



First Church NEWS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 2026



Annual Golf Outing

Calling all golfers and sponsors! Join us for the 20th annual Bud Mills Golf Outing benefitting Epworth Youth Choir, Saturday, September 19, 2026 at Fox Den. You can find [registration brochures](#) and [sponsorship information](#) at the *Welcome Center*, church office, or on our website.

Family Promise

The following items are needed for Family Promise each month. Can you help?
Items can be brought in to the boxes by the church Library. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

- Ramen noodles, not in cups. 10 needed each month.
- Velveeta (or similar type) mac and cheese boxes. 30 each month.
- Peanut butter 10 needed for a month. Jelly/jam 10 needed for a month.



First Church Feeds

First Church Feeds is collecting shampoo and adult toothbrushes. Items can be brought in to the boxes by the church Library. Thank you for your support.

Adult Choirs Begin

Chancel Ringers, bell choir will resume meeting for the fall on Wednesday, September 9 from 5:45-7:00pm. Chancel Choir will resume meeting on Thursday, September 10 @6:30pm. We really need ringers! Anyone interested in joining either choir please contact Marie Willis-Guarneri, fallsfirstmarie@gmail.com, or 330-923-5241 x221.



MEN'S TIME OUT

Men's Time Out

All men of the church and community are invited to join us Saturday, August 1 for some food, a time for discussion, and lots of fellowship! MTO runs from 8:30-9:30am in Asbury Hall the first Saturday of each month.



Rally Day

Sunday, September 13

Rally Day is September 13!

We'll resume Sunday School for all ages @9:30am, return to two services, @8:30am & 10:45am, have a special visit and message from our bishop, Bishop Hee-Soo Jung, and a Church Square picnic after worship! We hope you'll join us and invite a friend!

A Change to Children's & Youth Programming

Beginning Sunday, September 13 we are moving ROCK, youth programs, and choirs to Sunday evenings. See the schedule and age ranges below.



- 4:00-4:30 Bethlehem Choir (Preschool-4th grades) with Betsy Booth
- 4:30-5:30 R.O.C.K. Activities (Preschool-4th grades) with Donna Curfman
- 4:00-5:15 Wesley Youth Choir & Bells (5th-8th grades) with Marie Willis-Guarneri
- 4:00-5:15 Epworth Youth Fellowship (9th-12th grades) with Pastor Pippin
- 5:15-5:45 Wesley/Epworth "Snack Supper" (5th-12th grades)
- 5:45-7:00 Wesley Youth Fellowship (5th-8th grades) with Kattie Priebe
- 5:45-8:00 Epworth Choir & Bells (9th-12th grades) with Marie Willis-Guarneri

We could use a few volunteers to help with the younger choirs on Sunday afternoons. Contact Marie for more information. fallsfirstmarie@gmail.com, 330-923-5241 x221

Wesley Youth Outing

All students entering grades 5-8 are invited to join First UMC's Wesley Youth Group. Their first outing is September 5, @4:00pm. Join them for a hike at Cascade Metro Park, Celebration trailhead. Families are welcome to participate. Contact Kattie Priebe with any questions 330-819-1165.



Christian Education

Sunday Mornings, beginning September 13

9:30am Sunday School for Children & Youth

Preschool-4th grade	Room 104	7th-8th grade/Confirmation	Room 102
5th-6th grade	Room 107	Post Confirmation Class	Youth Lounge

Nursery Care is available for babies through 3 years from 9:30am-end of worship in room 238.

10:45am Children's Worship

Children begin worship with their caregivers in the Sanctuary until after *God's Word for Young Disciples*. They will be invited to attend Children's Worship where they can participate in hands-on activities, and story time related to that Sunday's sermon topic. Caregivers can pick up the children in Asbury Hall after worship.

ROCK is moving to Sunday afternoons from 4:30-5:30pm. Children will continue the morning's Sunday School lessons with stories, and engaging activities. There will be a focus on mission projects this year.



Contact Info

For any questions regarding children's programming please contact: Donna Curfman, dcurfmanfallsumc@gmail.com or 330-923-5241 x213

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS



First United Methodist Church is seeking artwork for an exhibition titled: **Healing Through the Human Experience**. Artists are encouraged to submit reflections on healing. This exhibition is open to all in the community. Please submit only human-made artworks (no ai)

Entry deadline: August 23, 2026

Show: October 2-January 2027.

All ages welcome. Gallery will be open to the public during regular office hours daily. In conjunction with the show, special performances and events will be held throughout the exhibition.

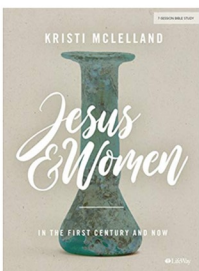
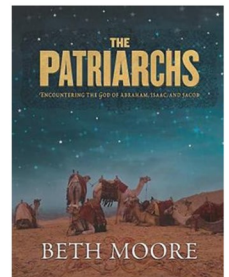
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Women's Fall Bible Studies

This fall the **Tuesday evening** Women's Bible study will be reading "The Patriarchs" by Beth Moore. Encounter the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in this study of Genesis 12-50. Follow the stories of these patriarchs of our faith-their relationships with God and their failures and redemptions. The group meets on Tuesday evenings in the Youth Lounge from 7-9pm, beginning on September 15. The study runs 11 weeks (through November 24.) The cost for the book is \$20. You may register at the Welcome Center, by calling the church office, or email Kathy Kuzas at kuzmom@att.net. **Registration ends Thursday, September 3.**



The **Wednesday morning** Women's Bible study will be based on Kristi McClelland's book, "Jesus & Women: In the First Century and Now." Join biblical culturalist Kristi McClelland as she transports you back to Jesus' world, following in the footsteps of the women who came face-to-face with the Living God. Over 7 sessions, examine the historical and cultural climate of first-century Middle Eastern society to not only understand Jesus more deeply but to fuel your worship of Him today. We will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 23 @10:00am in the church library. The cost for the book is \$25.00. Sign up at the Welcome Center, or by contacting the church office. **The deadline is September 11.**

WEEKDAY CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL



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Call for more information, or to schedule a tour.

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The Gift/Memorial Book is located in the parlor and is open to **Robert C. Brauning, Sr.** and **John William Lehner, Jr.**

Our Deepest Sympathies to the families of members **Pat Park**, who passed away on July 7, and **Harold Bates**, who passed away on July 3.

Happy Anniversary to Janet & Fred Dodson, who will be celebrating 70 years on September 1!

A special thank you from Jan Riedthaler *I would like to sincerely thank everyone who stopped to help me last Sunday. From those who offered tissues, to the strong individuals who lifted me out of the street and helped me into church, and the kind ladies who brought me ice—I am so grateful.*

I wish I could remember everyone who was there, but please know how much I truly appreciate each and every one of you. And to the person who said, "Gravity is real!"—thank you for the much-needed laugh!

**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

The deadline for the **September FCN** is **Thursday, August 20.**

August 2—9:30am

August 9— 9:30am

August 16—9:30am

August 23—9:30am

August 30—9:30am

Communion will be offered each Sunday this summer.

Pastor Pippin is preaching 8/2, 8/30. Pastor Priebe is preaching 8/9, 8/16, 8/23

