

Step By Step Ministry Update

The school kids will have a bike day on August 2 at 9:00; part of the parking lot will be blocked off for this event. Our last water play day for the summer will be Friday, August 10.

Step by Step's
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH



Tuesday, August 14, 2018



Join us for a Ba-B Shower..

It's A Girl!!

Saturday, August 18th

12 to 2 pm

For Brooke Seymour

Emmaus

Have you been on a Walk to Emmaus? Are you interested in attending a Walk to Emmaus? If so, come to Keen Bean on Wednesdays at 11 am and see what this is about. If this time isn't convenient with your schedule, please contact the church office at 466-2459.

Adult Sunday School

FROG Sunday School class is currently studying the book of Colossians. We normally have 6 to 8 people in the class but we'd love to add to that number. We meet in the Fellowship hall immediately after the worship service. Please grab your bible and join us as we allow the Holy Spirit to teach and bless us every week through His Word.

Way-to-Go

Do you need a way to go? If so, there may be an answer to your dilemma! Our transportation ministry assists in transporting church members to such places such as doctor appointments, the grocery store, or to other nearby places. There is no cost for this service.

However, a minimum of 48 hours notice is required. For more information, or to schedule a ride call Ann Knott at 417-466-8575.



Do you surf the web? Have a Facebook page? Well, you can get an update on what is going on at Church on our website: www.fumcmvm.org or like us on Facebook.

If you would like to announce an event you can email the church office at: underthestepleumc@gmail.com

or drop off your item in the "website/social media" mailbox outside the church office.

Volunteer Opportunities

Check out the volunteer sign up sheet on the welcome table. There are opportunities to teach Children's Church and Sunday School, as well as money counter, usher, Power Point operator and Bus Driver.

UMW

NO MEETING

The UMW is taking the summer off.

Youth News



The Methodist Maulers will end their season this month. Come and watch them play at the Spirit of '76 park on Fridays this Summer. August's schedule is below.

Methodist Maulers



August 3: 6 pm versus the Outsiders

August 10: 9 pm versus McThundersticks

August 17: 8 pm versus Murphy Lawn Care

August 24: 6 pm versus Same Ole Gang

Ending with a double elimination tournament on Saturday, August 25th.

Our annual "Blessing the Schools" is Wednesday, August 15th. ALL are invited to come and get the school year started off with prayer. We will leave the Church at 6 pm .

We will be having Sunday School EVERY Sunday starting August 19th.



Bible Study

Come and join our Sunday night Bible Study at 5 pm followed by a potluck dinner at 6 pm.

Our study is "Unglued" by Lysa Terkeurst.

What do you do with raw emotions? We stuff, we explode, or react somewhere in between!

Is it really possible to make emotions work for us, instead of against us?

Yes it is and this study will show us how!!

Everyone is encouraged to come and join us!!!

Mark's Message

Hey Friends,

I want to say thank you again for being so welcoming and for the gift basket. July has been a crazy month! Changes, traveling, and lots of new faces! I am glad to be off the road and getting down to the business of working with you to make our church a light in our community.

The month of August will be busy as well, from backpacks to back-to-school. It's a time of transition for a lot of families. They're thinking about their kids headed back to school and about the things that they need to do as parents to help their children thrive. Many of them will be thinking about the spiritual health of their growing and active family. This makes a great time to invite someone to come and be a part of what's happening here.

The way we invite those folks is important as well. We shouldn't just say, "Hey come to church!"...no we should offer ourselves as part of the invitation. "Come and sit with my family on Sunday"... "I'd love it if you'd come to church with me"... "How about coming to worship with us, and lunch is on me after?". There are lots of ways we can engage with people as we welcome them into our family and practice hospitality.

So let's be ready for the amazing things that God can do in and through First UMC! Let's plant and water and bring in the harvest! We can be that city on a hill, that light that shines in the darkness that Jesus has called us to be!

Mark Hansche

First United Methodist Church
 Worship 9 am
 Sunday School 10 am

Check Us Out Online!

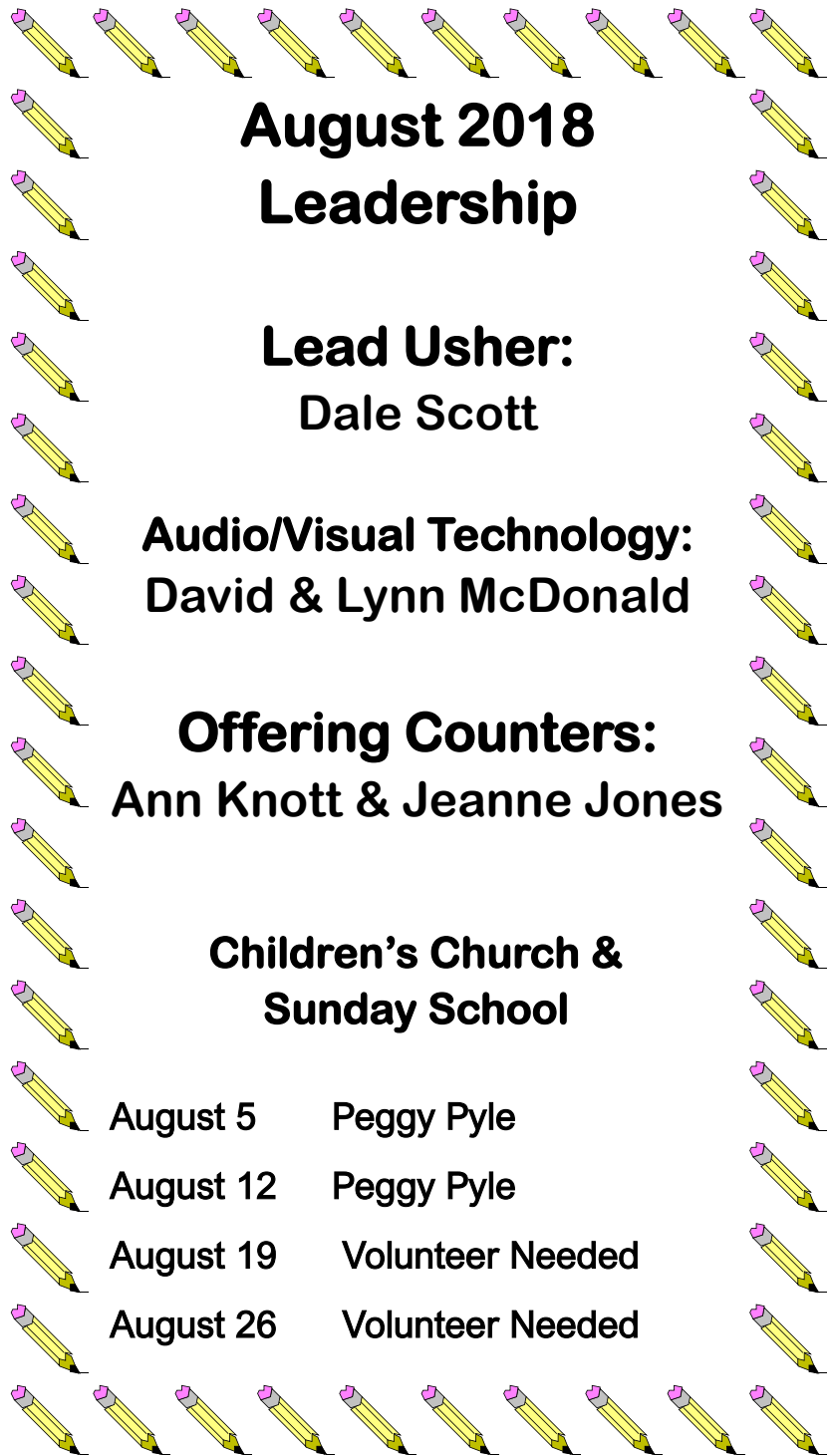
Check out our homepage at www.fumcmvm.org and leave us a message!

Save Your Best Choice!

We only need 150 more for our next 1,000 to send in!!! Thanks for your help.

KEEP THEM COMING!!

Please make sure the number underneath the barcode starts with "70038", these numbers denote the Best Choice brand. You are appreciated and you are helping fund the education of our children.



**August 2018
 Leadership**

**Lead Usher:
 Dale Scott**

**Audio/Visual Technology:
 David & Lynn McDonald**

**Offering Counters:
 Ann Knott & Jeanne Jones**

**Children's Church &
 Sunday School**

August 5 Peggy Pyle
 August 12 Peggy Pyle
 August 19 Volunteer Needed
 August 26 Volunteer Needed

Backpack Program



Distribution time is nearly here. We will assemble school supplies on Friday, August 3rd from starting at 9 am.

Backpack distribution will be on Saturday, August 4th from 9 to 11am.

Contact Kim Duwe if you can help with either or both of these days.

COME AND HELP

This is our BIG community ministry!!!

Focus on Finance

Please continue to be in prayer for our church and to be open to ideas on how we can grow our ministry. Please consider signing up for our E-giving through our website.

Bring the tenth part into the store-house, so that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this," says the Lord of All. "See if I will not then open the windows of heaven and pour out good things for you until there is no more need. Malachi 3:10

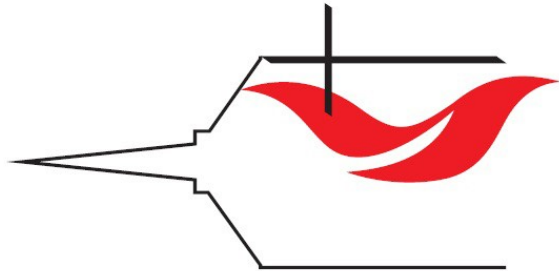
This scripture reminds us that when we follow God's direction, He will pour out blessings upon on us. The following chart is listed as a help for each of us as we evaluate our giving. Thank you for all you do for the mission of our church!

Date Offering			Amount for weekly gifts by income percentages								
Date Offering	Attendance		WEEKLY INCOME	MONTHLY INCOME	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	12%	15%
7/1/2018	65	\$3,926.00	\$200.00	\$800.00	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$12.00	\$16.00	\$20.00	\$24.00	\$30.00
7/8/2018	63	\$1,979.90	\$400.00	\$1,600.00	\$8.00	\$16.00	\$24.00	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$48.00	\$60.00
7/15/2018	56	\$2,748.23	\$600.00	\$2,400.00	\$12.00	\$24.00	\$36.00	\$48.00	\$60.00	\$72.00	\$90.00
7/22/2018	62	\$919.06	\$800.00	\$3,200.00	\$16.00	\$32.00	\$48.00	\$64.00	\$80.00	\$96.00	\$120.00
7/29/2018	78	\$769.16	\$1,200.00	\$4,800.00	\$24.00	\$48.00	\$72.00	\$96.00	\$120.00	\$144.00	\$180.00
			\$1,400.00	\$5,600.00	\$28.00	\$56.00	\$84.00	\$112.00	\$140.00	\$168.00	\$210.00
			\$1,600.00	\$6,400.00	\$32.00	\$64.00	\$96.00	\$128.00	\$160.00	\$192.00	\$240.00
			\$1,800.00	\$7,200.00	\$36.00	\$72.00	\$108.00	\$144.00	\$180.00	\$216.00	\$270.00

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Monday — Thursday
 8:30 to 2:30
 Lynn McDonald
 Administrative Assistant

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The Messenger

Mark Your Calendars

- August 3** Backpack Assembly
- August 4** Backpack Distribution at 9-11 am
- August 8** Praise Team Meeting at 6 pm
- August 13** Trustee at 6 pm
- August 15** School Blessing at 6 pm
- August 21** Ad Council at 6 pm
- August 22** Wednesday Night Study with Mark

Coming Soon!

- September 3 Labor Day
Office Closed
SBS Closed
- September 5 District Superintendent to visit
- September 10 Trustee
- September 18 Ad Council
- September 29 Emmaus Training