

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
<b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
<b>PRELUDE</b>	Prelude/Tindall	Elaine Clemens
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		Charley Reeb
<b>*HYMN</b>	Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning To End)	
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 883</b>		Charley Reeb
<b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>	We Will Glorify	
<b>PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE</b>		Charley Reeb
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Sarah Morrison, violin; Matt Davis, cello	
<b>SERMON</b>	The Positivity of Shame (2 Samuel 12:1-13)	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>INVITATION, CONFESSION, &amp; PARDON</b>		
<b>THE GREAT THANKSGIVING</b>		Charley Reeb
<b>COMMUNION</b>		
<b>*HYMN 548</b>	In Christ There is No East or West	
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>*RESPONSE</b>	As We Go	
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Partita/Pachelbel	Elaine Clemens

9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP		
<b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
<b>*INVITATION, CONFESSION, &amp; PARDON</b>		Charley Reeb
<b>*SONGS OF PRAISE</b>	Never Ending Grace, I Thank God, Children of God	
<b>PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER</b>		Charley Reeb
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Called Me Higher	
<b>SERMON</b>	The Positivity of Shame (2 Samuel 12:1-13)	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>COMMUNION</b>		
<b>*SONG OF RESPONSE</b>	Your Love Is All Around Me	
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		Andy Whitaker Smith

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
<b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
<b>PRELUDE</b>	Prelude/Tindall	Elaine Clemens
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		Charley Reeb
<b>*HYMN 548</b>	In Christ There is No East or West	
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 883</b>		Charley Reeb
<b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>	We Will Glorify	
<b>PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE</b>		Charley Reeb
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	In the Silence of This Moment/arr. Wagner	Chancel Choir
<b>SERMON</b>	The Positivity of Shame (2 Samuel 12:1-13)	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>INVITATION, CONFESSION, &amp; PARDON</b>		
<b>THE GREAT THANKSGIVING</b>		Charley Reeb
<b>COMMUNION</b>		
<b>*HYMN 140</b>	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>*RESPONSE 666</b>	Shalom to You	
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Partita/Pachelbel	Elaine Clemens

Special thanks to Elaine Clemens for sharing her musical gifts as guest organist and pianist in the traditional services for the next three weeks.

\*Please stand if you are able

11:00AM THE CURRENT		
<b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
<b>*BEAUTY FOR ASHES</b>		Ron Bell
<b>*SONGS OF PRAISE</b>	Children Of God, Ever Imagine, Build Your Kingdom Here	Ron Bell
<b>CENTERING PRAYER</b>		Ron Bell
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Come Thou Fount	
<b>*DOXOLOGY</b>		
<b>SERMON</b>	The Choice and The Betrayal (2 Samuel 12:1-13)	Ron Bell
<b>COMMUNION</b>		Ron Bell
<b>*SONG OF RESPONSE</b>	Cornerstone	
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		Ron Bell

CALL TO WORSHIP
LEADER: We come, like David, confronted by truth and grace. <b>ALL: We name our failures and long for God’s healing.</b> LEADER: The Table is open—not for the perfect, but the honest. <b>ALL: And in Christ’s embrace, we are made new again.</b>

ABOUT OUR SERVICES
<b>We are glad you joined us today! Whether you are a member or a guest, please take a moment to register your attendance at <a href="https://firstumc.org/connect">firstumc.org/connect</a>.</b>

Visit [firstumc.org/connect](https://firstumc.org/connect) or scan the QR code for: Attendance Registration, Worship Bulletins, Prayer Requests, & Online Giving

Presence in Worship (July 27)

In Person: 725  
Online: 1,072  
Total: 1,797

**Giving Through July 20, 2025**  
YTD Budgeted Income: \$2,275,839  
YTD Actual Income: 2,027,919  
\$(247,920)

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
<b>Please notify the church when you are in the hospital!</b> <b>For care and love from pastors &amp; 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.</b>

<b>Hospital</b> Carole Chastain, Allen Williamson
<b>Deaths</b> Cloyd Starr (7/23)
<b>Altar Flowers</b> To dedicate Altar Flowers in Memory or in Honor of a loved one, visit <a href="https://firstumc.org/altar-flowers">firstumc.org/altar-flowers</a> or contact Angela Everett: 863-686-3163.



**DEVOTIONAL GUIDE**

**Monday:** 2 Samuel 12:1-7. David thought he was hearing about someone else—a story of injustice, greed, and abuse. A powerful man exploiting someone with little. David’s anger burned hot... until Nathan turned the mirror around: “You are the man.” Sometimes, the most jarring wake-up call isn’t a punishment—it’s a story. A reflection. A truth told kindly but directly enough that it pierces the armor we’ve built around our ego. When we finally recognize ourselves not as the hero, but as the one who’s harmed someone else... it can unravel us. Have you ever had a moment where someone helped you see yourself more clearly? A friend, a mentor, a teacher, a parent—a prophet, even—who told you a hard truth, not to humiliate you, but to call you back to your better self? David had to hear it to believe it. We all do, from time to time. It’s easy to critique others’ behavior. But what happens when the story is actually about us? What story are you telling yourself about who you are right now? And what story might God be gently (or not so gently) telling you instead?

**Tuesday:** 2 Samuel 12:9-10. Nathan doesn’t call David a monster. He doesn’t erase David’s value as a person. But he does name the behavior for what it is: a betrayal of trust, a use of power to harm, a choice that led to death. We can confuse naming someone’s actions with attacking their worth. But it’s possible—and crucial—to say: This behavior is wrong without saying you are unlovable. That’s foundational for how we raise children, but it’s also foundational for adults, especially those with influence. Some of us were taught that shame makes people change. Others were taught that love means never confronting someone at all. Both can lead to chaos. Grace without accountability is just permission. But accountability without grace is cruelty. What harmful behaviors have we let slide in others—or ourselves—because it felt more loving to say nothing? What would it look like to love someone enough to name what needs to change?

**Wednesday:** 2 Samuel 12:13. There’s a kind of shame that crushes us—and there’s a kind that cracks us open. David’s moment with Nathan is like that. A holy slap of truth. Maybe you’ve had one, too: a mentor’s firm voice, a teacher’s disappointment, a grandmother’s correction. A moment when you suddenly saw your behavior for what it was—not because you were being abused, but because you were being loved into accountability. You may remember Indiana Jones, leaping from planes and battling Nazis. But in The Last Crusade, what shakes him the most isn’t danger—it’s when his father slaps him and says, “That’s for blasphemy.” A moment of emotional jolt, not physical pain. Sometimes it takes something like that to wake us up. And then comes the question: now that you see, what will you do? Who has helped you “wake up” in your life? And when has your own behavior started you into repentance?

**Thursday:** Psalm 51:1-12 (attributed to David’s repentance). We often think repentance is the price we pay to be loved again. But in the Gospels, Jesus flips that. He loves before we say sorry. He forgives before we clean ourselves up. He sits down with tax collectors, prostitutes, and sinners—not to lecture, but to eat. As theologian Peter Rollins puts it: “It was precisely this unconditional love and forgiveness that seemed so potent and transformative—often being the very act that drew people to repentance.” Jesus didn’t wait for people to change. His love made them want to. He didn’t excuse harmful behavior, but he didn’t withhold compassion either. We need that kind of love today. And we need to offer it. Because no one is shamed into the Kingdom of God—but many are drawn into it by grace. Have you ever experienced love that came before you felt worthy of it? Who might need that kind of love from you today?

**Friday:** Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. When David realized the depth of what he had done, he fell before God. He wrote words that still echo through the ages: “Create in me a clean heart, O God.” He was broken, yes—but not abandoned. Repentance was not the end of his story. It was the beginning of something new. Each time we come to the Communion Table, we are invited into that same beginning. Not because we are perfect—but because we are honest. We bring our regrets, our selfishness, our silence, our wounds. We come not as people with perfect records, but as people who want to be made whole. In United Methodist theology, the Table is open. That means you don’t have to earn your spot. You don’t have to clean up first. The Table doesn’t deny your past—it simply doesn’t let your past define your future. What needs waking up in you today? Can the bread and cup remind you—not just of forgiveness—but of the life you are called to live now? What would it look like to leave the Table different than you arrived?

ANNOUNCEMENTS
<b>To learn more about the ministries of the church and how to get connected, contact The Church Office (<a href="mailto:info@firstumc.org">info@firstumc.org</a> - 863-686-3163)</b>



**Church-Wide Flood Bucket Assembly**  
Today the church is invited to help assemble our flood bucket supplies in Room C201-C. Our first crew will join at 10:30am to place supplies in the buckets, and the second crew at Noon will finish assembling and move the buckets down to the Welcome Center.



We are honored to welcome Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson as our guest preacher on Sunday, August 10, 2025!

A Florida native and former associate pastor at First UMC Lakeland, Bishop Sue now serves as the Resident Bishop of the Virginia Annual Conference. Her journey from litigator to bishop reflects a life deeply committed to faith, justice, and the mission of the Church.

Join us for this special Sunday as we welcome Bishop Sue back to Lakeland and hear a powerful word of hope and purpose. You won’t want to miss it!



## CHILDREN

**For information regarding Children’s Ministry events,  
contact Megan Gallagher, Director of Children’s Ministries:  
mgallagher@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x280**

**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 Sunday, Aug 17, 2:30-4:30pm**

Join us in C-112 for the August KIC Family event! It's a great opportunity for parents to connect and enjoy some fellowship while the little ones, from birth to 5th grade and any older siblings, have a blast at the preschool and children's playgrounds. To help everyone stay cool in the summer heat, the Children's Ministry will provide refreshing treats, and there will be games set up indoors for families to enjoy. No need to register—just come along and have a fantastic time!

**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.**

**OneBlood**

The Big Red Bus will be on campus next Sunday for your blood donations. Please make note of future these dates for rest of 2025: Oct 12, Dec 14. Give the gift of life!

**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) The school requests these items for the new year: Clorox Wipes, Lysol spray, Kleenex. Please leave in blue bins and marked for POB; 2) Serve as a kindergarten reading pal for an hour each week. Training required. Must be screened by PCSB; 3) Help with orientation for 4-6pm on Aug 7; 4) 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).

**First Sunday Food Collection**

We will receive food at the Missions Depot today immediately following the 11am worship services until 1:30pm. Servants at First UMC sort and box donations. The list of requested items is posted at firstumc.org/firstsundayfood. Thank you for your generosity and a reminder to please donate only requested items.

## 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.

**Get Involved with the Altar Guild**

Interested in helping out at church in a hands-on way? Join us at the Altar Guild meeting, Monday, September 8th at 5pm in the Parlor. Discover how you can be a part of preparing our campus for worship and touch the hearts of our congregation. No experience? No problem. We'd love to have you!



**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. The devotion should include a title, short prayer and a verse or two of scripture. Deadline to submit your work to adventdevotion@firstumc.org is Oct 10.

## YOUTH

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

**Sunday, Aug 3:**

10:30am-3:15pm Middle School Mystery Event (for those that pre-registered)  
No Youth Group tonight. Join us next week (Aug 10) for our Family Fall Kick Off!

**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.

**Youth Serve, Saturday, Aug 16, 9am-12pm**

Join us as we come together to support our community! We'll be serving at Mulberry UMC, helping organize, clean, and care for different areas of their church building. It's a great opportunity to make a meaningful impact, connect with friends, and earn community service hours. For more info or to register by Aug 13 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.**



**Grow in your faith this fall by joining a small group or  
Bible Study. Learn more at firstumc.org/groups.**

**Parables with Pastor Charley, Wed, Sep 3-Oct 8, 6 PM, Rm C-207**

Explore Jesus' Parables with Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Charley Reeb. Discover the profound spiritual truths hidden within Jesus' most impactful stories. Pastor Charley will offer a fresh perspective on how these timeless narratives speak to our modern lives. Whether you're new or revisiting these teachings, this is a welcoming space for all to grow. Just bring your Bible; no prior preparation is needed. Register at firstumc.org/groups.

**Deepen your faith this Fall with Disciple Bible Studies**

Connect with a vibrant Christian community as you explore the Bible and build a strong foundation of biblical knowledge in a small group setting. Disciple has been transforming lives for almost 35 years, fostering biblical literacy, developing leaders, a nurturing spiritual growth and lasting Christian community. Register at firstumc.org/groups.

**Fall Disciple line-up:**

- Disciple 1 (Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study): This foundational 34-week study provides an overview of the entire Bible. Facilitated by Barbara Herr. Meets Mondays at 6pm, starting Sep 8.

- Jesus in the Gospels: This 30-week study offers an in-depth look at Jesus as portrayed in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Facilitated by Jamie Roberts. Meets Mondays at 6pm, starting Sep 8.

- Disciple 4 (Under the Tree of Life): This 32-week study delves into the Old Testament Writings, the Gospel of John, and Revelation, emphasizing worship and the journey toward completion in Christ. Co-facilitated by John Naser and Charles Marsh. Meets Sundays at 5pm, starting Sep 7.

**Financial Peace University Fall Session begins on Wednesday, Sep 3**

Weekly classes to kickstart your journey towards financial peace will be held on Wednesday nights starting at 6pm. You'll learn to pay off debt fast, save more money, and build lasting wealth. Secure your spot today and register at firstumc.org/fpu.

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

Connect with fellow JOY members over a delightful luncheon at noon in the Parlor. Immediately following, Nicole Wood will guide you through the process of "Planning a Celebration of Life". This is a unique chance to gain valuable insights into crafting a service that truly celebrates your unique life, embodies your values, and offers solace to your loved ones. The cost is \$10, and registration is required by Aug 11 at firstumc.org/events.

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