

First Things

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March 8, 2020

Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 8. Spring your clocks forward one hour Saturday night.



Worship for March 8: We Confess Series

8:45 & 11 a.m. Traditional Service

Sermon: "By What We Have Done"

Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Rev. Mark Flynn, Lead Pastor

11 a.m. Contemporary Service

Sermon: "By What We Have Done"

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Rev. Chris Black, Associate Pastor

Collecting Items for Holston Home for Children

FUMC is busy collecting supplies (and cash) to stock the shelves and closets for the 48 children and youth who live at Holston United Methodist Home for Children in Greeneville, Tennessee. Check the church website or the bulletin board (near the church offices) for the flier that lists the items being collected March 29 through April 12. Collected items will be displayed in our FUMC church services on Easter. Then, Saturday, April 18, we'll travel to Holston Home to deliver the supplies and tour the campus. All are welcome. Contacts: Melanie Fillauer, 865-719-2623 and Vicki Hinkel, 865-621-4585. (Make checks to FUMC, memo: Duffels.)

Keeping Someone Warm

Each year the United Methodist Women have joined with Church Women United to collect funds to purchase blankets for people in need. You can help a neighbor keep warm on a cold winter's night with your donation. If you have a used blanket in good condition, it can be donated, and the UMW will deliver it to Ecumenical Storehouse. Look for the collection Sunday, March 15, in the Fellowship Hall. UMW members will also be available after church services in the Narthex. A gift of \$10 will keep someone in need warm. We appreciate your help with this project.

Wonderful Wednesdays During Spring Break

While everyone is enjoying spring break, we will not have our Wonderful Wednesday, Children's Choir, or Youth group programs March 18 and 25. See everyone back April 1!

Upcoming Faith and Science Lectures: March 24 and April 21

"Science and Christianity" will be the topic of the third talk in the Faith and Science Lecture Series jointly sponsored by First Presbyterian and First United Methodist churches. The lecture will be presented at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, in First Presbyterian's fellowship hall by Drew Crain, professor of biology at Maryville College and author of the 2020 book, *Science and Christianity: Past, Present, and Future*.

According to Crain, studies indicate at least 30% of Americans perceive a conflict between science and their religious beliefs. As a result, some people abandon their faith and some people of faith dismiss scientific explanations as untrue. An enthusiastic biologist and devoted Christian, Crain says, "I believe that this is a result of a lack of discussion about science in churches, which is a consequence of the time in which we live." In his March 24 lecture, Crain will provide scriptural considerations and scholarly information on some of the most fundamental, modern scientific concepts (creation, evolution, conservation, and transhumanism).

On Tuesday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m., on the eve of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, Professor Crain will speak on "Creation Care and the Climate Crisis" at First United Methodist Church.

Crain's book was published in 2020 by Smyth & Helwys Books. The book is also available on Amazon.com. Crain, who holds a B.S. from Clemson University and a Ph.D. from the University of Florida, has taught at Maryville College since 1998. He has received Maryville College's "Teacher of the Year" award several times.

Order an Easter Flower by Sunday, March 29

To order a flower in memory of or in honor of a loved one for Easter Sunday, April 12, place this form in the offering plate or mail it to FUMC by **Sunday, March 29**. Cost is \$15 (make checks to FUMC, memo: Easter flowers), and flowers may be picked up after the 11 a.m. services on Easter. Donors and persons being memorialized/honored will be listed in the bulletin on Easter.

Name (as you would like to have listed) _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Circle: *In Memory* *In Honor* of _____

Service: Traditional Contemporary No./Type of flowers: Lily Cyclamen Kalanchoe

A check for _____ is enclosed (\$15 each). Deadline to order: Sunday, March 29

In Loving Memory

Larry Foster

who joined FUMC on November 3, 1996, and died on February 27, 2020. We extend love and sympathy to his wife, June, and children, Matt and Jessica.

In Sympathy

We extend love and sympathy to:

- Keith & Melissa Jeter, Will and Evan, in the death of Keith's mother, Wanda Joy Jeter, on February 26.
- Anne Brock, Imelia and Cynthia, in the death of Anne's brother, Phillip Brock, on February 25.

Hospitalized

No one that we know of.

Our Gifts

Offering this Week	\$47,452
2020 Year to Date	\$310,583
2019 Year to Date	\$250,154
Mission Special Offering	\$482

Contact Information

865.483.4357

www.fumcor.org

To contact the pastor on

call: 865.272.9862



First Steps Fundraiser April 1, 2020

First Steps Child Development Center will host a spaghetti dinner/silent auction April 1 from 5-7 p.m. with a verbal auction at 6 p.m. The money raised will be used for the Infant/Toddler Playground Project. This event is open to the entire community and is child friendly. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased in the First Steps Office: \$10 adult; \$5 kids; \$30 family max. Tickets may also be purchased on the day of the event at the door. Day-of-event tickets are \$12 adults; \$6 kids; \$35 family max.

Middle School Retreat April 3-4

Youth grades 6-8 are invited to attend the Middle School Youth Retreat April 3-4. We will stay at Grace Point Camp And Retreat Center in Kingston. The retreat will be a whirlwind weekend getaway with devotions, worship, good food, games, and free time. The retreat costs \$30 (scholarships are available if cost is an obstacle). Register online at fumcor.org/youthforms.



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Holy Presence, Holy Conflict: Jenny Travels Through the Holy Land

I have been gifted with the opportunity to go to the Holy Land this month. This particular trip appealed to me because, in addition to the excitement of being able to physically walk where Jesus walked, this trip will have two guides – one Israeli and one Palestinian. The paradox of the Holy Land is that it is sacred space that has been the site of horrific violence for thousands of years, much of the violence perpetrated on what was and is seen as religious grounds (so to speak). As continuing education monies are helping to fund my trip the Staff Parish Relations Committee asked me to write a blog while I am there. This blog, titled *Holy Presence, Holy Conflict: Jenny Travels Through the Holy Land*, will be available on the website at fumcor.org/israel. So follow the website, and join me on my travels through the Holy Land. - Jenny Caughman

Easter Visitation

Each Christmas and Easter, members of the congregation visit our homebound members and take them a flower. The purpose of the visit is to remind these folks, many of whom were very active here for years, that they are not forgotten and are still connected to our church. Those who make the visits, which are generally 15-45 minutes, often come back and share what a joyful, meaningful experience it was. The visits will take place throughout the weekend of Palm Sunday (April 4-5), with a devotional and sendoff taking place Saturday, April 4, at 10 a.m. in the Chapel. To sign up, visit the website fumcor.org/visitation, call the office 483-4357, sign up on the mission's bulletin board on the ground floor, or call Joye Montgomery, 483-6956. Thank you for supporting our homebound church members. This Easter will be slightly different in that we will not be making condolence calls as we have in the past. We are in the process of establishing a new way to visit church members who have lost a loved one.

Schedule for March 7 - March 14, 2020

Saturday, March 7

9:00 Second Chance Sale, MPR

Sunday, March 8

8:45 Traditional Service, Sanctuary

10:00 Sunday School

10:15 Abiding Worship, Chapel

11:00 Traditional Service, Sanctuary

11:00 Contemporary Service, MPR

6:00 PTSD Support Group, 207

Monday, March 9

10:30 WOW, 205

11:00 ROMEOs, 202

1:00 The Book Group, 205

1:30 Food For Kids, MPR

5:00 Grief Support Group, 203

6:15 Pilot Group, 207

6:15 Threshold Choir, 106

6:30 Scouts

6:30 Ham Radio Club, 115/117

Tuesday, March 10

8:15 Weekly Communion, Chapel

8:30 Food For Kids, MPR

9:00 Staff Meeting, 207

12:00 Centering Prayer, Chapel

6:00 Connecting w/God, 203

6:00 Stephen Ministry Training, 205

6:30 Trustees, 204

6:30 Ballroom Dancing, MPR

7:00 NAMI, FH

7:00 Stephen Ministry, 207

Wednesday, March 11

9:00 Small Group, 202

9:30 SET, 204

10:30 First Things Folders, 207

12:00 XYZ Luncheon, FH

1:00 Connecting w/God, 203

3:30 Sisters in Spirit, 202

5:15 Wonderful Weds. PK-2nd

Keystone & First Steps—M-F

5:30 Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

5:45 Wonderful Weds. 3rd-6th

6:00 Chrismon Class, 204

6:15 Youth Choir, 106

6:15 John Wesley Class, 207

7:00 Youth Group, Loft

7:00 Adult Choir, 106

Thursday, March 12

11:20 Thursday Lunch, MPR

12:30 Caregiver Support Group, 203

4:30 Card Making Workshop, 204

6:15 Girl Scouts, 205

Friday, March 13

8:00 Women's Small Group, 202

6:30 Scout Adult Leader Mtg, 304/305

7:00 Youth Lock-in

Saturday, March 14

8:00 Christian Homemaking, FH