



As followers of Jesus and members of this congregation, we long to serve one another and the greater Oak Ridge community with the love of Christ. That is not only our heritage but our hope for the future. And considering our excellent, ongoing programs taking place and the emerging, new ministries for which we are mobilizing, we have every reason to be "Abounding In Hope!"

That phrase, our financial campaign theme to fund our 2022 general budget, is taken from Paul's words to the Church in Romans 15:13: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." There is much to celebrate about First United Methodist Church, but nothing is more important than the realization that God is leading us forward into the future to be in ministry to the greater Oak Ridge area and beyond.

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Thanks be to God, we are already well on our way toward reaching the goals for this campaign set by our Finance Committee. Because many of our church leaders turned in their commitments in the past two weeks, we have already received 56 Estimates of Giving cards, which represents 20% of our 275 goal! Those Estimates of Giving represent a total of \$408,142, which is 34% of our \$1,200,000 goal!

By now, everyone in our congregation should have received a letter inviting them to participate in this campaign to fund our ministries in 2022 and an Estimate of Giving card. If you are interested, that same Estimate of Giving card and a booklet, "An Overview of Church Finances" are available online at our website ([fumcor.org](http://fumcor.org) give). If you prefer a printed copy of that booklet, please contact the church office.

We ask everyone to please turn in their Estimate of Giving by Commitment Sunday, November 14. You may do so on our church website, by mailing the card, or calling or emailing our Finance office.

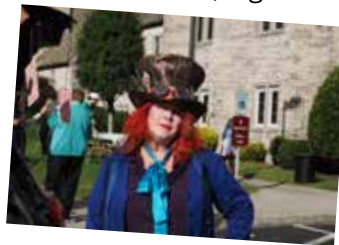
Thank you for supporting the vital ministries of our church family!

## Celebrating Fall Fest Success

By any and all measurements, our 2021 Fall Fest was a great success! Our front parking lot was full of children and parents trunk-or-treating, the grill was sizzling with hot dogs, and the front lawn was filled with games and activities. In addition to quite



a few of our own children who came dressed in their Halloween best, a great majority of families who joined us were friends and neighbors from the community.



Our deep thanks to all the volunteers who made it all possible! Your Christ-like hospitality made a difference in the lives of many. Our

collective prayer is that each child and neighbor that participated will associate our congregation with welcome, gracious generosity, and joy!



Photos by Jim Parks

## Food for Kids

Our last Food for Kids packing this year will take place Monday, November 15 starting at 12 noon in the multipurpose room. Delivery of bins to schools will occur Tuesday, November 16 starting at 8:30 am. Masks are mandatory. Contact Cara Weigel, 865-481-8108.



## In Loving Memory Dianne Wilson

who joined the First Church family  
October 18, 1987, and died  
October 28, 2021. We extend love  
and sympathy to all her beloved  
family and friends.

## In the Hospitals

Marilyn Nagle - Parkwest  
Gene Goodwin - Parkwest

## Our Gifts

Offering This Week: \$ 18,403  
2021 Year to Date: \$1,096,638  
2020 Year to Date: \$1,125,847  
Monthly Mission Offering: \$2485

## Pastors

Mark Flynn, lead  
Jenny Caughman, spiritual care  
Seth O'Kegley-Gibson, worship

## Contact Information

865.483.4357 [www.fumcor.org](http://www.fumcor.org)  
Pastor on call: 865.272.9862

## Worship for November 7

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon: The Spiritual Practice of Business  
Scripture: Matthew 6:19-21

8:45 & 11:15 am Traditional Services  
9:45 Contemporary Service  
Preaching: Mark Flynn, Lead Pastor



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## November Special Offering: Scholarships for Keystone

Keystone Adult Day Program provides critical relief for caregivers while offering a safe, structured, and supportive environment for people living with dementia. Keystone holds fast to its commitment that no caregiver or person living with dementia should ever be denied services because of the lack of financial resources. In its 33-year history, Keystone has never turned anyone away because of an inability to pay.

The families Keystone serves come with great need. Caregivers must have relief, and the persons for whom they are providing care need social interaction, meaningful activity, and a community where they are unconditionally welcomed and accepted. Keystone's ability to provide scholarships to people in need is nothing short of life-changing as it helps caregivers and their loved ones reclaim a life of quality. To donate to Keystone's scholarship fund, make checks payable to: FUMC Keystone.

## Ministry to Homeless Children Organizational Gathering on November 21

Family Promise of Roane County (FPRC)'s mission is to shelter first-time homeless children and their families in safe, stable, and caring environments. FPRC provides case management and sustained post-program support, making sure each family finds the stability they deserve. We will host FPRC's Executive Director at 12:30 pm Sunday, November 21 in the chapel to explain how members of our church family are needed to volunteer for four weeks during the year. Please prayerfully consider attending this information and organizational gathering.

## Children's Church Update

Beginning Sunday, November 14, 2021 Children's Church will no longer be offered during the 9:45 a.m. Contemporary service or the 11:15 a.m. Traditional service. Children's Church is a well-attended program **but is lacking adequate volunteers** needed in order to be in compliance with our Safe Sanctuaries Guidelines. If you are feeling led to volunteer in the FirstKids ministry, email Shelby Fowler at [sfowler@fumcor.org](mailto:sfowler@fumcor.org).

## Homebound Member Birthdays

Please remember the homebound members of our congregation who have birthdays this month; take a moment to send them a card or give them a call.

November 4: Bill Hoppe  
Betty Pitts  
November 11: Brownie Blackmon  
November 16: Bettie Preston  
November 29: Rosemary Steckel  
November 30: Bill Pryor

