

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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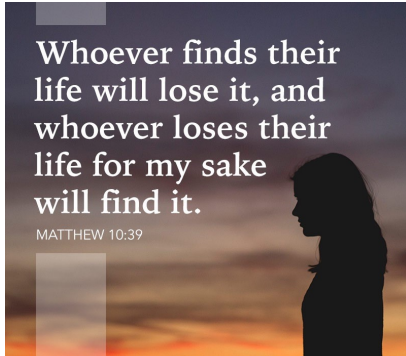
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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"



June 25, 2023
Sunday Worship
10:45 a.m.

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

ORGAN PRELUDE ----- -Dr. Jessica Scott

*CALL TO WORSHIP ----- -Rev. Harry Jenkins

Leader: People of God, tell it!

People: We are not alone! We are children of God!

Leader: People of Christ, tell it!

People: The Light has come in love and truth, teaching us to live in the Light.

Leader: People of the Spirit, tell it!

People: The Spirit of truth reveals hidden things,
offering healing through honest confession.

Leader: People of God, tell it!

People: We are not alone! We are children of God!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2023.

*OPENING PRAYER: Holy God who created all that exists, we praise you. We open our hearts and our spirits this day to your eternal love and forgiving mercy. Be with us as we participate in this worship service.

Remind us again that Jesus Christ gave his life that we might fully understand the depth and breadth of your love. In all things and at all times we praise you.
AMEN.

*HYMN #140----- "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR- - - - -Pastor Atkinson

OFFERTORY MUSIC - - - - - First United Methodist Bell Choir

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON - - - - - Matthew 10:24-39

“The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

“So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn ‘...a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.’

“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.”

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON -----“On the Journey...”-----Pastor Atkinson
(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)

*HYMN #553-----”And Are We Yet Alive?”

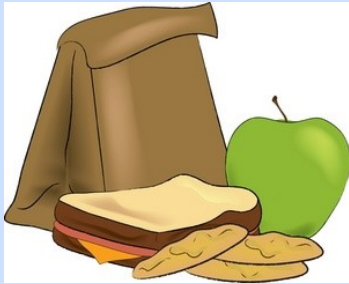
BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE ----- Dr. Scott

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

**Please feel free to call or send a text to
Pastor Michael Atkinson at 304-771-3309**

Contact Tammy Matheny at 304-476-2015
If you would like information about our Prayer Chain.



Grab and Go Lunches

The "Grab and Go" lunch ministry has resumed.
And your help is needed!

If you can provide sack lunches for 24 persons
on Friday afternoons at 2:30 p.m.
please contact Anita Burns at 304-23-1279

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

June 25th -- Youth United here at FUMC at 4:00 p.m.

June 27 -- Monastic Meal at 12:15 p.m. in the parlor
(Contact Don Gardner for more details)

June 29-- Prayer Shawl at 5:00 p.m.

July 2 -- NO Bell Choir Rehearsal

Twelve-Step Meetings (7 sessions each week)



CHURCH FAMILY BANQUET

Today following worship
you are invited to a prepared lasagna dinner -- all for free!

This celebration is to honor Rev. Harry Jenkins (and Clarice!)
as he retires as our Associate Pastor.



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