



So Many Service Opportunities!

Help Complete our Thanksgiving Shoppe.

On Monday, November 21, our Shoppes ministry will provide 60 families in our community a full Thanksgiving feast. Help us finish off these baskets with Fall/ Thanksgiving-themed napkins or new family games. Deliver these items to the main office by Thursday, November 17. Of course, financial support to cover costs is always welcome—make checks payable to FUMC and put “Shoppe” on the memo line.

Make Pies for our Wednesday Night Community Meal.

Bring homemade or store-bought pies to the kitchen or office from Monday, November 21 until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23. Note: No pies requiring refrigeration; homemade pies must be in a disposable pan.

Help a Child Have a Christmas.

Sponsor one of the 101 children referred to us by area organizations for our Christmas Shoppe. Go to the front page of FUMCOR.org, signup to sponsor a child (or two), spend \$75-\$100 per child, and return the labeled gifts to the church by December 8. If you would like to sponsor a child but are uncomfortable registering on the website, volunteers in the Welcome Center on Sunday morning will be happy to assist you.

These gifts make a real difference in the lives of real people. Thank you in advance for putting your actions where your faith is calling.

Join an Advent Study on Sunday Mornings

Advent, for many of us, can be an intensely personal time. As we attend to the rhythms of the church’s liturgy, such as lighting candles in an Advent wreath, may we also open our eyes again to the Light of the world who comes for our sake. Beginning November 27, the Rev. Dr. Craig Kallio will offer a class entitled “The story behind the Story” for the four Sundays of Advent. This short-term class will meet in the Chapel at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome.

Homebound Visitation

Pastors and Stephen Ministers regularly serve the homebound members of our congregation, people who are no longer able to physically attend church services and functions. If you or someone you know have not been able to make it to church lately and would like a call or visit from one of the pastors, please let us know by either calling the church office or emailing Jenny (jcaughman@fumcor.org).

A Special November 20 Opportunity

We are very pleased to announce that **Bishop Ken Carder**, former Lead Pastor of FUMCOR, will deliver the message in the traditional worship services on Sunday, November 20. The Bishop is joining us that morning to kick-off our members’ three-week period of voting on whether to join the Reconciling Ministries Network.



The Fellowship Sunday School Class invited Bishop Carder to join them for a reception in his honor during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday School hour. Bishop Carder asked if, instead of a reception, he could use the hour to have a conversation with Elaine Eberhart, a former FUMCOR associate pastor who worked with Ken on our staff.



After serving faithfully for many years, Elaine went on to other ministries. Years after her time with us, Elaine came out as a lesbian. She is now the Senior Director of Advancement at the University of Tennessee School of Law.

Bishop Carder will have a dialogue with Elaine, for any and all who are interested in listening, about their time in ministry together, how his own theological views on homosexuality have changed over the years, and Elaine’s experience of him and FUMCOR. All are welcome to participate.

Final Vote to Join the Reconciling Ministries Network

FUMCOR members will have the opportunity on one of three Sundays – November 20, 27, or December 4, to vote whether or not our church should affiliate with the Reconciling Ministries Network.



If you are attending in-person worship, pick up a ballot in the sanctuary or multipurpose room. If you are worshipping online, the ballot can be accessed from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on our website: <http://fumcor.org/vote>. The results of the vote will be published in First Things following the December 4 vote.

In Sympathy

Myra Stroud, who joined our church on May 25, 1956, and died November 15. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Seth Wheatley, who joined our church on September 24, 2006 and died November 9, 2022. A private family graveside service was held on November 15.

Virginia "Ginny" Minturn, who joined FUMC on November 29, 2015 and died November 9, 2022.

We give our sympathy to their families and friends.

In the Hospitals

Linda Houlberg (UTMC)

Our Gifts

Offering This Week:	\$23,943
2022 YTD offering:	\$1,168,754
2021 YTD offering:	\$1,157,395
Mission Offering:	\$1,435

Worship for November 20

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: All Means ALL!

Scripture: Colossians 1:11-20; 3:1

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

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

Preaching: Bishop Ken Carder (Traditional)

Rev. Mark Flynn (Contemporary)



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Time to Purchase Poinsettias

It's almost time to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons! If you would like to order poinsettias for the final two Sundays of Advent (December 11 and 18), please submit your order by no later than November 21. Poinsettias are \$17 each and order forms are available in the main office or with ushers on Sunday mornings.

Please submit your completed order forms with cash or check to the main office or in the offering plate. You are free to pick up your poinsettias on your indicated Sunday(s) or leave them to help keep the sanctuary beautiful throughout the season. Questions may be sent to Josh Sumter (jsumter@fumcor.org).

Small Groups

Are you interested in being part of a small group? Pastor Denna would like to meet with you to hear your thoughts regarding small group needs. Whether it be book studies, affinity groups (people enjoying hobbies together), Bible studies, or fellowship groups, we want to hear your thoughts.

Please call the church office (865-483-4357) or email Pastor Denna at dhornby@fumcor.org to share your ideas.

Thanks, Laura!

We celebrate that Laura Anderson, along with her daughters Colin and Karin, have donated all the supplies and labor to provide gift towel sets for both our Thanksgiving and Christmas Shoppes!



Save The Date!

What: Our next XYZ Senior Adult Luncheon

When: Wednesday, December 14 at noon.

Program: Josh Sumter and our Wesley Singers

Meal: Turkey, dressing and all the sides

Reservations: Call the office by Thursday, December 8.

Group Membership Sunday

Have you been interested in joining the church but have been putting it off? Perhaps you are more comfortable joining along with a group as opposed to joining alone. If this describes your situation, then mark your calendars for Sunday, November 27. We will be having "Group Membership Sunday" in all services. Contact Pastor Denna for more information.

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

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