CALL TO WORSHIP		Jeremy Hearn
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love; This I Believe (The Creed); Holy Spirit</i>	
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Melissa Stump
OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY	<i>Build Your Kingdom Here</i>	
SERMON	<i>Unity In New Life / Ephesians 4:25-32</i>	Melissa Stump
CONFESSION		
COMMUNION	<i>Every Table Is An Altar</i>	
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Melissa Stump

Call to Worship (All Services)

Leader: Let us speak what is useful for building up.

All: May our words give grace to those who hear.

Leader: Let us put away all bitterness, wrath, anger, dissension, hurtful talk and malice.

All: Let us be kind to one another, tenderhearted and forgiving as Christ has forgiven us.

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First United Methodist

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 and Michael Cabrera
Communion Servers:
8:15am: Tom Baroody, Jose Bove, Doug Hallman, Alice Ray Overstreet, Gene Strickland and Barbara Whetton

11am: Mont & Martha Gay Duncan, Vicky Hobbs, Carolyn Lindsey and Brian & Liz Tiffany

Fresh flowers are placed on our altars to the glory of God and in memory or honor of loved ones. Contact Lea Ellen DeWitt to reserve a special Sunday (ldewitt@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

Prayers, Presence, Gifts

Hospitalized (as of Feb 25)
Charles Carlton, Robert Grant, Harvey Hester, Catherine Shinn-Doughty, Ruth Sisson and Judith Thonebe

Baptism
Mason Alexander Montgomery, Feb 24
Son of Justin and Jessica Montgomery

In Memoriam
Jerry Beck, Feb 22
John Langford, Feb 23

Presence In Worship Last Sunday
8:15am Traditional: 243
9:30am Contemporary: 519
11am Traditional: 375
11:20am Contemporary: 182
Online viewers week of Feb 17: 178

Gifts
Needed Each Sunday: \$ 69,111
Received on Feb 17: \$ 41,449
Received to Date: \$ 392,218

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, contact Harriet Mayes (hmayes@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).



Opportunities

Ash Wednesday is Mar 6: Join us for Ash Wednesday Worship at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Come prepare yourself for Lent and receive ashes on your forehead as a sign of mortality and repentance.

Time of Prayer & Communion: The Sanctuary will be open for a time of Prayer and receiving Communion each Wed of Lent from 10-10:20am. All are invited for a come-and-go time of prayer, reflection through music and Communion. Contact Pastor Andy with any questions (awhitakersmith@firstumc.org).

Our Children's Department needs donations for the Easter-ific Celebration on Sat, Apr 13. Please bring bags of individually-wrapped candy and colored plastic eggs to the Children's Check In Desk in the C Building or the Church Office (No chocolate or Tootsie Rolls, please). Thank you!

The First United Methodist Business Leaders Network invites you to their Mar meeting on Wed, Mar 13, in Room C-201D. Program time is 8-9am, doors open at 7:30am. The group is open to everyone who would like to learn how to better lead as a Christ follower in their business. For info, contact Brett Vogeler (brettvogeler@gmail.com or 863-255-1613).

Coffee With the Pastors: If you are considering joining the church, we invite you to Coffee with the Pastors to learn about the church and how to become a member. Today from 4-5:45pm in the Administrative Office Large Conference Room. Contact Diana Russell for information (drussell@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

Rethinking Lent is today from 5-7pm in the Fellowship Center. All ages - children, youth and adults - are invited to discover how to make Lent more meaningful. We will have a meal followed by intergenerational learning and worship. We'll provide experiential resources for personal and family devotions to help you observe a holy Lent. Our meal is \$5/person, \$20/family max. RSVP at firstumc.org/rethinking-lent.

Joy (Just Older Youth) 55+: Join us Thu, Mar 14, for a luncheon at 11:30am in the Fellowship Center. Our program will be singer / comedian Tom Brennan. \$10/person. RSVP by Mar 7 to GroupLife@firstumc.org.

Summer Music Camp proudly presents Faith News. Camp dates are July 29 - Aug 2 from 9am - 3pm with a performance on Aug 2 at 6pm. For info, visit firstumc.org/music/smc/.

How are you experiencing One Faithful Promise? Our worship series on the book about Covenant Renewal in the Wesleyan tradition starts next week. Maximize its power in your life by engaging the study in a Community Group. The group experience will strengthen your faith as you prepare to renew your promise to follow Christ fully. A list of groups is available at the table in the Welcome Center. If your schedule prevents you from participating in a group, an online course option is also available. Group lists and online course registration available at firstumc.org/lent.

We need you to host a Community Group! Our **Grab, Gather and Grow** initiative is underway to start new Community Groups this Lent. We're asking you (Yes, YOU!) to host a community group during our study of *One Faithful Promise*. Fill out a contact card and **Grab** your host packet from the table in the Welcome Center. Then, **Gather** some friends, neighbors or coworkers and host a community group during Mar and Apr. The group could meet in your home, a local restaurant or any other space where you can watch a video together and have conversation. Together you'll **Grow** in your faith as you pray, learn and love in community. Learn more at the tables this morning or visit firstumc.org/g3.

Summer Camp: Register now for summer camp at Warren W. Willis. Church staff is going July 15-20. The church has funds available to help families who, due to limited financial resources, may otherwise be unable to participate. Due to the number of requests we receive, we encourage you to also apply for a scholarship from the camp by Apr 1. Visit firstumc.org/camp for registration links and more information.

Join us for our Spring Fling Picnic at the Higgenbotham Rocking H Ranch on Sat, Mar 30, from 10am - 2pm. There will be games for all ages, hayrides, delicious food including a baking contest. \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 with a family max of \$20. For more information about the baking contest registration, visit firstumc.org/fling2019.

Our next Fine Arts event will be the Forty Fabulous Fingers concert on Fri, Mar 8, at 7pm in the Fellowship Center. There was also a Sat matinee scheduled for Mar 9 but it has been canceled. There will be only one performance. Contact Karen Buie with questions (kbuie@firstumc.org or 863-687-9856).

UMW Book Club: Ladies, join the discussion on Mar 26 at 1pm in the Church Parlor. Our book is *When Did Everyone Else Get So Old?* by Jennifer Grant. This book is in the Nurturing for Community category. Order the book, Kindle and other versions at <https://tinyurl.com/y5lnr2o>.

Missions

Rally for Justice: You are invited to the PEACE (Polk Ecumenical Action Council for Empowerment) Rally to bring justice to homeless children and those in need of mental health care. This county-wide gathering of 18 churches is on Mon, Mar 4, at 6:30pm at Hurst Chapel AME (875 Ave O NE in Winter Haven). Meet outside our Facilities building at 5:15pm to ride a bus.

kidsPACK - Our next meal assembly is Mar 6 in the Welcome Center. Set up is at 9am with packing at 4pm. Contact Nelson Kimball (nrkimball@aol.com) or Skip Stevenson (cstevenson006@tampabay.rr.com) with questions. We hope to see you there.

Costa Rica Mission Trip: Forrest White will lead a team of young adults and college students to serve with Costa Rica Mission Projects June 15-22. **The deadline to pay a non-refundable \$300 deposit was Mar 1 but you may contact Forrest by midnight tonight if you're interested.**

Evening of Serving in Orlando: The Society of St. Andrew (SOSA) is known for gleaning fields to feed America's hungry. On Mar 9 from 5-9pm we have a chance to join them and glean inside the Walt Disney Dolphin Resort. The Southeast Produce Council hosts a fresh produce trade show where members display their finest produce. When the show ends, SOSA volunteers pack and load about 70,000 pounds of produce to feed people in need. We will meet near the resort and ride a shuttle to the gleaning location. To join us, email Forrest White (fwhite@firstumc.org) - include your t-shirt size. You must be at least 14 to participate. **The deadline to register was Mar 1 but you may contact Forrest by midnight tonight if you're interested.**

Haiti Mission Trip Update: Currently our trip is on hold due to a State Department travel ban. We are monitoring the situation and will send a team when it is safe. We request prayers for the people of Haiti.

Pecan Sale: Buy two bags of chocolate or halved pecans and get one free. Sponsored by the UMW, all proceeds benefit missions. Purchase in "Our Giving Tree" Bookstore and Gift Shop (Mon, Tue & Thu from 10am-5:30pm, Wed from 10am-7pm, Fri from 10am-4pm and Sun from 9am-12:30pm) or contact Pat Bradford (pbrad65024@aol.com or 863-859-3339).

Children

Sunday School at 9:30am:
• Nursery 2 through fourth grade: The Stories of the Lost (Luke 15:9-10)
• Fifth grade: A parable about Family (Luke 15:31-32)

Tonight: Participate in Rethinking Lent as a family at 5pm in the Fellowship Center. We will have fajitas for dinner (\$5/person, \$20/family max).

Mon: Pray and Play from 10am - 11:30am

Wed: Join us from 6:30 - 7:30pm for children's classes *Childcare is available 6:30-7:30pm for children six weeks through PK2 for families participating in events on campus.* Advance registration is required.

Thu: Early Connections from 9am - 10:30am

Planning Ahead:
• Today: Rethinking Lent
• Sat, Apr 13: Easter-ific Celebration
• June 24-28: VBS Registration will open Mar 15 and close on May 13.
• July 15-20: Warren Willis Camp - visit firstumc.org/camp for links to registration and information about scholarships.

Youth

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

Tonight: Participate in Rethinking Lent as a family at 5pm in the Fellowship Center. We will have fajitas for dinner (\$5/person, \$20/family max).

Wed Night RECHARGE: 6-7:30pm in the Youth Game Room. Hang out as we enjoy fun, snacks, fellowship and share in devotionals and character studies of some of the Bible's prominent figures.

There is a Youth Council meeting on Mon, Mar 4, at 7pm in Room F-1.

Stock Sales are here!
• Youth: Sign up online or contact Stephanie Keen (skeen@firstumc.org) for your shift to sell.
• The congregation will have an opportunity to purchase stock at tables today, Apr 7, Apr 14, Apr 28 and May 5.

Talbot House Ministry: Join us the first and third Thu of each month at Talbot House to serve food and share in fellowship from 5:15-6:30pm. Our next opportunity is Mar 7.