

<p>THE HEART OF THE PSALMS GOD'S WORD TO THE WORLD James C. Howell</p>	<p>Adult Sunday School in The Parlor</p> <p>Sundays, 8:15AM May 24 - June 28</p> <p>with Barb Fawver, Julie Holland & Laura Smith</p>	<p>THE BODY TEACHES THE SOUL</p>	<p>Open Faith Group</p> <p>Sundays, 10:45 AM</p> <p>Build Habits that Shape Your Head and Your Heart</p> <p>with Suzanne Lee-Alzubeidy and Monica Godek</p>
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<p>Messy PEOPLE LIFE LESSONS from IMPERFECT BIBLICAL HEROES</p>	<p>New Women's Faith Group!</p> <p>Thursdays, 5:00PM Begins May 14 6 Weeks</p> <p>with Cheryl Mann and Kathy Ciscell</p>	<p>www.TheWell.BuzzSprout.com</p>	<p>First UMC Podcast</p> <p>Hosted by Heather Helms</p>
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Vacation Bible School
July 20-24
9am - Noon

To Register Scan or Call
636-937-6205

Exploring The Nature of God
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 Tithely 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!

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 - A sign up sheet for side dishes for this potluck 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 30-31

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UMC!

Sat, May 30	Traditional Service, 5 pm
Sun, May 31	Adult Sunday School, 8:15 am
Sun, May 31	Sunday Social, 9:15 am
Sun, May 31	Praise Service, 9:30 am
Sun, May 31	Faith Group, 10:45 am, Library
Sun, May 31	New Worship, 11 am
Mon, Jun 1	James II Project Community Lunch, 11:30—12:30
Mon, Jun 1	Narcotics Anonymous, 7 pm
Tues, Jun 2	Food Pantry, 8:30—11:30 am
Tues, Jun 2	Church Council Meeting, 6:30, Parlor
Tues, Jun 2	Al-Anon, 6:30 pm
Tues, Jun 2	Alateen, 7 pm
Weds, Jun 3	Bible Study, 10 am, Library
Weds, Jun 3	Womens' Card Group, 11:30, Parlor
Weds, Jun 3	Chancel Choir, 5:15 pm, Sanctuary
Thur, Jun 4	Womens' Bible Study, 5 pm, Parlor
Thur, Jun 4	Praise Band/Choir Practice, 6:30 pm
Fri, Jun 5	Womens' Card Group, 11:30 am, Parlor
Fri, Jun 5	Narcotics Anonymous, 7 pm
Sat, Jun 6	Traditional Service, 5 pm

SAVE THE DATES

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



May 30 and 31

Hebrews 11:1-16

¹ Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁴ By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

⁷ By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Ways to Give @ First UMC

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