

# First United Methodist Church

*"Where we are glorifying God as we make disciples for the transformation of the world."*

April 7th, 2024



Welcome to all!

We hope and pray that all will experience God's love and grace in all we do and say.

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# Order of Worship

*Welcome to Shelbyville First United Methodist Church. We are honored you chose to join us this morning.*

Ringing of the Hour Wayne Crowell

Prelude Lori Schuler

Welcome & Greeting District Lay Leader John Carney

Announcements Jon Brock

Call to Worship Dale Rucker, Liturgist

Liturgist: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Liturgist: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: He has given us new life and hope.  
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Liturgist: God has claimed us as his own.

**All: He has brought us out of darkness.  
He has made us light to the world.**

Liturgist: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Children's Time Dulcie Davis

Children's Church Korley Cannon

*At this time the children K-5th grade are dismissed to continue church on the third floor.  
Toddlers through Pre-K are invited to the nursery on the main floor.*

\*Hymn UM Hymnal #322

*Up From the Grave He Arose*

1 Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose,  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2 Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose,  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

3 Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose,  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

**ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sharing of our Prayers, Praises and Concerns

District Lay Leader John Carney

Offertory Invitation

District Lay Leader John Carney

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Lori Schuler

\*Response *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

UM Hymnal #95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Offertory Prayer

District Lay Leader John Carney

Anthem

*In Memory of You*

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31

Dale Rucker, Liturgist

*<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."*

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All Respond: Thanks be to God!**

Message

"Doubting Thomas"

John Carney

Invitation to Communion - Table II

UM Hymnal #12

LEADER: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

LEADER: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL We lift them up to the Lord.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

LEADER: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

LEADER: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

LEADER: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**ALL: Amen.**

LEADER: The body of Christ, given for you.

**ALL: Amen.**

LEADER: The blood of Christ, given for you.

**ALL: Amen.**

\*Hymn

*Precious Name*

UM Hymnal #536

1. Take the name of Jesus with you,  
child of sorrow and of woe;  
it will joy and comfort give you;  
take it then, where'er you go.

Precious name, O how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.  
Precious name, O how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

2. Take the name of Jesus ever,  
as a shield from every snare;  
if temptations round you gather,  
breathe that holy name in prayer.

Precious name, O how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.  
Precious name, O how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

3. O the precious name of Jesus!  
How it thrills our souls with joy,  
when his loving arms receive us,  
and his songs our tongues employ!

Precious name, O how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.  
Precious name, O how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

4. At the name of Jesus bowing,  
falling prostrate at his feet,  
King of kings in heaven we'll crown him,  
when our journey is complete.

Precious name, O how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.  
Precious name, O how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

Benediction  
Postlude

John Carney  
Lori Schuler

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"In Memory of You" by Jay Althouse & J. Paul Williams.  
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The flowers on the alter are given in honor of the sanctuary choir, Jon Brock, and Lori Schuler for sharing their talents each week and bringing glory to God. The flowers are given by Keith and Suzy Johnson.



# THE *prayer* PAGE

## **SHORT TERM PRAYERS**- Names will be removed after 4 weeks

\*Walter Taylor   \*Edna Lee Borders   \*Connie Bailey   Cari Burks (burn victim)  
Sympathy for the family of Jimmy Hendren   \*Jo Cathey   Elizabeth Sherill  
Sympathy for the family of Greg Shapard

## **LONG TERM PRAYERS**

Anonymous - & family, health concern  
Breniser, Jennifer and family (daughter of Kelly Breniser)  
\*Carlton, Janice (Melody Teague)  
\*Carrick, Miriam (staying with daughter)  
\*Cross, Paul - hospital  
Dennis, Kay (Pam Ingraham) - cancer  
Dennis, Tina (Melody Teague) - cancer  
Eblen, Bonnie (sister of Barbara Owen and Biff Farrar) - cancer but improving  
Gardner, Dakota - heart  
Henry, Bob (father of Kelly Breniser) - dementia, falling  
Hicks, Jeff (Margaret Hicks) - heart  
Howell, Chris (son-in-law of Peggy Feck)  
Hubbard, Katie (Trish Hubbard's daughter-in-law) - brain cancer  
\*Hyland, Pat - long Covid  
Jones, Sue (Lori Jones) - cancer  
King, Grady (Lori Jones) - heart & lung issues  
\*King, Myrna  
McGee, Carol (sister of Billy Hix) - cancer  
Milton, Melinda (Jeanie Phillips)  
Owen, Dan (Melody Teague) - needs liver transplant  
Parker, Rita - lungs, hip fracture  
Pearson, Christy (daughter of Suzy Johnson's friend) needs lung transplant  
\*Rittenberry, Ardis - Parkinson's  
Shreve, Samantha - cancer  
Spear, Diana (sister of Becky Cortner)  
Stacey, Tina (wife of Jesse Stacy, our HVAC tech) - cancer  
Thomas, Jeremiah - in hospital with Leukemia  
Tyree, Jim & Linda (John Teague) - cancer  
Woodard, Cathy (Melody Teague) - cancer  
Zimmerman, Ken (hospice, grandfather of Pastor Abe)

## ***For those in Skilled Care Facilities***

**Carriage House** (311 Colloredo Blvd, Shelbyville 37160)

\*Cliff Garrard

**Celebration Way** (895 Union Street, Shelbyville 37160)

Billy Raney (son-in-law of Miriam Carrick)

\*Margaret Hicks & \*Ruth Statum (C-3)

\*Betty Nelms

**Creekside at Three Rivers Assis. Living** (2744 Ashers Fork Dr., Murfreesboro 37128)

\*Mary Ann Dunlap

**Lynchburg Nursing Center** (40 Nursing Home Road, Lynchburg 37352)

\*Charlotte Lytle

\*Barbara Turner

**The Heart Remembers** (317 Colloredo Blvd., Shelbyville 37160)

\*Jack Carney

**The Waters of Shelbyville** (895 Union St., Shelbyville 37160)

\*Susan Harvey

*\*denotes membership*

## **Praises**

Al & Lesa Bellenfant welcomed granddaughter Adley Harrel on April 2nd!

All are happy and healthy!

Their daughter Kara will graduate this month *Suma Cum Laude* with a Doctorate  
in Physical Therapy.

Praises for the sound system!

## Join us for Free Bowling!

We'll meet at **2 pm** at *Lightening Lanes* in Shelbyville on **Sunday, April 21st!**

This event is open to the public – so bring your friends!!



We are promoting intergenerational team building!

Refreshments are not included.

Contact Korley if you have any questions!



### **DEADLINE:**

If your group has an activity or event in May that you want to share with our members, PLEASE let Kelly know a.s.a.p.!

There are Communication Forms outside her office with all the information she needs. Please fill one out and slip under her door by **April 16th!**

### *Give Online*

To give your tithes or offerings online, please visit the church website [fumcshelbyville.com](http://fumcshelbyville.com). On the main page you will see a link for "Online Church offering." You will need to create an account and then you will be able to make your payment.

Or scan this QR code →



MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS



May 19th

for our annual Church Picnic &  
BBQ

### **First United Methodist Church**

**Office Hours 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday - Friday**

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Abe Zimmerman .....abe.zimmerman@twkumc.org  
Mon & Thurs Office Hours 10 am to 4 pm, Friday day off ..... 615-295-8523

#### **Church Office**

Financial Secretary: Connie Boutwell.....finance@fumcshelbyville.org  
Membership: Donna Brock.....membership@fumcshelbyville.org  
Administrator: Kelly Breniser.....admin@fumcshelbyville.org  
Church Caretaker: Rebecca Baker

#### **Music Ministries**

Choir and Music Director: Jon Brock..... brockjondonna@charter.net  
Organist / Pianist: Lori Schuler

#### **Student Ministries**

Director of Student Ministries: Korley Cannon.....931-580-5435  
Sunday School Superintendent: Creole Kemp  
Children's Events Coordinator: Rachel Swift  
Nursery: Chloe Claxton

#### **Video and Audio Support**

Sound: Jay Davis  
Video: John Carney, Cassie Davis, Linda Rucker

**Head Usher:** Rheaetta Wilson



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### **Sunday School at 9 am**

Nursery for Toddlers - Chloe Claxton  
Children's Sunday School (3rd Floor) - with Ann Spencer  
Youth Sunday School (Youth Room) - with Korley Cannon



### **Adult Sunday School Classes - All on the First Floor**

Believers Class with Kay Bartley  
Friendship Class with Ed Leichner and Dinah Agnew (email Ed if you'd like a Zoom link: edleichner@yahoo.com)  
Quest Class with Rebecca Baker



## **Church and Community Calendar**

### **Church Office Hours 9:00 am to 2:30 pm Monday - Friday**

#### **Monday, April 8th**

11 am Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen  
1 pm Yarn Ministries  
4:30 pm Outreach & Missions Team meeting  
5:30 pm Adult Handbell practice

#### **Tuesday, April 9th**

10:30 am United Methodist Women/UWF meeting  
3 pm Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen  
6 pm Staff Parish Relations Team meeting  
6:30 pm Trivia Night at La Rivera

#### **Wednesday, April 10th**

5:30 pm Wesley's Warriors & J.A.M.  
7 pm Chancel Choir Practice

#### **Thursday, April 11th**

9:30 Bible Study with Rheaetta  
3 pm Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen

### **\*\*\*\*\*UPCOMING ACTIVITIES\*\*\*\*\***

#### **Tuesday, April 16th ~ NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

#### **Sunday, April 21st**

11 am Trustees Team meeting  
2 pm Bowling Fellowship activity at Lightning Lanes

#### **Monday, April 22nd**

10 am Caring and Connecting Team meeting  
6 pm Church Council meeting

#### **Tuesday, April 23rd**

10:30 am United Methodist Women/UWF Circle 7 meeting  
2 pm United Methodist Women/UWF Circle 8 meeting

