

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"*



July 31, 2022  
EIGHTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME ----- Rev. Harry Jenkins

ORGAN PRELUDE ---"Allegro in A Minor"/ ed. C.H. Trevor --- Don Gardner

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: So many things draw us away from God.

People: We are tempted by trinkets and gadgets.

Leader: We place our interest in temporal things.

People: But Christ calls us to a higher level.

Leader: We are called to focus our lives on living as God would have us live.

People: We are called to be open to ways of service and compassion.

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Bountiful God, who gives to us all that we need to sustain our lives: Open our hearts today to hear your words of compassionate justice, that we may focus on the ways in which you intend us to live and be of service to you by serving the world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

\*OPENING HYMN #102----- "Now Thank We All Our God"

PASTORAL PRAYER  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC - -“Andante” from Sonata No. 1 - - - - -Johannes Brahms  
*Robert Skidmore, viola; Don Gardner, piano*

*Currently, offering plates are not being passed during worship.  
If you wish to make an offering,  
you will find the offering plates at the front of the sanctuary, or in the narthex.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

*(Children's Church)*

GOSPEL LESSON ----- -Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

SERMON -----“The Great Illusion” ---Pastor Michael Atkinson  
*(You are encouraged to use this space for notes.)*

PRAYER OF INVITATION

\*HYMN #557 -----”Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE-----”Festive Trumpet Tune” / David German-----Mr. Gardner  
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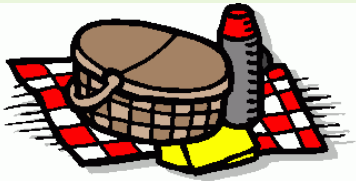
### Help Wanted

We need a few more folks to help run our Sunday broadcast.  
Lorie Wyant co-ordinates this ministry, and will train you!  
For more information, contact Lorie at 304-629-3161.



If you know of someone who is in the hospital, nursing home, or has a need,  
please let Pastor Atkinson or Rev. Jenkins know.

**Pastor Michael Atkinson at 304-771-3309    Reverend Harry Jenkins at 304-280-0592**



## Church Picnic

### **CHURCH PICNIC --- Mark your calendars!**

Sunday, September 11th  
Hilltop Shelter at Riverbend Park

More details to come!



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### **CHOIR NEWS AT FIRST CHURCH**

Family Choir returns as part of a rotation of groups, instrumentalists, and soloists that enhance our worship each week.

The August newsletter contains more details, including a list of rehearsal and performance dates and times.

If you are interested, and have not sung with us before, let me know who you are! All are welcome! I just need to know your contact information, and your preference for how you'd like me to communicate with you

(text, e-mail, phone call, singing telegram, etc.) [brett.t.miller@gmail.com](mailto:brett.t.miller@gmail.com) or text/call me at 304-517-3310



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