

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Andy Whitaker Smith
PRELUDE Blessed Assurance/Hassell Matthew H. Corl
***CALL TO WORSHIP** Andy Whitaker Smith
***HYMN 2120** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 885** Andy Whitaker Smith
***GLORIA PATRI** We Will Glorify
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY Come, Creator Spirit/Corl Mark Thielen, violin
DOXOLOGY 95 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
SERMON The Final Word: Jesus, Our Hope and Help (John 3:16) Charley Reeb
***HYMN 404** Every Time I Feel the Spirit
***BENEDICTION** Charley Reeb
***RESPONSE** As We Go
POSTLUDE Every Time I Feel the Spirit/Patterson Matthew H. Corl

9:30AM MODERN WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Andy Whitaker Smith
CALL TO WORSHIP Andy Whitaker Smith
***SONGS OF PRAISE** Holy Spirit, Presence, Rest On Us
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY Be Still
SERMON The Final Word: Jesus, Our Hope and Help (John 3:16) Charley Reeb
***SONG OF RESPONSE** Spirit Of The Living God
BENEDICTION Charley Reeb

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Ivan Corbin
PRELUDE Veni, Creator Spiritus/Durufle
***CALL TO WORSHIP** Ivan Corbin
***HYMN 539** O Spirit of the Living God
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 885** Ivan Corbin
***GLORIA PATRI** Glory Be to the Father
ANTHEM Come, Creator Spirit/Corl Mark Thielen, violin
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE Ivan Corbin
OFFERTORY Rushing Wind, Dancing Flame/Corl Chancel Choir
DOXOLOGY 94 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
***HYMN 393** Spirit of the Living God
SERMON The Final Word: Jesus, Our Hope and Help (John 3:16) Charley Reeb
***HYMN 404** Every Time I Feel the Spirit
***BENEDICTION** Charley Reeb
***RESPONSE 666** Shalom To You
POSTLUDE Allegro vivo/Fleury Matthew H. Corl

11:00AM THE CURRENT

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Andy Whitaker Smith
CALL TO WORSHIP Andy Whitaker Smith
***SONGS OF PRAISE** Holy Spirit, Presence, Rest On Us
CENTERING PRAYER Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY Be Still
***DOXOLOGY**
SERMON What Does This Mean? (Acts 2: 1-8, 12) Andy Whitaker Smith
COMMUNION Andy Whitaker Smith
***SONG OF RESPONSE** Nothing Else
***BENEDICTION** Andy Whitaker Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Listen! Do you hear a sound like the howling of a fierce wind?
ALL: Come, Holy Spirit!
 LEADER: Look! Can you see flames of fire?
ALL: Come, Holy Spirit!
 LEADER: Wait! Can you feel the power?
ALL: The Holy Spirit is here!

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 (May 17)

In Person: 686
 Online: 1,308
 Total: 1,994

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

Giving Through April 30

	2026	2025	Inc (Dec)	% Inc (Dec)
Budgeted Income	\$ 1,363,662	\$ 1,334,113	\$ 29,549	2.21%
Actual Income	\$ 1,154,283	\$ 1,153,501	782	0.07%
	\$ (209,379)	\$ (180,612)		

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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Please be sure that the church office is notified if you wish to have a visit or prayer when you are in the hospital.

Hospital
 Lori Dettmer
 Fran Hauptert
 Susan Jeffares
 Kaye Sells

Flowers

In memory of Bill Hand (Bubby), my husband by Sherry Hand

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.

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)



Farewell Reception, Today
 Today, Rev. Charley Reeb is preaching his final Sunday with us at First UMC Lakeland. We give thanks for his faithful ministry, leadership, and care, and we invite you to join us in worship as we honor this meaningful moment in his ministry and in the life of our church. Following our 11am worship services, you will have a special opportunity to celebrate Charley and his family at a farewell reception in the Welcome Center. We hope you will join us as we gather with gratitude, love, and appreciation for all they have meant to our church family.



Handbell Ringers & Singers: Celebrate the Seasons, May 31, 4pm
 Join us for a joyful and uplifting musical experience as we "Celebrate the Seasons" through the unique artistry of handbells, ChoirChimes, and song! This special concert features a talented group of musicians who not only ring but also sing in harmony - sometimes at the very same time. The shimmering tones of the handbells and the warm resonance of ChoirChimes blend with vocals to create a rich and inspiring soundscape that captures the essence of every time of year. This is a free concert, however a love offering will be taken to help support their mission tour in June 2026.



Equipping Leaders Workshops: Pre-Conference Trainings, June 3, 2026, 9am-5pm
 Join us at Florida Southern College for the Equipping Leaders Workshops, a full day of pre-conference trainings provided by Florida Southern College and Conference Staff. These workshops are designed to equip and empower leaders with practical tools, ministry insights, and valuable training opportunities to strengthen their leadership in the church and community. Whether you are a new leader or an experienced servant, this day promises meaningful learning, collaboration, and encouragement ahead of the 2026 Florida Annual Conference. Early Bird registration is \$27, with regular registration at \$30.

A Look Ahead in Worship

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

May 31 - Rev. Patrick Hamrick | The Current- Rev. Andy Whitaker Smith
 June 7 - Rev. Andy Whitaker Smith | The Current- Rev. Kim DuBreuil
 June 14 - Rev. Andy Whitaker Smith - All Services
 June 21 - Rev. Riley Short | The Current- Rev. Kim DuBreuil
 June 28 - Rev. Emily Hotho - All Services
 July 5 - Rev. Ivan Corbin | The Current- Rev. Kim DuBreuil
 July 12 - Rev. Marcus Zillman's First Sunday at First UMC



*Please stand if you are able

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 - LAST Wednesday until September 9
6:00 - 7:30pm Childcare

Thursdays
Pray and Play- Will resume in September

Vacation Bible School (KIC Camp) 2026, June 22-26- Registration closes in 1 week
Registration is now open for children who have completed VPK through 5th grade, as well as for youth and adult volunteers! If you're an adult volunteer with kids who aren't eligible for VBS, we offer activities and on-site childcare for children aged 6 months and older, so you can focus on helping out. To sign up, just head over to www.firstumc.org/vbs.

Milk Jugs and Large Cardboard Needed
Children's Ministry is collecting empty gallon size jugs. Please rinse them out and discard the cap. We are also collecting cardboard boxes especially if they are large. We are creating a frozen landscape all throughout campus for our Vacation Bible School. Please drop off any donations in the C-building at the Children's check-in desk.

KIC Summer Hangouts, Tuesday, June 2, 9:30 - 11:30am
Join us for a fun-filled summer with your KIC family! This family-friendly drop-in event will feature free time and activities suitable for all ages. We'll dive into the Fruits of the Spirit through engaging children's books, complemented by crafts, science experiments, and more. Feel free to bring your friends along, and the best part? It's completely free! (Save these other dates: June 16, June 30, July 14, July 28).

Volunteers Needed for VBS Decorating Days, June 19, 3:30-5:30pm & June 20, 12-3:30pm
If you're unable to help during VBS week, there's still a chance for you to get involved by assisting with the church's snow-themed decorations. We invite you to join us in making the church look festive and ready for the winter wonderland. Your help with decorating would be greatly appreciated!

5th Grade Graduation Breakfast, June 28, 11:15am
Fifth graders and their families are invited to join us for breakfast and a walk down memory lane. Please register by June 18th and let us know how many will be attending. For more information and to register please head to firstumc.org/children.

Warren Willis Summer Camp (Children & Youth) July 6-11 (Week #4):
Registration is now available for students moving up to 4th grade all the way through those who have just graduated 12th grade. To sign up for camp, head over to wwumccc.org/summer-camps/. If you're interested in the Chance to Go Scholarship or need to arrange transportation to and from camp, check out firstumc.org/children for all the details.

YOUTH

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

Sunday, May 24:
10:30am Donuts and Discussion
3:30pm Youth Praise Band
5pm Youth Group

Wednesday, May 27:
No Programming

Youth Beach Trip, Wednesday, June 3, 8am - 4:30pm
Join us for a day of summer fun at Anna Maria Island Beach on Wednesday, June 3! This is a free event for our youth. We will meet at the church at 8:00 AM and return by 4:30 PM. Please have your child bring a packed lunch, towel, and sunscreen. They may also bring spending money for snacks at the beach and any additional beach items they can carry themselves.

Youth Retreat at Annual Conference, June 4-6
Youth (ages 12-17) are invited to the 3-day Florida Annual Conference gathering—an opportunity to worship, learn, and engage in church decision-making. Open to both voting members and observers, this retreat helps students grow as leaders and find their voice in the future of the church. Led by Warren Willis Camp staff and leaders, youth will be guided, supported, and connected throughout the experience. For more information, visit Firstumc.org/youth.

Youth Dinner and Movie Night, Wednesday, June 17, 4 pm - 8 pm
We're meeting at 4 PM at CMX Lakeside Village to catch a movie together, then heading to Burger 21 for dinner. Pickup is at 8 PM at Burger 21. Bring a friend, bring your hype, and come hang out. For more information visit FirstUMC.org/Youth.

Youth Bowling Night, Wednesday, July 1, 5pm - 7pm
Don't miss a great night out on July 1st from 5-7 PM, as we take over the lanes at Bowlero. Your \$25 signup fee covers shoes, pizza, and all the bowling you can handle. Bring your best game and get ready for a fun summer hangout. For more information or to sign up, visit Firstumc.org.



Wesley Heritage Tour for Laity, Sep 23-Oct 1
Travel with Bishop Berlin and lay leaders on a meaningful Wesley Heritage Tour designed specifically for the laity of The Florida Conference. This unforgettable journey will explore the rich history and legacy of the Wesleyan movement while providing opportunities for fellowship, spiritual growth, worship, and learning alongside fellow believers. Participants will visit significant heritage sites and experience the faith traditions that continue to shape Methodist ministry today. The cost for the tour is \$4,698. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged for this once-in-a-lifetime faith experience.

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.

Weekly Midweek Meals end on May 27
As our weekly Wednesday night meals wrap up on May 27, we're shifting to a special summer schedule. Mark your calendars for our Summer Supper series! Each event features a unique theme and fun games you won't want to miss. Summer Schedule: July 1, July 15, July 29, August 12 and August 26. Join us for food, themes, and summer fun!

Financial Peace Summer Session, June 10-August 5, Wednesday Nights 6-8pm
Take control of your money with Financial Peace University! This nine-week class uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and invest for your future! Attend in person or via Zoom. Sign up at FirstUMC.org/Groups.

New Cribbage Club starting June 29!
Join Dale Golden on Monday Mornings at 10am at the Bookstore Café for fun, strategy and fellowship. Cribbage is the perfect blend of skill and luck, offering a great way to sharpen your mind and build lasting friendships. Bring your favorite cribbage board or one will be provided. Whether you're a lifelong player or have never picked up a card, you are welcome here! Learn more and register at FirstUMC.org/Groups.

JOY (55+) Summer Events
Don't miss out on these wonderful opportunities for fun, fellowship, and meaningful service! While our May event is already sold out, we have a fantastic lineup for the rest of the summer. Get full details on the events below and sign up today at FirstUMC.org/Events.
- **Friday, June 19:** A special visit to the One More Child Campus to explore this vital ministry.
- **Friday, July 24:** Cool off at our Ice Cream Social—the perfect escape from the summer heat!
- **Friday, August 21:** August Luncheon and Guest Speaker. Join FUMC Creative Director Dr. Michelle Maldonado for a helpful session on technology titled "Connected and Protected."

MISSIONS

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


Renewed Hope Missions
First UMC will send a mission team Aug 4-11 to serve in the Dominican Republic with this important mission. We're targeting young adults for this team, but all are welcome. Estimated trip cost for the trip based on 10 people is \$927 (single occupancy), \$843 (double occupancy) plus airfare (currently about \$610). Please do NOT let the cost deter you from serving. We have ways for you to raise funds to be on the team. For additional information contact Forrest White (fwhite@firstumc.org).

First Sunday Food Collection
We will receive food at the Missions Depot June 7, immediately following the 11am worship services until 1:30pm. Servants at First United 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.

Disaster Recovery
With the June 1 start of the Atlantic hurricane season almost upon us, we're having a couple of information sessions on Sunday, June 7, from 9-9:30am and 10:30-11am in the church parlor. We will have Trish Warren, co-founder of SALT (Serving and Loving Together) Disaster Recovery, with us to talk about ways to serve survivors affected by storms.

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, 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.)

YA Beach Trip to Pass-a-Grille in St. Pete, Sat, June 13, 8am-1pm
Grab your flip flops, beach towel, sunscreen, and a shareable snack and come soak up the sun! Register at firstumc.org/events.

YA AGB Museum Day, Thurs, June 18, 6-8pm
Did you know that the AGB Museum is open late on Thursdays to accommodate for working hours? Come see some FSC student art work, Andrea Dezsó's Folklore & Fairytales exhibit, and a few Andy Warhol pieces.

YAs Serve: VBS decorating, Fri, June 19, 3:30-5:30pm & Sat, June 20, 12-3:30pm
We want all hands in for VBS decorating, so we'll be helping KIC. Meet in the children's wing (check-in area) to hear directions and split off into various decorating groups. Come both days or just when you can!

