

## Prayers, Presence and Gifts

### Hospitalized (as of January 11)

Terry Atwell  
Judith Gordon  
Mary Ellen Rider  
Linda Schlacter  
Vera Strayer  
Jim Verplanck

### Death

Lawrence Sullivan, December 31  
Jose Bove, January 9  
Mary Wheelless, January 12  
Jacque Smith, January 12

### Presence In Worship, January 3

In-Person: 143  
Online: 1196  
Total: 1339  
Podcast: 111

### Gifts

Needed Each Sunday: \$ 69,317  
Received on January 3: \$ 29,418

### 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.

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

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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>No Matter What</i>	9:30 Praise Band
CALL TO WORSHIP		Andy Whitaker Smith
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Christ Be Magnified; What a Friend</i>	11:20 Band, 9:30 Praise Band
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM	Harriette 'Hattie' Jean Capper/Daughter of Terry & Jillian Capper	
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE		
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER		Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY	<i>Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)</i>	11:20 Band
SERMON	Emmanuel: God (Still) With Us: <i>Through the Waters</i>	David McEntire
	Isaiah 41:10, 43:2-4	
CLOSING SONG	<i>It Is Well</i>	11:20 Band
BENEDICTION		David McEntire

### 11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		David McEntire
PRELUDE	<i>Toccata on Foundation/Phillips</i>	Matthew H. Corl, AAGO
CALL TO WORSHIP		Melissa Stump
HYMN 529	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	Debbie Klise, flute
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 883		Melissa Stump
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Melissa Stump
ANTHEM	<i>God is Our Refuge and Strength/Page</i>	Chancel Choir
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Melissa Stump
OFFERTORY	<i>My Faith Has Found a Resting Place/The Solid Rock</i>	Debbie Klise, flute
SERMON	Emmanuel: God (Still) With Us: <i>Through the Waters</i>	David McEntire
	Isaiah 41:10, 43: 2-5	
HYMN 474	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	Debbie Klise, flute
BENEDICTION		David McEntire
POSTLUDE	<i>Postlude in D/Willan</i>	Matthew H. Corl, AAGO

### CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: God has made a way in the wilderness.

**ALL: We will set our feet on the path of the Lord.**

LEADER: God has brought a river to the desert.

**ALL: We will drink from God's holy waters.**

LEADER: God is doing a new thing for us.

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### Our Giving Tree Bookstore and Gift Shop

Our Giving Tree 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).

**Sunday School presentation on Human Trafficking.** At 9:30am on Sun, Jan, 24, Stephanie Dow will present a lesson on Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention. This Summer, First United Methodist Church Council passed a resolution to be a Human Trafficking Free Zone. This includes educating our congregation about Human Trafficking and how we can work to bring an end to it. All are welcome to join Ms. Dow in the Koinonia Class via Zoom for this presentation. Email Warren to receive the Zoom link.

**Parenting Now presents Rebekah Gienapp on Raising Antiracist Kids.** Join us for an important conversation with Rebekah Gienapp, author of "Raising Antiracist Kids." We'll discuss how to get comfortable talking about race with your kids, how you can take action as a family against racism, and raise antiracist kids at every age and stage. Our Zoom conversation will happen on wed, Jan 27 at 7:30pm. You can learn more and register at [firstumc.org/parents](http://firstumc.org/parents).

### Explore First - January, 31, 5:30pm

For questions about the church and about First United Methodist, join us for Explore First where you have the opportunity to discover answers. Explore where you fit in and how to get connected on your faith journey.

Sunday, January, 31 from 5:30 - 6:30pm we will meet outdoors in the breezeway by the Chapel as well as via Zoom. It is important to register so the link for the Zoom meeting can be sent to you if you do not wish to attend in person. Please register online at [www.firstumc.org/membership/explore-first/](http://www.firstumc.org/membership/explore-first/). If you have any questions, email Diana Russell: [drussell@firstumc.org](mailto:drussell@firstumc.org).

## CHILDREN

For information regarding Children's Ministry events or Zoom links, please contact Cristi Moore, [cmoore@firstumc.org](mailto:cmoore@firstumc.org).

### Thursday Game Night, January 21 at 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 11 am

Preschool friends age 2 and up - this is for you! 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

Don't miss out on Sunday School! You can access this any time during the week at [firstumc.org/children/childrens-sunday-school/](http://firstumc.org/children/childrens-sunday-school/). 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).

### Teddy Bear Adoption Event | Free Event

Our furry friends need your children's help to get ready for Easter! Children 5th Grade and younger have the opportunity to adopt a teddy bear and read bible verses to their new bear and give them lots of love each day during Lent. Don't worry. We will provide the verses, and it's okay for you to join in on the fun. Our drive-thru adoption center will be open Saturday, February 13 and Sunday, February 14, from 3-5pm. Find more info and reserve your bear at [firstumc.org/teddybear](http://firstumc.org/teddybear)

So DO NOT  
FEAR

for I AM  
WITH YOU;

Do not be  
DISMAYED

for I AM  
YOUR GOD.

I will  
STRENGTHEN  
YOU and  
HELP YOU;

I will  
UPHOLD YOU  
with my righteous  
right hand.

Scholarships for college and higher education are now available at: [firstumc.org/scholarship](http://firstumc.org/scholarship)  
They are due no later than February 26, 2021.

## 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)

### 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.

**Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA)** - Second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 4-6:30pm at 4441 Academy Drive, Mulberry, 33860.

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

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