

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING THE CHURCH TEXT BLASTS, with important updates and reminders, text the word *CHURCH* to 888 798-9043.

If you have reminders or notices that you would like to send out over text, contact Emily Billingsley at 731 446-7951.



**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 Committee will purchase the flowers and do the arrangement. The Flower Committee will also “break down” the arrangement and deliver vases of your flowers to our homebound members if you so desire.



### **FIRST METHODIST CHURCH ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM**

Our ESL classes follow our Union City School Calendar. Therefore, they will not meet on December 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

We offer morning classes from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M., and evening classes from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. Would you please pray and consider being a volunteer in this ministry? If you feel that God is calling you to serve in this capacity, please contact either Rev. Dan Tilly ([dtilly@bellsouth.net](mailto:dtilly@bellsouth.net)) or Rev. Laura Ibarra-Hernandez ([lybarra.hdz@gmail.com](mailto:lybarra.hdz@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.

## **Check out our website!**

Go on-line today at [www.fmcuc.org](http://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. Also, our new colorful church logo is featured.



### **KNIT-WITS**

Our Knit-wits will not meet during the holidays. They will resume in January.

## **UNION CITY FIRST METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS – December 11, 2022 - (731) 885-3573**

*We're thrilled you worshiped with us today!! Please complete our "Get Connected Card" and drop it in an offering plate.*

Roger and Jan would like to invite you and your family to an Open House at the Parsonage (2012 Stonewall Drive) this afternoon, **from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**  
**(Please note time correction.)**



A Nursery is available for your use today, serving children ages 4 and younger. Please take your children to our well-trained, fully-staffed Nursery, located outside the Sanctuary, parallel to Main Street. If you need assistance in locating the Nursery, please speak with one of our Ushers who will be happy to help guide you there.

**Our nursery will not be available on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, or the New Year's Day services.**



### **Christmas Eve Service**

*Our Christmas Eve Communion/Candlelight Service will be held at 5:30 P.M. in our Sanctuary on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.*

### **Christmas Day Services**

Children are encouraged to wear their Christmas pajamas to the Christmas Day 10:50 A.M. Morning Worship Service. Celebrate the birth of Jesus in your jammies!





### FROM OUR COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

**There are FMC-UC members who are unable to be at church to share in fellowship and worship. We are needing volunteers to visit these**

**members. If you are able to be a part of this meaningful service, please contact the church office.**

### WE ARE LOOKING FOR: DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Do you work well with children? Do you love the Lord and want to share the Good News with His little ones? Well, this part time, salaried position may be just for you!



The ideal person for this job will have a positive, energetic personality that connects well with children, leaders, and parents. They will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the children's ministry ages birth – 4<sup>th</sup> grade along with an active and supportive, volunteer Education Team. This person must be passionate about reaching the next generation and making them disciples.

Those interested, please send your resume to the church office (420 East Main Street, 731 885-3573, email churchsecretary@fmcuc.org.) to the attention of the Board of Stewards.

**YOUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM IS ASKING FOR YOUR HELP!!** FMC is blessed with a growing Sunday School Program. Additional teachers and helpers are needed. Please contact Luann Barkley or call the Church Office if you are willing to help give our children a firm foundation.



### SETTLEMENT LOAN ANNOUNCEMENT

When making your donations to help retire the debt incurred by paying the Conference for the purchase of **our** property, please clearly mark your check or pew envelope with this information. You will receive proof of your donation on your statement of giving issued in January.

**THANK YOU AND WE ARE SO BLESSED!!!!!!!**

**SEE YOU AT WEDNESDAY NIGHT TOGETHER (WNT) AT 5:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>.** For our meal, if you are already on our "permanent list", you only need to call the church office to cancel a particular Wednesday. If you are not on the "permanent list", please call the office each week you plan to attend. Our church kitchen voicemail is not working at the present time. Sorry for the inconvenience. **THANK YOU!** This is our Christmas Meal Baked ham, Mashed Potatoes, Lima Beans, Mac and Cheese, Scandinavian Salad, Rolls, Coconut Cake, and beverages. (WNT will not meet on 12/21 or 12/28. It resumes on January 4, 2023.)

**We are working on WNT for 2023! If you are interested in teaching a class, please contact Laura Oliver.**



**Interested in singing? Our Sanctuary Choir practices each Wednesday evening at 6:50 P.M. Come and join us!!**



### WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE (WSCS)

Our Christmas Party will be held Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 P.M. in the Conference Room. Your reservation is requested by calling the Church Office (731 885-3573.)



**FMC BOOKCLUB** will be reading Somebody Like Santa, by Janet Dailey, as our annual Christmas book. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2023. A copy is available in the Church Office to share. The Obion County Public Library also has copies.



### Calling All Card'shocks'!

Hey sports fans of ALL ages! Join Roger on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, in Fellowship Hall from 12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. for pizza, fellowship, and some baseball card trading fun! Bring \$10 for the cost of cards and lunch. You are welcome to bring some of your old cards you don't mind trading.

Please call the church office if you would like to come!