

**THE HEART OF THE PSALMS**  
GOD'S WORD TO THE WORLD  
James C. Howell

**Adult Sunday School**  
in The Parlor

Sundays, 8:15AM  
May 24 - June 28

with Barb Fawver, Julie Holland & Laura Smith

**THE BODY TEACHES THE SOUL**

**Open Faith Group**  
Sundays, 10:45 AM

Build Habits that Shape Your Head and Your Heart

with Suzanne Lee-Alzubeid and Monica Godek

*Messy PEOPLE*  
LIFE LESSONS from IMPERFECT BIBLICAL HEROES

**New Women's Faith Group!**

Thursdays, 5:00PM  
Begins May 14  
6 Weeks

with Cheryl Mann and Kathy Ciscell

**First UMC Podcast**  
Hosted by Heather Helms

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**RAIN FOREST FALLS**  
Exploring The Nature of God

**Vacation Bible School**  
July 20-24  
9am - Noon


To Register Scan or Call  
636-937-6205



First United Methodist Church of Festus/Crystal City

**VBS FUNDRAISER.** You are invited to help support our 2026 VBS Adventure to the Rainforest. Beginning May 23 and continuing through July 19, children will be stationed in the sanctuary before service asking for your change. We're calling this fundraiser The Noisy Bucket. So, please, let's fill those buckets!

**Don't get scammed!** There are only two ways to safely and securely give to our church. 1) Use the Tithley app and find Festus First United Methodist Church OR 2) bring/mail your offering to our church building. There are also some donors who previously signed up through Vanco, and that is still safe and secure! Thank you for giving regularly through safe and secure channels!



**Celebrating Pentecost! Acts 2**

**Welcoming Rev. Todd Pieper**

Installation as Associate Pastor  
July 4/5 Worship

Welcome Worship & Potluck  
July 12, ONE Service 9:30AM  
Potluck Luncheon 11:00AM

Pastor Todd Preaches, July 18/19



**July 12 Potluck** - The United Methodist Women of Faith has graciously agreed to provide fried chicken and drinks for this potluck. A sign up sheet for side dishes is located on the table in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact Carol Thoma at 314-799-1690. 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.

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Rev. Dr. Tish Green, Lead Pastor

**CONNECT CARD**

Thank you for coming today!

**May 23 and 24**

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

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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST UMC!

Sat, May 23	Traditional Service, 5 pm
Sun, May 24	Adult Sunday School, 8:15 am
Sun, May 24	Sunday Social, 9:15 am
Sun, May 24	Praise Service, 9:30 am
Sun, May 24	Faith Group, 10:45 am, Library
Sun, May 24	New Worship, 11 am
Mon, May 25	Office Closed in Honor of Memorial Day
Mon, May 25	James II Project Community Lunch, 11:30—12:30
Mon, May 25	Narcotics Anonymous, 7 pm
Tues, May 26	Food Pantry, 8:30—11:30 am
Tues, May 26	Al-Anon, 6:30 pm
Tues, May 26	Alateen, 7 pm
Weds, May 27	Bible Study, 10 am, Library
Weds, May 27	Chancel Choir, 5:15 pm, Sanctuary
Thur, May 28	Womens' Bible Study, 5 pm, Parlor
Thur, May 28	Praise Band/Choir Practice, 6:30 pm
Fri, May 29	Womens' Card Group, 11:30 am, Parlor
Fri, May 29	Narcotics Anonymous, 7 pm
Sat, May 30	Traditional Service, 5 pm

## SAVE THE DATES

June 2	Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Parlor
June 18	Office Closed in Honor of Juneteenth
July 4-5	Pastor Pieper Installation
July 12	One Service Weekend, 9:30 am
July 12	Welcome Potluck, Pastor Todd, 11 am, Fellowship Hall
July 20-24	VBS, 9-12 Daily



*Welcome!*

May 23 and 24

## 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

<sup>7</sup> Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, <sup>8</sup> will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? <sup>9</sup> If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! <sup>10</sup> For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. <sup>11</sup> And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. <sup>13</sup> We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup> Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. <sup>16</sup> But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

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