

## Prayers, Presence and Gifts

### Birth

Estelle Jennings Goble, January 1  
Daughter of Justin & Tamme Goble

### Hospitalized (as of January 4)

Paul Alley  
Terry Atwell  
Jane Billings  
Vesta Foster  
Lois Goble  
Judith Gordon  
Judith Seaver

### Death:

Tom Eads, December 30  
Bob Paulsen, January 3

### Presence In Worship December 27:

In Person: 160  
Online: 1,242  
Total: 1,402

### Gifts

Needed Each Sunday: \$69,933  
Received on December 27: \$117,550  
Received to Date: \$3,411,638

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

### 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.

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.

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

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>Your Love Defends Me</i>	9:30 Praise Band
CALL TO WORSHIP		Melissa Stump
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Oh, Our Lord</i>	11:20 Band
	<i>You're the God Who Stays</i>	9:30 Praise Band
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER		Melisa Stump
OFFERTORY	<i>This I Know</i>	11:20 Band
SERMON	<i>Emmanuel: God (Still) With Us: Going With God</i>	Andy Whitaker Smith
	Exodus 33:12-14; Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Joshua 1:5-9	
CLOSING SONG	<i>Amazed</i>	11:20 Band
BENEDICTION		Andy Whitaker Smith

### 11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		David McEntire
PRELUDE	<i>God of Grace/Manz</i>	Matthew H. Corl, AAGO
CALL TO WORSHIP		David McEntire
HYMN 577	<i>God of Grace</i>	Karen Buie
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 889		David McEntire
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		David McEntire
ANTHEM	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	Matt Davis and Sarah Morrison
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		David McEntire
OFFERTORY	<i>Safe Within Your Arms/Hayes</i>	Karen Buie
SERMON	<i>Emmanuel: God (Still) With Us: Going With God</i>	Andy Whitaker Smith
	Exodus 33:12-14; Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Joshua 1:5-9	
HYMN 664	<i>Sent Forth By God's Blessing</i>	Karen Buie
BENEDICTION		Andy Whitaker Smith
POSTLUDE	<i>The Ash Grove/Deasley</i>	Matthew H. Corl, AAGO

### CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: As we gather to worship you, Holy One  
**ALL: Show us your presence, O God.**  
LEADER: As we unite our voices to praise you, Lover of Justice  
**ALL: Show us your glory, O God.**

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## OPPORTUNITIES

### Coffee with the Pastors - Today

For those who have been attending First United Methodist for a while or since we have been worshipping 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 - 6:30pm today. We will be meeting at church in the Fellowship Center and 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](http://www.firstumc.org/coffee). If you have any questions, email Diana: [drussell@firstumc.org](mailto:drussell@firstumc.org).

### Our Giving Tree Bookstore and Gift Shop

is 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!

### Bible Studies and Faith Formation Resources

We have Bible study and faith formation resources for all ages available on our website at [firstumc.org/grow](http://firstumc.org/grow). For more information on these opportunities, email Warren: [wpattison@firstumc.org](mailto:wpattison@firstumc.org)

### 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: [wpattison@firstumc.org](mailto:wpattison@firstumc.org).

First United Methodist: [Firstumc.org](http://Firstumc.org)

Bulletins: [firstumc.org/bulletin](http://firstumc.org/bulletin)

News: [firstumc.org/news](http://firstumc.org/news)

On Line Giving: [firstumc.org/give](http://firstumc.org/give)  
[firstumc.org/pray](http://firstumc.org/pray)

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

## CHILDREN and YOUTH

### Thursday Game Night | January 21 @ 6:30pm on Zoom

Join us for a short devotion and some time to hang out and play games! For more information or Zoom link, contact Cristi Moore at [cmoore@firstumc.org](mailto:cmoore@firstumc.org).

### Preschool Pals every Tuesday at 11am

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](mailto:cmoore@firstumc.org).

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

### Sunday Youth Group Upcoming Schedule:

We are meeting Sundays, 4:30-5:30pm in the Fountain Courtyard January, 10 with Pastor Melissa and January 17 with Pastor Andy Drop off is at the gate that leads to the fountain patio (by the entrance to the C-building into the Giving Tree Bookstore) Pick up is at the main entrance to F (youth) building.

### Our safety protocols:

- Temperature checks upon arrival
  - Masks required
  - Social distancing
  - Each person should bring their own chair
- Bring your own water bottle (refreshments will NOT be provided) Should you have any questions please contact Pastor Melissa, [mstump@firstumc.org](mailto:mstump@firstumc.org) Hope to see you there!

*The Lord Himself goes before you  
and will be with you  
He will never leave  
you nor forsake you  
Deuteronomy 31:8*

## MISSIONS

For information on Mission opportunities listed below or to sign up, contact Forrest, Director of Mission Ministries, [fwhite@firstumc.org](mailto:fwhite@firstumc.org)

**Our next food collection for our Migrant Ministry Partners - Mulberry UMC Food Pantry and Called to Serve Farmworkers -** is this Sunday, January 10, from 1-4 pm at the Missions Depot. Please provide only requested items and NO glass jars:

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

**Our Children's Clothes Closet** is asking for donations this Sunday, from 1-4 at the Missions Depot. All donations are appreciated, but the CCC especially need jackets, sweatshirts, jeans and pants for boys and girls ages 6-16.

### Gleaning in 2021

Our friends with Society of St. Andrew ([www.endhunger.org/florida](http://www.endhunger.org/florida)) have begun adding gleaning opportunities for 2021. Go here to register: <https://endhunger.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=46852>. After you are registered, you'll enter your email address and name on subsequent visits and go straight to the Florida gleaning calendar. You will also receive emails when gleaning events are added. SoSA requires all volunteers to sign up through this system. Please let Forrest know whenever you sign up to glean in case there is a last-minute change in plans. Gleaning is a great way to serve for people of all ages. Children are welcome to serve with their parents! In 2020, SoSA Florida gleaned and moved more than 10.5 million pounds of food.

### Mobile Food Pantries

Feeding Tampa Bay (FTB) Polk Mega Pantry - On Monday afternoons, we help with this distribution at the Lakes Church (1010 E Memorial Blvd, Lakeland, FL 33801). Arrival time is 3:05pm and we should be done by 6pm. Minimum age is 13. Masks required. Enter Lakes Church off Memorial. Go left. Continue toward the back of the church. You'll see FTB trucks as the road curves right and volunteer parking is straight ahead. FTB feeds about 900 families each week through this distribution. Link to sign up: <https://volunteer.feedingtampabay.org/opportunity/a19f4000000oHzeAAE>

**Lakeland Volunteers In Medicine (LVIM)** - Second and last Tuesday of each month from 10:30am-1pm, 600 W Peachtree St, Lakeland, 33815. Next opportunity to serve is Tuesday, January 12.

**Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA)** - Second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 4-6:30pm at 4441 Academy Drive, Mulberry, 33860. First opportunity to serve in 2021 is Wednesday, January 13

**Salvation Army Lakeland** - First and third Thursday, from 8:30 am-12:30 pm. First opportunity to serve in 2021 is Thursday, January 21.