

Welcome

We are glad that you are here. Please stop by the Desk in the Welcome Center for information on our ministries and visit us online at firstumc.org. We invite you to **Explore First** to learn more about the life of the church and how to get involved. For more information, contact Diana Russell (drussell@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

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.

Prayers, Presence and Gifts

Hospitalized (as of Aug 26):

Bertha Sands and Richard Sproule

Presence In Worship Last Sunday

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| 8:15am Traditional: | 185 |
| 9:30am Contemporary: | 407 |
| 11am Traditional: | 278 |
| 11:20am Contemporary: | 122 |
| Online viewers week of Aug 18: | 124 |

Gifts

Needed Each Sunday: \$ 69,111
Received on August 18: \$ 33,060
Received to Date: \$ 2,118,359

Electronic Giving

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 (hmeyes@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).



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)

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| WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | David McEntire |
| PRELUDE <i>Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho/Sowande</i> | Matthew H. Corl, AAGO |
| *CALL TO WORSHIP (see below) | Melissa Stump |
| *HYMN 617 <i>I Come With Joy</i> | DOVE OF PEACE |
| *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 886 | Melissa Stump |
| *GLORIA PATRI, 70 | |
| PASTORAL AND THE LORD'S PRAYER | Andy Whitaker Smith |
| MEDITATION <i>Our Turn: Where to Go/Deuteronomy 34:1-9 and Joshua 1:1-9</i> | David McEntire |
| INVITATION/CONFESSION AND PARDON, Hymnal page 12 | David McEntire |
| OFFERTORY (8:15am) <i>Christ Be All Around Me</i> | 11:20 Praise Band |
| (11am) <i>That Old Rugged Cross/Besig</i> | Chancel Choir with Mark Thielen, violin |
| THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Hymnal page 13 | Andy Whitaker Smith |
| GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP | |
| *HYMN 620 <i>One Bread, One Body</i> | ONE BREAD, ONE BODY |
| *BENEDICTION | David McEntire |
| *RESPONSE 672 <i>God Be With You Till We Meet Again</i> | GOD BE WITH YOU |
| POSTLUDE <i>Postlude on Two Spirituals/Callahan</i> | Matthew H. Corl, AAGO |

9:30am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

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| GATHERING <i>Your Grace is Enough</i> | |
| WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS <i>Please sign & pass the registration pad.</i> | Waite Willis/David McEntire |
| CALL TO WORSHIP <i>It Is Well With My Soul</i> | Praise Band |
| CONFESSION AND PARDON | Waite Willis |
| SONGS OF PRAISE <i>Who You Say I Am; Where Do I Go</i> | |
| CONGREGATIONAL GREETING | |
| SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | Charlotte Capper, Daughter of Terry and Jillian Capper; Terry Capper |
| CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | |
| PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER | Melissa Stump |
| OFFERTORY | Praise Band |
| MEDITATION <i>Our Turn: Where to Go/Deuteronomy 34:1-9 and Joshua 1:1-9</i> | David McEntire |
| GIVING OF THE BREAD & CUP (<i>Cornerstone; Shout to the Lord</i>) | |
| BENEDICTION | David McEntire |

11:20am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

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| GATHER TOGETHER | |
| WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS | Melissa Stump |
| CONFESSION AND PARDON | Melissa Stump |
| PASSING OF THE PEACE | |
| CALL TO WORSHIP | Jeremy Hearn |
| SONGS OF PRAISE <i>Open Up the Heavens; Everlasting God; This Beating Heart</i> | |
| PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER | Melissa Stump |
| OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY <i>Called Me Higher</i> | |
| SERMON <i>Our Turn: Where to Go/Deuteronomy 34:1-9 and Joshua 1:1-9</i> | Melissa Stump |
| COMMUNION <i>Every Table is an Altar</i> | |
| DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING | Melissa Stump |

Call to Worship (All Services)

LEADER: We follow our leaders through lands that seem as vast as the entire world.
ALL: To step into that land as a leader ourselves can be overwhelming. It seems too big.
LEADER: Though our roles may change, or we may find ourselves in a new wilderness --
ALL: -- we will still walk with God. AMEN.

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First United Methodist

We are happy to have our fifth grade Sunday School class with us in worship at the 9:30am contemporary service today! As a worship plus three church, our Pastors and Children's Ministries team believe it is important for children to experience authentic worship and for families to have the opportunity to worship together to enrich and encourage our children's faith journeys.

WORSHIP

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

- Childcare provided for children six weeks to four years old from 8:15am-12:30pm. Check in on the ground floor of the C Building.
- Nursing Room: C-013

Acolyte:

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

Communion Servers:

8:15am: Audrey Lussier, Kathy Otto, Alice Ray Overstreet, Frank Shinn and Barbara Whetton

11am: Rev. Archie and Carolyn Buie, Rev. Rosie Helms, Michael and Clair Klingberg-Sibila, Brian Tiffany and Diana Russell

On Sundays, fresh flowers are placed on our altars to beautify worship areas and honor God. Altar flowers may be dedicated to commemorate a special event or in remembrance of a loved one. To make a dedication, contact Lea Ellen DeWitt (ldewitt@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

INVITE

Sundae Funday: Sixth through twelfth graders interested in Youth Choir are invited to "Sundae Funday" on Sep 8 from 10:30-11am in Room E-3 to preview youth choir music while making ice cream sundaes. All are welcome!

Free Hollingsworth Trio Concert: You're invited to a concert by the Hollingsworth Trio on Sun, Sep 8, at 4pm in the Sanctuary. Violinist Mark Thielen, cellist Michael Sedloff and pianist Matthew Corl will perform beautiful music by Schubert, Debussy and Dvorak.

Fine Arts: We offer choirs and handbell ensembles for all ages and skill levels. Rehearsals for Kids PRAISE Children's Choir, Youth Handbells and Ringers & Singers resume Wed, Sep 4. Youth Choir rehearsals resume Sun, Sep 8. Register children for Kids PRAISE at firstumc.org/music. Questions? Contact Karen Buie (kbuie@firstumc.org or 863-687-9856).

Chrismon Workshop: Join us in Room E-20 on Fri, Sep 6, from noon - 3pm and Sat, Sep 7, from 10am - noon to make new ornaments for our Chrismon tree. We will use ornament kits and Emily Corl will conduct the workshop. Come for any or all of the two-day workshop. Questions? Contact Diana Russell (drussell@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me:

Because the faith of a child is such a wonderful adventure, we are going to look through the imagination of a child. Join us for an original presentation from Genesis entitled "Faith Like a Child" on Thu, Sep 12, at 7pm in the Sanctuary. This multi-media presentation will feature drama, instrumentalists, Chancel Choir, dance, visuals and the story of God's glorious creation. The event is presented by our Music and Fine Arts Department.

GROW

On Sep 22 we'll begin a new sermon series and community group study called *On the Road* that was written and produced by our pastoral and program staff. We'll look at stories that help us remember many of the walks Jesus took in his ministry - encountering strangers, experiencing rejection and showing us how to love. We'll start new Community Groups in homes or local businesses to share life together. We're asking you to host a group. Gather a few friends and meet weekly in a small group setting to watch the video and have conversation. We'll give you some questions to start the discussion and the Holy Spirit will guide you as you grow together in love. We encourage you to pray about hosting a group. Sign up today at the table in the Welcome Center. For info on hosting or connecting with a group, visit firstumc.org/on-the-road. Questions? Contact Warren Pattison (wpattison@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

You are invited to our Monthly Pastors' Bible Study on Sep 3 at 6:30pm: The Women's Study with Melissa Stump is in Room C-204 and the Men's Study with David McEntire is in Room C-203.

Bibliodrama: Experience the Bible in exciting new ways. Combining reading of biblical texts with imaginative questions, Bibliodrama offers people of all ages an opportunity to experience creative study. Pastor Ian Campbell will lead a workshop on Sat, Sep 28, from 9am - 1pm. Lunch will be provided - the workshop is free but registration is required. Sunday School teachers, small group leaders and parents are encouraged to attend. Register at firstumc.org/adults or call Warren Pattison (wpattison@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

The SheGrows Conference is coming Fri, Sep 20. Next Sun, Sep 8, take advantage of a one-day sale and get two tickets for \$65 (normally \$39/each). This is great opportunity to get a ticket for you and a friend. Women of all ages are encouraged to come. Some scholarships are available. Visit firstumc.org/shegrows for a registration link or call 863-686-3163 for more information.

Wed PHOENIX: Meal service begins at 5pm. Tickets are \$6/adult, \$3/child under 12 with a \$20 max/family. Classes and groups follow at 6:30pm. More info at firstumc.org/adults/phoenix/.

It's not too late to join our fall classes! Unless otherwise indicated, classes will meet Aug 28-Sep 18 from 6:30-7:30pm. Visit firstumc.org/adults or call 863-686-3163 for more information.

- **Truth in Imaginative Fiction:** Kacie Rogers leads an exploration of imaginative fiction and the truths we can discover in it. Stories in the imaginary realm allow us to remove the film of familiarity and enter with fresh eyes. Explore an introduction to some best loved authors, including Lewis and Tolkien. No book or prior reading is required - just a curious mind. (*four sessions*)
- **Holy Love:** Rev. Andy Whitaker Smith leads this conversation about Steve Harper's book *Holy Love: A Biblical Theology for Human Sexuality*. Harper offers a wise and compassionate perspective on Biblical interpretation and LGBTQ inclusion in the life and ministry of the church. All are invited to join this important conversation. (*four sessions*)
- **The Jesus Challenge:** Janet Earls leads this engaging study that will encourage you to move from spiritual distraction to spiritual alignment as you seek to better love God and your neighbor. *The Jesus Challenge: 21 Days of Loving God and Neighbor* is a journey to help you center on loving God and loving others as ourselves. (*one intro session and three additional sessions*)

The Social Principles Book Club is a multi-week study of *The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church* that utilizes real-life illustrations of contemporary issues. The format is discussion-based and collaborative. Christi Wright will lead conversations on topics including immigration, poverty and more using the books *Enrique's Journey* and *Evicted* (available in "Our Giving Tree" Bookstore and Gift Shop). The class will meet on Sun evenings Sep 8 - Nov 24 from 5:15-6:45pm in Room C-204. More info and registration at firstumc.org/adults.

HAPPY
Labor Day

Church Offices will be closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day. They will re-open on Tue, Sep 3.

Sunday School (9:30-10:30am)

Children: Nursery through PK4 check in on the ground floor of the C Building. Kindergarten through fifth grades check in on the first floor of the C Building.

- Nursery 2 through fourth grade: "We Are One" from I Corinthians 12:12-14.
- Fifth Grade: Our fifth grade Sunday School class will worship with their families at the 9:30am contemporary worship service.

Youth: Sixth-twelfth grades check in to Room F-1 for Bible study and discussion.

Adults: Visitors are welcome! If you would like more information, contact Warren Pattison (wpattison@firstumc.org or 863-682-1912).

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

Children's News:

Tonight: Children PK3 (fully toilet trained) through fifth grade are invited to join us as we continue *Mission Possible* where we will explore "Afraid? NOT!" Programming is 5-7pm, dinner is \$3/person.

Wed: Children PK3 (fully toilet trained) through fifth grade are invited to join us for classes 6:30-7:30pm about Practical Bible Exploration with hands-on activities.

Fri, Sep 6: Fourth and fifth grade gathering from 6-8pm. \$5/person includes dinner, fellowship, team building activities and more. **Sign up at firstumc.org/children/45gathering/ by Wed, Sep 4.** Please note: we must have a current medical release form on file.

Third Grade Bible Presentation: On Sep 29 our third graders will receive their Bibles in the 9:30am contemporary worship service. **Register by Sep 4 at firstumc.org/children/bibles/.**

Youth News:

Tonight: Labor Day Picnic in the Park. Meet in the F Building at 5pm. We will walk to Barnett Park. Youth must have a notarized medical release on file. Sign up to bring a side dish or dessert at firstumc.org/oneunited.

Wed Night ReCharge: 6-7:30pm in the Youth Game Room. Come hangout in a relaxed space for a mid-week break!

Youth Canoe Trip: Join us on Sat, Sep 21, from 9:30am-4:30pm. Online Registration is open until Sep 13 at firstumc.org/oneunited. We will depart the church at 9:30am. Make sure to bring your lunch! Trip cost: \$20/person.

SERVE

Disaster Recovery: The third Sat of each month a team works on homes damaged by Hurricane Irma. Our next service day is Sep 21. There is paperwork to complete at least one week before your first work day. Contact Forrest White (fwhite@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163) to learn more.

Silent Auction: Artist Ron Bell regularly adds to the 11:20am contemporary worship service by expressing and interpreting the message through his artwork. In conjunction with "Our Giving Tree" Bookstore and Gift Shop, Ron's Easter artwork will be available for purchase via silent auction. Bids will be accepted Sun, Sep 8 through Sun, Sep 22. Winners will be notified after the auction. Ron shared that during the lowest time in his life after decades of alcoholism and his mother's death, the Salvation Army gave him a second chance at life by helping him see his self-worth and encouraging him to develop his relationship with Christ. He has asked that proceeds from the silent auction be shared with the Salvation Army.

Children's Clothes Closet New Request: The CCC needs servants to help with this ministry that supplies clothing to infants, children and youth in need. Serve Mon and/or Wed throughout the year. Contact Pat Bradford for more information (pbrad65024@aol.com or 863-683-2086).

KidsPACK Meal Assembly Returns Sep 4: Our partnership with KidsPACK assists homeless children with food on the weekends. We pack meals on the first Wed of the month (starting Sep 4 and concluding on May 5). Set up begins at 9am and at 4pm we pack and wrap weekend food cells for delivery. All are welcome. We also need substitute drivers. Contact Nelson Kimball (nrkimball@aol.com) or Skip Stevenson (cstevenson006@tampabay.rr.com). **We hope to see you this Wed at 4pm in the Welcome Center.**