



In 2006, my family and I joined a faith tradition that observed liturgical practice in its worship services. Having grown up with the charismatic flair of our small country church, it was a different experience, to say the least. It didn't take long until we grew to love and cherish the majesty of the stained glass windows, the different colors for the different seasons, and the holy symbolism represented in the worship spaces.

As we worshipped this Christmas season, I have grown to love our rituals even more. Why? Because I see Jesus in them. I see Jesus in John Brotherton and Paris and Savannah Watson as they light the candles on Sunday morning. I see Jesus in our worship committee as they prepare the Lord's table. I see Jesus in our worship teams as they lead our music and visual arts. I see Jesus in Wheeler Gomez as she leads us in the Lord's Prayer. I see Jesus in our staff and leaders as they lead our church with great care. I see Jesus in the Christmas cards I pick up in the mail because they display pictures of dear friends I consider family. And I see Jesus here, every Christmas Eve, where there isn't a single person in our sanctuary who is without a candle.

There is no one without a light. A light that had been lit by another and fills the whole room. Because that's what the light of Christ does; that's what the love of Christ does. It gets introduced over and over and over again. And then it gets noticed and shared and stays with us and moves beyond us in all sorts of unforgettable ways. Take a look around. Where do you see Jesus?

-Pastor Kris



Ongoing Activities**Tuesdays**

- Henry Center Food Pantry & Financial Assistance, 12-2pm
- Instrumental Ensemble, 5:15-6:15pm; Basement

Wednesdays

- Noon Prayer, 12-1pm; Sanctuary
- Wonderful Wednesdays: 3:30-4:30pm, Dossett Chapel
- Choir Ensemble, 5:30-6:30pm; Basement
- Handbells, 6:30-7:30pm; Basement

Thursdays

- Henry Center Food Pantry & Financial Assistance, 12-2pm
- Henry Center Clothes Closet, 12-2pm

Sunday Mornings

Nursery available from 8am-12noon

8am Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary

9am First Light Modern Service, Family Activity Center (*streamed live on Facebook*)

10am Sunday School for all ages; various locations

10:30am Dossett Chapel Sunday School

11am Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary (*streamed live on Facebook*)


What's Happening In January

January 1st *Front Office Closed in observance of New Year's Day*

January 2nd Golden Circle, 11:30am-1:00pm Davidson Hall

January 13th Men's Breakfast, 7:30-9:00am; Davidson Hall

January 15th *Front Office Closed in observance for Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

**First Methodist Women in 2024**

Join us Thursday, Jan 4th, at 11:30am in Davidson Hall for the installation of officers. Kris Roberts will join us. Lunch will be Brown Bag.

The November Bake Sale netted \$912.00 (baked goods only). The sales figure from the Pecan Sale is not yet complete.

Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year.

-Ann Hand

Mark 10:14-1

“Jesus said, ‘Let the Little Children come to me and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.’”



Sunday Mornings

*Nursery Hours
8 a.m. - 12 noon*

*Sunday School
10 a.m.; 2nd floor,
main building*

People often get excited about New Year's because it represents a fresh start and a new beginning. It's a time for reflection on the past year and setting goals for the year ahead. Many people see it as an opportunity to make positive changes in their lives, such as setting resolutions, pursuing new opportunities, or simply celebrating with friends and family. The idea of a clean slate and the chance to start anew can be very inspiring and exciting for many people. Additionally, New Year's celebrations are often seen as a time for joy, hope, and optimism for the future.

Our church went thru a lot in 2023 but I can honestly say that I am excited for what 2024 holds. I hope you join me in this excitement!

Working with you,
Julie

Here are some of the ways we celebrated the birth of our Savior in December



The children started off the Advent season with this craft



Baby Jesus traveled to many homes this season



John and Tina Rose invited the Pre K families to view their festive lights and decorations. All were treated to yummy snacks.



Under the direction of Jennie Kuebitz and Katie McNabb, our church was blessed with a beautiful Christmas program.

Sunday School
Jan 7 - craft for senior adults
Jan 14- regular classes resume

2024 Calendar of Events to be released soon

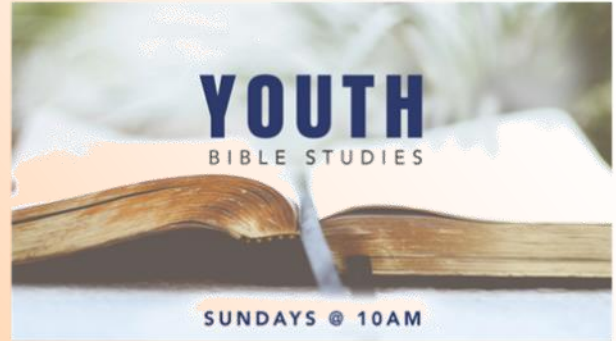
Dossett Chapel Update for 2023

- Wonderful Wednesdays:
 - o Our participation has exploded from 6-8 kids to 28 – 35 kids!
 - o We've changed to a short prayer, short devotional, (kindergarten level), then PLAY!
 - ✦ Christmas decorations'
 - ✦ Christmas party
 - ✦ Tullahoma West Nazarene Church is giving Dossett 12 Food packages every week, plus 32 kid treat packages each Wednesday.
 - ✦ Planning on Road Trips in 2024
 - ✦ Painted House
 - ✦ TUA
 - ✦ Hands on Science Center
 - Sunday School
 - o Our participation has exploded from 0-5 kids 15-27 kids per Sunday!
 - o We have a great group of 10 teachers, led by Katie McNabb.
 - Teen Training, (used to be "Community Service", but everyone thought that meant "Free"!).
 - o Our participation has grown from 2 in 2019 to 10 teenagers now, with several others coming sporadically.
 - o We've fixed 9 riding mowers, several push mowers, 3 trucks, 4 cars, countless yards, some painting of gutters and garages, plumbing, electrical, etc.
 - o My objective is to:
 - ✦ Get them off their porches and start working.
 - Keeps them out of trouble.
 - Save their money for a goal.
 - Teach them skills they'll use throughout their lives.
- BREAK GENERATIONAL POVERTY.**

The Clothes Closet is in needs of some items! Please look through your houses and see if you have any of these items and bring them down on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30am at the Clothes Closet or M-T from 8am-4pm and drop them off in the back of the chapel.

- ◆ comforters
- ◆ sheets
- ◆ toys
- ◆ towels
- ◆ cookware





WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Youth Bible Study | 10 a.m. Youth Room

High School Tribe | 6-7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Middle School Tribe | 6-7:30 p.m.

Disciple Bible Study | 6-8 p.m.

EVENTS IN JANUARY

HS Ski Trip | January 12-15



Our Tribe series in January, entitled "Marvel", will help our students explore what it means to have a lifestyle of worship. It is easy to only think of worship as praise songs we sing at church. But worship stretches far beyond that and should be an active part of everything we do. As we try to live out a lifestyle of worship, it can become a means in which God molds us to be more like Christ.



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Let's start the New Year off with some inspiring thoughts. I found the following on a website called, "40+ Inspiring January Quotes to Start the Year Off Right." "Of course I am not including all 40; you can go through them yourself if interested. "Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart."— Roy T. Bennett; "January is the month for dreaming."— Jean Hersey; Stay away from what might have been, and look at what can be."— Marsha Petrie Sue; "We must be willing to get rid of the life we've planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us. The old skin has to be shed before the new one can come."— Joseph Campbell.



- January 2: Golden Circle
- January 4: Accessible Van Driver's Meeting
- January 16: Bowling
- February 6: Golden Circle
- February 14: Valentine Party
- March 6: Golden Circle
- March 16-22: Sager Brown Mission Trip



Residents of Brookdale are looking forward to coming to church using our Accessible van. We hope to have the program up and running, Sunday, January 14th for the 11:00AM Service.



Wednesday, February 14, 2024 we will have a Valentine's Day Party. Put on your party hat and join us for the festivities. Food will be provided but you must sign up.



Our first meeting of the year will be Tuesday, January 2nd at 11:30 AM in Davidson Hall. We agreed to have "Game Day" as our program. So bring your favorite game, a finger food and join us. There will be plenty of games available if you don't want to bring one, also bring someone with you. One of our 2024 goals is to increase our Golden Circle attendance. We will briefly review our Tables of Christmas event and 2024 goals..

TULLAHOMA FIRST METHODIST SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

January Birthdays

- Jerry Mathis, January 2
- Debbie Brown, January 5
- Mary Ann Allen, January 5
- Arey Jean Barton, January 6
- Grace Caps, January 9
- Martha Carden, January 13
- Sarah Carson Mauer 14
- Bunny Comer, January 14
- George Jensen, January 14
- Laura Orr, January 19
- Elton Thompson, January 21
- Margaret Savelle, January 29
- Marcia Murray, January 30



We once again have a wonderful opportunity to be the hands and feet and not forget the heart of Jesus Crist at Sager Brown, March 16-22. A sign-up sheet is available on the Senior Adult Ministry board. We have registration for eight (8), but can make room for more. Deadline for signing up is January 31. See Esther for more details.

*Go to page 9 for more Senior Adult Ministry Updates



Our second event of the month is BOWLING! We will team up with the Coffee County Senior Citizens of Tullahoma group for an afternoon of bowling, Tuesday, January 16. Please sign up by January 7th so a lane will be available for you. More details on the Senior Adult Ministry bulletin board.

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Tullahoma First Methodist Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

MAIN BUILDING

Seekers | Chapel

Singles and Couples; Traditional Bible curriculum

Journey | Room 209 Balcony

Singles and Couples; Book studies / Books of the Bible

Hope | Room 211 Balcony

Couples; Bible based / Current event discussions

Questers | Room 213 Balcony

Singles and Couples; Traditional Bible curriculum

Married Folk | Room 112

Couples; Devotionals and Discussion

Children | SOUL Lounge (Children's Dept)

Pre-K-5th Grades; New Testament Studies

FAMILY ACTIVITY CENTER

Strangely Warmed | B2

Singles and Couple; Traditional Bible Curriculum

Youth | 6th-12th Youth Room

Youth Bible Study | Old & New Testaments

Check out Tables of Christmas Pictures



The Big Tree



Dave Schmisser's Table



Stephen & Margaret Savelle's Nativity



More Decorations

Check out Living Christmas Tree Trip Pictures



Check Out pictures from the Christmas Concert this year!



Sanctuary Music - Doug Clark, Music Director
Chris Blondin - Accompanist/Organist

The *Sanctuary Choir*, *Instrumental Ensemble*, and *Canterbury Ringers* are committed to musical excellence, to glorify God, and to create a musical atmosphere in which our congregation can worship the Lord in spirit and truth. If you are interested in being a part of the Sanctuary Music program or have any questions, please contact Doug Clark at doug.fumc@gmail.com.

Sanctuary Choir:

The Sanctuary Choir is primarily made up of adults but is open to high school students as well. The choir meets downstairs in the Choral Hall and is **Wednesdays at 5:30pm.**

Instrumental Ensemble:

The Instrumental Ensemble meets downstairs in the Instrumental Hall and is on **Tuesdays at 5:15pm.**

Canterbury Ringers:

The Canterbury Ringers are our handbell choir that meet downstairs next to the Choral Hall and meet **Wednesdays at 6:30pm.**

Keeping In Prayers

Forrest & Amanda
 McCullough (*Friends of
 Kelton Garner*)
 Ryan Bond
 Janie Townes
 Larry Dickerson
 Ken Davis

Sonny Elliot (*friend of John
 Cook*)
 Jim Mares
 Cindy Stoker
 Mike Gudka
 Jeff Dangermond (*friend of
 Bill & Lisa Susoev*)

Barbara Prater
 Linda Rogers
 Ken Nutt

If you have someone you would like to add to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 455-5434 or fumc@lighttube.net. Also, if you have updates about your loved one currently on the prayer list, please contact the office with that information. It is important for us to have the most accurate information so that we may provide the appropriate congregational care.

Finance

November 2023

Revenue

YTD Budget \$786,654
 Received \$667,331

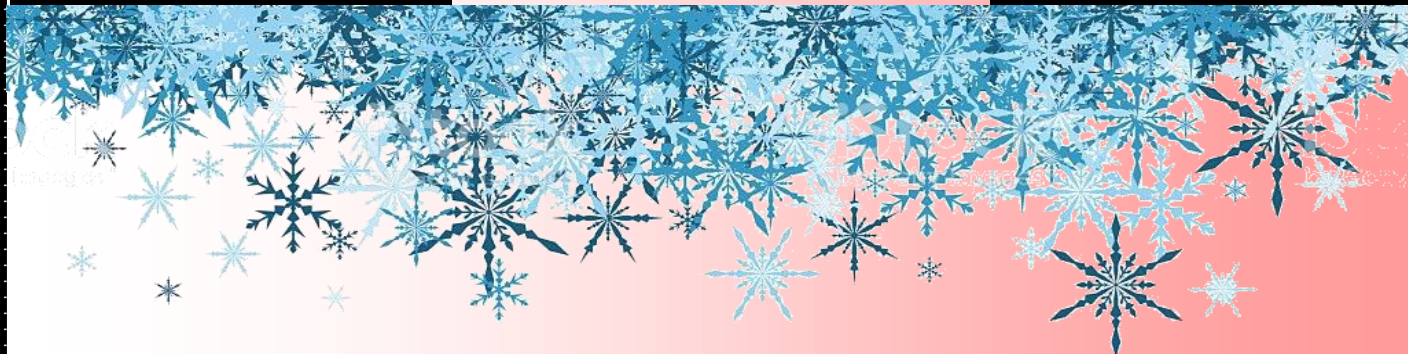
Expenditures

YTD Budget \$786,654
 Disbursed \$688,871

Attendance

Average Attendance 2023

8:00 a.m. Worship	47
First Light Worship	117
11:00 a.m. Worship	84
Total	248
Sunday School	64



Memorials

Jim Mitchell

from

Susan & Glen Braghetta

Ann Miller

from

*Barbara Poston
 Amanda & Harry Kaupp
 Jean Baker*



Linda Thomas

from

*Bobby Phipps
 Becky & Bill Mahler*

Marge Batchelor

from

Charlotte Hatheway

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 Senior Adults & Congregational Care
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 First Light Music Ministry
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TEXT IN CHURCH

To receive text messages & emails from the church to keep you in the loop

about everything that is going on, just text the word **church** to 931-452-4747 and click on the response. You may also sign up to receive texts from specific areas of ministry. For our Children's Ministry, text **children**; for our Senior Adults ministry, text **fumcsam**. Once your form is filled out, we will begin sending you all the info you'll need.



Our main Facebook page is First Methodist Church.

We also have a **Youth** page - FUMC Tullahoma Youth Ministry; and a **Children's** page - Children's Ministry of FUMC Tullahoma.

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