



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 a Stephen Minister, please note your interest on the Communications Card in the bulletin.

New Grief Support Group - A new grief support group is beginning at First United Methodist. This group will meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 11 am to 1 pm in the Library beginning on November 13th. Margaret Bay, a volunteer for Mercy Hospice and Grief Support, will be managing this group which is open to anyone who has lost someone close to them. Questions, please call Margaret at 314-759-1148.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes—Oh yes it’s coming fast! The Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are here. You will find them in the area outside the fellowship hall. When you take a box, tax a label to affix to the box after it is filled. A coloring book page can be completed to indicate the origin of the box. Holy Moly children will be working on some of those pages. Return deadline is November 8. Thanks.

Our **Trunk or Treat** will be held on **Sunday, October 25th from 11AM–1PM**. All children from our church and community are invited to join the fun. Kids are welcome to wear their costumes to church—just keep them **family friendly** (no gory or scary costumes). Church members can participate by decorating a trunk or setting up a table behind their car to hand out candy. If you’re unsure how to get involved, you can team up with someone to create a shared trunk or donate candy to help others fill theirs. It’s a great way to bless our kids and welcome families from the community. **If you’d like to participate, please stop by the sign-up booth in the narthex.**

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!

October 17 and 18, 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

Name: _____
Address : _____
Phone _____
Email _____

[] This is new contact information.

New here? Welcome! How did you hear





Welcome!

October 17 and 18, 2026

Ezekiel 33:31 (CEB)

³¹ So they come to you as people do, and they sit before you as my people. They listen to your words, but they refuse to do them. Though they speak of their longing for me, they act out of their own interests and opinions.

Galatians 5:13-14 (CEB)

¹³ You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. ¹⁴ All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: *Love your neighbor as yourself.*

1 Corinthians 12:31 (NRSVUE)

³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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 would like a Stephen Minister.

☐ I will attend the New Member Luncheon on November 8.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UMC!

Sat, Oct 17	Traditional Service, 5 pm
Sun, Oct 18	Adult Sunday School, 8:15-9:15 am, Parlor
Sun, Oct 18	Sunday Social, 9:15 am
Sun, Oct 18	Praise Service, 9:30 am
Mon, Oct 19	James II Project Community Lunch, 11:30—12:30
Mon, Oct 19	Narcotics Anonymous, 7 pm
Tues, Oct 20	Food Pantry, 8:30—11:30 am
Tues, Oct 20	Distortions Faith Group Study, 6:30 Parlor
Tues, Oct 20	Al-Anon, 6:30 pm
Tues, Oct 20	Alateen, 7 pm
Weds, Oct 21	Bible Study, 10 am, Parlor
Weds, Oct 21	Womens' Card Group, 11:30 am, Parlor
Weds, Oct 21	Chancel Choir Practice, 5:15 pm
Thur, Oct 22	Praise Band/Choir, 6:30 pm
Fri, Oct 23	Womens' Card Group, 11:30 am, Parlor
Fri, Oct 23	Narcotics Anonymous, 7 pm
Sat, Oct 24	Traditional Service, 5 pm

SAVE THE DATE

Sun, Oct 25	Trunk or Treat, (watch for details)
Sun, Nov 8	New Member Luncheon, 11 am—2 pm
Fri, Nov 13	Grief Support Group Begins, 11 am-1 pm, Library
Sun, Nov 15	Harvest Dinner, after service
Tues, Nov 17	Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Parlor
Weds, Nov 18	Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-5 pm, Fellowship Hall
Sun, Nov 21	Scouting for Food, Fellowship Hall, All Day
Sun, Nov 22	TCAMA Thanksgiving Service, 5 pm, First Christian Church, 415 N Mill, Festus, MO
Tues, Nov 25	Red Cross Blood Drive, 1—5 pm, Fellowship Hall
Sun, Dec 4	Stephen Ministry Blue Christmas, 4 pm
Sun, Dec 13	Annual Christmas Concert, 4 pm

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