

POTLUCK LUNCH - TODAY!

We will celebrate the 100th anniversary of our historic FUMC Sanctuary on **TODAY**, immediately following the morning worship.

Join us for a reception following the baptism
of baby girl

Eileen Stewart

daughter of Blake & Kelly Stewart
Sunday, November 1, 2026
immediately after morning worship
Gathering Place Fellowship Hall
Starkville First UMC
more info: 601.507.2103

17th year
Starkville First United Methodist Church
Holiday Handcrafts Bazaar

Friday, October 30, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Christian Life Center

Artists and Crafters

Homemade Baked Goods

Frozen Casseroles

The Sandwich Shoppe
Lunch 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



Once again, delicious
Holiday Casseroles will be
available during the
Holiday Handcrafts
Bazaar.

*THERE WILL BE NO PRE-
ORDERS TAKEN THIS
YEAR.*

Come to the bazaar to find
your favorites including
Cornbread Dressing,
Chicken Spaghetti,
Heavenly Sweet Potato and
Pineapple Delight in sizes
small and large.

Come to our

FALL FESTIVAL

FOOD • GAMES • CRAFTS • PHOTO BOOTH

Wear Your Best Child-Friendly Costume!

October 25, 2026, 5-7 pm

If you would like to send a card or well wishes:

Cindy Melby
3103 Vanderbilt Place
Nashville, TN 37212

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



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 Prayer¹
- Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Readings

- First Reading: Exodus 13:21-22
- Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
- Gospel Acclamation
- Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25-34
- Gospel Acclamation Reprise

Sermon: *God Our Help in Ages Past*

Receiving God's Grace

Offertory²
Remembering our Story: The Apostles' Creed
Sharing the Bread and the Cup: Holy Communion

The Church is Sent

Benediction

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

²If 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

October 18	Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Store
October 18	Potluck Lunch
October 25	Fall Festival
October 30	Holiday Handcrafts Bazaar

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost October 18, 2026



200 West Lampkin Street
Starkville, MS 39759
www.first-umc.org
662-323-5722

First United Methodist Church

October 18, 2026

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

+Please stand as you are comfortable doing so.

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Blessed Assurance* arr. Dobrinski

+ Call to Worship

+ Hymn of Praise *The Church's One Foundation* #545
(vv. 1, 2, 4, and 5)

+ Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* #881

+ Greeting One Another

Song of Fellowship *It Only Takes a Spark*

A Time Mostly for Children

Morning Prayer

+ Scripture Lesson 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

+ Psalter Psalm 96

+ Act of Praise *Glory Be to the Father* #70

Offertory *Rondo in C* Wagner

+ Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

Anthem *Lift Your Glad Voices* Filby

Scripture Lesson Exodus 13:20-22

Sermon *May We Do the Same* Andy Stoddard

+ Closing Hymn *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude *Outbursts of Joy* Dobrinski



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



CHILDREN'S CHOIR IN WORSHIP

The children's choir will sing for our traditional worship service on Sunday, November 1. We look forward to hearing them at that time.



Serving in Worship Today

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

The handbell ringers for this morning's worship service are (from your right to left) Steven Brown, Nick Cox, Katie Corban, Mandy Conrad, Leslie Fye, Jacob Dick, Robin Graves, Kristi Brown, Kathy Snell, Grace Brown and Anne Steverson.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR MUSIC

The Men for the Master invite anyone who enjoys singing to join them as they present very familiar Christmas music at the Holiday Bazaar taking place on Friday, October 30. The group invites men AND women to join them for this occasion . . . rehearsals will take place on Tuesday, October 13, 20, and 27 at 10:00 a.m. in the choir rehearsal room on the third floor of the sanctuary building.

JOIN THE CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS

The Chancel Choir will present their Christmas music on Sunday, December 6 during the morning worship hour. *Christmas Around the World* will include anthems from Canada, New Zealand, Venezuela, West Indies, Ghana, Poland, France, England, and the good old USA. Rehearsals started on Wednesday, October 14 at 5:45 pm in the choir rehearsal room on the third floor of the Sanctuary building but it's not too late for you to get in on the fun. Come! Join us for a song!!! We'd love to have YOU!!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2027 SFUMC FEEDING MINISTRIES



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



► 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 **Stromboli's Pizza!** 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 Room 204.

Join the FUMC Prayer Ministry every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel. We come together weekly to pray for our Church and other concerns. Everyone is welcome.

Our Fall Festival is scheduled for October 25. If you would like to donate Halloween candy, please drop it by Miriam's office.

Please consider ordering Poinsettias in honor of or in memory of those people special to you. Order forms are in the church office. \$16 each.

On October 25, the Church Nursery is moving from the CLC to rooms 105 & 107 in Weekday Ministries.

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 – 63 Reported
10:00 Traditional Worship – 176
10:00 Contemporary Worship - 11
10:00 Digital - 101