

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	How Great Thou Art/Hassell	Marcus Zillman Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Kim DuBreuil
*HYMN 2190	Bring Forth the Kingdom of God	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 885		Kim DuBreuil
*GLORIA PATRI	We Will Glorify	
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE		Ivan Corbin
OFFERTORY	As The Deer	David & Karen Gagnon
DOXOLOGY 95	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	The Kingdom of Heaven is Like... Small Beginnings (Matthew 13:31-32)	Marcus Zillman
*HYMN 405	Seek Ye First	
*BENEDICTION		Marcus Zillman
*RESPONSE	As We Go	
POSTLUDE	I'll Fly Away/Hayes	Matthew H. Corl

9:30AM MODERN WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Marcus Zillman Kim DuBreuil
*SONGS OF PRAISE	Never Ending Grace, Praise, My Testimony	
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER		Ivan Corbin
OFFERTORY	Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)	
SERMON	The Kingdom of Heaven is Like... Small Beginnings (Matthew 13:31-32)	Marcus Zillman
*SONG OF RESPONSE	God is On The Throne	
*BENEDICTION		Marcus Zillman

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	Prelude on St. Thomas/Corl	Marcus Zillman Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Kim DuBreuil
*HYMN 540	I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 885		Kim DuBreuil
*GLORIA PATRI 70	Glory Be to the Father	
ANTHEM	As The Deer	David & Karen Gagnon
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE		Kim DuBreuil
OFFERTORY	What a Fellowship/Cherwien	Chancel Choir
DOXOLOGY 94	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
HYMN 405	Seek Ye First (v. 1)	
SERMON	The Kingdom of Heaven is Like... Small Beginnings (Matthew 13:31-32)	Marcus Zillman
*HYMN 593	Here I Am, Lord	
*BENEDICTION		Marcus Zillman
*RESPONSE 666	Shalom to You	
POSTLUDE	Toccata/Bedard	Matthew H. Corl

*Please stand if you are able

11:00AM THE CURRENT		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
CALL TO WORSHIP		Ivan Corbin
*SONGS OF PRAISE	The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours), Never Ending Grace, Ever Imagine	Ivan Corbin
CENTERING PRAYER		
OFFERTORY	Deep Love of Jesus	Ivan Corbin
*DOXOLOGY		
SERMON	Nothing Can Separate Us From God’s Love (Romans 8:26-39)	Ivan Corbin
COMMUNION		
*SONG OF RESPONSE	Forever Reign	
*BENEDICTION		Ivan Corbin

CALL TO WORSHIP
LEADER: What mysteries there are in God’s world! ALL: We, stand in awe at the wonders of the world. LEADER: We look at the tiniest of seeds although we consider our gifts small and insignificant. ALL: God will use our gifts in miraculous ways. Praise the God of small seeds and mighty power. 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 19) In Person: 684 Online: 1,406 Total: 2,090



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

Giving Through June 30			
	2026	2025	Inc (Dec)
Budgeted Income	\$ 2,085,600	\$ 2,040,408	\$ 45,192
Actual Income	1,869,184	1,831,473	37,711
	\$ (216,416)	\$ (208,935)	

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 Judi Wells
Deaths Ernestine Surber, 7/15 Harriett “Doll” Jago, 7/18

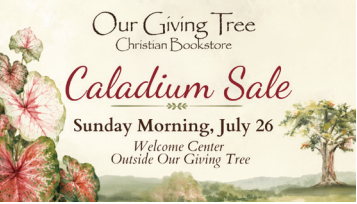
Upcoming Memorial Services
Ernestine Surber, Friday, July 31 - Celebration of Life at 10:30, Chapel
Sandy Trask Swanson, Saturday, August 1 - Celebration of Life at 11am, Sanctuary
Barbara West, Monday, August 3 - Celebration of Life at 2:30pm, Chapel

Altar Flowers
In memory of Buz Watkins and Mildred Watkins by the Watkins Family

Our wedding anniversary by Matthew Corl

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)



Caladium Sale at Our Giving Tree!
Caladium bulbs and plants will be available for sale Sunday morning, July 26 in the Welcome Center outside Our Giving Tree Christian Book-store. Come by during the morning and pick up these beautiful plants while they last! Proceeds will support our Creation Care ministry as part of a First UMC Lakeland initiative to help reduce the church’s use of Styrofoam containers. Thank you for supporting Our Giving Tree, Creation Care, and the ongoing work of caring for God’s creation.



Summer Supper Series: Lip Sync Night, Wednesday, July 29, 5-6:30pm
Join us for food, fellowship, and fun as we celebrate community! Invite your friends and family for an exciting lip sync night featuring contestants from our own staff and congregation. Dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

SERMON NOTES

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)

Promotion Sunday, August 9, 9:30 - 10:30am

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 Kick off Luau, August 23, 4:30 - 6:30pm, Fellowship Center

Come hang out with the KIC Ohana! This is a fun FREE night for the whole family! Join us for dinner, snacks, games, and more! We will have ham and cheese sliders for dinner as well as yummy snacks and desserts! We will also take some time to share what we have planned for the upcoming year, including some brand-new events! Parents will also be able to fill out Medical Forms and have them notarized for the upcoming school year. Please RSVP by August 19th to help us plan for food at (firstumc.org/children)!

KIC Summer Hangouts, Tuesday, July 28, 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!

YOUTH

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

Sunday, July 26:

10:30 am Donuts and Discussion
3:30 pm Youth Praise Band
5 pm Youth Group

Wednesday, July 29:

5:30 pm Youth Summer Hangout

Youth Summer Hangout, Wednesday July 29, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Join us for our Youth Summer Hangout, July 29 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Join us for a fun evening of games, fellowship, and time with friends. Snacks will be provided, and you're welcome to bring your own dinner to enjoy together. For more information, visit firstumc.org/youth.

Middle School Mystery Trip, Sunday, August 2, 10:30am - 4pm

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! Registration is open. For more info, please visit firstumc.org/youth

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.)

Aug Back-to-School Drive:

I called Philip O'Brien Elementary, and they said the main items teachers need often are disinfectant wipes, tissues, and pencils, but any typical school supply will do. We'll be gathering them all of August at any of our meets, or you can feel free to drop them off at the church office with a note that says "YA Ministry." One of our young adults will also have his first classroom this year, so we'll send him off with prayers and supplies!

Pool Party, Sat, Aug 8, 12-2pm

Wear your swimsuit & flip flops & bring a towel—meet at Jen's house. Register at firstumc.org/events to receive the South Lakeland address in your confirmation.

Fantasy Football Draft Thurs, Aug 27, 6-8pm

Alex's pride is on the line, and he may need some humility—sign up to beat him in fantasy football so he doesn't win 2 years in a row. We'll meet at Jen & Alex Swygard's home for the draft. Bring your favorite tailgating foods. Details at firstumc.org/events.

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 Ministries Ongoing Groups: Find Your Community

Looking for a place to connect, discuss, and grow in your faith? Our ongoing adult groups are always open to new members! Whether you are looking for a deep dive into scripture, open discussions on faith, or a supportive community, or fellowship, there is a place for you here. Explore our active groups and find the perfect fit for your schedule and interests. Visit firstumc.org/groups to see current listings and meeting locations or reach out to Adult Ministries at grouplife@firstumc.org to get connected today.

Honoring Our Disciple Graduates on Sunday, August 16

During our morning worship services, we will recognize and honor the dedicated participants who have completed their Disciple Bible Study courses (Disciple 1, Disciple 4 and Jesus in the Gospels). Completing a Disciple Bible Study requires a profound commitment to daily scripture reading, prayer, and weekly group discussion. We are incredibly proud of the dedication shown by these students as they dove deep into God's Word to strengthen their faith and leadership.

Disciple Bible Studies Information Session, Wed, Aug 19, 6pm, Rm C-204

Are you looking to grow closer to God and build lasting Christian friendships this fall? Join us to explore our upcoming Disciple long-term and short-term study options. Stepping into a new Bible study is one of the most rewarding ways to transform your faith and find your people. Whether you are brand new to scripture or a lifelong believer, there is a warm, welcoming place for you here. Light refreshments will be served. To help us prepare, please RSVP online at firstumc.org/events.

JOY (55+) August Luncheon New date: Thursday, Aug 20, Noon, Fellowship Center

Join us for food, fellowship, and a special welcome for our new Senior Pastor, Marcus Zillman! Following a delicious lunch, Dr. Michelle Maldonado, FUMC Creative Director, will lead a session titled "Connected and Protected" where we will discuss online safety and how to identify AI and internet scams. Remember to bring your device for hands-on setup help. Registration for lunch is required 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 School

We will provide a welcome back breakfast on Tuesday, Aug. 4. If you're willing to provide homemade baked goods please reach out to one of our O'Brien passion team leaders - Ann Skellenger (abraham409@aol.com) or Joleen Golden (joleengolden@yahoo.com). All food needs to be dropped at the church admin office by 4pm on Monday, Aug. 3. The school has sent us its wish list for items needed for the start of the school year - pencils; disinfecting wipes; Lysol spray; Kleenex; paper towels. You may leave the items in the blue bins around campus in bags marked "O'Brien supplies." Finally, back-to-school orientation is Aug 6 from 4-6pm. The school would like greeters and guides to help families around campus. Please let Ann or Joleen know if you will serve.

First Sunday Food Collection

We will receive food at the Missions Depot next Sunday, 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

Storm survivors patiently await help from the 2024 hurriances. We will continue our growing partnership with Serving and Loving Together (SALT) Disaster Recovery Ministry when we returning to help with recovery in Pinellas County Aug 7-8. Contact Forrest White via email (fwhite@firstumc.org) with questions or to sign up.

Renewed Hope Missions

First UMC will send a mission team Aug 4-11 to serve in the Dominican Republic with this important mission. Please pray for team members Eina Dorado (leader), Michelle Maldonado, Jecssie Arman and Ivecssie Arman as well as Renewed Hope founder Sarah Rosenburg in advance of their journey and while they're serving in the DR.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

For information regarding Music Ministry events, contact Karen Buie: [kbue@firstumc.org](mailto:kbuie@firstumc.org), (863) 686-3163 x238 or Matthew Corl: mcorn@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x274

Update on the Organ Releathering Project

We've reached the half-way point! With the completion of the Great, Antiphonal, and now the Pedal division, half of the organ has been releathered. Thanks to many generous donors, we have also raised just over half of this year's goal of \$82,000. Next is the Swell division, which will be completed by the fall. Thank you for your continued support!

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 26, 2026

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...

