



Seeking All Saints' Day Information

Each year, First United Methodist Church joins with congregations around the world to celebrate All Saints' Day. Our primary goal in these worship services is to thank God for the "saints" in our lives who have passed away since last All Saints' Day. This year's celebration will take place in all three of our worship services on Sunday, November 6. We are asking for your help to make that day special.

On All Saints' Day, we will read the names and honor the lives of those FUMCOR members who have passed away. However, we are aware that many of those we need to honor that day were not members of our congregation. And so, in an effort to honor all the "saints" who made an impact on us, we will have an insert in traditional services and a screen in our contemporary service that day which will list the non-members who have passed away for whom we thank God.

If there is someone you would like to ensure is on our list of members or non-members for November 6, please email that information to mflynn@fumcor.org or contact our church office.

Announcing A New Signup for Altar Flowers

Those who wish to purchase altar flowers for the Contemporary Service can now make those arrangements on our website, at fumcor.org/altar-flowers. There you can sign up for available Sunday dates and communicate who you desire to honor with the altar flower arrangement.

Those who wish to purchase altar flowers for the Traditional Services can now find that signup sheet back in its former location, on a bulletin board between the parlor and the chapel. After signing up for a Sunday, you will be contacted the week prior to that Sunday regarding how to pay for the flowers.

Motts Floral Design will send a bill to those purchasing flowers in both Contemporary and Traditional Worship.

Food for Kids Update

Food for Kids packing will take place Monday, October 17 starting at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please note a change in the room for this month! We have 2,408 bags to pack, so bring a friend, relative, or new church member to help with this important ministry.

Distribution of the bins will take place on Tuesday, October 18 at 8:30 a.m. Masks are optional. Questions? Call Cara Weigel at 865-481-8108.

The Magic of the Near Death Experience

Our church will be hosting a Zoom retreat which will explore the potential impact of a Near Death Experience. The program will be presented via Zoom by monks from the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, GA. Local participants will gather in the MPR for the program, lunch, and discussion.

The description on the monastery website states: "In the Near Death Experience," we may come to know who God really is. Someone described it this way: 'an immense, radiant love poured out from God, consuming me with inexpressible love. With all my heart, I wanted to melt into Him as if we were one.' This experience is so powerful that it may alter our relationship with God in a radical way. We will explore the implications of this change."

We will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room. The program begins at 9:30 a.m. this Saturday and will be preceded by a time of gathering starting at 9:00 a.m. For more information, contact Jenny at jcaughman@fumcor.org.

Helping Hands Ready to Serve

On October 22, a group of dedicated volunteers will gather to assist in seasonal tasks for some of our church members needing an extra set of hands to complete them. Leaf raking to hose storage to battery replacement are just a few of the jobs that can be done to assist some of our elderly families still living at home. Please contact Mark Diemer at 865-483-5410 to be placed on the schedule. A home visit will be made to assess needs identified prior to the October work day.

Christmas Choir Update

This year's Christmas concert, "Thy Light Has Come," will take place on Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m., preceded by activities for children coordinated by Shelby Fowler (sfowler@fumcor.org). There is still plenty of room for you in the Christmas Choir! We have a particular need for tenors and basses. Contact Josh (jsumter@fumcor.org) for more information.

REMINDER: The Reconciling Ministries Network affiliation straw vote by FUMCOR church members will take place for the last time this Sunday. If you're worshipping at our church, pick up a paper ballot. If you're worshipping online, go to fumcor.org/vote.

In the Hospitals

Carolyn Henderson (MMC)

Discharged

Joyce Morris to NHC OR
Hoke Culbertson to NHC Farragut

Our Gifts

Offering This Week: \$55,938.98
2022 YTD offering: \$1,032,695
2021 YTD offering: \$1,038,902
Mission offering: \$ 795.00

This Week's Podcast

Join us as Mark speaks with Mike Corcoran about our building, unexpected increases in the Trustees budget, and quite possibly an articulation of Star Trek trivia. Look for new episodes at Apple Podcasts and on our website.



Worship for October 14

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Prayer Doesn't End When We Say "Amen"

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8

8:45 am & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Services

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

Preaching: Rev. Mark Flynn



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Celebrating Sacred Chorale Concert



I would like to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful concert that was given at FUMC on Monday, October 3. The evening was the debut performance of the Knoxville Sacred Chorale and was a great success, with over one hundred in attendance. We have received nothing but rave reviews and plan to give many more concerts in the future. Many thanks to all who came to support us!

Sincerely, Josh Sumter

Keystone Fundraiser

There is a Vietnamese proverb that says, "When eating fruit, remember the one who planted the tree."

We at Keystone are filled with gratitude for all of you who have 'planted the tree' during our 5th annual Carry the Stone fundraiser. The fruit of this tree is our scholarship program which enables us to provide caregiver relief for those who struggle to afford the cost of adult day programming. Having the ability to meet this need is nothing short of life-changing for caregivers and their loved ones who are living with dementia. We are thankful for and appreciate your support. There is still time to make a donation: you may donate online at www.keystonetn.org, mail your donations to Keystone, 1350 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, or drop your donation off at the Keystone/Church office.

Church Office Change

There has been another change in our church office. Volunteers and various staff members have temporarily taken over office duties. Interviews are underway, and we hope to have a new office manager in place soon. Please know that our office continues to be open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pastors Mark Flynn, lead • Jenny Caughman, spiritual care • Denna Hornby, associate

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