

First Things

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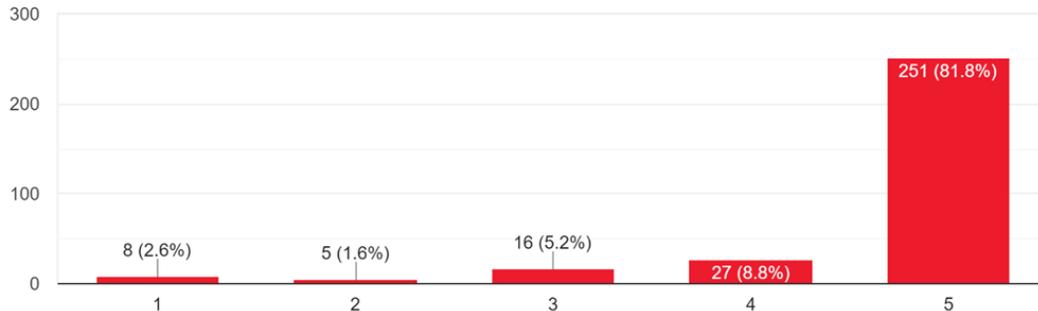
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Results from the Reopening Survey

1. I am in contact by phone, in-person, or online with people in my life that I can count on during this season of quarantine.

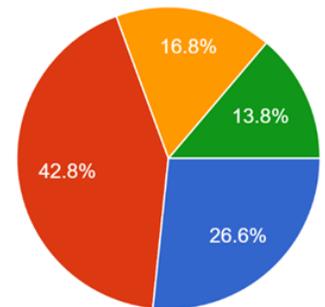
307 responses



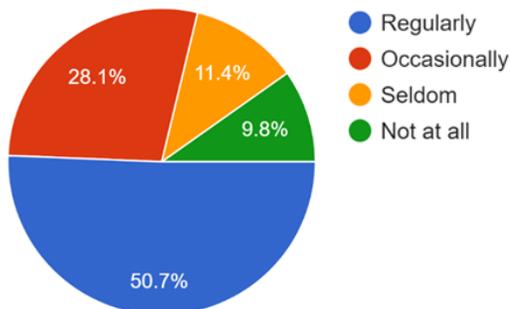
2. Have you grown spiritually during the stay-at-home guidelines/orders of the pandemic?

304 responses

- Yes
- Some
- No
- Not sure



3. Have you been watching FUMCOR's online worship options or other video offerings during this quarantine? 306 responses



4. If you have been watching online worship options, which online portal(s) have you used? (Check all that apply.) 263 responses

FUMCOR.org.....80 (30.4%)

YouTube, Concord UMC, FUMC Knoxville, Attending classes, TV,.....1 (0.4%)

5. Have you participated in other online options? (Check all that apply) 185 responses

Watching recorded Sunday school.....40 (21.6%)

Participated in Sunday school or small group.....96 (51.9%)

Attended committee or other church group.....44 (23.8%)

Mindful Meditation.....2 (1.1%)

SuperSoul Sunday TV, Programs on own channel, stained glass with Seth, choir Zoom Mtgs, Youth group, morning coffee...1 (0.5%)

New Online Bible Study Beginning Soon

Letting Bible Study Get Back to Basics

Have you been reading the Bible much during COVID-19? If not, have you thought about trying to do it more? Beginning Wednesday evening, July 15, Rev. Chris Black will offer a 5-week Zoom meeting class called, *Letting Bible Study Get Back To Basics*. He will discuss various timeless tools that are deceptively simple, but that can lead to a richer understanding of our sacred text. If you have ever thought, "Where should I begin with the Bible?," "I don't understand this at all," "Is a commentary really necessary?," "I am honestly a little intimidated by the Bible," this class is for you. Classes will begin at 8:00 p.m. for approximately 40 minutes. There will be a link for the Zoom meeting on our website (fumcor.org), under the Virtual Chapel tab. If you have questions, please contact Chris (cblack@fumcor.org).

Our Prayers:

Discharged: Bill Martin, Bea Garber, Lula Bartholomew

In Sympathy

We extend love and sympathy to Sandi Wright in the death of her sister, Pat Edinger, who died on June 23 and to

Ruth Maddigan and Ron Dobosy in the death of Ruth's son, John Van Dyke, who died on June 23.

Our Gifts

Offering this Week	\$17,676
2020 Year to Date	\$727,357
2019 Year to Date	\$688,981
Monthly Special Offering	\$1,295

Thank You!

Thank you to all the workers and participants who helped or attended the Drive-thru "CAR"nival last week. It was HOT but everyone had a great time. A special thank you to the workers who braved the heat and helped Megan pull it off: Autumn, Alli, Kaylie, Sabra, Savanna, Ken, Gary, Elizabeth, Terry, and to Chris Black for keeping us all hydrated! It was sad that we couldn't have VBS this summer, but this was a fun event that let us get to see everyone briefly. We have a few July Summer Fun Buckets leftover, so if you were unable to attend and would like one for your child email Megan Alden (malden@fumcor.org).

July Special Offering: Girls Incorporated

Girls Inc. serves three counties and 22 schools based out of a centrally located facility for after school and summer camp programs. They aim to serve the highest need, lowest income schools to ensure girls have access to an intentional and research based program in science, economics, health and more. This summer, Girls Inc. has an active summer camp. For girls who cannot attend in person, food and activity packages are being delivered to the girls' homes. This is in addition to virtual educational activities that girls engage in with computers. Please help support their activities to lead girls to professional lives. Make checks out to FUMC (memo: July Special Offering).

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Virtual Organ Recital *Made in America*

Please join the Music Ministry for an organ recital presented by Josh Sumter. Included in the program are pieces unique to the United States with a special emphasis on Spirituals and black composers. Composers include Emma Lou Diemer, Margaret Sandresky, Craig Phillips, William Farley Smith, William Grant Still, and Dudley Buck. *The recital will premiere on the church's Facebook page, but will be available for viewing at your leisure on Facebook or YouTube any time after the premiere.*

Worship CD and DVD Available

When we had to close the building due to the COVID -19 pandemic, we quickly explored ways of providing online worship and other devotional activities. This works quite well - for those who have access to the internet, but not everyone does. In an effort to serve all of our members we will be making CD and DVD recordings of our worship services available. If you do not have a CD player, we will work to find you one. Many assisted living facilities have both CD and DVD players available to borrow. If you would like a CD or DVD or help finding a way to use them, please call Jenny Caughman (483.4357).

Free Community Meal Drive-thru

As many of you know we have been providing Drive-thru community meals each Wednesday since the pandemic began. Naomi Asher and Melissa Charles, along with a small cadre of dedicated volunteers, have made this possible. As we move into our fifth month we are looking for more volunteers. There are three jobs: cooking, packing, and distributing. While we work diligently to be safe, through the wearing of masks and socially distancing, this does involve some interaction with people and therefore is not recommended that anyone who is at greater risk volunteer. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, contact Jenny Caughman (jcaughman@fumcor.org). Thank you for your wonderful support of this vital community ministry.

Made in America
An Organ Recital Featuring Sacred Music from the United States

Sunday, July 5 at 6:00pm
- Online Only via Facebook Live -
First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge, TN

Featuring works by Emma Lou Diemer, Dudley Buck, William Grant Still, and more!