



First UMC Podcast
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PRAISE SERVICE!
9:30 AM
www.FestusUMC.org



Traditional Worship
Saturdays 5:00pm



Wednesday
10:00AM
in the
PARLOR
BIBLE STUDY
with John Blocher
Begins Sep 2



SEPT 26/27
Find Your Place
YOUR
BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY



Commissioning
stephen
MINISTRY.
Reception follows
Sunday, Sept 20, 9:30am



RIDE SHARE
an opportunity
for missions
Could you give someone a ride to church or
help coordinate a Ride Share ministry?
Mark your Connect Card to join the mission.

Would You Like to Receive a Stephen Minister?
Sometimes life can be overwhelming. If you are struggling or are in crisis, consider receiving a Stephen Minister to provide one-on-one Christ-centered care. Stephen Ministers are trained to listen, support and encourage you through weekly meetings that are private and confidential. If you want to know more about receiving or becoming a Stephen Minister, please note your interest on the Communications Card in the bulletin.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TRIVIA NIGHT - We are looking for folks who are interested in assisting with table assignments, collecting auction items, helping with refreshments and snacks and a variety of other tasks for trivia night. If you would like to help, please call Deb in the office at 636-937-6205. Auction items are being accepted now. Please bring auction items to the church office. Cost is \$20 for an individual; table of 8 for \$140. Thanks!



WISE BUILDING CARE AND USE - Just like at your home, our church's electric bill skyrocketed over the summer. So, please be sure to turn out lights, close outside doors tightly including the Prayer Garden, turn up/down the AC/Heat accordingly when you leave a space. Our church is a big building that gets a lot of use - Praise God! - so let's care for and use it wisely, being good stewards of what God has entrusted to us. Thank you!

KIDS AT FIRST UMC. Let the little children come! Fun and meaningful **Kids Ministry** is Provided for K-5th grade during our Sunday worship services. The children begin in the sanctuary for opening worship and then head to their classrooms. **Nursery & Pre-K Care** is also provided Sundays during worship in Room 211. **The Wiggle Room.** We have a comfortable wiggle room in the back of the sanctuary with rocking chairs, play space, and a clear view of worship. You are welcome to use this space with your active toddler or a bubbly newborn.

Ways to Give @ First UMC



Use the **Tithe.ly** App



IN WORSHIP - Place your giving and Connect Card in the wooden boxes at the sanctuary entrances.

AUTO DRAW - Set up an auto pay from your checking account or contact our office for help with electronic giving through Vanco.

www.FestusUMC.org/Give **MAIL TO** - 113 Grand Avenue, Festus, MO 63028

CONNECT CARD

Thank you for coming today!

September 19 and 20, 2026

Please tear off this tab and drop it in the offering box at the bottom of the entrance stairs.

[] I'm New here!

[] 5 pm Saturday

[] 9:30 am Sunday

[] 11 am Sunday

Name: _____

Address : _____

Phone _____

Email _____

[] This is new contact information.



CONNECT CARD

☐ I'd like to receive a weekly email of First UMC prayer requests (Printed copies of the prayer requests are available in the Narthex.)

Prayer request/praise report

☐ I can help with ride share

___ Coordinator

___ Give a ride

☐ I am interested in the Stephen Ministry.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UMC!

Sat, Sept 19	Traditional Service, 5 pm
Sun, Sept 20	Adult Sunday School, 8:15 am
Sun, Sept 20	Sunday Social, 9:15 am
Sun, Sept 20	Praise Service, 9:30 am
Sun, Sept 20	Stephen Ministry Commissioning, 9:30 am Service
Sun, Sept 20	Sunday Circle, 11 am
Mon, Sept 21	James II Project Community Lunch, 11:30—12:30
Mon, Sept 21	Narcotics Anonymous, 7 pm
Tues, Sept 22	Food Pantry, 8:30—11:30 am
Tues, Sept 22	Al-Anon, 6:30 pm
Tues, Sept 22	Alateen, 7 pm
Weds, Sept 23	Bible Study, 10 am, Parlor
Thur, Sept 24	Praise Band/Choir, 6:30 pm
Fri, Sept 25	Womens' Card Group, 11:30 am, Parlor
Fri, Sept 25	Narcotics Anonymous, 7 pm
Sat, Sept 26	Traditional Service, 5 pm

SAVE THE DATE

Sun, Sept 26-27	Back to Church Sunday, potluck following 9:30 am service, no 11 am service
Sun, Oct 4	Trivia, 4 pm
Sun, Nov 15	Harvest Dinner, after service
Tues, Nov 17	Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Parlor
Sun, Nov 21	Scouting for Food, Fellowship Hall, All Day
Sun, Dec 13	Annual Christmas Concert, 4 pm

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Rev. Dr. Tish Green, Lead Pastor

Rev. Todd Pieper, Associate Pastor



Welcome!

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Matthew 18:21-35 (CEB)

²¹ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?"

²² Jesus said, "Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times. ²³ Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand bags of gold.

²⁵ Because the servant didn't have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. ²⁶ But the servant fell down, kneeled before him, and said, 'Please, be patient with me, and I'll pay you back.' ²⁷ The master had compassion on that servant, released him, and forgave the loan.

²⁸ "When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred coins. ²⁹ He grabbed him around the throat and said, 'Pay me back what you owe me.' ³⁰ Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I'll pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison until he paid back his debt.

³¹ "When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended. They came and told their master all that happened. ³² His master called the first servant and said, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me. ³³ Shouldn't you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners, until he had paid the whole debt.

³⁵ "My heavenly Father will also do the same to you if you don't forgive your brother or sister from your heart."