

Prayers, Presence and Gifts

Hospitalized (as of October 12)

Phil Brown, Ken DeVore, Darrel Fulton, Ralph Posey and Mary Ann Schwitters

Births:

Emery June Hearn, October 9
Daughter of Jeremy and Ashley Hearn

Presence In Worship

On Line October 4: 1,374

Gifts

Needed Each Sunday: \$ 69,111
Received on October 4: \$ 29,314
Received to Date: \$ 2,602,833

On line Opportunities

Coffee With the Pastors

If you have been attending First United Methodist or worshipping and meeting via Livestream or Facebook and have decided to join the church, you are urged to have Coffee with the Pastors from 5 - 6:30pm on Sunday, November 1. We will meet at church on the front patio close to the fountain. In this casual and informative time together, you'll learn more about the church, get to know our pastors and review expectations regarding membership. We will also offer this meeting through zoom as well. To register and receive the link for the Zoom meeting along with other information email Diana: drussell@firstumc.org

Upper Room Devotional magazines will be available for a "drive through" pick up this Sunday, October 18, from 2-4pm in the driveway of the Welcome Center. \$1/regular print; \$1.30/large print.

PEACE Drive-In Car Rally

Community Problems Assembly
Tuesday, October 27, 6:30pm
Join First United Methodist Church and 20 Polk churches working together to add affordable housing for homeless kids and civil citations for adults. Sign-in will be from 6:15-6:45pm. The assembly will begin at 6:45 and close at 7:45. You will remain in your car and hear the speakers through your FM radio. Be safe and follow God's call to do justice. Contact Angie for information: 813-451-5394 or adpattison@hotmail.com.

Don't miss the back side of this bulletin for more opportunities and information.

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

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>Holy Spirit</i>	Eleven20 Band
CALL TO WORSHIP		David McEntire
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Ever Be; Blessed Assurance</i>	Eleven20 Band
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER		Melissa Stump
OFFERTORY	<i>Give Me Jesus</i>	Eleven20 Band
SERMON	<i>One Life, One Legacy: Living an Invested Life/Matthew 25:14-30</i>	Andy Whitaker Smith
CLOSING SONG	<i>Do It Again</i>	Eleven20 Band
BENEDICTION		Andy Whitaker Smith

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		David McEntire
PRELUDE	<i>Fantasia on Italian Hymn/Moore</i>	Matthew H. Corl, AAGO
CALL TO WORSHIP		David McEntire
HYMN 568	<i>Christ, for the World We Sing</i>	ITALIAN HYMN
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 887		David McEntire
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Melissa Stump
ANTHEM	<i>We Are Called/Mayo</i>	Chancel Choir; Hanna Bracket, Trumpet
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Melissa Stump
OFFERTORY	<i>Here I Am, Lord/Linker</i>	Piano/Organ Duet
SERMON	<i>One Life, One Legacy: Living an Invested Life/Matthew 25:14-30</i>	Andy Whitaker Smith
HYMN 399	<i>Take My Life, and Let It Be</i>	MESSIAH
BENEDICTION		Andy Whitaker Smith
POSTLUDE	<i>Postlude in B Flat/Ropartz</i>	Matthew H. Corl, AAGO

CALL TO WORSHIP

- LEADER: Each of us has been given talents by the Lord.
- ALL: These talents are not ours to hide.**
- LEADER: These talents are to be invested in the Lord's work.
- ALL: Lord, teach us to use these talents wisely as we do your will.**

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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).

Our Giving Tree Bookstore and Gift Shop

30% off everything in the store! Make an appointment for Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays from 10am to 1pm and Wednesday evenings, 5-6:30pm. Email: www.bookstore@firstumc.org or call 863.686.3163, then *248 when the receptionist begins speaking for an appointment. Two shoppers and one bookstore volunteer (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!*

Drive-Through Trunk or Treat: October 25, 5-7pm

This year our Trunk or Treat activity will be a drive thru experience. We have a limited number of spaces for families to decorate. Our theme is 'Noah's Ark' and we have a number of live farm animals provided by Maria's Farm. Use your imagination to decorate your car, truck, trunk, tent or space anyway you like to go with Noah's Ark. You don't have to use animals. Think of a rain storm, clouds, rainbows, doves, signs that "God Loves You" or "God's Promises are True!" You will have approximately a 10x25 area to decorate, whether you use your vehicle, pop up tent or natural space. We will be located in the east parking lot behind the F Building under the trees. Registration: <https://www.firstumc.org/tot/>. Social distancing and masks are required. Contact Diana: drussell@firstumc.org

CHILDREN

For information and the Zoom links on the following, contact Cristi: cmoore@firstumc.org

Virtual Sunday School Rooms

<https://www.firstumc.org/children/childrens-sunday-school/>. You can attend Sunday School at a time that is convenient for you. There are rooms for each age level that include Bible stories, activities, games, devotions and much more.

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 social distancing and wear masks so that we can see you in person. To set up a convenient time, click [here](#).

Preschool Pals - Tuesdays at 11am

Great opportunity for our preschool friends. Join us Tuesday mornings via Zoom at 11am for a short Bible lesson and fun activities.

October 22 Art Night at 6:30pm

You don't need to be an artist, just bring a piece of paper, a pencil and something to color with and you can create your own masterpiece.

MISSIONS

Food Collection - This Sunday

Our next collection day for our migrant ministry partners - Mulberry UMC Food Pantry and Called to Serve Farmworkers - is this Sunday, October 11, 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:

Rice
Beans (pinto and black)
Maseca flour
Spaghetti sauce (no glass, only plastic jar)
Canned Tuna and chicken
Vienna Sausage
Canned vegetables
Breakfast cereals

Mobile Food Pantries

Feeding Tampa Bay Polk Mega Pantry - A new opportunity to serve!!! On Mondays, we will help with this distribution at the Lakes Church (1010 E Memorial Blvd, Lakeland, FL 33801). Arrival time is 3 pm. we should be done by 6 pm.

- Minimum age is 13. Masks required.
- Enter Lakes Church off Memorial and take a slight left instead of a right and continue toward the back entrance of the church. You'll find FTB trucks as the road curves right and volunteer parking is straight ahead.

FTB feeds about 800 families each week through this distribution. Sign up: <https://volunteer.feedingtampabay.org>

More Opportunities to Serve

Please let Forrest know if you are going to serve at any of the following: fwhite@firstumc.org

- **Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine (LVIM)** - Second and last Tuesday of each month, from 10:30 am-2:30 pm.
- **Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA)** - Second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 4-6:30 pm at 4441 Academy Drive, Mulberry, 33860.
- **Salvation Army Lakeland** - First and third Thursday, from 8:30 am-12:30 pm.

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

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