

NEWS & EVENTS



Chamber Recital July 31st

The music ministry of First United Methodist Church is proud to present our Chamber Recital Sunday, July 31st at 3:00 PM. Come see our fabulous singers doing what they do best. Selections will be performed by Kelley Ponder, Tim Bartlett, Clint Kesterson, Jaimee Jensen, and Ron Jensen. Help us

celebrate the talent of First United Methodist Church with an afternoon of beautiful singing!

Back to School Bash

August 27 from 4-6 pm, Jody's House- 27 Plantation Acres Dr.

Join us for food, games, inflatables, and horseback rides as we say "GOODBYE" to summer and "HOWDY" to a new school year. Come for the whole party or drop by for a hotdog! We hope to see you there! Questions? Want us to save you a spot? Call or [email Rev. Brittany](mailto:Brittany)

Backpack Blessing- August 21 at 9 & 11 am

On the Sunday before school starts we will be blessing the backpacks of our students and teachers during worship! Be sure your little learner brings theirs!

First Family Sunday School

Sunday, August 7 at 10 am

On the first Sunday of the month we invite the entire family to gather for Sunday school. We will start in the First Cup Cafe and then offer an opportunity for the whole family to play, learn, and grow in faith together. This month we will be learning about how we worship, pray, and learn through music.

Our Afghan Family is Growing!

Join us on Sunday, August 21 from 12:00 noon-1:00pm for a come and go baby shower for our Afghan mother, Shireen. Come say hi, grab a sweet treat, and drop your gift to shower the family with love and support. See gift idea on the save the date. We are looking for single sponsors for these items: baby wrap, bassinet and sheets, swing, and baby blankets. If you would like to sponsor one of these items, please reach out to Rev. Haley at hjones@fumclr.org.



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My info has changed.
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- Repeat Guest
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- I would like more information about FUMC.
- I would like a call from the pastor

First Word, July 31, 2022- 9:00 am

PRAYER REQUEST

NAME – Please Print

Person or situation for which you are requesting prayer.



One of the great hymns of the church is When In Our Music God is Glorified, whose words were written by Fred Pratt Green. It invokes the truth that music opens our souls differently than words alone and through that we experience God in deeper ways.

But the hymn doesn't say that when in our "sacred" music God is glorified or when in our "contemporary Christian" genre of music. It just says music. There are all kinds of music and songs that make our souls sing or convey the eternal truth of God, sometimes inadvertently. Maybe it's the lyrics or a line of a song that makes you see the world and God's presence differently. Maybe it's a melody that makes your heart dance or a bass line that you feel in your bones. When it leads us to experience the fullness of the life God intends, all music is sacred music.

Each Sunday in August will be filled with music. In addition to our usual singing, we'll be reading some of the Psalms, the song book of the Bible. The sermons will center on a song that has theological truth. Each pastor has chosen a song to focus on that holds spiritual truth for them. Some of it may be different from our normal practices, but it will be fun and open our hearts in new ways.

The highlight of the series will happen on August 28 as we welcome Rev. John Thornburg to lead us in what is called a BIG SING. John is a nationally known hymn-writer and leader. His BIG SING services make music come alive for participants in new ways. He will teach new songs and lead us in singing old songs in new ways. John's BIG SING experience is fun, moving, and transforms congregation's approach to singing. John has been a mentor to me for over a decade and I'm extremely excited about this day.

Make sure you worship with us, whether in person or online each week in August.

Gratefully,
David

When In Our Music God is Glorified:
August 7 Graceland by Paul Simon
August 14 Betty's Diner by Carrie Newcomer
August 21 We Don't Talk About Bruno from Encanto
August 28 THE BIG SING with Rev. John Thornburg

- Share this information with the congregation.
- For Pastors Only
- For Pastors & Prayer Team Only

OTHER INVITATIONS:

Two Spiritual Retreats!

If you would like more information about the two spiritual retreat opportunities, fill-in the information below and we'll contact you. The first one is Sept. 19-21, and the second one is in February of 2023.

Name & Contact:

- I want more information