

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/ANNOUNCEMENTS		David McEntire
PRELUDE	<i>Chorale/Gawthrop</i>	Matthew H. Corl, CAGO
*CALL TO WORSHIP (please see below)		Bella Arango
*HYMN 465	<i>Holy Spirit, Truth Divine</i>	CANTERBURY
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 881		Andy Whitaker Smith
*GLORIA PATRI		
WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC	<i>Ritmico/Mallory</i>	Ringers and Singers
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS		
COMMENDATION AND WELCOME, page 38		
PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER		David McEntire
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		David McEntire
*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING		
OFFERTORY	(8:15am) <i>Be Thou My Vision</i> (11am) <i>My Chosen One/Young</i>	Lee Lallance Chancel Choir
*DOXOLOGY, 95		
SERMON	<i>One Faithful Promise: Compose Your Spirit/Romans 12:1-5 and Matthew 7:24-27</i>	Melissa Stump
*HYMN 399	<i>Take My Life, and Let It Be</i>	MESSIAH
*BENEDICTION		Melissa Stump
*RESPONSE 666	<i>Shalom to You</i>	SOMOS DEL SENOR
POSTLUDE	<i>Toccata/Gigout</i>	Matthew H. Corl, CAGO

9:30am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

GATHERING	<i>Nothing Ever Could Separate Us</i>	
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Please sign & pass the registration pad.	Waite Willis/David McEntire
CALL TO WORSHIP/LITANY	<i>Your Love Defends Me</i>	
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Your Grace is Enough; Come However You Are; A Place in the Choir</i>	
CONGREGATIONAL GREETING		Waite Willis
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM	Bennett Peter Comperchio, son of Christopher and Maria Comperchio	
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS/COMMENDATION AND WELCOME		
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		David McEntire
OFFERTORY	<i>Faithful</i>	Hannah Loper, solo
SERMON	<i>One Faithful Promise: Compose Your Spirit/Romans 12:1-5 and Matthew 7:24-27</i>	Melissa Stump
CLOSING		
BENEDICTION		Melissa Stump

11:20am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

GATHER TOGETHER		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREET ONE ANOTHER		Andy Whitaker Smith
CALL TO WORSHIP		Jeremy Hearn
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Wesley Prayer (Come Like A Fire); This I Believe (The Creed); Lay Me Down</i>	
RECEPTION AND COMMENDATION OF NEW MEMBERS		
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY	<i>Treasure</i>	
SERMON	<i>One Faithful Promise: Compose Your Spirit/Romans 12:1-5</i>	Andy Whitaker Smith
COMMUNION	<i>All the Poor And Powerless</i>	
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Andy Whitaker Smith

Call to Worship (All Services)

Leader: Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,
All: Come quickly from above.
 Leader: Write thy new name upon my heart,
All: Thy new, best name of Love.

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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: Mitchell Lynn
11am: Jeclisse Arman

Fresh flowers are placed on our altars to the glory of God and in memory or honor of loved ones. Today's flowers were donated by Karen and Ben Buie in honor of Ray and Kay Cabe's 50th Anniversary. Contact Lea Ellen DeWitt to reserve altar flowers (ldewitt@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

Prayers, Presence, Gifts

Hospitalized (as of Mar 11)

Charles Carlton, UK Custred, Caroline Kent, Barbara Moseler, Kelly Norton, David Shinn and David Williams.

Wedding

Kaitie Loy and Lake Sprenkle, Mar 9

In Memoriam

Betty Brodbeck, Mar 4
Rev. Clancy LeMasters, Mar 11

Presence In Worship Last Sunday

8:15am Traditional: 221
9:30am Contemporary: 473
11am Traditional: 384
11:20am Contemporary: 148
Online viewers week of Mar 3: 261

Gifts

Needed Each Sunday:	\$ 69,111
Received on Mar 3:	\$ 55,771
Received to Date:	\$ 498,856

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

Called Charge Conference: There will be a called meeting of the Charge Conference on Mar 31 at 12:30pm in the Large Conference Room of the Administrative Offices for the purpose of receiving a recommendation from the Staff Parish Relations Committee to approve Jason Rogers as a candidate for ordained ministry. All elected officials of our church are invited and encouraged to attend.

Time of Prayer & Communion: The Sanctuary is 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. Questions? Contact Andy Whitaker Smith (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 to the Children's Check In Desk on the first floor of the C Building or the Church Office. Thank you!

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 is underway. 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 and Kindle version at <https://tinyurl.com/y5lnrr2o>.

Apr General Meeting of the United Methodist Women: All ladies are invited to our next monthly meeting on Apr 8 at 10:30am in the Fellowship Center. Our program is "How to Have a Great Time Impacting 30 Missions." Carol Marsh will give an in-depth look into missions supported by "Our Giving Tree" Bookstore and Gift Shop. Lunch is \$4/person - RSVP by Apr 3 via email to UMWReservations@firstumc.org.

Missions

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).

Today you can taste premium infused olive oils from a bay area olive store that are sold in "Our Giving Tree" Bookstore and Gift Shop. Stop by 9am-12:30pm for a taste. 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 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 (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).

Adult Sunday School

Visitors are welcome to attend any of our Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30am. If you would like more information, 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

Children

Sunday School at 9:30am:

- Nursery 2 through fourth grade: "The Two Debtors," based on Luke 7:41-42
- Fifth grade: "Jesus Enters Jerusalem," based on John 12:13

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 Gave Us Rules to Live By
- K - fifth grade: Be Happy

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 is now open and will 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: Join us from 5-7pm in F-1. Come share in our student-lead ministry as we enjoy a meal, music and worship together.

Wed Night RECHARGE: We hope to see you from 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: Join us the first and third Thu of the month at Talbot House to serve food and share in fellowship from 5:15-6:30pm. Our next opportunity is Mar 21.