

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Charley Reeb
PRELUDE	Romance/Schumann	Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Andy Whitaker Smith
*HYMN 2236	Gather Us In	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 885		Andy Whitaker Smith
*GLORIA PATRI	We Will Glorify	
NEW MEMBERS		
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE		Charley Reeb
OFFERTORY	Come Thou Fount/arr. Courtney Kara Nielsen & Charles Fernandez	
DOXOLOGY 95	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	The Wishing Well (John 4:14)	Kim DuBreuil
*HYMN	Fill My Cup, Lord	
*BENEDICTION		Kim DuBreuil
*RESPONSE	As We Go	
POSTLUDE	I'll Fly Away/Hayes	Matthew H. Corl

9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Andy Whitaker Smith
CALL TO WORSHIP		Andy Whitaker Smith
*SONGS OF PRAISE	I Thank God, Jesus Is Our Rock, The Way	
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER		Charley Reeb
OFFERTORY	Slow Down	
SERMON	The Wishing Well (John 4:14)	Kim DuBreuil
*SONG OF RESPONSE	You Search Me (Psalm 139)	
BENEDICTION		Kim DuBreuil

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Charley Reeb
PRELUDE	Guide Me/Hobby	Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Charley Reeb
*HYMN 127	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 885		Charley Reeb
*GLORIA PATRI	Glory Be to the Father	
ANTHEM	Come Thou Fount/arr. Courtney Kara Nielsen & Charles Fernandez	
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE		Charley Reeb
OFFERTORY	As the Deer/Corl	Chancel Choir
DOXOLOGY 94	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
HYMN 156	I Love to Tell the Story	
SERMON	The Wishing Well (John 4:14)	Kim DuBreuil
*HYMN 298	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	
*BENEDICTION		Kim DuBreuil
*RESPONSE 666	Shalom To You	
POSTLUDE	Sortie in G/Rogers	Matthew H. Corl

The Welsh hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* draws its imagery from the wandering of the Israelites in the wilderness; "Bread of Heaven" (manna), "Crystal Fountain" (water from the rock), and "Fire and Cloudy Pillar" (God's guide to the Israelites). The tune name CWM RHONDDA is taken from the Welsh name for the Rhondda Valley. *Fill My Cup, Lord* was written and composed by Richard Blanchard, a pastor in the Florida Conference in 1958.

*Please stand if you are able

11:00AM THE CURRENT

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Andy Whitaker Smith
*SONGS OF PRAISE	Oh Our Lord, From The Day, Jesus Paid It All	
CENTERING PRAYER		Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY	Behold Him	
*DOXOLOGY		
SERMON	O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done	Andy Whitaker Smith
COMMUNION		Andy Whitaker Smith
*SONG OF RESPONSE	Living Hope	
*BENEDICTION		Andy Whitaker Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: In this Lenten season, God invites us to examine our hearts.

ALL: We come, seeking truth and mercy.

LEADER: Even in our wandering, God's grace finds us.

ALL: With humble hearts, we return to the Lord.

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 (March 1)

In Person: 806

Online: 1,369

Total: 2,202

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

Giving Through February 28

	2026	2025	Inc (Dec)
Budgeted Income	\$ 641,723	\$ 627,818	\$ 13,905
Actual Income	\$ 518,576	\$ 538,611	(20,035)
	\$ (123,147)	\$ (89,207)	

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

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

David Brazelton, Flay Linderman, Deb Meyer, Jim Meyer

Altar Flowers

In memory of Jason Fouts by Mom

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.



Explore First, March 11, 5pm

Are you on a journey searching for God or looking to join our church? We invite you to take your next step by attending Explore First. You'll hear from our pastors, have dinner, and have the opportunity to consider joining the church during one of our Sunday services. Please RSVP to kdubreuil@firstumc.org to receive the details for this event.

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Day 1: The Secret Wish in the Noon Sun (John 4:7)

Snow White sings, "Want to know a secret? Promise not to tell? We are standing by a wishing well." She wishes for love to take her away from her loneliness. The Samaritan woman also has a secret—a history of five broken marriages, leaving her as an outcast. **Reflection:** What "secret wish" or hidden shame are you carrying? What do you wish for when you think no one is listening? **Prayer:** Lord, thank you that I don't have to hide my shame or my desires from You. You see me, even when I try to hide.

Day 2: The One Who Hears the Wish (John 4:13-14)

Snow White sings, "Make a wish into the well, that's all you have to do." She hopes the well will carry her wish. In the story, the "Well" is not a magical object—it is a person. Jesus is sitting there, specifically waiting for her. He hears her unspoken longings. **Reflection:** Stop looking for satisfaction in "wells" that run dry (people, success, distractions). Jesus is the only one who hears the true desire of your heart. **Prayer:** Jesus, I confess I have tried to satisfy my soul with things that leave me thirsty again. Fill me with Your living water.

Day 3: Known, Not Just Heard (John 4:16-18)

Snow White sings, "I'm wishing... for the one I love to find me." She wants to be found and understood. When Jesus tells the woman her story, He isn't condemning her—He is showing her that He knows her completely yet still offers her grace. **Reflection:** Does it scare you that Jesus knows everything about your past? **Prayer:** Lord, thank you that I am fully known and still fully loved. Thank you that Your grace is bigger than my past.

Day 4: Leaving the Jar Behind (John 4:28-29)

After realizing her wish is coming true, Snow White is filled with hope. The Samaritan woman is so overwhelmed by the "One" she met that she leaves her water jar—the very reason she came to the well—behind. She no longer needs the old way of getting water because she found the source of life. **Reflection:** What "water jar" (habit, fear, insecurity) do you need to leave behind to follow Jesus. **Prayer:** Lord, help me to leave behind my fear and shame. Give me the courage to walk away from what used to define me.

Day 5: The "One Song" That Changes Everything (John 4:39, 42)

The Prince hears Snow White and responds with "One Song" of love, changing her life forever. The woman at the well shares her story, and the "One Song" (the Gospel) brings salvation to her entire town. **Reflection:** The "One" who answered the woman's wish is the same Jesus who promises to meet your deepest needs today. How can you share this hope with someone else? **Prayer:** Jesus, You are the ultimate answer to my deepest wish. Thank you for being my Savior and my Living Water. Amen.

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)

First UMC Lakeland Children & Youth Choirs Present:

DARE TO DREAM JR.
A Disney Musical Revue

Adult Tickets (13 & Up): \$10
Child Tickets: \$5
*The show will be about 1 hour long

March 27 at 6 PM
March 28 at 3 PM

Youth & Children's Musical: Disney's Dare to Dream Jr., March 28, 3pm
Join us for a special one-hour Disney musical revue performed by our children and youth. This inspiring show follows a group of trainees on their first day at a fictional Walt Disney Imagineering Studio as they discover their dreams and the power of working together. Featuring contemporary hits, timeless classics, and brand-new medleys, it's fun for Disney fans of all ages. Purchase tickets at firstumc.org/events.

MEMORY MINISTRY IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Training REGISTER NOW

Thursday, March 12
10 AM-12 PM | Room 202C

Memory Ministry Volunteer Training, March 12, 10am-12pm, 202C
The FUMC Monday Morning Memory Café, a welcoming social program for individuals living with memory loss or dementia and their families, is seeking friendly and compassionate volunteers. No experience is necessary, just a playful spirit and a desire to support others. Register at firstumc.org/events or contact Vicky Pitner at vpitner@firstumc.org for more information.

LILY DEDICATIONS
Honor A Loved One This Easter
FIRSTUMC.ORG/LILIES
\$15 PER PLANT
DEADLINE IS MARCH 26

Easter Lilies
It's time to order your lilies to be used in the church during the coming Easter season. If you'd like to honor or remember a loved one with a lily, please fill out an order form at firstumc.org/lilies. Orders must be received by March 26 (cost is \$15 per plant). You may take your lily home with you after the 11am Easter service.

SIT WITH A PROFESSIONAL

Bring your questions about:

- Retirement
- Estate planning
- Trusts or wills
- Health care powers of attorney
- Advance directives

Wednesdays
02/25/26 – 03/25/26

Location: Fellowship Center
Time: 5:00 PM
Tip: Grab your dinner and join us!

Sit with a Professional

Sit with a Professional and get your questions answered about retirement, estate planning, trusts or wills, health care powers of attorney, and advance directives. Join us on Wednesdays from Feb 25 through Mar 25 at 5pm at the Fellowship Center. Bring your questions, grab your dinner, and join us for this informative and helpful time together.

Summer Camp 2026

We will be attending Week #4, July 6-11 2026. Please register on the Warren Willis Camp website (wwwumccc.org/summer-camps). If your child/youngth will need a ride to and from camp, please sign up on our church website for a space on one of our three mini busses we will bring to camp. If you have any questions or concerns, please do reach out to either Megan or Emily for help or more info. We look forward to experiencing camp with our students this summer!

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

KIC Family Mission Trip Interest Meeting, Today, 11am

We are so excited to be returning to Epworth by the Sea in Georgia for our Family Mission Trip Jul 22-25! If your family is interested in going, we would love to have you join us for our info meeting on Mar 8 at 11am in C112. This will be a time to hear more about what we do on the trip and ask any questions you may have. This trip is for children who will have finished Pre-K 4 next summer and up!

Easterific Adult and Youth Volunteer Registration OPEN NOW

Children's Ministry is looking for adults and teens eager to join a fantastic community outreach event happening on April 4 from 10 am to noon. Easterific is a great opportunity to team up with us and spread God's love in our community. Check out firstumc.org/children to find out how you can help and to sign up.

Easterific Candy Donations Needed!

We are now collecting individually wrapped candy for our Easterific goodie bags and need your help. Special "bunny" bins just for candy donations can be found in the Welcome Center, Narthex, and Fellowship Center.

YOUTH

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

Sunday, March 8:

9:30am Youth Choir
10:30am Donuts and Discussion
3:30pm Youth Praise Band
5pm Youth Group
5:30pm Parent Study

Tuesday, March 10:

5pm Youth Dance Ministry

Wednesday, March 11:

4:45pm Youth Handbells
6pm Confirmation
6pm Open Gym
6:30pm Middle School and High School Bible Studies.

Youth Lock-In, Fri, March 13, 6pm - Sat, March 14 until 9am

All 6th - 12th graders are invited to join us for our GLOW PARTY LOCK-IN here at Church. We will provide a free dinner, snacks, dessert & breakfast for our students. They only need to bring a bag with a change of clothes, sleeping bag and pillow. Students are also asked to wear neon colors for our black light games in the gym. Please register by March 11 on our website firstumc.org/youth.

Parent Connection Night, Sun, March 22, 5pm - 7pm

Join us at Lake Bonny Park from 5-7 PM for a fun-filled evening of family connection and community spirit! We will gather for a potluck dinner by the water sharing delicious homemade dishes and great conversation. Afterwards, Youth and their parents will team up for an exciting game of kickball. Bring your favorite dish to share, your game face, and your appetite for fun! Please register on our website: 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.

Lent Study Groups - Why Did Jesus Have to Die?

It's not too late to join our 2026 Lent study! Deepen your faith this season as we explore Adam Hamilton's "Why Did Jesus Have to Die?". This study examines the profound mystery of the crucifixion and how Christ's sacrifice transforms our relationship with God. With various days and times available, there is a place for everyone to listen, reflect, and engage in meaningful conversation. Register today at firstumc.org/Groups to receive study updates.

Sunday Groups

- 9:30am: Sendero Class: Meets in Room C-204
- 9:30am: Genesis Class: Meets in Room C-202
- 11am: Open Study Group: Meets in the Parlor

Wednesday Evening Group

6pm - Led by Pastors Andy & Kim: Join us in Room C-207 for this weekly session running through April 1.

New Women's Bible Study: Female Prophets, Thurs, April 9-May 14, 10am, C-204

Starting Thursday, April 9, join Pastor Kim to explore Rachael Groll's "Knowing God's Voice." Discover the stories of biblical women who heard God's voice and learn to recognize, trust, and obey His call in your own life. Books are available for purchase at Our Giving Tree Bookstore. Register today at FirstUMC.org/Groups.

JOY (55+) April Luncheon: Identity Theft, Fraud and Scam Prevention, April 10, 12pm, Fellowship Center

Knowledge is your best defense! Protect your peace of mind! Join us for an essential session on safety and security. Our guest speaker from the Polk County Sheriff's Office will share expert strategies to safeguard your identity and finances. The cost of lunch is \$15. Register at FirstUMC.org/Events.

MISSIONS

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

Philip O'Brien Elementary

Media Specialist April Taylor requests help during the Spring Book Fair: April 1 (setup, likely starting around Noon); April 2, 6-10 (8am-2:30pm, but you don't have to be there the whole time); April 7 (5-7pm during Family Night); April 13 (last day, shopping 8am-Noon, cleanup Noon-2pm). Contact Mrs. Taylor via email (april.taylor@polk-fl.net) to help. Also, we are collecting \$25 gift cards (Publix, Aldi, Target, Walmart) to give to all teachers and staff in early May. Contact Joleen Golden (joleengolden@yahoo.com) or Ann Skellenger (abraham409@aol.com) with questions.

Disaster Recovery

We will be helping a homeowner still recovering from 2024 hurricanes in Southern Pinellas County April 10-11. We anticipate working from 8:30am-4:30pm both days. Housing at a church is available on the nights of April 9 and 10 if you don't want to drive back and forth each day. Please send an email to (Fwhite@firstumc.org) if you're willing to serve either or both days.

Volunteers Needed!

JOB FAIR
APRIL 23, 2026
10AM to 1PM

At  First United
Lakeland, Florida

Volunteer Registration
bettertogether.us/jobfair_volunteer/



Better Together

On April 23, from 10am -1pm, we will play host to a Better Together Second Chance Job Fair - welcoming job seekers and hiring managers as we help individuals find fulfilling and rewarding careers. This is more than an event. It's an opportunity to help the unemployed and underemployed find career paths leading to transformation, while extending radical hospitality and reflecting Christ's love to our community. Follow the QR code for information

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: @1stLKLDYoungAdults or FB: 1st LKLD Young Adults to stay connected

Community Bible Reading, March 30, 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.)

Strawberry Picking, Sat, March 14, Berry Sweet Acres

Meet us in Plant City at Berry Sweet Acres and bring cash. Strawberries are \$4/lb. This is a family-friendly event!

Camping at Hillsborough River State Park, Mar 19-22

Choose within these days any span of days that work for you—we have 16 spots but can only bring 4 cars, so coordinate with us to carpool! The cost is \$25 +\$5/day for supplies. We have the tents, yard games, and meals, if you'll bring a shareable snack and your own sleeping bag. Register at firstumc.org/college-young-adults no later than Mar 11.

YAs Serve: Polk County Bully Project, Mon, March 9, 5:30-6:30pm

Polk County Bully Project helps unite dogs that are often put down with new adoptions instead—come join the new volunteer orientation to learn about how to clean the shelters, walk the dogs, and interact with the animals safely. Registration is required, so head over to firstumc.org/college-young-adults for more info.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 8, 2026

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