



November 2023 Newsletter

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“Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it. One who always prays is ever giving praise, whether in ease or pain, both for prosperity and for the greatest adversity. He blesses God for all things, looks on them as coming from Him, and receives them for His sake—not choosing nor refusing, liking or disliking, anything, but only as it is agreeable or disagreeable to His perfect will.” John Wesley

This Thanksgiving take the time to pray. Pray with a grateful heart. Pray to offer praise to God for life and for loved ones. Pray for God to lead you in the path of God’s choosing. People have been so deeply affected this year by disasters and violence in our world. Pray for healing and work that must be done to restore lives and property. Pray to help people who are hurting. Pray so that the prayers are not words only, but turned into action.

God provides us with true blessings in abundance. We have joy and laughter; we have courage in the face of fear, hope where there is doubt, comfort when we have tears and sadness. God is with us in all things. John Wesley believed in the love and blessings of God. Even on his death bed, he said, **“Best of all, God is with us.”**

Pray for our community as we seek to strengthen and grow in Christ. Pray for the staff and leaders who work to make ministry meaningful. Pray for all the people who serve and provide the financial resources for ministry to take place. Pray for our church as we continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer. Give thanks to the Lord always with a grateful heart. I am thankful for you and our church. I am thankful for all that God is doing among us as we pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to lead us into the future.

October 2023 Financial Update

Church Budget needs after
44 Sundays thru October 31, 2023

Budget: \$ 239,756
Received: \$ 185,150
Difference: -\$ 54,606 or -22.78% behind

Please review the numbers above and see where we stand with our finances. Please be in prayer for our church and its finances as we enter into the final two months of 2023. We have struggled the last two months in getting all our bills paid. We still owe \$4,925 on the loan that we borrowed from Special Funds to pay our bills in 2022. We need to try our best to meet our budget of \$5,449 (each week) for the next 9 weeks. You may mail your offering to the church or drop it off at the office or place it in the slot on the front door. We thank each of you for remembering the Lord with your tithes and offerings.

Howard County Retired School Employees Cereal Drive

The Howard County Retired School Employees has started a cereal drive and have started collecting boxes of cereal to help with Nashville (K-12) Scrapper Supermarket and the Pantry at Mineral Springs School District.

The Church has been asked to help with this project. It will be our Ingathering Project this year. We are also accepting monetary donations for Ingathering and sending it to the Conference for UMCOR.

You may bring boxes of cereal and place in the big box in the foyer. Monetary donations may be mailed or placed in the offering plate marked Ingathering 2023.



November 3 - Niki Boyce
 November 4 - Annah Morris
 November 4 - Tim Ackley
 November 7 - Evan Wakefield
 November 7 - Mason Free
 November 7 - Dexter Boyce
 November 9 - Pamela Bohn
 November 10 - Candice Britt
 November 11 - Debbie Beene
 November 13 - Kristen Ackley
 November 15 - Marilyn Hockaday
 November 16 - Jean Martindale
 November 16 - Hudson Bennett
 November 16 - Haydon Bennett
 November 17 - Alicia Wescott
 November 18 - Caitlin Joy Lewis
 November 19 - Allen Westbrook
 November 20 - Alex Trombley
 November 20 - Jack Harrison
 November 23 - Larry Teague, Jr.
 November 23 - Tom Dupree
 November 24 - Freda Davis
 November 25 - Jimmy Gosnell
 November 25 - Sandra Brigham
 November 26 - Paige Cooley
 November 27 - JoAnne Powell
 November 29 - Barbara Rizzo

Acolytes for November

Nov. 5 Minka Stanley & Presley Bennett
 Nov. 12 Wyatt Kuykendall & Jayci Stanley
 Nov. 19 Ember Boyce & Jaylee Hughes
 Nov. 26 Talon Stanley & Minka Stanley

Ushers for November

Nov. 5 Volunteers
 Nov. 12 Volunteers
 Nov. 19 Volunteers
 Nov. 26 Volunteers

Liturgist for November

Nov. 5 Mike Myers
 Nov. 12 Connie Castleberry
 Nov. 19 Gerald Moses
 Nov. 26 Telia Dunn

Children's Moments for November

Nov. 5 Carol Ackley
 Nov. 12 Judy Cassady
 Nov. 19 Dede Robinson
 Nov. 26 Telia Dunn

Children's Church for November

Nov. 5 Lori Harrison
 Nov. 12 Mary Boozer
 Nov. 19 Annie Washburn
 Nov. 26 Deadra Washburn

Children's Church Helpers for November

Nov. 5 Braylee Smith
 Nov. 12 Jayci Stanley
 Nov. 19 Minka Stanley
 Nov. 26 Wyatt Kuykendall

Money Counters for November

Nov. 5 Gary Dan Futrell & Gail Milum
 Nov. 12 Telia Dunn & Gerald Moses
 Nov. 19 Marilyn Hockaday & Mary Boozer
 Nov. 26 Gary Dan Futrell & Gail Milum

Youth Snacks for November

Nov. 5 The Robinson's
 Nov. 12 The Moses'
 Nov. 19 The Boozer's
 Nov. 26 No Youth-Thanksgiving Holiday

Church Security for November

Nov. 5 Need Volunteer
 Nov. 12 Dexter Boyce
 Nov. 19 Need Volunteer
 Nov. 26 Need Volunteer










Nashville First United Methodist Church Calendar of Events

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Schedule: 9-45am S. S. Class 10:50 am Morning Worship 5:00 pm Youth			1 Kids Club 3:00pm Children's Choir 5:00pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm	2 Mother's Day Out 9-2	3	4
5 All Saints Day Trustees Meeting 12:00pm 	6 FUMW Meeting 11:30am (brown bag lunch) Packing Operation Christmas Child boxes	7 Mother's Day Out 9-2 Feeding the Tennis Team 6:00pm	8 Kids Club 3:00pm Children's Choir 5:00pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm	9 Mother's Day Out 9-2	10	11
12	13 Bible Study with Jack Bennett 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall Joy Circle 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall	14 Mother's Day Out 9-2	15 Kids Club 3:00pm Children's Choir 5:00pm Chancel Choir Dinner 6:00pm	16 Mother's Day Out 9-2	17	18
19 Finance Meeting 12:00pm in the Redeemed Classroom Community Thanksgiving Service 6:00pm	20 Master Gardeners Meeting in the Fellowship Hall 5:00pm	21 Thanksgiving Holiday—No Church Activities	22	23  Holiday—Office Closed	24	25
26 Hanging of the Greens right after Morning Worship	27 Master Gardener's Meeting in the Redeemed Classroom 5:00pm	28 Mother's Day Out 9-2	29 Kids Club 3:00pm Children's Choir 5:00pm Adult Choir 6:00pm	30 Mother's Day Out 9-2		

Christmas Mail Box

Christmas Cards for Church Family



Our Annual Christmas Post Office will be available on December 1st to give and receive your cards. Deadline for bringing cards will be the morning of December 24th. Everyone will be responsible for picking up their cards no later than December 24th.

The Church will not be responsible for mailing any cards. We will try our best to hand deliver to our shut-ins.



*the power of
a simple gift*

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Boxes are available in the Foyer

You may take a box and fill with your goodies
Return boxes by November 12th, Postage \$10
Instructions are inside the box

You may buy bulk amount of items to be used or You may turn in a monetary gift and let UMW buy and fill the boxes at the November 6th FUMW Meeting.



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 26

12:00pm after Morning Worship

We encourage everyone to stay and decorate the Chrismon tree and decorate the foyer and place wreaths on the doors.

We will serve pizza after we decorate.

COST
\$12.00



Poinsettia Order Form

**Deadline for
Orders is
November 26, 2023**

Your Name: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____



**First
United
Methodist
Women
of
Nashville**

**November 6, 2023
First United Methodist Women
At 11:30 am
Brown Bag Lunch**



**We will put together the
Operation Christmas Child Boxes**

**There is NO Love Group in November & December.
NO Joy Circle in November, December and January.**

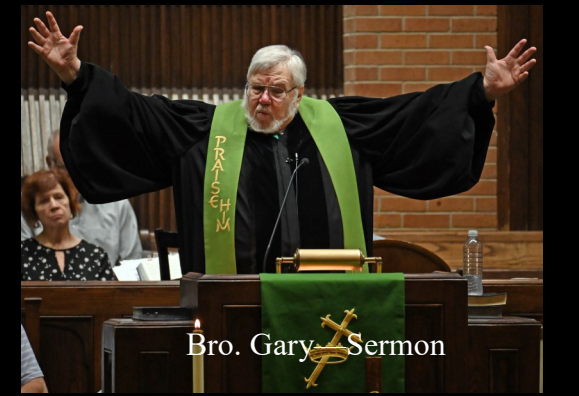
First United Methodist Church Service
October 1, 2023
Photos by John Robert Schirmer



Carol Ackley Children's Moments



Chancel Choir singing the anthem



Bro. Gary Sermon



Kristi Eggers—Offertory



Jaree Hall



Talon Stanley & Wyatt Kuykendall-Acolytes



Mike Myers—Liturgist



Mother's Day Out Mrs. Annie's Class & Mrs. Katie's Class

Picture provided by MDO

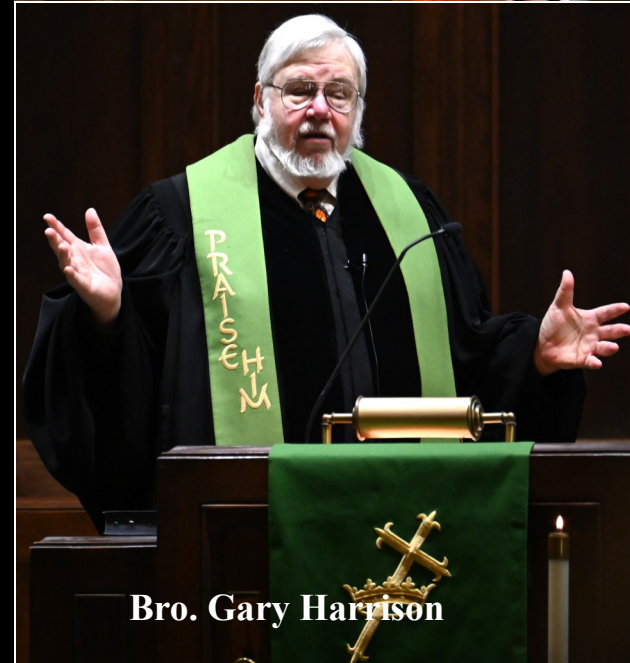
First United Methodist Church Service
October 8, 2023
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Judy Cassady—Children's Sermon



Talon Stanley & Wyatt Kuykendall—Acolytes



Bro. Gary Harrison



Becky Posey—Pianist



Judy Cassady—Liturgist



Ember Boyce—Soloist

First United Methodist Church Service
October 15, 2023
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Telia Dunn—Children's Sermon



Tom Dupree—Chimes



Bro. Gary—Sermon



Gerald Moses-Liturgist



Jaree Hall & Kristi Eggers— Flutists



Presley Bennett & Jaylee Hughes-
Acolytes



Grandfather
Woody Futrell

Grandson
Turner Futrell



Chancel Choir-Anthem

First United Methodist Church Service
October 22, 2023
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Dede Robinson—Children's Sermon



Children's Choir-Offertory

District Superintendent—Blake Bradford &
Rev. Gary Harrison,
Charge Conference 2023



Charge Conference 2023



Bro. Gary Harrison—Sermon



Chancel Choir—Anthem

First United Methodist Church Service

October 29, 2023

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Lori Harrison—Children's Moments



Jaylee Hughes & Wyatt Kuykendall –acolytes



Bro. Gary Harrison—solo



Connie Castleberry—Liturgist



Blessing of the Animals



Gerald Moses-his last talk of Annual Conference



Blessing of the animals