



Interested in singing? Our Sanctuary Choir practices each Wednesday Evening at 6:50pm. Come and join us!!



FMC BOOKCLUB will be reading The Personal Librarian, by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. This book is about J. P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle Da Costa Greene, who was forced to hide her true identity. The next meeting will be on Thursday September 8th, at 1:30 P.M. in the Conference Room. Please read this book and join us.



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM -

The ESL Ministry started in FMCUC in March, 2019. This ministry is a "literacy mission". The main goals are to teach English and show Jesus Christ's love. The ESL program normally follows the Union City School Schedule. This year, classes will start on **Tuesday, September 6, 2022**. We offer **morning classes from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M.**, and **evening classes from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.** If you feel that God is calling you to serve in this capacity, please contact Bro. Dan Tilly (dtilly@bellsouth.net) or Rev. Laura Ibarra-Hernandez (lybarra.hd@gmail.com). Opportunities that you can be involved in include: praying, greeting, providing snacks, teaching, sponsoring a book, writing birthday, get-well, or sympathy cards. Later, we will have a meeting for more details.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE flowers for Sunday worship in honor or memory of someone, please contact Linda Simrell at 731-694-0676. Your tribute will be noted in the Sunday bulletin. You may call the florist of your choice, or, for a fee of \$50.00, the FMC Flower Team will purchase the flowers and do the arrangement. The Flower team will also "break down" the arrangement and deliver vases of your flowers to our homebound members, if you so desire.

Volunteers Needed: Would you be willing to help bring the Old Testament Characters "to life" for the Children's Sunday School Program? Please see Pat Capps after our worship service today.

**UNION CITY FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS – September 4, 2022 - (731) 885-3573**

Worship & Sunday School

You and your family are welcome and wanted this (& every) Sunday at the 10:50 a.m. Worship Service. And don't forget: Sunday School Classes begin promptly each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for you and your children!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR Sacchi Doss and her daughter Molly Matheny have once again planned to offer choir to our children pre-K through 6th grade. These children will rehearse on Sundays, September 4, 11, and 18, in the Choir Room from 9:50 to 10:30 a.m. and will sing before the congregation on Sunday, September 25, at the 10:50 service. We look forward to seeing our children before us in worship and praise! Also, a BIG event is planned for this same age group, preK-6th grade, when they return to Sunday School Classes on first Sunday of October, October 4th. Their 2nd floor of the Education Building will be transformed into _____, so come and see!!! It will be a BIG "welcome back" to Sunday School for our children! Praise God for these our precious ones whom we love so much!

Acolyte Training & Lunch

Sunday, September 11th, 12 p.m. (noon)



The next **Acolyte Training** has been scheduled for Sunday, September 11th, immediately following the Worship Service. Children currently in 3rd grade and older (*AND teens, if they want to refresh their memory and/or help train the new Acolytes*) are invited to gather immediately following Worship on Sunday, September 11th, in the Fellowship Hall for lunch; the rehearsal (**with our Pastor, Roger Shock**) will follow lunch. The entire lunch and training will be approximately 90 minutes long. Even if your child has already been an Acolyte, they need to be a part of this event for some extra rehearsing and reminders.

Please email your first and last name, contact info, the name(s) or your child(ren) to Sally George, Church Secretary, at churchsecretary@fmcuc.org by Wednesday, September 7th.

Wednesday Evening Class Registrations

Our WNT Meal and classes for children, teens, and adults are continuing, and we want you to be a part of those opportunities-for the first time or all over again. Please call the church office to make your dinner reservations. You can be on our "permanent list" (calling only to cancel a particular Wednesday), or call each week you plan to attend.

One class that began August 17th is entitled *Yearning for the Heavenly Country: Sermons on the Spiritual Realm*, by John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. This 12 sessions-class, which is a collection of some of his writings on the practical Christian life, will be taught by Dan Tilly, Minister of Wesleyan Studies, and requires students to both register for the class and purchase a book with the same title. Each book costs \$20.00 and can be ordered via Brother Dan. Please call the church office (731-885-3573) and register today to become a member of this class and purchase that book. If you need more information, call Brother Dan at: 731-445-5743.

1. "Come Worship the King"

That's been the call for centuries. Explore with us as we journey through the ages with hymns and their stories. We are studying Bible hymns and praises all the way to modern and contemporary songs. This is a fun place to be on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. We meet in the choir room and finish by 6:30 p.m. Come join us! Barry and Norma Adams.

Then in September...

2. Top Ten

As kids are returning to school, sports, and extracurricular clubs and activities, they are finding that the world is often ruled by...rules. So it is with believers in Christ. We are also to live lives that are separate from the rest of the world. Your Children's Ministry can assist parents with this by teaching kids some of the FUNdamentals of the Christian faith. And for us, this Fall, we are starting in the Old Testament books of Exodus and Deuteronomy, learning and relearning the Ten Commandments and how we apply them to our lives today.

Children (ages 4 years thru 5th grade) are invited to join us for dinner each Wednesday at 5pm, followed with a Gym-Time from 5:30-5:55 p.m., and then on to class on the second floor of the Education Building from 6-7 p.m. Activities are led by Mrs. Becky Burnett, Miss Anna Oliver, and Parent Volunteers.

Send us your kids each week; they'll have a great time.

Disciple: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

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BECOMING DISCIPLES
THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Adults, ages 18 and older, are invited to invest some time in an exciting, intensive Bible Study, entitled **Disciple: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study**, that also begins on Wednesday, September 7th.

Many members of this church fondly remember previously taking this challenging yet rewarding 34-week study of the Bible that gives a full overview of both the Old and New Testaments. **Disciple** draws upon the work of numerous scholars, the personal Scriptural reading and study of participants, and the dynamic group discussions to lend understanding of the Bible.

Taught by **Tommy Cates**, a business professor at the University of Tennessee, Martin, **Disciple** is a class that will change your life and lifestyle and will afford all participants a greater meaning and appreciation for God's Holy Word, giving equal time and attention to both the Old and New Testaments. Participants will need to purchase a Study Guide/Workbook for \$45; some scholarships for the manuals are available upon request.

To register for the class, please contact **Tommy Cates** (tomk8s@gmail.com). If you have never been part of a Bible Study before or haven't been for some time, this is a great way and a great time to start. Register today!

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Go on-line today at www.fmcuc.org You will find the latest info on who we are and what we do, as it is continually updated with new pictures and announcements.