

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Morning Has Broken/Marohnic

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

When Jesus Came to Jordan

***HYMN 252**

We Will Glorify

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PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pie Jesu/Webber

Handbell Ringers & Singers

OFFERTORY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

DOXOLOGY 95

A Church on Mission (Matthew 28:16-20)

SERMON

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

***HYMN 500**

As We Go

***BENEDICTION**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit/Drennan

***RESPONSE**

Matthew H. Corl

9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Andy Whitaker Smith

***SONGS OF PRAISE** The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours), Holy Spirit, Let The Light In

PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Build Your Kingdom Here

OFFERTORY

A Church on Mission (Matthew 28:16-20)

SERMON

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

BENEDICTION

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Prelude on Complainier/Burkhardt

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

When Jesus Came to Jordan

***HYMN 252**

Glory Be to the Father

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 887**

Pie Jesu/Webber

PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE

Handbell Ringers & Singers

OFFERTORY

Concerto for Two Violas in G/Telemann

Warren and Luke Pattison, Viola

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

A Church on Mission (Matthew 28:16-20)

DOXOLOGY 94

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

SERMON

Shalom To You

***HYMN 500**

Postlude/Willan

***BENEDICTION**

Matthew H. Corl

***RESPONSE 666**

POSTLUDE

This morning we sing about the Baptism of Jesus, which follows Epiphany

(Jan 6). "When Jesus Came to Jordan" tells the story of Jesus' coming to the

Jordan River to be baptized by John the Baptist. The third stanza is a prayer that

the Holy Spirit will be ours and guide and direct us, which is echoed in the hymn

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart".

***Please stand if you are able**

11:00AM THE CURRENT

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

***SONGS OF PRAISE** The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours), Holy Spirit, Make Room

CENTERING PRAYER

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

SERMON Awakened To Grace: Prayer (Luke 11:1-13)

COMMUNION

***SONG OF RESPONSE**

***BENEDICTION**

Andy Whitaker Smith

CHILDREN

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

Visit firstumc.org/children to learn more!

Sundays
9:30am KIC Start (Infants 6 weeks - 5th Grade)
11am Childcare (Infants 6 weeks - VPK)

Wednesdays
4:00-5:15pm KIC Choir (kindergarten - 5th grade)
6:00-7:30pm KIC Friends (Infants 6 weeks - 5th Grade)

Thursdays
9:00-10:30 Pray and Play

We Need Christmas Trees!

If you have decided this is your last year with your Christmas tree, we are collecting Christmas trees to help us build a snowy forest for Vacation Bible School next summer! Please feel free to drop it off anytime in the Children's check-in area.

KIC Family: Family Fun Center, Jan 25, 2:30-4:30pm

Join us at Family Fun Center for our January KIC Family event! Open to children of all ages and their parents. Come meet and visit with other parents and have some fun fellowshiping together. Registration is required for this event and there is a cost to attend. Please visit www.firstumc.org/children for more information and to register.

VBS Volunteer Informational Meeting, February 8, 11 AM in C-112

If you're interested in exploring volunteer opportunities for Vacation Bible School (VBS), we invite you to attend an informational meeting. During this session, we'll cover what VBS is all about and highlight the various ways you can participate. Mark your calendars for June 22-26, when VBS will take place!

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.

Beginner Slow-Flow Christ-Centered Yoga Spring Session, Mondays, 6-7pm, C-201D
Join us for a beginner-level, slow-flow yoga class with Be Still Movement, focusing on rest and worship through physical movement, meditation, and breath prayers. Come as you are and experience a time of stillness and community. Classes are led by Sarah Lloyd, a certified Holy Yoga instructor and Registered Yoga Alliance Teacher (RYT-200). Register at FirstUMC.org/Groups.

C.S. Lewis's The Great Divorce 5-Week Study, Wed, Jan 14-Feb 11, 6-7pm, C-207
Join Rick Jeffries for a profound exploration of C.S. Lewis's classic allegory. This study examines the thin line between Heaven and Hell, diving deep into themes of grace, judgment, and Lewis's famous observation that "the gates of Hell are locked from the inside." Available for purchase at the Our Giving Tree Bookstore. Register at FirstUMC.org/Groups.

Financial Peace University starts Wednesday evenings on Jan 14, 6-8pm, C-204
If you've felt like you can never get ahead with money, listen: You can change your future - and the best way is with other people walking alongside you. Financial Peace University has helped nearly 10 million people win with money! And you can join one of these classes completely for free. Indicate your interest at FirstUMC.org/fpu and we'll be in touch about how you can get your year-long membership for FREE!

Tender Hearts Book Study Group, Wed, Jan 14-April 15, 3:30-5pm, Parlor
Have you lost a loved one recently? If so, please consider joining us for an 8-week study of Dr. Alan Wolfelt's "Understanding Your Grief." In this study, you will learn essential steps for finding Hope and Healing of your Heart. Register at FirstUMC.org/Groups.

Women's Bible Study: Exploring the Apocrypha begins Thurs, Jan 22, C-204
Ladies, deepen your understanding of scripture by joining our new study of the Apocrypha, led by Rev. Terry Heck, beginning Thursday, January 8 at 10 am in Room C-204. Often described as the literary "bridge" connecting the Old and New Testaments, the Apocrypha is a fascinating collection of Jewish and Christian writings from 250 B.C. to A.D. 100. We will use the resource Immersion Bible Studies: Apocrypha by David A. Silva (Available at Our Giving Tree Bookstore). Register at FirstUMC.org/Groups.

JOY Planning Meeting, Tues, Jan 20, 1:45pm, Parlor or via Zoom.
Help shape upcoming JOY (55+) ministry luncheons and outings by attending our next planning meeting. Please register at FirstUMC.org/Groups to receive the Zoom link.

College Comfort Crew: A New Fellowship Group for Moms
Join us for a monthly dinner group dedicated to moms of college-aged kids and young adults. Whether your child is away at school or starting their first job, come share your stories, find support, and navigate this new season of motherhood with friends who truly get it. Register at FirstUMC.org/Groups to receive the latest meeting times and dinner locations.

YOUTH

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

Sunday, Jan 11:
9:30am Youth Choir
10:30am Donuts and Discussion
3:30pm Youth Praise Band
5pm Youth Parent Connect
5pm Youth Group

Tuesday, Jan 13:
5pm Youth Dance Ministry

Wednesday, Jan 14:
4:45pm Youth Handbells
5:15pm Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
6pm Confirmation
6pm Youth Parent Study
6pm Open Gym
6:30pm Middle School and High School Bible Studies.

Youth Parent Connect Night, Sun, Jan 11, 5-7pm

Youth Parents, come join other youth parents as we have an open conversation with Pastor Andy and Pastor Kim about theology and seek their spiritual wisdom while your teens are at youth group. For more info or to register visit firstumc.org/youth.

Youth Parent Study, Wed, Jan 14, 6-7:30pm

Youth parents are invited to join us for a powerful new study, Behind Closed Doors by Jessica Peck. This book opens honest, faith-filled conversations about parenting teens with wisdom, grace, and confidence. For more info or to register visit firstumc.org/youth.

MISSIONS

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

With a new year upon us, please consider resolving to serve with our ministry partners such as:

Volunteers in Service to the Elderly (VISTE)

Serving persons 70 and older. Transportation, monthly commodity boxes, hot meals and wheelchair ramps are just a few of the programs carried out by volunteers who help clients remain in their home and preserve their dignity. To serve contact: Terri Selz, volunteer coordinator (Terri@viste.org) Website: viste.org.

Blessings and Hope Food Pantry

Provides food to hundreds of families via Tuesday morning distributions. Volunteers can help with car line, food distribution, and sorting and paperwork. To serve contact: Pastor Alan Fretto, blessingsandhopefoodpantry@gmail.com Website: blessingsandhope.org

Senior Orphans of Polk County

For more than 40 years, providing for the immediate, daily needs of seniors on a fixed income of less than \$600 a month. Recipients are screened through qualified local agencies. To serve call Bev at 863-859-6547 Website: seniororphansofpolkcounty.org

Children's Clothes Closet

First UMC's Clothes Closet serves between 1,500 and 2,000 local students annually via a referral network of school caseworkers. With several Clothes Closet leadership retirements on the horizon, we seek interested volunteers willing to serve in the following capacities: weekly sorting and/or shopping, orders and logistics, team management. Please write to us at info@firstumc.org and we would be happy to share more about this vital ministry and give you a tour.

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-35)

For more information, contact Jen Swygard, Director of Young Adult Ministries: JSwygard@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x226; Follow us on IG: @1stLKLYoungAdults or FB: 1st LKLD Young Adults to stay connected



Community Bible Reading, Tuesdays, 6-8pm

We meet at Jen's house to share a meal together, play some games, and discuss Scripture. We laugh a lot, share our burdens, serve the community together, and have a good time. Scan the QR code to join so that you can see the address & hear updates. (No meets on the last Tuesday of each month.)

January Serving opportunities

When we served at Dream Center in November, the men really needed new underwear and socks, so we'll be collecting all sizes Jan-March and dropping them off periodically.

Bonfire, Sat, Jan 24, 6-8pm, Swygard family farm

Did you know Alex Swygard grew up on a farm? Come pet some goats, play with bunnies, feed a cow, run with some chickens, and eat some s'mores around an evening bonfire at Alex's family home (dinner provided). Message Jen Swygard for this north Lakeland address!

YA Escape Room, Sun, Feb 8, 12-2pm, Room C-206

Can you escape? Look for clues, solve puzzles, piece together information, and see if you can escape before it's too late! We'll meet upstairs in room C-206 and let the adventures begin! (Activities will not begin until the 11:00 service is over, so no need to leave service early.)

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