

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)/Larson	Marcus Zillman Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Ivan Corbin
*HYMN	Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881		Kim DuBreuil
*GLORIA PATRI	We Will Glorify	
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE		
OFFERTORY	There Is a Higher Throne/arr. Greer	Karen Buie
*DOXOLOGY 95	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	Fan, Followers, and Grace (Ephesians 2:8-10)	Marcus Zillman
*HYMN 361	Rock of Ages	
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS		
*BENEDICTION		Marcus Zillman
*RESPONSE	As We Go	
POSTLUDE	Praise God In His Sanctuary/Smith	Matthew H. Corl

9:30AM MODERN WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Marcus Zillman Ivan Corbin
*SONGS OF PRAISE	Never Ending Grace, Goodbye Yesterday, It Really Is Amazing Grace	
BAPTISM	Richmond Hayes Perry Son of Richmond & Jessica Perry	
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS		
OFFERTORY	Ever Be	
SERMON	Fan, Followers, and Grace (Ephesians 2:8-10)	Marcus Zillman
*SONG OF RESPONSE	From The Day	
*BENEDICTION		Marcus Zillman

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	Prelude on Restoration/Corl	Marcus Zillman Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Ivan Corbin
*HYMN 340	Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881		Ivan Corbin
*GLORIA PATRI 70	Glory Be to the Father	
ANTHEM	There is a Higher Throne/arr. Greer	Karen Buie
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE		
OFFERTORY	Rain Down/arr. Carter	Chancel Choir
*DOXOLOGY 94	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	Fan, Followers, and Grace (Ephesians 2:8-10)	Marcus Zillman
*HYMN 361	Rock of Ages	
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS		
*BENEDICTION		Marcus Zillman
*RESPONSE 666	Shalom to You	
POSTLUDE	Toccata on Amazing Grace/Pardini	Matthew H. Corl

*Please stand if you are able

11:00AM THE CURRENT		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
CALL TO WORSHIP		
*SONGS OF PRAISE	Never Ending Grace, Goodbye Yesterday, It Really Is Amazing Grace	
CENTERING PRAYER		
OFFERTORY	Ever Be	
*DOXOLOGY		
SERMON	Fan, Followers, and Grace (Ephesians 2:8-10)	Kim DuBreuil
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS		
COMMUNION		
*SONG OF RESPONSE	From The Day	
*BENEDICTION		

CALL TO WORSHIP	
LEADER: You have called us to this place, O Lord. ALL: Each one of us is unique, with differing gifts and talents. LEADER: Yet each talent represented here is valuable in God’s realm. ALL: Lord, help us find ways in which to use our talents for healing and hope. LEADER: Come, let us praise the Lord who has called us here. ALL: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God’s word for us. 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 (August 16)
In Person: 662
Online: 1,090
Total: 1,752

Acolytes/Crucifers: Colin Vessels & Cameron Vessels, 8:15am

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

	2026	2025	Inc (Dec)	% Inc (Dec)
Budgeted Income	\$ 2,406,461	\$ 2,354,316	\$ 52,145	2.21%
Actual Income	2,159,319	2,100,683	58,636	2.79%
	\$ (247,142)	\$ (253,633)		

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	Joe Dionisi Ken Eddy
Death	David Hankins 7/29 Jerome Burke, 8/18

Altar Flowers
In memory of John Watkins by Weebo Watkins & family
In memory of Carol Ann Sargeant, our angel in heaven, by Dick Sargeant and family

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)

Lay Visitation

Lay Visitors Let’s Go Visit!
Are you called to serve with our care visitation team? As an extension of our ministry, First United Methodist Church offers visits with loving care, prayer & Communion to members of our congregation who are in the hospital or no longer able to get to church. If you are interested in serving as a lay visitor, please contact Nicole Wood at nwood@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163. Remember: Chief among the reasons why we have a visitation ministry is that people matter to both God and to us. Visiting them lets them know we care!

GET INVOLVED WITH THE ALTAR GUILD

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 14 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!

AUGUST 26

BALLOONS. MAGIC. JUGGLING AND MORE

FELLOWSHIP CENTER

5:00PM-6:30PM

Summer Supper Series, Balloons, Magic, Juggling and More, August 26, 5-6:30pm
Join us for our final Summer Supper of the year! Bring your family and friends and enjoy a lively night with your church family. Dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

STAY CONNECTED WITH FIRST UMC LAKELAND

Have you moved, changed your phone number, or updated your email address? Help us keep in touch so you don’t miss important church news, events, and updates.

To update your information, scan the QR code or visit the link below.

firstumc.org/contact-update

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 - Kindergarten)

KIC Family Kick off Luau, TODAY, 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 Friends, Wednesday Nights starting September 16*, 6:00-7:30pm**

Kids Preschool and under will explore the Bible A to Z with a story, craft and fellowship. Elementary kids will explore two biblical moments and choose which they would do! Please sign up once for the entire year at firstumc.org/children. (*Childcare will be available September 9 exclusively for children whose parents are participating in a class or event. **Please note children do not need to stay the entire length of night.)

KIC Club 4/5- Pancakes & Planning, September 17, 5-7pm

Attention 4th and 5th graders! You're invited to join us for a planning event where we'll chat about our upcoming monthly gatherings. If you have ideas on potential destinations, we'd love to hear them, so make sure to come! Sign up by Sep 12 at firstumc.org/children.

YOUTH

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

Sunday, August 23:

9:30am Sunday Morning Bible Study F301

3:30pm Youth Praise Band F101

5pm Youth Group F Building

Wednesday, August 26:

5:15pm Youth Praise Band Practice E22

6pm Open Gym F Building

6:30pm MS & HS Bible Study

High School Late Night Hang, Sunday, September 6, 7pm-9pm

Calling all High schoolers to join us for an extended fellowship time after youth group. We will be walking to Mootown Scoops for ice cream and then returning to the church to hang out. You don't want to miss out! Be sure to sign up at firstumc.org/youth.

Fall Retreat, November 6-8

The youth group will be returning to Warren Willis Camp for Fall Retreat this year. It will be a great weekend of fellowship with each other and to grow deeper in our faith. Be sure to visit firstumc.org/youth for more information and to sign up.

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 Sunday School, Sun, Aug 30, 11am-12pm, C-206

Let's talk about Revelation!

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.

Girls: Custom Claw Hair Clips, Sat Aug 29, 6-8pm

For \$10 you'll get all the supplies you need to customize a hair claw clip, yap with the girls, and eat some snacks! Invite a friend! Register at firstumc.org/events for Jen's address.

Can you escape? Thurs, Sep 3, 6:45-8pm

We will meet downtown at Escapology to solve puzzles and look for clues. Spots are limited, so registration is required. Cost is \$15. Register 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.

Connect & Grow This Fall!

Discover new ways to grow in faith and community. View details and register online at firstumc.org/groups.

- **Adult Fall Class Preview:** Wednesday, Sep 2 . During the Midweek Meal, explore our new fall schedule!

Music & Fellowship

- **Gospel Gathering Hymn Sing:** Wednesdays at 6pm in the Chapel (Starts Sep 9). All singing levels are welcome for this joyful sing-along!

Christ-Centered Yoga

- **Mat Yoga:** Mondays at 6pm (Starts Sep 14). Beginner-friendly class offering a welcoming space to connect with Christ.

- **Chair Yoga (New!):** Wednesdays at 10am (Starts Sep 9). Gentle, seated movement and prayer led by Sarah Lloyd.

Bible Studies & Small Groups

- **Companions in Christ:** Tuesdays at 5:30pm (Starts Sep 15). A 28-week spiritual growth journey split into 5 shorter modules. Sign up for the whole series or just a part!

- **Disciple Fast Track 1 (New App Study!):** Perfect for busy schedules (Starts Sep 21).

Features flexible app-based learning and weekly Zoom meetings. Find out more at BeADiscipleApp.com.

- **Disciple 3:** Sundays from 5pm - 7pm (Sep 13 through April). A deep look at our identity as the community of God.

- **Financial Peace University Fall Session:** Wednesdays at 6pm (starts Sep 16). Learn God's way of handling money.

- **Parables Study:** Wednesdays at 6pm (Starts Sep 9). Discover the stories of Jesus in a fresh light this fall.

- **Radicle Methodism:** Wednesdays at 6pm (Starts Sep 9). Join Pastor Ivan for this 4-week study on the beginnings of Methodism.

- **Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study:** Thursdays at 10am (Starts Sep 10). Beginning with Bishop Berlin's new study, Jesus is Lord.

Language & Ministry

- **American Sign Language (ASL):** Mondays at 6:30pm (Starts Sep 14). Available in person or on Zoom. Learn beginner's ASL for personal connection or ministry.

MISSIONS

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

Better Together Job Fair

In April, First UMC played host to the biggest job fair in Better Together's 10-year history, and we hope to break the record on Oct 22 because that will mean more people landing career opportunities. If you can smile and say "Hello," you can help! Job fair is from 10am-1pm in the C building. We're having an information session to answer any questions on Sept 9th at 4:30 pm in the Chapel (before the Wednesday night dinner). Join us in the transformative work of the church!

KidsPACK

Our first packing event on the 2026-27 school year will be on Wednesday, Sept 2. Setup begins in the Welcome Center at 9am while packing begins at 4pm. If you have questions, please contact our KP leader Skip Stevenson (safetyskip@gmail.com) Note: We will not be packing in October. Please mark your calendars for the first Wednesday of each month for November through May for KidsPACK.

First Sunday Food Collection

We will receive food at the Missions Depot on Sept 6, 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.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

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

KIC Choir registration is now open!

All children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to participate. KIC Choir allows children to praise God through various forms of music, including singing, movement, Orff instruments & choir chimes. KIC Choir will sing in worship services and special events from time to time throughout the year. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays 4-5:15pm beginning September 9. To register, visit firstumc.org/music.

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AUGUST 23, 2026

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