



Our Finance Committee is very pleased to celebrate the results of our Abounding In Hope financial stewardship campaign to fund next year's ministries. We have received 169 Estimates of Giving, which represents 62% of our goal of 275. Those Those Estimates of Giving total \$896,646, which equals 75% of our \$1,200,000 goal.

We thank God for the faithfulness and generosity of all those who have returned their 2022 Estimate of Giving so far. If you have not yet returned yours, there is still time! Please call the Church's Finance and Administration Office, visit fumcor.org/give, or pick up an Estimate of Giving card on Sunday morning. Please help us continue to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the world!

Free Christmas Concert Tickets Available Now

Our congregation and United Church, Chapel on the Hill are teaming up for this year's Christmas at First Church concerts: Here We Come A-Caroling. The concerts will be take place on Saturday, December 11th at 3 pm and Sunday, December 12th, at 7 pm.

Attendance is free, but a reservation is required. If you would prefer to enjoy the concert from the comfort and safety of your home, you can register for a "virtual ticket" and receive an email with a livestream link to the concert. Wearing masks for these performances is strongly recommended. Reserve your ticket at fumcor.org/concert-tickets. Please contact Pastor Seth (sokegley@fumcor.org) if you have any questions.

UMW Snowman Is On the Way!

The United Methodist Women's snowman is coming again this year! He will be in the Vienna Road entrance area. Hang your newly purchased gloves, mittens, scarves, or socks (adult or children's sizes) on the snowman's pegs, and they will be donated to the FUMC Christmas Shoppe Families. What a great way to share the warmth of the Christmas season!



Coping With Grief During The Holidays

Our congregation will offer a one-hour program, "Coping with Grief During the Holidays" on Monday, November 29 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Retired grief counselor Steve Herbes will lead the program. Steve will lead a discussion about the challenges we face during the holidays and share some coping strategies.

Grief is often challenging, especially during the holiday season. On top of that burden, the pandemic also disrupted our normal process for grieving, such as limiting our ability to attend receiving of friends and funerals.

Participants may attend in-person in the multi-purpose room or watch via livestream through our church website. This program is free and open to all, so please invite anyone who will benefit. We hope it will be helpful for those at any stage of the grieving process. To better help us estimate the number attending, please call the church office and let us know if you will join us.

Help Decorate for the Season

Our annual "hanging of the greens" will take place this Sunday afternoon beginning at 12:30 pm. Come prepared to help make the old saying "many hands make light work" come true!

Poinsettias for Advent and Christmas

We decorate our worship spaces for the Advent and Christmas seasons with beautiful red poinsettias. You have two opportunities to give. Smaller poinsettias may be purchased in memory or honor of a loved one. To order your poinsettias, please visit our website, call the church office, or use the paper sign-up at the back of each worship space Nov. 21 and 28. You can pay by credit card when you order online or you can send in a check to FUMCOR with "poinsettias" in the memo line. After the worship service that you choose during registration, you may take the poinsettias home with you or leave them for us to use again.



We use larger poinsettias on the flower stands in the Nave. You can reserve these for \$35 each by visiting the "Altar Flower Signup" on our church website. You may take these after the Sunday that you choose. Thanks for your help in making Advent and Christmas even more beautiful.

In the Hospitals

We know of no one in the hospital at this time.

Our Gifts

Offering This Week: \$ 29,228
2021 Year to Date: \$1,163,995
2020 Year to Date: \$1,180,278
Monthly Mission Offering: \$895

Pastors

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

Contact Information

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Pastor on call: 865.272.9862

Thursday at 11:00: Facebook Live!

This week, Sheila Michel will talk with Mark about TORCH and teenage homelessness in our region. Find it on our Facebook page every week.

Worship for November 21

The Feast of the Reign of Christ

Sermon: A New Kind of God

Scripture: John 18:33-37

8:45 & 11:15 am Traditional Services

9:45 Contemporary Service

Preaching: Mark Flynn, Lead Pastor



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Ministry to Homeless Children Organizational Gathering This Sunday

The Executive Director of Family Promise of Roane County (FPRC) will join us this Sunday, November 21 at 12:30 pm in the Chapel to discuss changes in how their organization shelters first-time homeless children and their families in a safe, stable, and caring environment.



All are welcome to attend this information session to determine if our church family can support the work of this vital ministry in our region.

A Service of Lessons and Carols

To mark the beginning of Advent, the community and congregation are invited to a Service of Lessons and Carols. This festive service will take place on Sunday, December 5th at 7:00p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Included will be traditional Advent scripture readings alternating with congregational carols, as well as Christmas music performed by instrumentalists and vocalists. We will also have a brass ensemble. Come join us for a joyful celebration of Advent!

Our Church's Digital Ministry

Our church is continuing to build a comprehensive digital ministry, capable of touching lives worldwide. In addition to our livestreamed worship services, we also:

- host a weekly Facebook Live session in which Mark talks with a member of our staff, church, or community (Thursdays at 11:00am; viewable anytime after)
- post a weekly "Lectio Divina" guided meditation to boost your prayer life
- share a weekly "Morning Coffee" video full of news and inspiration

Please visit our website to find these and more!

Celebrating 10 years of Jason Tate

Jason Tate joined the Contemporary Band as a drummer 10 years ago this week! In those years he has drummed for almost every Contemporary Worship service, over 500 so far. Personally, he has married Catherine, had a child named Julissa, and is expecting a second child in a few weeks. We celebrate Jason, his talents, and his service to this congregation.

