



CROSS AND FLAME

OCTOBER 2022

A Call to Service

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. -1 Peter 4:10-11

As a follower of Jesus, we are called to serve one another. God has given us gifts to use to build one another up in love, to build up God's church, and to join with God in God's redemptive work in the world. We are called to #LoveFirst, to love God with all we are and to love our neighbor. Our love is expressed as we serve and as we give what we are able to give.

I want to say thank you to the many faithful servants here at First United Methodist. You make a difference!

As we are continuing to reconnect and rebuild following the pandemic, I want to encourage you to prayerfully consider how you are called to serve and to live your life in the love of God.

With that, let me share some needs we have in the life of our church that I believe are opportunities for people to serve:

- Lay Lectors to open our worship services through the greeting, welcome and announcements, and scripture reading for the day

- Greeters for worship to greet people and hand out bulletins

- Persons to prepare coffee and provide refreshments on Sunday mornings

- Volunteers to help with our growing children's ministry on Sunday afternoons- here's the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ba8ab2fa3f5c70-childrens>

- Provide snacks/food for children and youth on Sunday afternoons

Please let us know if you are able to help in any of these ways!

One final, IMPORTANT thing I want to mention related to service. We are entering into a time of nominations related to church leadership in order to prepare for 2023. I would like to ask a favor. **If you are willing to continue for another year serving in your current position, that would be extremely helpful as I continue to get to know First UMC.** Additionally, we are looking at simplifying our leadership structure in order to be more effective and better stewards related to the leadership of our church. So again, if you are willing to remain in your position, that would be especially helpful in this time of transition. With that being said, *please* let us know if you need to rotate out of the position of leadership due to your circumstances.

May we seek to #LoveFirst and live with the attitude of Jesus, the true servant, who gave Himself for us!

Pastor Josh



DISCIPLESHIP
OPPORTUNITIES

9:00 AM

Young Adult Sunday School Class
Education Building - Room 7

Mixed Fellowship Sunday School Class
Education Building - Room 8

Children and Youth Sunday School Classes
First Floor of Education Building

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

F.U.M.C. Connection
Children and Youth Ministries
Family Life Center

MOPS

Overflow Balcony
(2nd and 4th Sundays)
(Childcare provided)

Small Groups

Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Saturday, October 8
8:00 AM

United Women in Faith
(formerly known as UMW)
Sunday, October 9 @ 4:00 PM
Deaton Parlor (Butterfly Parlor)
(second Sunday)

Women's Group
Mondays at 6:30 PM
(see Erica Stacy for info)

Chancel Choir
Wednesdays @7:00PM



Bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) to
A Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 2
Prayer Garden
(front lawn)

2:00 PM
(all animals)



OCTOBER

- 1 Billie Farmer
- 2 Judy Belcher
- 3 Paige Cash
- 4 Leslie Beckham
- 5 Paul Southern
- 8 Pam Clark
- 9 Donna Collins
- 11 Luke McMillan
- 12 Sallie Steger
- 13 Mark Hamric, Louise Haynes
- 14 Trevor Hedge
- 15 Ezma Lea Stevens
- 16 Pat Albert, Laura Steger Casteale
- 19 Hunter Craft, Ashley Velasquez
- 22 Emily Jennings
- 24 Rodney Beville, Mary Beth Glenn
- 26 Shannon Collins
- 28 Mike Stacy
- 30 Herman Hearn
- 31 Sadie Hillman, Lonnie Mattox, Dee Hezel

If you would like to add your name to the monthly birthday listings call or email the office.



JAMES ROBERT BREWER

“J. R.”

Joined First Church

July 27, 1980

Died

September 14, 2022



If you are interested in serving as a Lay Lector on Sundays please contact Pastor Josh or call the church office.

Stewardship

We will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and support it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.”

Our Prayers

Church Family

The family of J. R. Brewer
 Tim Hess - Betty Hess' son
 Sally Steger
 Doug Steger - recent outpatient procedure

Retirement Centers and Nursing Homes

Ella Rose Blevins, Maxine Hyatt, Tinky Layman, Sarah Williams

At Home

Janice Breedlove, Billie Jean Farmer, Louise Haynes, Betty Hess, Sadie Hillman, Joyce McMillan

Our Gifts

2022 Budget	\$ 347,859
Needed for September 2022	260,894
Received through September 18	237,790

meeting

Finance Team

Sunday, October 2 - Room C
 (following morning worship)

Church Council

Tuesday, October 4 - Choir Room
 6:00 pm

Charge Conference

Pulaski/Dublin Cluster
 Wednesday, October 26
 7:00pm
 First - Pulaski

50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HONORING

JAMES SMITH'S SERVICE

to FIRST UMC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

(Brunch following in the Family Life Center.)

Make plans to be a part of this special day!

#LoveFIRST through God...with grace...for all

