

Prayers, Presence and Gifts

Hospitalized (as of December 27)

Paul Alley
Doris Beal
Jane Billings
Lori Dettmer
Vesta Foster
Judith Gordon
Bob Paulson
Aubrey Upton

Presence In Worship

In Person: 276
Online: 1,594
Total: 1,870

Gifts

Needed Each Sunday: \$69,933
Received on 12/20: \$46,544
Received to Date: \$3,294,088

Stay Connected

Worship Preparation

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

Our Giving Tree Bookstore and Gift Shop:

You may now make a reservation to visit the bookstore on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am - 1pm and Wednesday evenings. Contact: bookstore@firstumc.org or call 863-686-3163*248 for an appointment.

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:

ON OUR WEBSITE: firstumc.org/online-giving/
ACH, electronic checks (eChecks), debit or credit card

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, please contact Harriet Mayes (hmayes@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).



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.



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**.

Rev. David McEntire, Senior Pastor
Rev. Melissa Stump, Associate Pastor
Rev. Andy Whitaker Smith, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Candace Lewis, District Superintendent,
Bishop Ken Carter, Florida Area Bishop

9:30am Contemporary Worship

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		David McEntire
OPENING SONG	<i>Grace Like Rain</i>	9:30 Worship
CALL TO WORSHIP		David McEntire
SONG OF PRAISE	<i>Joy to the World</i>	Eleven20 Worship
SONG OF PRAISE	<i>New Life</i>	9:30 Worship
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER		David McEntire
OFFERTORY	<i>We Have A Savior/Go Tell It</i>	Eleven20 Worship
SERMON	<i>Emmanuel: God Still With Us/Genesis 26:1-6, 24; 28:10-22</i>	Melissa Stump
CONFESSION, PARDON AND THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		Melissa Stump
COMMUNION		
CLOSING SONG	<i>God With Us</i>	Eleven20 Worship
BENEDICTION		Melissa Stump

11:00am Traditional Worship

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		David McEntire
PRELUDE	<i>Joy to the World/Langlois</i>	Matthew H. Corl, AAGO
CALL TO WORSHIP		David McEntire
HYMN	<i>Joy to the World</i>	Mark Thielen
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881		David McEntire
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Cristi Moore
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		David McEntire
OFFERTORY	<i>Sweet Little Jesus Boy</i>	Mark Thielen
SERMON	<i>Emmanuel: God Still With Us/Genesis 26:1-6, 24; 28:10-22</i>	Melissa Stump
CONFESSION, PARDON AND THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		Melissa Stump
COMMUNION		
HYMN	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>	Mark Thielen
BENEDICTION		Melissa Stump
POSTLUDE	<i>Go, Tell It!/Corl</i>	Matthew Corl, AAGO

Call to Worship (All Services)

LEADER: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
ALL: Surely God is with us now!
LEADER: In the midst of His children, the Lord said He would be.
ALL: Let us feel God's mighty power and God's grace

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OPPORTUNITIES

Coffee with the Pastors - Jan 10

For those who have been attending First UMC for a while or since we have been worshiping and meeting only via Livestream or Facebook and have decided to join the church, you are welcome to have Coffee with the Pastors from 5:00pm - 6:30pm on Jan 10. We will be meeting at church in the Fellowship Center and we will observe social distancing protocols and wear masks. 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 online through Zoom.

It is important you register so the link for the Zoom meeting can be sent to you along with other information and material about joining the church. Please register online at www.firstumc.org/coffee. If you have any questions, please email Diana Russell at drussell@firstumc.org.

We have Bible study and faith formation resources for all ages available on our website at firstumc.org/grow. For more information on these opportunities, email Warren.

Sunday School for Adults

Many of our Sunday School classes are meeting online. Check the start times as some have shifted to accommodate in-person worship times. Visitors are welcome to participate in any of these classes. For more information on connecting with a particular class, email Warren.

The monthly Bible studies with our pastors continue on Tuesday, January 5 at 6:30pm.

- Women's Bible Study with Pastor Melissa, via Zoom. Email mstump@firstumc.org for Zoom login information.
- Men's Bible Study with Pastor David, via Zoom. Email dmcentire@firstumc.org for Zoom login information.

Our Giving Tree Bookstore and Gift Shop

- 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 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!

Our Giving Tree is creating a mailing list to inform patrons of Our Giving Tree regarding news in the store, especially about new or re-stocked items that are popular, such as premium olive oils, Salt Sisters seasonings and seasonal books. If you would like to receive occasional emails or texts from Our Giving Tree, please email bookstore@firstumc.org and let us know! Include your cell number to receive texts.

CHILDREN

Contact Director of Children's Ministry, Cristi Moore for information and Zoom links: cmoore@firstumc.org

Virtual Sunday School Rooms

Join us for Sunday School: 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.

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 at <https://www.firstumc.org/onlinefaithformation/> for available resources for you and your family.

Thursday Art Night at 6:30pm on Zoom

Join us January 7th for an art night! You don't need to be an artist. Just bring a piece of paper, a pencil and something to color with and create your own masterpiece! For more information or Zoom link, contact Cristi Moore at cmoore@firstumc.org.

Preschool Pals every Tuesday at 11 am

Great new opportunity for our preschool friends! Join us Tuesday mornings via Zoom at 11am for a short Bible lesson and some fun activities. For more information or Zoom link, contact Cristi Moore at cmoore@firstumc.org.

MISSIONS

Thank you to all who gave during the month of December! This month, First United members:

"Adopted" 81 children of migrant farmworkers, shopped off of their wish lists, purchased and wrapped their presents, and then dropped them off for us to deliver.

Provided enough toiletries, snack foods and other requested items to fill 300 Christmas gift bags for our friends at Peace River.

Purchased and dropped off more than 3,000 pounds of food to our migrant ministry partners in Mulberry.

Children's Clothes Closet in Need

On January 10, from 1-4pm at the Mission Depot, we will collect clothes for our Children's Clothes Closet during our monthly food collection. They are in need of jackets, sweatshirts, jeans and pants for boys and girls ages 6-16. All donations are appreciated.

Food and Clothing Collection

Our next collection for our migrant ministry partners - Mulberry UMC Food Pantry and Called to Serve Farmworkers - will be Sunday, January 10, 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