

To all of you at First UMC:

Life has its ups and downs. Without question my time at First UMC has been an "up." The people here have been very cordial and helpful in every stage of my forty year residence. One could say it has been my happiest ministry. That seems to be the nature of our time together. For those years you have been my friends and co-workers, including both pastors and church members. I have been loved and have loved all of you. Seven years ago, when my wife died, I thought you had reached your maximum personal responses. But there was more to come. Cards and letters and hugs along with memorial gifts, and food and home visits (I like those best, with or without food.)

These last few months have been a special ordeal. The death of my son, Mike, and my own illness, although among the worst moments of my life, have been the occasion for more exchanges of affection with you. You have been my supporters and my encouragement. I will always remember you as a source of strength and hopefulness. Please accept my thanks for all you have done, in every way, and know that I will never forget your spiritual support or your personal reassurance. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Bill Carter, retired minister

**Year-to-Date Operating Funds as of 7/31/18**

Revenues	297,518
Operating Expenses	327,219
Surplus/(Deficit)	(29,702)

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR  
 AUGUST 19-25, 2018**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19**  
 9:15 Sunday School  
 10:30 Worship Service  
 4:30 Children, Youth, & Wayfinders Activities  
 5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper  
 6:15 The Branch  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 20**  
 7:00 Boy Scouts  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 21**  
 4:30 Staff Meeting  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22**  
 4:15 Youth Choir  
 5:00 Guitar Class  
 5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper  
 6:15 Children & Youth Activities  
 7:30 Chancel Choir  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 23**  
 10:00 UMW Executive Board Mtg.  
 6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978  
 6:00 Wayfinders  
 6:30 Connections/Communications  
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers- gym  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 25**  
 9:30 K-4 to Quantum Leap and lunch  
 10:00 Community Mission Food Distribution  
 1:15 Jr. High to Lamplight Theater

**SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:**  
**USHERS:** David Denny, Ernie Walker, Ken Talley, Dale Schmitt  
**GREETERS:** Jamee Roberts, Ann Mohap, Bonnie Sampson, Joanne Peterson  
**PRAYER:** Steve Gross **CROSSBEARER:** Macy Shell  
**ACOLYTE:** Avery Nelson **BEADLE:** Ellie Nelson  
**AUDIOVISUAL:**



**First United Methodist Church**

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Worship Guide & Church Life Information Bulletin

Welcome to 1st Church! We are glad you are here.

Please sign the red registration pad at one end of each pew.

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**August 19, 2018**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**PRELUDE** "Bread of the World" arr. Gilbert Martin

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, give thanks to the Lord with all your heart and soul!

**People: We will rejoice over God's many blessings poured out on us!**

Leader: Come, be nourished by the words and witness of Jesus Christ.

**People: We stand in awe of God's absolute, steadfast love for us.**

Leader: Come, let us worship and rejoice!

**People: With gratefulness, we will praise and honor God, today and all the days of our lives.**

**INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 92

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Holy Parent, we have lived as unwise people.

**People: God, forgive us for wasting our time and energy on things that have no eternal value.**

Leader: We have been foolish.

**People: Jesus, forgive us when we fail to seek Your will for our lives.**

Leader: We have filled ourselves with the wine of worldliness.

**People: Holy Spirit, forgive us when we do not allow You to fully dwell in us.**

Leader: Forgive us when we forget or choose to ignore all that You have taught us.

**People: Great Triune God of grace, forgive us when we lean on our own understanding and fail to trust You with all our heart. Forgive us when do not act in kindness and truth. Clear our minds of evil thoughts and teach us to live in gratitude and praise.**

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Even though we turn our backs on God, God is ready to forgive and heal our spirits. God's love never fails, and we can rejoice in the power of that eternal truth. My friends, trust and rejoice in the good news of the Gospel:

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are healed and forgiven. Thanks be to God! AMEN**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Proverbs 3:1-6

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** Cheryl, Rose, and Linnea Jones

**MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. AMEN**

**\*HYMN OF REFLECTION** "Forever" Supplement #3023 & Words on Screen

**OFFERTORY** "Give Thanks" arr. Jan Sanborn

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 94

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Ephesians 5:15-20

**ANTHEM** "Take the World, But Give Me Jesus"

*Take the world, but give me Jesus, all its joys are but a name;  
But His love abides forever, through eternal years the same.  
Take the world, but give me Jesus, sweetest comfort of my soul;  
With my Savior watching o'er me, I can sing though billows roll.  
  
Oh, the height and depth of mercy! Oh, the wideness of His care!  
Give me Jesus, only Jesus, none on earth can compare.*

*Take the world, but give me Jesus, let me view His constant smile;  
Then throughout my pilgrim journey light will cheer me all the while.  
Take the world, but give me Jesus, in His cross my trust shall be;  
Til, with clearer, brighter vision, face to face my Lord I see.*

**SERMON** "Just Pay Attention" Rev. Jane Taylor

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Alleluia, Alleluia" No. 162

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.*

**GO IN PEACE, GREET ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, AND TAKE THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH YOU THIS WEEK TO SHARE WITH ALL YOU MEET.**

Sympathy is extended to Jean Thayer and family in the death of her sister, LaWanda Baskette.

August 19, 2018 Prayer Requests

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Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>Prayer list:</b>    | Brian Milby                       |
| Betty & Aldon Speer    | Ryan Donnelly                     |
| Barbara Marrs          | Bill Jenkins                      |
| Elizabeth Bailey       | Magnolia Ridge family of recovery |
| Dot Woodby             | Cynthia Nieto                     |
| Ralph & Joan Garland   | Phil & Diana Pipkin               |
| Nancy Jewell           | Mark Nottingham & family          |
| Bobbie Wells           | Don Bettis                        |
| Elizabeth Wells        | Bryan Murphy                      |
| Clare Warren & parents | John Hames                        |
| Catherine Cartus       | Daniel                            |
| Tom Palmer             | Frannie Knouse                    |
| Kevin Jones            | Lauren Dake                       |
| Carrie Denny           | Brittany Newton                   |
| Bob & Dee Lentz        | Rev. David Neel                   |
| Carolyn Wood           | Jim Paveglio                      |
| Sue Speer              | Cody Hammond                      |
| Kim Church             | Julie Harris                      |
| LaMarr Talley          | Dacia Harris                      |
| Evelyn Moore           | Chelsea Dewbre                    |
| Steve Holmes           | Joe Campbell                      |
| Linda Church           | Mitch Link                        |
| Jo Cross               | Family of Betty Fitzgerald        |
| Edna Johnson           | Michael Harrell                   |
| Jerry & Judy Rust      | Sharyn Lessly                     |
| Bill & Mary McClellan  | Al Shelnutt                       |

There will be a called UMW Executive Board Meeting Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.