

### 8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

<b>WELCOME</b>		Charley Reeb
<b>PRELUDE</b>	Out of the Darkness/Krug	Youth Handbells
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		Warren Mayes
<b>*OPENING SONG</b>	God So Loved	Youth Praise Band
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Amie Aguilera
<b>PASSING OF THE PEACE</b>		Megan Gallagher
<b>*SONG OF PRAISE</b>	We Praise You	Youth Praise Band
<b>*SONG OF PRAISE</b>	Who You Say I Am	Youth Praise Band
<b>CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER</b>		Evan Coppolo
<b>OFFERTORY</b>		Addison Morris
<b>OFFERTORY SONG</b>	Here For You	Youth Choir & Youth Praise Band
<b>YOUTH DANCE</b>	Image of God	
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Genesis 1:26-27	Nathan Offutt
<b>SERMON</b>	Image of God	Will Corl
<b>REFLECTION</b>	Beautiful Things	
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		Emily Felgenhauer

### 9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

<b>WELCOME</b>		Charley Reeb
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		Warren Mayes
<b>*OPENING SONG</b>	God So Loved	Youth Praise Band
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### 11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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<b>PRELUDE</b>	Out of the Darkness/Krug	Youth Handbells
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		Warren Mayes
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\*Please stand if you are able

### CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: In the beginning God envisioned a tapestry of creation  
**ALL: Here we gather, recognizing our place in God's world**  
 LEADER: With divine breath God formed humanity  
**ALL: In the image of God He made us**  
 LEADER: Let us celebrate the diversity of creation  
**ALL: Embracing our oneness in the Creator.**

### ABOUT OUR SERVICES

**We are glad you joined us today! Whether you are a member or a guest, please take a moment to register your attendance at [firstumc.org/connect](http://firstumc.org/connect).**

Visit [firstumc.org/connect](http://firstumc.org/connect) or scan the QR code for: Attendance Registration, Worship Bulletins, Prayer Requests, & Online Giving



#### Presence in Worship (Apr 21)

In Person: 871  
 Online: 1,130  
 Total: 2,001

#### Giving Through Apr 14, 2024

YTD Budgeted Income: \$1,133,357  
 YTD Actual Income: 994,630  
 \$(138,727)

Questions? Call Harriet Mayes in the church office, 863-686-3163 x213

**Text to Give:** Text any amount to 855-485-1651, and you will receive a link to contribute.

**Acolytes/Crucifers:** Mallory Kincade and Amelia Kiley - 8:15am and 11am

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

#### Hospital (as of Apr 22)

Debbie Dettmer, David Hall, Linda Schlachter, Dick Stone

#### Deaths

Dick Suetterlin (4/20)

#### Baptisms

Austin Lee Butler, 4/21  
 Son of Austin Butler and Tonia & Corey Terry

Henley Monroe Palazzo-Butler, 4/21  
 Daughter of Austin Butler

Lenox Ariel Johnston, 4/21  
 Son of Greg Johnston & Cristina DeArmas Johnston

Tate Walter Johnston & Claire Evans Johnston, 4/21  
 Son & Daughter of Tim & Sarah Johnston

Remington Daniel George Oakley, 4/21  
 Son of Justin & Chelsie Oakley

#### Altar Flowers

In honor of Sam Ramirez - Happy Birthday! From Sherry Hand

In memory of our dear sweet son, Benjamin Scott Davis  
 11/25/86 - 4/29/21 by Dwight and Donna Davis

In memory of Donna and Dwight Davis's beloved son,  
 Benjamin Scott Davis, from Sharron Lobman

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

To learn more about the ministries of the church and how to get connected, contact Diana Russell ([info@firstumc.org](mailto:info@firstumc.org) - 863-686-3163 x223)



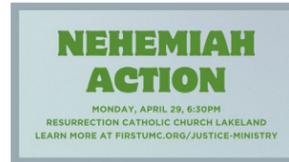
#### General Conference

The General Conference of The United Methodist Church is meeting, Apr 23 through May 3 in Charlotte, NC. Stay up to date with the latest news, decisions, and celebrations from this global gathering by visiting [firstumc.org/generalconference](http://firstumc.org/generalconference).



#### Explore First, Today, 5-6:45pm, C201D

If you're on a journey searching for God, for ways to connect, or looking for a church to join to grow in your faith, you are welcome here! We invite you to take your next step by joining us. For more information or to register, visit [firstumc.org/explore-first](http://firstumc.org/explore-first).



#### Nehemiah Action, Apr 29, 6:30pm, Resurrection Catholic Church in Lakeland

Our PEACE Team needs you to provide the people power to encourage our local officials to reduce unnecessary arrests and provide better daycare for older adults and respite for their caretakers. Your presence with 24 other Polk congregations makes systemic change and improves lives in our county.



#### Peace with Justice Sunday, May 5

As part of our work of Peace and Justice, a denomination-wide offering is taken to support programs and ministries that educate, equip and mobilize networks to engage in social advocacy and action. 50% of the offering stays at the Florida Annual Conference level, and 50% is used in ministries and grants around the globe. This year, our May communion offering will be our Peace with Justice offering. In order to support this important work, physical gifts may be placed on the communion rails in the Sanctuary, the offering plates at communion time in the fellowship center, or online at [firstumc.org/give](http://firstumc.org/give).



#### Church Directory Pictures Make-up Dates, May 6-7

To sign up for a photography appointment, visit [ucdir.com](http://ucdir.com). Type in the church code "FL845" and the password "photos". Then pick a day and time that work best for you!



#### Kids Praise Musical: Reservations Not Needed, May 8, 6pm, Sanctuary

This fun musical is based on the feeding of the five thousand. It is full of humor but stresses the constant availability of Jesus to all who call upon Him - no matter the time or place. His love overflows unendingly.

## CHILDREN

For information regarding Children's Ministry events, contact **Cristi Moore, Director of Children's Ministries: cmoore@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x226.**



**Sundays**  
**8:15am Childcare (Infants 6 weeks - VPK)**  
**9:30am Sunday School (Infants 6 weeks - 5th Grade)**  
**11am Childcare (Infants 6 weeks - VPK)**

**Vacation Bible School registration closes May 10. Don't wait and register now at firstumc.org/vbs.**

**4th & 5th Grade Event, Friday, May 10, 6-8pm**  
You just landed an interview to work at the most famous chocolate factory in the world! Can you with the help of your fellow 4th and 5th graders complete the challenges and make it out in one hour? We need YOU to join in the fun in this escape room style game here at the church. For more information or to register by May 3, visit [firstumc.org/children](http://firstumc.org/children).

**Family "Fun-Day" Sunday, May 19, 2:30-4:30pm**  
Open to children of all ages and their parents. Come meet and visit with other parents and have some fun fellowshiping together at Family Fun Center. For more information and to register by May 15, visit [firstumc.org/children](http://firstumc.org/children).

**Warren Willis Summer Camp (Children & Youth) July 8-13 (Week #4):**  
Registration is now open for students rising into 4th grade through graduated 12th graders. For more information including the Chance to Go Scholarship requirements, and to register visit [firstumc.org/children](http://firstumc.org/children).

**Children's Family Mission Trip, Wed, Jul 24 - Sat, Jul 27**  
Registration is now open for our Second Annual Children's Family Mission Trip to St. Simons Island, GA. Space is limited so sign up now. Open to families with children who are completing VPK - 5th Grade. To register, visit [firstumc.org/children](http://firstumc.org/children).

## YOUTH

For information regarding our Youth Ministry events, contact **Emily Felgenhauer, Director of Youth Ministries: efelgenhauer@firstumc.org, (863) 687-9750 x253.**

**Sundays**  
**Today is Youth Sunday!**  
**Sunday Evening Programming will resume next Sun, May 5.**

**Wednesdays**  
**4:45-5:15pm Youth Handbell Practice, E21**  
**6-6:30pm Open Gym, Gym/Café**  
**6:30-7:30pm Good Bye Party for Shelby Hallman & Brandon Caudill**  
**6:30-7:30pm Middle & High School Bible Study, F**

**Parent Connect Night: Understanding adolescent anxiety, depression, and suicidal awareness, Sun, May 5, 5:30pm, C207**  
Adolescence is hard, and as parents and caregivers of teens, we want to support the kids in our lives as best we can. Please join us for this important conversation, led by Jamie Smith from Family Psychological Services of Lakeland. Dinner is available at 5 pm in the F building café (\$5/person). Please register at [firstumc.org/youth](http://firstumc.org/youth).

**Middle School Mystery Event, Jun 2, 2-7pm**  
This event is for our rising sixth graders through current seventh graders (rising eighth graders), and will be a super fun opportunity for our Middle School students to bond! For more info or to register by May 13 visit [firstumc.org/youth](http://firstumc.org/youth).

**Youth Serve Saturday, May 18, 9-12pm**  
Join us at the church we are going to help make sets for VBS this year. For more information or to register visit [firstumc.org/youth](http://firstumc.org/youth).

**SIFAT Mission Experience, Lineville AL, Jun 23-28**  
Registration for our Youth Mission Experience is now open. For more information or to register visit [firstumc.org/youth](http://firstumc.org/youth).

**HS Mission Trip, Branches, Miami FL, Jul 21-27**  
Registration for our HS Summer Mission Trip is open until Apr 30. For more information or to register visit [firstumc.org/youth](http://firstumc.org/youth).



**Memory Ministry Workshop: What's in Your Communication Toolbox? A Positive Approach for Communication, Apr 30, 10am, Wesley Center**  
This workshop is for family and friends who support someone living with dementia. Learn more or register at [firstumc.org/events](http://firstumc.org/events).

## ADULTS

For more information or Zoom/Online credentials, contact **Warren Pattison, Director of Adult Ministries: wpattison@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x227.** Registration for groups, classes, and courses is available at [firstumc.org/groups](http://firstumc.org/groups).

**Faithful and Inclusive: The Bible, Sexuality, and the United Methodist Church, Mon, 6-7:30pm, beginning May 6 (5 sessions), C206**  
Led by Rev. Nicki Taylor and Rev. Andy Whitaker Smith, Faithful and Inclusive helps you to gain an understanding of how United Methodists can be both obedient to God's Word and fully welcoming to LGBTQ persons in the church. This five-session study has been designed for participants to develop their own perspectives on the Bible's passages related to homosexuality. Please bring your Bible, no other book required.

**Gathering of Adult Leaders (GOAL), Mon, May 6, 6 - 7:30pm, C207**  
This is an opportunity for those who host and teach groups of adults to gather for encouragement, support and honing leadership skills. Our topic this month is how to facilitate dialogue to bridge the political divide using Parker Palmer's Healing the Heart of Democracy book. Register at [firstumc.org/events](http://firstumc.org/events).

**A Disciple's Path, Wed, May 8-Jun 19, 6-7:30pm, C206**  
What does it mean to follow Jesus in the Methodist tradition? This seven-session foundational course will lead you into a deeper love of God and others through daily spiritual practices and weekly class sessions. When you complete the course, you will have concrete next steps to take in growing in your faith. Register at [firstumc.org/groups](http://firstumc.org/groups).

**Women's Book Club, Wed, May 1, 8pm, C205**  
Women's Book Club meets once a month on the first Wed. Our May Book selection is Masterpiece by Francine Rivers. Register at [firstumc.org/groups](http://firstumc.org/groups).

**Quilts of Valor Ceremony, Fri, May 10, 10 -11:30am, Chapel**  
Come celebrate five of our Korean War Veterans. Reception to follow in the Parlor. Please RSVP by May 3 to Karen Warren at [klaw1130@gmail.com](mailto:klaw1130@gmail.com).

**Genesis Class Pancake Breakfast, May 11, 7am-12pm**  
The Genesis Sunday School Class will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast. All proceeds go to benefit families in need in the Lakeland area. Please come and enjoy food and fellowship on your way to Mayfaire by the Lake. The cost is \$5/Adult, \$3/Child or \$15/Family Ticket. Tickets are available at the door.

## MISSIONS

For more information regarding Missions, contact **Forrest White, Director of Missions: fwhite@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x224.**

**2024 Hurricane Recovery Team Change**  
We have rescheduled our next mission team serving Hurricane Ian survivors in Southwest Florida. It will be May 30-Jun 1. We will leave on Thurs afternoon, work full days Fri and Sat, and return to Lakeland Sat night. Cost is \$75, which covers transportation, lodging and food. No construction skills required. All you need is a servant's heart, a good attitude and a willingness to help. Please prayerfully consider joining us and let me know when you're ready to commit! Deadline to register for the rescheduled team is May 9.

**Philip O'Brien Elementary**  
Teacher/staff appreciation week is May 6-10. We're collecting \$10 gift cards to give every staff person. In addition, we need people to write 10 thank you notes (cards provided). On May 7 (note date change) we will provide breakfast for all teachers and staff. If you'll make some homemade baked goods please contact our O'Brien Passion Team leaders Joleen Golden ([joleengolden@yahoo.com](mailto:joleengolden@yahoo.com)) or Ann Skellenger ([abraham409@aol.com](mailto:abraham409@aol.com)) for details. Everything will need to be dropped at First UMC on May 6 by 4pm.

**KidsPACK, May 1**  
Our final packing day for the 2023-24 school year is Wed, May 1. Setup begins at 9am in the First United Welcome Center and takes about 90 minutes. At 4pm we pack and wrap weekend food bundles. Contact Skip Stevenson with questions ([safetyskip@gmail.com](mailto:safetyskip@gmail.com)).

**First Sunday Food Collection, May 5**  
We will receive food at the Missions Depot immediately following the 11am worship services until 1:30pm. The list of items is posted at [firstumc.org/firstsundayfood](http://firstumc.org/firstsundayfood). Thank you for your generosity and a reminder to please donate only requested items.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
YOUTH SUNDAY  
APRIL 28, 2024

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**JESUS CHRIST**  
FOR THE TRANSFORMATION  
**OF THE WORLD**

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