



Summer of Renewal - August - Sat 5pm, Sun 10am

Our congregation has a unique opportunity this summer to hear leading voices in the UMC including our District Superintendent, an Associate Pastor of the largest UMC in Missouri, UMC Elders and our own homegrown lay speakers. Our pastor will have a time of renewal visiting some of the larger UMC churches with the longest tenured pastors to learn about visioning and long-term planning. We look forward to a time of visioning together in the fall with all we have learned.

A Note from Our Pastor

God, as I start a new day, I renew my hope in you and belief that you are at work in my life. There is a gap between the way the world is and the way you want it to be. That same gap exists in me. May I look beyond, hoping and working alongside you for what will be. Today I name: my hopes for what you might do in my life; my hopes for what you might do in my relationships and friendships; my hopes for what you might do in my church; my hopes for what you might do in my neighborhood and community; my hopes for what you might do in our country and world. As I name my hopes to you, enlist me to play a role in the work you are already doing. Amen.

Matt Miofsky, The Methodist Book of Daily Prayer, Week 1

I invite you to come together this summer, Saturdays 5 pm and Sundays 10 am, for times of renewal preparing us for what is next at First UMC.

First United
Pastor Tish

FESTIVAL OF SHARING

August—Blankets. Please donate clean, stain-free blankets. Place them in boxes labeled with either “Missouri Full-Size Blankets” or “Backpacks of Love Blankets” and write quantity on the exterior.

- Missouri Blankets of Love—blanket dimensions 36 x 45 (either quilts or Blankets are accepted)
- Missouri Full-Sized Blankets—Throw blankets or twin-king sizes preferred. Quilts or blankets are accepted.

TWIN CITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST DONATIONS

The Twin City Days Pancake Breakfast is fast approaching. We are seeking donations of pancake mix (water added only), syrup (regular and sugar free), and box juices. A bin for these items is located in the area outside the fellowship hall. Monetary donations are welcome as well. You will find a volunteer sign-up sheet on a clipboard in the narthex. If you have questions, please call Joann Spiro, 314-954-1101.

BIBLE STUDY AND CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE RESUME

John Blocher would like to remind everyone that Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, August 13 at 10 am, in the Parlor with the study of I Kings, Chapter 12. Also Chancel Choir practice resumes that evening at 5:15 pm.

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 utilize this space with your active toddler or a bubbly newborn.

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CONNECT CARD

Thank you for coming today!

August 9 and 10

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
- [] 10 am Sunday

Name: _____
Address : _____

Phone _____
Email _____

[] This is new contact information.

New here? Welcome! How did you hear about First UMC?

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, Aug 9	Traditional Service, 5 pm, Rev. Jeff Carr
Sun, Aug 10	Praise Service, 10 am, Rev. Jeff Carr
Sun, Aug 10	Sunday Social, 11:15 am
Mon, Aug 11	Prayer Shawl Group, 10 am, Room 200
Mon, Aug 11	James II Project Community Lunch, 11:30—12:30
Mon, Aug 11	Narcotics Anonymous, 7 pm
Tues, Aug 12	Food Pantry, 8:30—11:30 am
Tues, Aug 12	Al-Anon, 6:30 pm
Tues, Aug 12	Alateen, 7 pm
Wed, Aug 13	Bible Study, 10 am, Parlor
Wed, Aug 13	Chancel Choir, 5:15 pm
Wed, Aug 13	New Worship Band, 6:30 pm
Thur, Aug 14	Praise Band Practice, 7 pm
Fri, Aug 15	Womens' Card Group, 11:30 am, Parlor
Fri, Aug 15	Narcotics Anonymous, 7 pm
Sat, Aug 16	Traditional Service, 5 pm,

SAVE THE DATES

September 6	Twin City Days Pancake Breakfast, 8—10 am
September 8	Red Cross Blood Drive, 12—6 pm
September 23	Church Council Meeting, 6:30 pm



Welcome!
August 9 and 10

Luke 9: 51 – 62

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³ but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"

⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home."

⁶² And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Ways to Give @ First UMC

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

Use the **Tithe.ly** App for debit/credit card

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