

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. 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 (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 Sep 3)

June Lacy, Flay Linderman, William Mahoney and Gail Ross.

Presence In Worship Last Sunday

8:15am Traditional: 181
 9:30am Contemporary: 471
 11am Traditional: 293
 11:20am Contemporary: 108
 Online viewers the week of Aug 25: 125

Gifts

Needed Each Sunday: \$ 69,111
 Received on Aug 25: \$ 46,963
 Received online in Aug: \$ 26,253
 Received thru Aug 3: \$ 2,191,575

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 (hmayers@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)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS David McEntire
 PRELUDE (8:15am) *Swing Low/Utterback* Matthew H. Corl, AAGO
 (11am) *Andante espressivo/Debussy* Mark Thielen, violin and Michael Sedloff, cello
 *CALL TO WORSHIP (please see below) Melissa Stump
 *HYMN 703 *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* SWING LOW
 *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 887 Melissa Stump
 *GLORIA PATRI, 70
 WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC *It Is Well/arr. Yowell*
 Diana Russell and Karen Buie with Audra Thielen, cello
 RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
 COMMENDATION AND WELCOME, PAGE 18
 PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER David McEntire
 CHILDREN'S MOMENT David McEntire
 *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
 OFFERTORY (8:15am) *Andante espressivo/Debussy* Mark Thielen, violin and Michael Sedloff, cello
 (11am) *A Jubilant Song/Martin* Chancel Choir
 *DOXOLOGY, 95
 SERMON *Our Turn: Letting Go/2 Kings 2:1-13* Andy Whitaker Smith
 *HYMN 347 *Spirit Song* SPIRIT SONG
 *BENEDICTION Andy Whitaker Smith
 *RESPONSE 668 *Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace* A LA PUERTA
 POSTLUDE *My Hope is Built/Utterback* Matthew H. Corl, AAGO

9:30am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

GATHERING *Waves of Mercy* Waite Willis/David McEntire
 WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 CALL TO WORSHIP/LITANY *It Is Well with My Soul*
 SONGS OF PRAISE *Share the Well; Touched by a Fire; Days of Elijah*
 CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
 PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER David McEntire
 OFFERTORY *Stand In Your Love* Praise Band
 SERMON *Our Turn: Letting Go/2 Kings 2:1-13* Andy Whitaker Smith
 CLOSING *Sanctuary*
 BENEDICTION Andy Whitaker Smith

11:20am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

GATHER TOGETHER
 WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREET ONE ANOTHER Melissa Stump
 CALL TO WORSHIP Jeremy Hearn
 SONGS OF PRAISE *Come As You Are; Rise; Cornerstone*
 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Elijah Dennis Guy, son of Heather Guy
 RECEPTION AND COMMENDATION OF NEW MEMBERS
 PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Melissa Stump
 OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY *Nothing Else*
 SERMON *Our Turn: Letting Go/2 Kings 2:1-13* Melissa Stump
 COMMUNION *Lord, I Need You*
 DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Melissa Stump

Call to Worship (All Services)

LEADER: We are not always ready for our teachers to leave us.
ALL: They have become more than a leader, more than a teacher - they are family.
 LEADER: But we must remember what they have taught us, and that when it is our turn, we honor their memory.
ALL: We believe in what they have passed on to us, and will carry on in God's promises.

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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 during worship for children six weeks to four-years-old 8:15am-12:30pm. Check in on the ground floor of the C Building.

Nursing Room: C-013 (ground floor of the C Building)

Acolytes and Crucifers:

8:15am: Stephen Levinsky and Katie Skiles

11am: Josh Kurrack and Emma-Grace Gonyaw

Today's Altar Flowers: The fresh flowers placed on our altars this morning are to the glory of God and **In memory of:**

- Duffy Thompson by his family
- Wade Smith by Becky Smith and the Smith family
- Philip Morton by Joyce Ann Roberts, Judy Brasseur and Dorothea Morton

In honor of:

- Runell Klassen by Paul Klassen

INVITE

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

Sundae Funday: Sixth through twelfth graders interested in Youth Choir are invited to "Sundae Funday" **today** from 10:30-11am in Room E-3. We will preview the youth choir music for the year while making ice cream sundaes. All are welcome!

UMW General Meeting: All women are invited to the Sep General Meeting in the Fellowship Center tomorrow at 10:30am. A Chaplain from the Lakeland Police Department and U.S. Secret Service will share "Reflections on Life."

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. This is the first of a series of events sponsored by our Music and Fine Arts Department.

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

United Methodist Women's Book Club: Join the discussion on Sep 24 at 1pm in the Parlor to discuss *Escape from the Green Mansion* by Christine Taylor. This book is in the Education for Mission category. You may order *Kindle* and other versions at <https://tinyurl.com/y2f8phek>.

GROW

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. Full information available at firstumc.org/adults/phoenix/.

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 tonight through Nov 24 from 5:15-6:45pm in Room C-204. More info and registration is available at firstumc.org/adults.

Experience the Bible in exciting new ways through Bibliodrama. Combining a close reading of biblical texts with searching, imaginative questions, Bibliodrama offers people of all ages and levels of knowledge an opportunity to experience a method of creative study that will change the way you read the Bible. Pastor Ian Campbell will lead a workshop on Bibliodrama on Sat, Sep 28, from 9am-1pm. Lunch will be provided. The workshop is free due to a generous grant, but registration is required. Sunday School teachers, small group leaders and parents are particularly encouraged to attend. More info and registration available at firstumc.org/adults or contact Warren Pattison (wpattison@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

SheGrows Conference Ticket Special: The SheGrows Conference will take place here on Fri, Sep 20, at 6:30pm. The goal of SheGrows is to show women the power of linking lives with older and younger women to grow their faith. SheGrows a three-hour event to show women how to begin mentoring relationships. Today only 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.

A new sermon series to begin: On Sep 22 we'll embark on a new sermon series and original community group study called *On the Road*, 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 - intentionally journeying through communities, encountering strangers, experiencing rejection and showing us how to love one another. **We'll be starting new Community Groups for this study, gathering in homes or local businesses to share life together through scripture study, prayer and friendship.** We're asking you to host a Community Group during this series. It's really simple. We'll provide you with an easy-to-use, high-quality video resource. Your commitment is to gather a few friends, neighbors and co-workers from the community and meet together weekly in a small group setting. You don't need to be a Bible expert or a teacher - the videos we provide will do the teaching. You provide a safe and comfortable setting with a place to watch the video and have a 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 tables in the Welcome Center.** For more information on hosting a Community Group or connecting to a group, visit firstumc.org/on-the-road. Contact Warren Pattison for more information (wpattison@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

Share God's love through American Sign Language. Free classes in Beginner's American Sign Language (ASL) resume Mon, Sep 9, from 6:30-7:30pm, followed by "Songs in Sign" from 7:30-8:30pm. For information, visit firstumc.org/adults/deaf-ministries/ or contact Becky Petrie (bily2cykb4@msn.com or 863-944-5404).

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: Today the children will learn how communities accepted John from John 4:21-24.
- Fifth grade: Today the children will learn about The Exodus from Exodus 3:7-10.

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

Adults: Visitors are always welcome to attend any of our Adult Sunday School groups. 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* with a lesson on **Spreading the News**. 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.

Youth News:

Sunday Night: One United Youth Worship tonight in Room F-1 from 5-7pm. Ice breakers, community building, meal and fellowship!

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 with One United Youth at Talbot House: Meet us at Talbot House each Thu at 5:15pm to serve. For more information, contact Brett Foster (bfoster@firstumc.org or 863-687-9750).

SERVE

oneblood 
Share your power.

One Blood will be here next Sun, Sep 15, on Walnut Street from 9am - 1pm. Because of Hurricane Dorian, much more blood is needed than usual. Please plan now to donate and help save a life.

New date: kidsPACK Meal Assembly rescheduled to Sep 11. Our partnership with kidsPACK assists homeless children with food on the weekends. We will be packing meals this coming Wed due to Hurricane Dorian. 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.**

The United Methodist Women are seeking donations of jewelry and purses for their Jewelry and Purse Sale on Sun, Dec 8. Donations are accepted at the Missions Depot each Mon from 10am - 2pm or may be dropped off at the Church Administrative Office. Contact Carol Meyer for more information (863-665-0482).

Silent Auction: Artist Ron Bell regularly adds to the 11:20 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 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.

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.

Sep is the Ryan's Case for Smiles Miles for Smiles National Pillowcase Challenge for kids with cancer. Last year our goal was 100 pillowcases and we donated 121. Lakeland Regional Health is one of 10 hospitals in the Tampa Bay Area that receives these pillowcases. We have set a goal this Sep of 150 cases. Kits will be available in E-20 on Wed evenings Sep 11 and 18 from 6-7pm. Join us for fellowship and to learn how to make these much needed and loved pillowcases. For further information, contact Sherry Harter (863-446-3866) or Cindy Doer (863-944-4955).