



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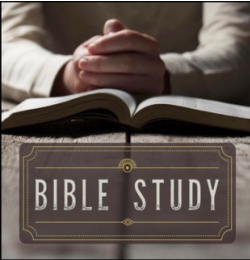
PRAISE SERVICE!
9:30 AM
www.FestusUMC.org



Traditional Worship
Saturdays 5:00pm



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



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



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.



SEPT 26/27
Find Your Place
BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY—
September 27 after the 9:30 service until 1 pm—bring a friend and come! Bring yard games and a side dish. We'll provide grilled burgers and hot dogs. Come join the fun!

CLOTHING DONATION UPDATE – While First UMC continues to accept casual clothing to be handed out during the James II Project on Mondays, there are three other alternatives where congregants can donate clothing items. They are the Jefferson County Foster Closet which focuses on childrens' clothing donations, 636-375-9342, located in Hillsboro; the St. Vincent dePaul Store at Sacred Heart Church, accepting clothing donations when open on Tuesdays, (9-12) and Saturdays (9-12); and Second Hand Heros, call first at 636-209-7372.



Trivia Night
REGISTER @ FestusUMC.org
Sunday, October 4, 4PM

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 - \$3140. That was our electric bill for one month this 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



www.FestusUMC.org/Give

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.

MAIL TO - 113 Grand Avenue, Festus, MO 63028

CONNECT CARD

Thank you for coming today!

September 12 and 13, 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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UMC!

Sat, Sept 12	Twin City Days Pancake Breakfast, 8-10 am
Sat, Sept 12	Traditional Service, 5 pm
Sun, Sept 13	Adult Sunday School, 8:15 am
Sun, Sept 13	Sunday Social, 9:15 am
Sun, Sept 13	Praise Service, 9:30 am
Sun, Sept 13	Sunday Circle, 11 am
Mon, Sept 14	Prayer Shawl Group, 10 am, Room 200
Mon, Sept 14	James II Project Community Lunch, 11:30—12:30
Mon, Sept 14	Narcotics Anonymous, 7 pm
Tues, Sept 15	Food Pantry, 8:30—11:30 am
Tues, Sept 15	Al-Anon, 6:30 pm
Tues, Sept 15	Alateen, 7 pm
Weds, Sept 16	Bible Study, 10 am, Parlor
Weds, Sept 16	Chancel Choir, 5:15 pm
Thur, Sept 17	United Methodist Women, 10 am, Parlor
Thur, Sept 17	Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-5 pm, Fellowship Hall
Thur, Sept 17	Praise Band/Choir, 6:30 pm
Fri, Sept 18	Womens' Card Group, 11:30 am, Parlor
Fri, Sept 18	Narcotics Anonymous, 7 pm
Sat, Sept 19	Traditional Service, 5 pm

SAVE THE DATE

Sun, Sept 20	Stephen Ministry Commissioning, 9:30 am Service
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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Exodus 1:8-21 (CEB)

⁸ Now a new king came to power in Egypt who didn't know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, "The Israelite people are now larger in number and stronger than we are. ¹⁰ Come on, let's be smart and deal with them. Otherwise, they will only grow in number. And if war breaks out, they will join our enemies, fight against us, and then escape from the land." ¹¹ As a result, the Egyptians put foremen of forced work gangs over the Israelites to harass them with hard work. They had to build storage cities named Pithom and Rameses for Pharaoh.

¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they grew and spread, so much so that the Egyptians started to look at the Israelites with disgust and dread. ¹³ So the Egyptians enslaved the Israelites. ¹⁴ They made their lives miserable with hard labor, making mortar and bricks, doing field work, and by forcing them to do all kinds of other cruel work.

¹⁵ The king of Egypt spoke to two Hebrew midwives named Shiphrah and Puah: ¹⁶ "When you are helping the Hebrew women give birth and you see the baby being born, if it's a boy, kill him. But if it's a girl, you can let her live." ¹⁷ Now the two midwives respected God so they didn't obey the Egyptian king's order. Instead, they let the baby boys live.

¹⁸ So the king of Egypt called the two midwives and said to them, "Why are you doing this? Why are you letting the baby boys live?"

¹⁹ The two midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because Hebrew women aren't like Egyptian women. They're much stronger and give birth before any midwives can get to them." ²⁰ So God treated the midwives well, and the people kept on multiplying and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives respected God, God gave them households of their own.