

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	The Summons	Marcus Zillman Matthew H. Corl Ivan Corbin
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*HYMN 2130	The Summons	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 883		Kim DuBreuil
*GLORIA PATRI	We Will Glorify	
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE		
OFFERTORY	Blessed Assurance/arr. Moore	
	Elaine Clemens & Jane Warren, piano duet	
*DOXOLOGY 95	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	But First... (Luke 9:57-62)	Marcus Zillman
*HYMN 2129	I Have Decided To Follow Jesus	
*BENEDICTION		Marcus Zillman
*RESPONSE	As We Go	
POSTLUDE	Rondo/Mozart	
	Elaine Clemens & Jane Warren, piano duet	

9:30AM MODERN WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Marcus Zillman Ivan Corbin
*SONGS OF PRAISE	Good Grace, Be Thou My Vision, Glorious Day	
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER		
OFFERTORY	Called Me Higher	Kim DuBreuil
SERMON	But First... (Luke 9:57-62)	Marcus Zillman
*SONG OF RESPONSE	The Way	
*BENEDICTION		Marcus Zillman

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	Air on Kelvingrove/Corl	Marcus Zillman Matthew H. Corl Ivan Corbin
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*HYMN 2130	The Summons	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 883		Ivan Corbin
*GLORIA PATRI 70	Glory Be to the Father	
ANTHEM	Blessed Assurance/arr. Moore	
	Elaine Clemens & Jane Warren, piano duet	
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE		
OFFERTORY	Peace Like a River/arr. Moore	
	Chancel Choir; Elaine Clemens, piano	
*DOXOLOGY 94	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	But First... (Luke 9:57-62)	Marcus Zillman
*HYMN 2129	I Have Decided to Follow Jesus	
*BENEDICTION		Marcus Zillman
*RESPONSE 666	Shalom to You	
POSTLUDE	Rondo/Mozart	
	Elaine Clemens & Jane Warren, piano duet	

The dancelike hymn *Will You Come and Go With Me* comes from the Iona Community in Scotland. The first four verses are spoken from God to us in a variety of ministry settings with all kinds of people. The last verse is our response to God. As we go from fans to followers, this hymn reminds us of what is asked of us as followers.

*Please stand if you are able

11:00AM THE CURRENT		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
CALL TO WORSHIP		
*SONGS OF PRAISE	Good Grace, Be Thou My Vision, Glorious Day	
CENTERING PRAYER		
OFFERTORY	Called Me Higher	
*DOXOLOGY		
SERMON	But First... (Luke 9:57-62)	Kim DuBreuil
COMMUNION		
*SONG OF RESPONSE	The Way	
*BENEDICTION		

CALL TO WORSHIP		
LEADER: We gather as a community of compassion and hope. ALL: Jesus calls us to care for each other tenderly and willingly. LEADER: By this caring and sharing we will be known as followers of Jesus. ALL: By our example others may be led to lives of peace. LEADER: Lord, open our hearts and minds this day to your word. ALL: Teach us to serve you with all our gifts and talents. 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 23) In Person: 652 Online: 1,128 Total: 1,780	

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.

Giving Through July 31, 2026				
	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.	
New Members Diane Baum, Joanne and Steve Claywell, Tom Grove, Vivian Grove, Jessica and Richmond Hayes, Sandy Hodges, Connie and Andy Phillips, Connie Rae Linderman, Stephen Smith, and Daniel and Raquel Welch	
Baptism Richmond Perry & Hayes Perry, 8/23	
Hospital Ken Eddy Wayne Shooks	
Death Annette Hutcherson, 8/24 Pauline Boone, 8/24	
Altar Flowers In memory of Jim Green by Anna Clare, Clark & James Green and Clare, Ben, Anna Clare & Coty Wilson	
In memory of Lonnie Addison, beloved husband, father and grandfather, by Evelyn Addison and family	

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)	
	Team Color Day, Sep 6 On Labor Day Weekend, come to worship representing your favorite team! And when we say team, we mean any team. Your favorite sport, country, school, university, hometown team, professional team... whatever you cheer for! And it doesn't have to be a jersey. Wear a team T-shirt, polo, tie, scarf, hat, pin, colors, or whatever you have that shows a little team spirit. We'll have some fun with it as we continue our Not a Fan sermon series with Rev. Marcus Zillman. Get ready for a great Sunday of worship!



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.	

Day Trip to Ringling Museum (Sarasota), Friday, September 18
All ages are welcome to join the JOY group for a fun-filled day of adventure at the Ringling Museum in Sarasota. Enjoy a comfortable trip by chartered bus and explore the stunning museum grounds at your own pace. Cost is \$60 which includes museum entry and transportation. Learn more and register at firstumc.org/events.

Memory Ministry Workshop, Friday, September 11, 10-11:30am
Join Vicky Pitner for an informative and interactive workshop: Creating Calm When Life is Confusing. Being impatient with someone living with a dementia, can cause the person to feel scared, confused, frustrated or angry. Maintaining a calm demeanor, while you are feeling those same emotions your family member feels, may seem impossible, however, learning and practicing effective techniques helps diffuse a conflict. Register for this free in-person workshop at firstumc.org/events.

Connect & Grow This Fall!
Discover new ways to deepen your faith and build community. Join us for our Adult Fall Class Preview on Wednesday, Sep 2, at Midweek Meal.

Explore the new schedule of offerings listed below. Learn more and register at Firstumc.org/groups.	
- 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.	
- Companions in Christ: Tuesdays at 6pm (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-Based Study!): Perfect for busy schedules (Starts Sept 21). Features flexible app-based learning and weekly Zoom meetings. Find out more at BeADiscipleApp.com.	
- Disciple 3: Sundays from 5-7:00pm (Sept 13 through April). A deep look at our identity as the community of God.	
- Fall Chair Yoga (New!): Wednesdays at 10am (Starts Sep 9). Gentle, seated movement and prayer led by Sarah Lloyd.	
- Fall Mat Yoga: Mondays at 6pm (Starts Sep 14). Beginner-friendly class offering a welcoming space to connect with Christ.	
- Financial Peace University Fall Session: Wednesdays at 6pm (starts Sep 16). Learn God's way of handling money.	
- Gospel Gathering Hymn Sing: Wednesdays at 6pm in the Chapel (Starts Sep 9). All singing levels are welcome for this joyful sing-along!	
- 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.	

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 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.

KIC Family- Boots & Bales Bash, September 27, 2:30-4:30pm

Join us for some KIC Family Fall Fun! Come enjoy caramel apple nachos, fall crafts, learn some line dances, and more! This is a FREE event that will be filled with all things fall! Wear your favorite western wear or fall gear! Invite your friends to join in the fun! Please RSVP by Sep 22 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 30:

9:30am Sunday Morning Bible Study F301

3:30pm Youth Praise Band F101

5pm Youth Group F Building

5:30pm Youth Parent Class E22

Wednesday, September 2:

5:15pm Youth Praise Band Practice E22

6pm Open Gym F Building

6:30pm MS & HS Bible Study

Youth Parent Class, Sundays, August 30 - October 4 , 5:30pm - 6:45pm

Join us for our Fall Youth Parent Class as we explore Boundaries with Teens. We'll meet at 5:30pm in Room E22 and discuss practical topics such as setting healthy boundaries, academics, defiance, internet use, money, driving, and more. Together, we'll explore selected chapters from the book and gain helpful tools for navigating the teenage years. For more information or to sign up, visit firstumc.org/youth.

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.

Serve Saturday, Saturday, September 19, 9am - 12pm

Join us for Serve Saturday on September 19 we will be going to VISTE to serve. We will meet at the church at 9 am and return at noon. Students must have an updated medical form on file to attend. For more information and to sign up visit 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.

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: 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.

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, Today, 11am-12pm, C-206

Let's talk about Revelation!

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.

YAs Serve: Take Heart 5k, Sat, Sep 12, 6am-10am

Meet at the Lakeland Promenade to hold posters at the finish line, hand out waters, or supervise the bounce house as we join Take Heart in raising funds for orphans and widows for their thriving education program in Kenya.

YA Girls Clothing Swap, Thurs, Sep 24, 6-7:30pm, room C-112

Time to clean out your closet! Bring your gently used clothes, shoes, and accessories, and swap them for new-to-you styles while saving the environment and your wallet!

MISSIONS

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

KidsPACK

Our first packing event on the 2026-27 school year will be this 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 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 Road Trip

We'll be taking a team back to the Asheville, N.C., area to help with ongoing Hurricane Helene flying out of St. Pete on Sunday, Oct 4 and return on Thursday, Oct 8. We will be working three full days two years after the hurricane devastated many mountain communities. Cost is \$100 plus your airfare. That covers lodging for four nights, three meals M-W and supplies. Lodging is a nice facility with bunk beds. Please let me know as soon as possible if you'd like to join the team. Deadline to sign up is Sep 13. Email fwhite@firstumc.org to sign up.

Disaster Recovery Local - We will continue our partnership with SALT (Serving and Loving Together) Disaster Recovery in Pinellas County Sept. 11 and 12 from 8:30am-4:30pm each day. You don't have to be skilled in construction. You just need to be a willing helper with a good attitude to make a real difference. No charge to serve. Open to anyone age 14 and older, though youth should be accompanied by a parent if possible. Most choose to drive to and from Lakeland. But overnight accommodations are available. Email me (fwhite@firstumc.org) to sign up.

Gospel Village - A new passion team has formed led by Chris Dunmall and Nancy Nuzzo! They will be preparing, serving and sharing dinner once each month to the residents of Gospel Village, a Christ-centered community providing a home and micro-enterprise work opportunities to the formerly homeless. First dinner will be Oct. 8. Prayerfully consider joining them! You may reach Chris and Nancy via email at 1stUMCGVMission@gmail.com.

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 Sep 9 at 4:30 pm in the Chapel (before the Wednesday night dinner). Join us in the transformative work of the church!

First United Methodist Church

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Sermon Series

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