

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	How Majestic is Your Name/Ray	Andy Whitaker Smith Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*HYMN	Lord, I Lift Your Name On High	Kim DuBreuil
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 889		
*GLORIA PATRI	We Will Glorify	Kim DuBreuil
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE		Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY	Romance, Op. 94; I. Nicht Schnell/Schumann	Sarah Skoll, oboe
DOXOLOGY 95	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	The Question that Changes Everything (Matthew 16:13-20)	
	Charley Reeb	
*HYMN 189	Fairest Lord Jesus	
*BENEDICTION		Charley Reeb
*RESPONSE	As We Go	
POSTLUDE	Toccata/Weaver	Matthew H. Corl

9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Kim DuBreuil
*SONGS OF PRAISE	Oh, How I Need You, Never Ending Grace, Blessed Assurance	Kim DuBreuil
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER		Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY	All The Poor And Powerless	
SERMON	The Question that Changes Everything (Matthew 16:13-20)	
	Charley Reeb	
*SONG OF RESPONSE	Less Like Me	
*BENEDICTION		Charley Reeb

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	Jubilate Deo/Pumfrey	Andy Whitaker Smith Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*HYMN 185	When Morning Gilds the Skies	Andy Whitaker Smith
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 889		
*GLORIA PATRI	Glory Be to the Father	
ANTHEM	Romance, Op. 94; I. Nicht Schnell/Schumann	Sarah Skoll, oboe
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE		Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY	Sing On, Dance On!/Weston	Chancel Choir
DOXOLOGY 94	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	The Question that Changes Everything (Matthew 16:13-20)	
	Charley Reeb	
*HYMN 189	Fairest Lord Jesus	
*BENEDICTION		Charley Reeb
*RESPONSE 666	Shalom to You	
POSTLUDE	Toccata/Weaver	Matthew H. Corl

*Please stand if you are able

Second Sunday Gathering

Join us for refreshments and fellowship
in the Welcome Center

11:00AM THE CURRENT		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Kim DuBreuil
*SONGS OF PRAISE	Oh, How I Need You, Never Ending Grace, Joy Of The Lord	Kim DuBreuil
CENTERING PRAYER		
OFFERTORY	All The Poor And Powerless	
*DOXOLOGY		
SERMON	Faith When It Counts (Daniel 6:10-12, 16, 19-23, 25-27)	
COMMUNION		Kim DuBreuil
*SONG OF RESPONSE	Blessed Assurance	
*BENEDICTION		Kim DuBreuil

CALL TO WORSHIP	
LEADER: We have come to this place in need for healing and hope.	
ALL: Gather us in, Lord, hear our prayers.	
LEADER: We come here seeking guidance and strength	
ALL: Gather us in, Lord, heal our spirits.	
LEADER: Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to comprehend your word and follow you faithfully.	
ALL: Gather us in, Lord, open our hearts to receive your word. AMEN.	

ABOUT OUR SERVICES

We are glad you joined us today! Whether you are a member or a guest, please take a moment to register your attendance at firstumc.org/connect.

Visit firstumc.org/connect or scan the QR code

for: Attendance Registration, Worship Bulletins, Prayer Requests, & Online Giving

Presence in Worship (July 7)

In Person: 695

Online: 902

Total: 1,597

Giving Through June 29, 2025

YTD Budgeted Income: \$2,040,408

YTD Actual Income: 1,831,473

\$(208,935)

Questions? Call Patrick Hamrick in the church office, 863-686-3163 x213

Text to Give: Text any amount to 855-485-1651, and you will receive a link to contribute.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE	
Please notify the church when you are in the hospital!	
For care and love from pastors & the church, call or email the church office and leave word about your hospitalization. If you are unable to do this, ask a friend or relative to do it for you.	
Hospital	Tim Marsh

Altar Flowers

In memory of Buz Watkins and Mildred Watkins by The Watkins Family

To dedicate Altar Flowers in Memory or in Honor of a loved one, visit firstumc.org/altar-flowers or contact Angela Everett: 863-686-3163.



DEVOTIONAL GUIDE	
Weekly Scripture Text: Matthew 16:13-20	
Monday: How would you answer Jesus’ question, “Who do you say I am?” What does your answer reveal about your relationship with him?	
Tuesday: Why do you think Jesus first asked his disciples what others said about him? What does this tell us about the differing perceptions of Christ in today’s world?	
Wednesday: Jesus tells Peter that his revelation of Christ’s identity comes from God. How can we seek and recognize divine revelation in our own lives?	

Thursday: In what ways do you think the Church is built on the foundation of Christ? How can we actively participate in this building process within our community?
Friday: What do you think it means to have the “keys to the kingdom of heaven”? How does this authority impact your daily life and interactions with others? Jesus instructed his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. Why do you think he did this? How does this relate to our approach in sharing our faith today?

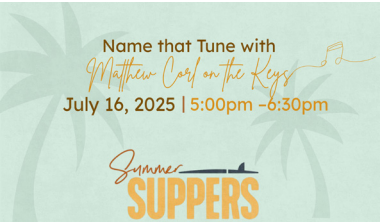
ANNOUNCEMENTS

To learn more about the ministries of the church and how to get connected, contact The Church Office (info@firstumc.org - 863-686-3163)



Advent Devotional Writers

Be part of this year's daily devotional book by sharing your voice and creativity! Whether it's a short written reflection (under 500 words), a meaningful story or memory, a family tradition, a favorite recipe, an original poem, an acrostic, a skit, or even a piece of visual art-all formats are welcome. Deadline to submit your work to adventdevotion@firstumc.org is Oct 10.



July & August Summer Suppers

Join us for Summer Suppers on Wednesdays at 5pm in the Fellowship Center! Enjoy a delicious meal and fun evening activities for \$10/person. Themes include Name That Tune with Matthew Corl (July 16), Antique Road Show with Lloyd's of Lakeland (July 30), Movie Trivia Night (August 13), and Karaoke Night (August 27). For more info, contact Andrea Bailey.

Donate now to the Rio Texas Conference Disaster Response

Advance #2050 | Note “Guadalupe River Flood” on your gift.

Donate to UMCOR now through First UMC's online giving!
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z5A5/campaign/C-12FF4>

CHILDREN

For information regarding Children's Ministry events, contact Kristin Santonastaso, Associate Director of Children's Ministries: ksantonastaso@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x228

Sundays
9:30am KIC Start (Infants 6 weeks - VPK)
11am Childcare (Infants 6 weeks - VPK)

Promotion Sunday, Sunday, Aug 10, 9:30-10:30

As the new school year begins, most students move up to the next class in KIC Start according to their age, creating an exciting opportunity for them to learn new skills and form connections with their new teachers. Classes open at 9:15. Please allow extra time so we can ensure all children get to the correct classroom.

KIC Family Event, July 20th, 2:30-4:30pm

Join us for an exciting event at Lakeland Ice Cream Company South. Delight in refreshing treats while socializing with fellow parents. Don't forget to try your luck by spinning the wheel for a possible discount on your ice cream purchase. No need to register in advance, simply show up and have a fantastic time! We will be there rain or shine.

Children's Ministry Seeking Sunday and Wednesday Staff

The Children's Ministry is seeking enthusiastic individuals to join our team. This is a great opportunity for college students looking for a few hours of work each week. We need help on Sundays from 9 AM to 10:30 AM and Wednesdays from 5:40 PM to 7:45 PM. If you're interested in learning more, please contact Megan at MGallagher@firstumc.org.

KIC Start (Sunday School) Leaders- 9:30 Service (Aug through May)

Children's Ministry is seeking passionate individuals who want to support elementary-aged children (K-5th grade) in their spiritual growth during the 9:30 service. We are looking for volunteers who can commit to serving on a weekly or bi-weekly basis from August to May. All necessary teaching materials will be provided, and volunteers will lead activities that align with the weekly Bible story. Additionally, participants must complete an annual online training and undergo a background check. If you're interested, please contact Kristin Santonastaso by calling the church or emailing her at KSantonastaso@firstumc.org.

MISSIONS

For more information regarding Missions, contact Forrest White, Director of Missions: fwhite@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x224.

Disaster Recovery Team

If you are interested in helping with Hurricane Helene recovery in Western North Carolina during the week of Sep 7-13, please reach out to Forrest White, Director of Missions, as soon as possible. Deadline to sign up is July 23.

Philip O'Brien Elementary School

The 2025-26 school year is just around the corner! Please consider helping our partner school in one of more of these ways: 1) Campus beautification project, 8:30am-Noon on July 25. If you can't stay the whole time it's ok! 2) The school requests these items for the new year: Clorox Wipes, Lysol spray, Kleenex. Please leave in blue bins and marked for POB; 3) Serve as a kindergarten reading pal for an hour each week. Training required. Must be screened by PCSB. 4) Help with orientation for 4-6pm on Aug 7. 5) Provide food for staff breakfast on Aug 8. Food will need to be dropped at First UMC by 4pm on Aug 7. Contact either of our O'Brien passion team leaders for additional information - Joleen Golden (joleengolden@yahoo.com) or Ann Skellenger (abraham409@aol.com).

INVITE

For more information, contact Invite Ministry Pastor, Kim DuBreuil, at kdubreuil@firstumc.org or Invite Ministries Coordinator, Andrea Bailey, at abailey@firstumc.org

Hospital Visitors

We visit patients 5-6 days per week. Our pastors each visit 1 day per week. We need volunteers to visit on the other days, and on Pastors' vacation days. Commit to one day per month or more if you wish! For more info, contact Executive Assistant, Nicole Wood at nwood@firstumc.org.

Home Visitation

Seeking volunteers to make quarterly homevisits to our church members. Commit to visiting 1 or 2 members, or more if you wish! For more info, contact Executive Assistant, Nicole Wood at nwood@firstumc.org.

New Member Sunday is July 20 for anyone who wants to renew or profess their faith in Jesus Christ for the first time. Contact Pastor Kim.

Justice Team Meeting, Tuesday, July 15 at 5:15pm (Church Office)

All are invited to come learn more about Justice. Our team partners with P.E.A.C.E (Polk Ecumenical Action Council for Empowerment) a local DART Network that is a congregation-based community organization, which builds people power to do justice. Contact Pastor Kim.

YOUTH

For information regarding our Youth Ministry events, contact Emily Felgenhauer, Director of Youth Ministries: efelgenhauer@firstumc.org, (863) 687-9750 x253.

Sunday, July 13:
10:30-11am Donuts and Discussion
3:30-5pm Youth Praise Band Practice
5-7pm Youth Group

Wednesday, July 16:
TreeHoppers Aerial Adventure Park

For our Summer Events visit firstumc.org/youth.

Local Mission Week, July 21-24, 9am-4pm

Join us for our Local Mission Week as we serve numerous organizations in our community! This is a daily drop off and pick up weeklong activity that does not include overnights. Youth who sign up are signing up to participate all 4 days. For more info or to register visit firstumc.org/youth.

Middle School Mystery Event, Sun, Aug 3, 10am-3:15pm

Join us for our Middle School Mystery Event! This event is for our rising sixth graders through current seventh graders (rising eighth graders) and will be a super fun opportunity for our Middle School students to bond! For more info or to register by July 23 visit firstumc.org.

Youth Family Fall Kick Off, Sun, Aug 10, 5-7pm

This year is going to be OUT OF THIS WORLD. Join us for our Youth Family Fall Kick-Off! Youth and parents are invited to come learn all about our big events, curriculum, and win prizes! This is a free event. For more info or to register by Aug 6 visit firstumc.org/youth.

ADULTS

For more information, contact Warren Pattison, Director of Adult Ministries: wpattison@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x227. Registration for groups, classes, and courses is available at firstumc.org/groups.

Adult Sunday School Continues All Summer!

Join us Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Wesley Center, Second Floor to connect with others and deepen your faith journey. Whether you're new to studying the Bible or a seasoned student, you'll find a welcoming community and valuable insights. Most classes offer both in-person and online options. Explore our classes:

- **BYKOTA-Homebuilders:** Led by Rev. Brian Tiffany, using the Unified Lesson Series, will turn to the gospels for a study of Jesus' relation to the temple during the month of July.
- **Genesis:** Rev. David McEntire leads the class in July and August exploring the Book of James.
- **Koinonia:** Rev. Terry Heck leads this class using "Feasting of the Word" based on the Revised Common Lectionary.
- **Searchers:** Martha Lou Luce is leading a study of the Gospel of Matthew using Matthew Skinner's book as a resource.
- **Sendero:** Donna Jones leads an exploration of Courage, a book by Bishop Tom Berlin.
- **Vanguard:** Rev. Charles Polstra leads this class in July using the Adult Bible Study Curriculum.

Christ-centered Yoga Summer Series, Mondays through Aug 4, 6 - 7pm, Rm C-201D

Join a beginner level, slow-flow Christ-centered yoga class with Be Still Movement. Experience a time to enjoy stillness through physical movement, meditation, & breath prayers as worship to Christ. A time to slow down and come as you are. Be Still Movement is led by Christ-centered yoga instructor, Sarah Lloyd. Suggested Donation: \$10 collected at class. Register at firstumc.org/groups.

JOY July Luncheon and Stained-Glass Window Tour, Fri, July 25, Noon

Join our JOY (Just Older Youth) 55+ Ministry for a special July event! Enjoy a delicious meal in the parlor followed by a guided tour of our Sanctuary's stunning stained-glass windows, led by Carolyn Lindsey. Learn about their history and the biblical narratives they depict. The cost for the luncheon is \$10. Register at firstumc.org/events.

JOY August Luncheon and Celebration of Life Presentation, Fri, Aug 15, Parlor, Noon

Our luncheon will commence at noon in the Parlor, where you can enjoy a delightful meal in the company of fellow JOY members. Following the luncheon, Nicole Wood, will be lead a presentation on Planning a Celebration of Life. This is a valuable opportunity to learn how to thoughtfully plan a service that honors your life, reflects your values, and provides comfort to your loved ones. The cost for the luncheon is \$10. Register at firstumc.org/events.

Rooted Young Adult Gatherings, Wed, 7:30pm, F Bldg. Café

Rooted is a place for 20-30 somethings to connect, grow, and explore faith with other young adults. This summer, we will study 1 Corinthians by N.T. Wright on Wednesday nights in the F Bldg. Café. On the last Wednesday of the month, we meet offsite for fellowship and fun. All are welcome to come with questions, doubts, and beliefs; this is a safe space for open conversations. Sign up at firstumc.org/groups.

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