

PRAYERS, PRESENCE AND GIFTS

Hospitalized (as of October 5)

Darrel Fulton, Ruth Keen, Ralph Posey and Bud Witmer

Deaths

Robert Bradford, September 30
Lynn Adams, October 1
Vera LeMasters, October 1

Presence In Worship:

Online September 27: 1,230

Gifts

Needed Each Sunday: \$ 69,111
Received Sept 27 - 30 148,645 *
Received to Date: \$ 2,573,519

*includes monthly online and advanced giving

OPPORTUNITIES

2020 Annual Charge Conference is next Sunday, October 18 at 4:30pm via Zoom. Several items of business include electing 2021 Church leadership, approval of a Candidate for Ordained Ministry and eight Candidates for Renewal. To receive registration information, email: MeetingRegistration@firstumc.org by 8pm today. Registration must be completed by Sunday, October 11!

Worship Preparation

Watch a video and prepare for worship each week with one of our pastors. Visit: firstumc.org/worshipprep/

8:15 Worship on the Lawn In Person

Participate in person at 8:15 each Sunday on the front lawn. Bring your own chair and umbrella if you need cover for the sun. Regular 9:30/11am online worship will continue. If you are a vulnerable person, please consider continuing your worship online.

Food Collection: To benefit our migrant ministry partners - Mulberry UMC Food Pantry and Called to Serve Farmworkers -today from 1-4 pm at the Mission Depot on the Vistabula side of the church. Requested items list is the same as last month. Please provide only requested items (no glass, only plastic jars):

Rice	Canned tuna/chicken
Beans (pinto and black)	Vienna Sausage
Maseca flour	Canned vegetables
Spaghetti sauce	Breakfast cereal

PLEASE SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Electronic Giving

While we are unable to meet in person for worship, electronic giving is a convenient way to continue to financially support the ministry of the church. Several ways include ACH, electronic checks (eChecks), debit or credit card, and text to give. For more information and to view several helpful resources visit: firstumc.org/give or contact Harriet Mayes, hmayes@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163 x 217.

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. Dr. Candace Lewis, District Superintendent,
Bishop Ken Carter, Florida Area Bishop

Today marks the 25th year Anniversary of the 9:30am Praise Service. We wish to thank everyone who has participated in this service.

During this time we are experiencing worship online. Please join us at: firstumc.org/worship-now/

9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		David McEntire
OPENING SONG	<i>Hope to Carry On</i>	Praise Band
CALL TO WORSHIP		Andy Whitaker Smith
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>No One Like You: Patrick Willis; Do it Again: Warren Willis</i>	
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER		David McEntire
OFFERTORY	<i>You Say</i>	Rebekah Wills
SERMON	<i>The Power of Genesis: The Power of God's Goodness/Genesis 50:15-21</i>	Melissa Stump
CLOSING SONG	<i>Grace Like Rain</i>	Praise Band
BENEDICTION		Melissa Stump

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		David McEntire
PRELUDE	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing/Diemer</i>	Matthew H. Corl, AAGO
CALL TO WORSHIP		Andy Whitaker Smith
HYMN 57	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	AZMON
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 886		Andy Whitaker Smith
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		David McEntire
ANTHEM	<i>Be Not Afraid/Courtney</i>	Chancel Choir
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		David McEntire
OFFERTORY	<i>In the Garden/Miller</i>	Matthew H. Corl, AAGO
SERMON	<i>The Power of Genesis: The Power of God's Goodness/Genesis 50:15-21</i>	Melissa Stump
HYMN 130	<i>God Will Take Care of You</i>	MARTIN
BENEDICTION		Melissa Stump
POSTLUDE	<i>Jubilate/Douglas</i>	Matthew H. Corl AAGO

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The Lord is gracious and compassionate

ALL: Slow to anger and abounding in love

LEADER: The Lord is good to all;

ALL: He has compassion on all He has made.

OCTOBER 11, 2020

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OPPORTUNITIES

Trunk or Treat will be a new drive-thru experience.

We need individually wrapped candy to give out at the end. You may bring your candy to the Mission Depot (Vistabula Street) today between, 1-4pm. Social distancing will be observed. If you would like to reserve space for a trunk, tent or just the space to decorate please visit:
<https://www.firstumc.org/tot/>.

Parenting Now: Be sure to mark your calendars for our Next Parenting Now on Wednesday, November 4 at 7:30pm. We will have a Zoom workshop with author Rev. Traci Smith about Creating Sacred Moments at Home for Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. Her book *Faithful Families for Advent and Christmas* is out now. It is a holiday companion to her excellent and very practical book *Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home*. The holidays are going to look different this year, and what we do in the home will become that much more important as we celebrate the season and seek to grow in our love of God and neighbor. This event will take place via Zoom, and we are intentionally designing it to be interactive. You'll have the opportunity to interact with one another in breakout conversations and in Q&A with Traci. You can register now at: [firstumc.org/parents](https://www.firstumc.org/parents)

Bishop Carter's Wednesday Evening Bible Study:

Join Bishop Carter at 6pm on Zoom to continue your spiritual growth, sponsored by Fill the Table! Each Wednesday at 6pm through November 25, you'll hear from faith leaders and biblical scholars, share your prayer requests and learn with fellow Methodists from across the Conference. We will gather on Zoom to experience the Livestream video presentation together. We'll then spend some time in conversation and prayer around what we've heard. Learn more and find the Zoom link here: [firstumc.org/bishops-study](https://www.firstumc.org/bishops-study).

Medicare Open Enrollment Help for Senior Adults:

Medicare open enrollment begins October 15. To help you navigate what that means, we have a Zoom meeting with a Medicare counselor from the Senior Connection Center on Thursday, October 15, 11am-12noon. Learn more at: [firstumc.org/adults/medicare-help/](https://www.firstumc.org/adults/medicare-help/) Contact Warren, wpattison@firstumc.org, with questions or if you need help connecting via Zoom.

Our Giving Tree Bookstore and Gift Shop

30% off everything in the store! Make a appointment for Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays from 10am to 1pm. Email: www.bookstore@firstumc.org or call 863.686.3163, then *248 when the receptionist begins speaking for an appointment. Two shoppers and two bookstore volunteers (face masks required) are allowed in the Welcome Center at a time. Curbside delivery is also available. The bookstore is being transformed to fall/Christmas decor. *Get back to supporting missions through Our Giving Tree!*

CHILDREN

Sunday School Virtual Classrooms

Virtual classrooms are now available for Preschool - grade 5. Please visit:
www.firstumc.org/Childrens-Sunday-school

Sign Up for a Driveway Visit

We miss seeing you! If you feel the same, sign up for a driveway visit from us. We will practice safe

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Tune in early to our online worship services and catch more announcements on slides!