

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>Meditation/Edwards</i>	Youth Handbells
*CALL TO WORSHIP (see below)		Andy Whitaker Smith
*HYMN 467	<i>Trust and Obey</i>	TRUST AND OBEY
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 889		Andy Whitaker Smith
*GLORIA PATRI, 70		
WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC	<i>All Night, All Day/arr. Gilpin</i>	Youth Choir
PASTORAL AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Melissa Stump
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Melissa Stump
*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING		
OFFERTORY	(8:15am) <i>Offertoire/Bedard</i> (11am) <i>A Lenten Hymn/Lau</i>	Matthew H. Corl, CAGO Chancel Choir
*DOXOLOGY, 95		
SERMON	<i>One Faithful Promise: Confide in God/Psalm 51:1-17 and 139:1-18, 23-24</i>	David McEntire
*HYMN 534	<i>Be Still, My Soul</i>	FINLANDIA
*BENEDICTION		David McEntire
*RESPONSE 668	<i>Let Us Now Depart In Thy Peace</i>	A LA PUERTA
POSTLUDE	<i>Sortie/Bedard</i>	Matthew H. Corl, CAGO

9:30am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

GATHERING	<i>Let the Walls Fall Down</i>	
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Please sign & pass the registration pad.	Waite Willis/David McEntire
CALL TO WORSHIP/LITANY	<i>Purify My Heart</i>	Waite Willis
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Hold Us Together; No Matter What; All Prayed Up</i>	
CONGREGATIONAL GREETING		
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Melissa Stump
OFFERTORY	<i>Clean Heart</i>	
SERMON	<i>One Faithful Promise: Confide in God/Psalm 51:1-17 and 139:1-18, 23-24</i>	David McEntire
CLOSING		
BENEDICTION		David McEntire

11:20am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

GATHER		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREET ONE ANOTHER		Andy Whitaker Smith
CALL TO WORSHIP		Jeremy Hearn
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Great Are You Lord; Do It Again; This Beating Heart</i>	
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY	<i>Wesley Prayer (Come Like A Fire)</i>	
SERMON	<i>One Faithful Promise: Confide in God/Psalm 51:1-17 and 139:1-18, 23-24</i>	Andy Whitaker Smith
COMMUNION	<i>I Surrender All</i>	
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Andy Whitaker Smith

Call to Worship (All Services)

Leader: Plenteous Grace with thee is found,
All: Grace to cover all my sins.
 Leader: Let the healing streams abound,
All: Make and keep me pure within.

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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: Stephen Levinsky and Katie Skiles
11am: Ashton Hutchings

Fresh flowers are placed on our altars to the glory of God and in memory or honor of loved ones. Today, they are in memory of Dr. Gordon Heath by his family and in memory of Shirley Chapman by her daughters, Penny Restau and Pam Szalka. Contact Lea Ellen DeWitt to reserve your special Sunday (ldewitt@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

Prayers, Presence, Gifts

Hospitalized (as of Mar 4)

Charles Carlton, Ray Coates, Harvey Hester, Clarence LeMasters, Kelly Norton, Catherine Shinn-Doughty, Judith Thonebe and Thomas Thonebe

In Memoriam

Janice Brown, Feb 27
Gina Whitlock, Mar 2

Presence In Worship Last Sunday

8:15am Traditional: 254
9:30am Contemporary: 610
11am Traditional: 393
11:20am Contemporary: 148
Online viewers week of Feb 24: 194

Gifts

Needed Each Sunday:	\$ 69,111
Received on Feb 24:	\$ 58,154
Received to Date:	\$ 450,373

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

Time of Prayer & Communion: The Sanctuary will be open for a time of Prayer and Communion each Wed during Lent from 10-10:20am. All are invited for a come-and-go time of prayer, reflection through music and Communion. Contact Andy Whitaker Smith with questions (awhitakersmith@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

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 on the first floor of the C Building or the Church Office (No chocolate or Tootsie Rolls, please). Thank you!

The First United Methodist Business Leaders Network invites you attend 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).

Summer Music Camp proudly presents Faith News. Camp dates are July 29 - Aug 2 from 9am - 3pm and the performance will be on Fri, Aug 2 at 6pm. For more information and to register, 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 today. 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. You can also choose to host your own group! If your schedule prevents you from participating in a group, an online course option is also available. Group listings and online course registration available at firstumc.org/lent.

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 and 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.

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/y5Inrr2o>.

Adult Sunday School

Visitors are welcome to attend any of our Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30am. If you would like more information on adult classes and groups, contact Warren Pattison (wpattison@firstumc.org or 863-682-1912).

Can't make it to Sunday School? Call and listen live to Rev. Brian Tiffany's lesson with the Homebuilders Class. Call 863-225-0968 during 9:30-10:30am Sun mornings.

- The BYKOTA Class is led by Rev. Dr. Doug Hallman. They are exploring Adam Hamilton's book *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why*. The study explores the Apostles' Creed and foundational Christian beliefs. Room C-207
- The Genesis Class welcomes you as they explore faith and life. Rev. Jose Bove is leading a study of the gospel of John during Lent. Room C-202
- The Homebuilders Class started in 1945 and is taught by Rev. Brian Tiffany. They follow the Adult Bible Studies curriculum. Mar's theme is "Call to Discipleship," with a focus on the gospel of Luke. Chapel
- The Vanguard Class is always eager to welcome visitors. During Mar, Rev. Dr. David Brazelton will teach from the Adult Bible Studies on the theme "Call to Discipleship." Bible texts are focused on the gospel of Luke. Room C-203
- The following classes are studying *One Faithful Promise*, an examination of the Wesley Covenant Prayer, by Magrey de Vega.
 - The Koinonia Sunday School Class is led by Rev. Terry Knight. Room C-205
 - The Searchers Class is led by Dion Koch. Room C-206
 - The Sendero Class is led by Nina Rehberg. Room C-204
 - Storyline is led by Jason Rogers. Room C-201C

Today is the Second Sunday Gathering. Join your church family for fellowship and refreshments in the Welcome Center from 9am-12:15pm.

Missions

The Bloodmobile is parked along Walnut Street today from 9am-1pm. Please consider giving the gift of life.

Did you miss out on our Jewelry, Scarf and Purse Sale? Our United Methodist Women are offering another chance to shop on Sun, Mar 24, from 9am-12:30pm in the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, contact Carol (863-665-0482) or Pat (863-859-3339).

First Responder Appreciation: On Mar 16, First United Methodist will deliver baked goods to local fire stations to show our appreciation for first responders. We need 12 people willing to bake at least two dozen items of your choice and bring them to the church for delivery. We also need two drivers willing to deliver the baked goods. We would love to have children make thank you cards to accompany the delivery. Please contact Forrest White (fwhite@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163) to sign up and for more details, including drop-off times.

New Hours for "Our Giving Tree" Bookstore and Gift Shop: Shop Mon, Tue, Thu and Fri from 10am-4pm, Wed from 10am-7pm and Sun from 9am-12:30pm. All proceeds benefit missions.

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 and Fri from 10am-4pm, Wed from 10am-7pm and Sun from 9am-12:30pm) or contact Pat Bradford (pbrad65024@aol.com or 863-859-3339).

Home Town Mission Team: During Holy Week 2019, we will spend five days serving Irma survivors right here in our backyard: Apr 13 (Sat, a shift from our usual third Sat of service), Apr 15, Apr 16, Apr 17 and Apr 18. You do not have to sign up for the entire week - just pick a day or two to help. Also, you do not have to be a carpenter to participate. Willing helpers are always welcome! If you want to join us, contact Forrest White (fwhite@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

Children

Sunday School at 9:30am:

- Nursery 2 through fourth grade: "The Forgiving Father," based on Luke 15:23b-24
- Fifth grade: "Mary anoints Jesus for Burial," based on John 12:7-8

Tonight: PK3 - fifth grade students, join us from 5-7pm for fun, dinner and a program. \$3/dinner/child.

- PK3 & PK4: B-I-B-L-E: God Made Us
- K - fifth grade: Treasure Book

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:

- 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: 5-7pm in F-1. Come share in our student-lead ministry as we enjoy a meal, music and worship together.

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.

Stock Sales are here!

- Youth: Sign up online or contact Stephanie Keen (skeen@firstumc.org) for your shift to sell. Stock sales are a great way to earn money towards youth missions and allow our church family to take stock in your call to serve.
- The congregation will have an opportunity to purchase stock at tables on 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 21.