



## Living Water

To better serve our children and community we need to replace 3 drinking fountains.

- 1) by the main office in the open foyer
- 2) by the prayer room in the children's wing
- 3) by the choir room in the children's wing

Mark your giving "WATER."

Goal: \$6000 for 3 drinking fountains with cold water bottle fill stations.



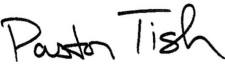
As a congregation we share a vision for vital worship, faith groups, congregational care, new generations, and community missions. You are invited to create new initiatives and strengthen existing ministries by attending open planning meetings and connecting with current ministry leaders. This is your invitation!

**Congregational Care** – Sunday, January 25, 10:40 am in The Prayer Chapel. This short meeting will empower you to take communion to homebound congregants.

**Community Missions** – Wednesday, January 28, 6:30 pm. All mission leaders and interested participants are invited to this open planning meeting to evaluate and coordinate how we are making a difference through our missions in 2026.

**Vital Worship** – Tuesday, February 3, 6:30 pm. Join Pastor Tish to help plan worship for Lent and Easter. Existing teams will continue to lead music, prayer, hospitality, and technology for worship. Connect with Pastor Tish or a ministry leader to serve.

Every believer is called to pray, serve, and give. Pray for the Spirit to guide our planning meetings. Seek God for the ways that you are called to serve and give.

First United,  
  
Rev. Dr. Tish Green

2026  
**Confirmation**

Jan 7 - Feb 25  
Wednesdays 6pm

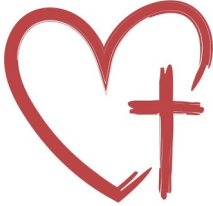
For 6th-12th graders to confirm your faith and take membership at First UMC.

## NEW WORSHIP

### SUNDAYS 11:00 AM



### Praise Service at 9:30am



**FAITH PARTNERS' MEETING**  
A Faith Partner serves as a guide for new members of the church. For all those who are interested in becoming a Faith Partner, and all those who have already been Faith Partners, please meet at noon in the Parlor on January 25,

**PRAYER SHAWLS**  
The First United Methodist Prayer Shawl Group is looking for new members. The current inventory of shawls is low. Shawls have been blessed and are for those who are sick, grieving or in need of emotional support. If you, or someone you know, loves to crochet and would be willing to help, please contact Christy Beck at 636-465-0394. The group meets in Room 200, at 10 am on the second Monday of each month. The group also needs yarn and/or monetary donations for yarn. Thanks very much.

**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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Rev. Dr. Tish Green, Lead Pastor

**Rev. Dr. MLK, Jr. March**  
2:00PM Sunday, Jan 18

**Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church**

136 Lincoln Ave  
Crystal City



**CONNECT CARD**

Thank you for coming today!

**January 17 and 18**

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, Jan 17	Winter Jam, Leave Here 3:45 pm, Family Arena
Sat, Jan 17	Traditional Service, 5 pm
Sun, Jan 18	Adult Sunday School, 8:45 am
Sun, Jan 18	Sunday Social, 9:15 am
Sun, Jan 18	Praise Service , 9:30 am
Sun, Jan 18	New Worship, 11 am
Sun, Jan 18	New Member Luncheon, 12 noon
Mon, Jan 19	OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MLK JR DAY
Mon, Jan 19	James II Project Community Lunch, 11:30—12:30
Mon, Jan 19	Narcotics Anonymous, 7 pm
Tues, Jan 20	Food Pantry, 8:30—11:30 am
Tues, Jan 20	Church Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Parlor
Tues, Jan 20	Al-Anon, 6:30 pm
Tues, Jan 20	Alateen, 7 pm
Wed, Jan 21	Bible Study, 10 am, Parlor
Wed, Jan 21	Womens' Card Group, 11:30 am, Parlor
Wed, Jan 21	Chancel Choir, 5:15 pm
Wed, Jan 21	Confirmation Class, 6 pm, Room 207
Thur, Jan 22	Praise Band/Choir Practice, 6:30 pm
Fri, Jan 23	Womens' Card Group, 11:30 am, Parlor
Fri, Jan 23	Narcotics Anonymous, 7 pm

## SAVE THE DATES

Jan 7-Feb 25	Confirmation Class, Wednesdays, 6 pm
January 25	Faith Partners Meeting, 12 noon, Fellowship Hall
February 17	VBS Planning Meeting, 6:30, Fellowship Hall
February 18	Lent Begins

## Ways to Give @ First UMC

**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

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



**www.FestusUMC.org/Give**



*Welome!*

January 17 and 18

## Genesis 1:24-31

<sup>24</sup> God said, "Let the earth produce every kind of living thing: livestock, crawling things, and wildlife." And that's what happened.<sup>25</sup> God made every kind of wildlife, every kind of livestock, and every kind of creature that crawls on the ground. God saw how good it was. <sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth."

<sup>27</sup> God created humanity in God's own image, in the divine image God created them, male and female God created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground." <sup>29</sup> Then God said, "I now give to you all the plants on the earth that yield seeds and all the trees whose fruit produces its seeds within it. These will be your food.

<sup>30</sup> To all wildlife, to all the birds in the sky, and to everything crawling on the ground—to everything that breathes—I give all the green grasses for food." And that's what happened.<sup>31</sup> God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good.