

Shoebox National Collection Week is only two weeks away! If you have not completed your shoebox yet, there is still time! ALL boxes need to be returned to church by Sunday, November 15th. Thanks to all of you who have filled a shoebox or donated. You are helping to spread the gospel one shoebox at a time!

Follow this QR code to establish or renew your stewardship commitment for 2027.



We are Seeking International Thanksgiving Meal Volunteers!

The 41st annual Thanksgiving Day Meal will extend Southern hospitality, demonstrate God's love, and share our table with international students from MSU and the Starkville community!

Sign up at here:
https://tinyurl.com/23vf6uc8

Monetary donations for hosting our International Thanksgiving Meal can be made to FUMC.

Scan this QR code to let us know if you are worshipping with us, to give online, or to view the website.

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CONNECTION

A contemporary service is held Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Christian Life Center. Pastor Jonathan Franz will be leading the worship and Will Reedy will be leading the music in today's service.

Order of Worship for Connection

The Welcome and Invitation
- Gathering Song
- Opening Sentence
- Welcome and Invitation to Worship

Hearing from God
- Songs of Praise
- A Time of Prayer and Reflection
  - Prayers of the People
  - Song of Prayer[1]
  - Pastoral Prayer
- Scripture Readings
  - First Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
  - Second Reading: 1 Thess 4:13-18
  - Gospel Acclamation
  - Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13
  - Gospel Acclamation Reprise
- Sermon: ***Choose***

Receiving God's Grace
- Offertory[2]
- Remembering our Story: The Apostles' Creed
- Sharing the Bread and the Cup: Holy Communion

The Church is Sent
- Benediction

[1]We invite you into a time of prayer and reflection. You may come forward to pray at the altar, sing, or sit in silent contemplation. How ever it is that you feel like connecting with God in this moment, the Lord says, "come to me."

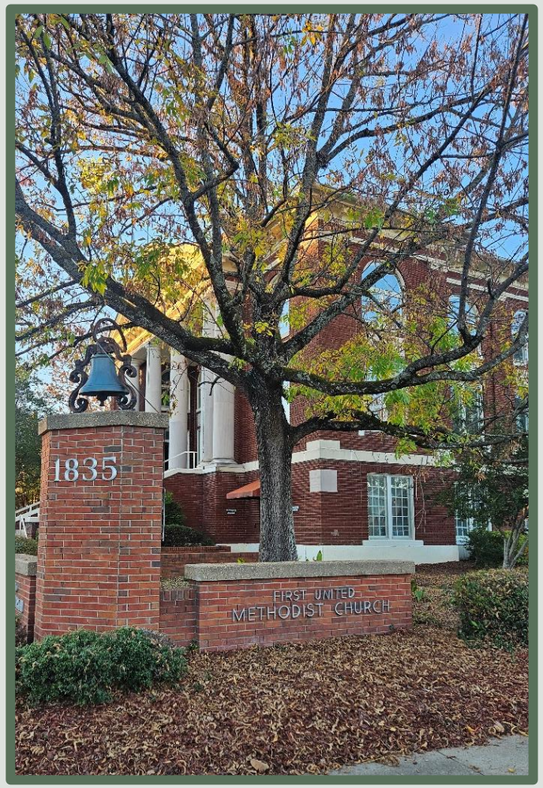
[2] If you are visiting this morning, the greatest gift you could offer is to please complete one of the attendance cards on your seat. Providing us with your name and contact information will give us the gift and opportunity to connect with you.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

November 19	Wesley Foundation Chili Supper 4:30-6:30
November 26	International Thanksgiving Dinner
November 29	Advent Fest 5-7 pm
December 2-7	Exam Slam, Fall '26

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026



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+Please stand as you are comfortable doing so.

Chiming of the Trinity		
Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude	*Air in F Major*	Gluck
+ Call to Worship		
+ Hymn of Praise	*Morning Has Broken*	#145
+ Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed	#881
+ Acclamation of Praise	*Glory Be to the Father*	#71
+ Greeting One Another		
Song of Fellowship	*There's a Spirit of Love*	*Melby*
A Time Mostly for Children		
Anthem	*With All Your Heart*	arr. McDonald
Morning Prayer		
+ Scripture Lesson	Matthew 25:1-13	
+ Offertory Hymn	*My Jesus, I Love Thee*	#172
Offertory	*Offertory in C Major*	Johnson
+ Doxology	*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*	#95
Scripture Lesson	Joshua 24:1-3; 14-25	
Sermon	*Choose*	Andy Stoddard
+ Closing Hymn	*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*	#340
+ Benediction		
+ Postlude	*A Joyous Acclamation*	Smith

Poinsettias 2026

Please consider ordering Poinsettias
in honor of or *in memory of* people who are special to you.
Order forms are available in the church office.
The cost is $16 each. These poinsettias will make our sanctuary beautiful for the Advent Season!

Serving in Worship Today

Senior Pastor	Andy Stoddard
Associate Pastor	Jonathan Franz
Musicians in worship today:	Peter Infanger
	Elva Kaye Lance
	The Chancel Choir
Director of Children's Ministries	Miriam Harris

Children's Choir Rehearsals for Christmas

The Children's Choir will sing three songs for worship on Sunday, December 13 and rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings November 8, 15, 22, 29 and December 6 at 9:00 am in the children's gathering room off the walking track in the CLC.

Please come to the dedication of the

Dr. Roy & Patricia Ruby College Room

November 22 - 9 am

Located on the ground floor of the sanctuary building across from the chapel.

MSU Wesley Foundation

Invites you to a

CHILI SUPPER!



Thursday, Nov. 19, 4:30-6:30 pm

Join us at the Wesley Worship Center for homemade chili with all the fixings. Donations accepted.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR 2027 SFUMC FEEDING MINISTRIES





STK FUMC YOUTH

► Regular Wednesday night programming continues this Wednesday. This semester we will be exploring how we experience God. Make plans to join us!

► Join us this Sunday for Community form 5-7! We will have dinner and a mystery…

STK FUMC COLLEGE

► Welcome all students! If you are visiting, thanks for stopping in! We would love for Starkville FUMC to be your church home. Make sure you connect with us by signing the Pew Pad and marking an interest in "College."

► College Sunday School is held every Sunday morning in the College Room at 9:00 a.m. Please join us for snacks, fellowship, and Sunday School!

► Did you know that this church has a dedicated college study room that is open all week long and stocked with as much caffeine as you need to make it through Organic Chemistry 2 or Physics? Check in at the church office to get an access code.

Upcoming Events & News

Wednesday Night Meal: Join us on Wednesday for our evening events. The menu for this week will be ***Baked Potato & Salad.*** These meals are funded by your generous donations ($5 minimum suggested.) Please make plans to attend.

The Men's Group meets on Mondays at 3:00 p.m. in the Ladies Parlor.

The Church Nursery has moved from the CLC to rooms 105 & 107 in Weekday Ministries.

EXAM SLAM offers quiet study spaces, fast wi-fi, free meals and endless snacks & coffee for college students studying for exams. December 2-7, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

If you are a young adult and are not already plugged in to the life of the church, a new young adult group is forming and headed to lunch after church this Sunday. We would love to have you join us! Please contact Jonathan to get more information.

Sunday Attendance

9:00 Adult Sunday School – 56 Reported
10:00 Traditional Worship – 213
10:00 Contemporary Worship - 25
10:00 Digital - 89