

## Prayers, Presence and Gifts

### Hospitalized (as of November 16)

Lori Dettmer, Bobby Gunter and Mary Wheelless

### Deaths

John Cannon, November 14

### Birth

Harriette "Hattie" Jean Capper, October 26  
Daughter of Terry & Jillian Capper

### Presence In Worship

On Line November 8: 1,302

### Gifts

Needed Each Sunday: \$ 69,111  
Received November 8: 99,336  
Received to Date: 2,948,452

## Opportunities

**Today we celebrate Commitment Sunday.** You should have received a 2021 pledge card. If you are attending in person, please drop the pledge card in the offering plates. If you are on livestream, you may pledge by going to: <https://www.firstumc.org/stewardship2021/> You may also drop your card in the mail in the envelope provided.

### A Service of Thanks

November 25, 6:30pm on the lawn.  
We will remember and give thanks for our many blessings. Bring a chair and wear a mask to participate in the informal service.



### Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

sponsored by Temple Emmanuel Sunday,  
**TODAY**, November 22, 4pm via Zoom  
Speakers:  
Rabbi Goldstein/Temple Emanuel  
Pastor Fullerton/First Presbyterian  
Pastor Thomas/ Free Life Chapel  
Rev. David McEntire /First United Methodist  
Father Timothy Labo/ St. Joseph's Catholic  
Go to: <https://bit.ly/35eSdy8> for registration. An email will be sent to you with the Zoom information

**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](http://firstumc.org/give) or contact Harriet Mayes, [hmayes@firstumc.org](mailto: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/](http://firstumc.org/worship-now/)

## 9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		David McEntire
OPENING SONG	<i>Open Up the Heavens</i>	Casey/Cindy and Gary Cleveland
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Please stand</i>	David McEntire
SONG OF PRAISE	<i>Daughter of the King</i>	
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS		
COMMENDATION AND WELCOME		
SONG OF PRAISE	<i>Jesus, We Love You</i>	Cindy/Casey, and Gary Cleveland
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER		David McEntire
OFFERTORY	<i>I Choose Love/Miller</i>	Virtual Youth Choir
SERMON	<i>One Life, One Legacy: A Rooted Life/Ephesians 3:13-17</i>	Melissa Stump
DEDICATION OF COMMITMENT CARDS		
CLOSING SONG	<i>Stand in Your Love</i>	
BENEDICTION		Melissa Stump

## 11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		David McEntire
PRELUDE	<i>Prelude on Dix/Corl</i>	Matthew H. Corl, AAGO
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Please stand</i>	Andy Whitaker Smith
HYMN	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth/arr.Grunewald</i>	Karen Buie/Diana Russell
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 883	<i>Please stand</i>	Andy Whitaker Smith
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM	Heath William Rogers, son of Brad & Katherine Rogers	
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS		
COMMENDATION AND WELCOME		
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Andy Whitaker Smith
ANTHEM	<i>I Choose Love/Miller</i>	Virtual Youth Choir
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY	<i>Come Ye Thankful People Come/Raney</i>	Lee Lallance/Matthew Corl
SERMON	<i>One Life, One Legacy: A Rooted Life/Ephesians 3:13-17</i>	Melissa Stump
DEDICATION OF COMMITMENT CARDS		
HYMN	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	Karen Buie/Diana Russell
BENEDICTION		Melissa Stump
POSTLUDE	<i>Now Thank We All Our God/ Karg-Elert</i>	Matthew H. Corl, AAGO

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**LEADER:** May the glorious, unlimited resources of God empower us with inner strength

**ALL:** **May Christ make his home in our hearts.**

**LEADER:** May we trust Christ in all we do and in all we say.

**ALL:** **May God's Spirit take root and grow in us, giving us love and keeping us strong.**

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**The United Methodist Women have pecans for sale.** You may purchase them at Tracy's Hair Design, 1211 S Florida Ave. Please contact Pat Bradford 863-859-3339 or: Pbrad65024@aol.com

#### **Our Giving Tree Bookstore and Gift Shop**

*Our Giving Tree is decorated for Thanksgiving and Christmas and open for safe shopping by appointment!*

- Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays between 10am and 1pm
- Wednesdays between 5 and 6:30 p.m.

For an appointment (2 shoppers at a time, masks required), email [bookstore@firstumc.org](mailto:bookstore@firstumc.org) or call 863-686-3163 and press \*248 when the receptionist begins speaking. The message you leave on the phone will go directly to the bookstore managers at home. All proceeds go to Missions!

#### **Pastor Andy is leading an Advent study on his new book Keeping Christmas:**

*The Journey of Ebenezer Scrooge.* The book explores themes from Charles' Dicken's classic tale *A Christmas Carol*, and is available in Our Giving Tree and on Amazon, <https://www.amazon.com/Keeping-Christmas-Journey-Ebenezer-Scrooge/dp/B08MMYYBB/>. Pastor Andy will lead the five week study at two different times: Thursdays, 10am, and 6:30pm, beginning November 19. A 6:30pm Sunday evening class beginning November 29 is also a possibility if there is enough interest. Registration and more information: [firstumc.org/keeping-Christmas/](http://firstumc.org/keeping-Christmas/)

**Advent begins November 29.** We have assembled a list of resources to help you observe a meaningful and holy Advent at [firstumc.org/advent](http://firstumc.org/advent). You will find digital devotionals, online retreats and courses, and resources for family faith formation. We pray that these resources will be a blessing to you during this season.

**Poinsettia Orders:** We use Poinsettia's in the Fellowship Center and Sanctuary during the Advent Season to decorate. Poinsettias are donated in honor or in memory of loved ones. Poinsettias are \$12/plant and may be taken home after the last service on Christmas Eve. To order: <https://www.firstumc.org/poinsettias/>. The deadline for orders is December 11.

**Ring the Bell for Salvation Army:** The Red Kettle is a century-old Christmas symbol, helping shoppers remember the needy during the holiday season. We are ringing the bell in two-hour shifts at the Grove Park Publix, 1617 US Highway 98 South, from 10am-8pm each evening (except Sundays) from November 30 until Christmas Eve. <https://www.firstumc.org/missions/salvation-army-red-kettle-bell-ringing/> for important guidelines and instructions on how to sign up.

**Bishop Carter's Wednesday Evening Bible Study,** 6pm on Zoom Continue your spiritual growth with an online Bible Study hosted by Bishop Ken Carter and sponsored by Fill the Table! Join Bishop Carter 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.

Each Wednesday at 6pm, 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.

## CHILDREN

#### **Family Chrismon Make and Take - Two Dates Available**

Saturday, December 5, 9:30am and Sunday, December 6, 3:30pm Join us to learn about Chrismons and make one together for your family tree. Then make a few extra to take and share with others. This will be an outdoor event. Masks are required and social distancing will be observed. Space is limited! Visit [firstumc.org/make-and-take/](http://firstumc.org/make-and-take/) to register and get more detailed information.

#### **Virtual Sunday School Rooms**

Join us for Sunday School at [firstumc.org/children/childrens-sunday-school/](http://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. For more information, contact Cristi: [cmoore@firstumc.org](mailto:cmoore@firstumc.org).

#### **Faith Formation**

To continue our discipleship and learning during this time when we cannot meet face to face, please check our online faith formation page: <https://www.firstumc.org/onlinefaithformation/> for available resources for you and your family.

## MISSIONS

**Once again this Christmas season, we will be helping our friends at Peace River with items for their gift bags.** On December 13, during our 1-4pm monthly food collection at the Missions Depot, we will also receive donations for Peace River. Their list of requests: hygiene products in travel-size bottles - shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, etc. toothbrushes and toothpaste, snacks (a variety) such as individually wrapped cracker packs, Oreos, Rice Krispy treats, candy, etc., combs, coloring books and blank cards for them to give to friends/family.

**Christmas Gifts for Migrant Children:** We have the chance to "adopt" migrant children this holiday season by providing Christmas gifts! We have a list of 84 children in need and their wishes provided by our ministry partner, Called to Serve Farmworkers. If you would like to provide gifts for a migrant child or children, please Forrest White ([fwhite@firstumc.org](mailto:fwhite@firstumc.org)). I will send you details about your child (no names) and their wishes along with instructions on when to drop the gifts at the Missions Depot on the Vistabula Street side of the church.

Our next collection for our migrant ministry partners - **Mulberry UMC Food Pantry and Called to Serve Farmworkers** - will be Sunday, December 13, from 1-4 pm at the Missions Depot. Please provide only requested items and NO glass jars:

- rice
- beans (pinto and black)
- Maseca flour
- spaghetti sauce
- peanut butter
- canned tuna and chicken
- Vienna sausage
- canned vegetables
- Jiffy Cornbread mix
- breakfast cereal



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

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