First United Methodist Church

November 15, 2026

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

+Please stand as you are comfortable doing so.

	Chiming of the Trinity		
	Welcome and Announcements		
	Prelude	*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*	Burkhardt
+	Call to Worship		
+	Hymn of Praise	*Lift High the Cross*	#159
+	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 in this Place*	*Miller*
	A Time Mostly for Children		
	Anthem	*Give Thanks Unto the Lord*	Martin
	Morning Prayer		
	Scripture Lesson	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	
+	Offertory Hymn	*God Will Take Care of You*	#130
	Offertory	*Praise God. Praise Him.*	Burkhardt
+	Doxology	*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*	#95
+	Scripture Lesson	Matthew 25:14-30	
	Sermon	*Remember and Remind*	Andy Stoddard
+	Closing Hymn	*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*	#127
+	Benediction		
+	Postlude	*Rondel*	Callahan

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. Rehearsals are being held on Sunday mornings November 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 at 9 am

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

MSU Wesley Foundation

Invites you to a

CHILI SUPPER!



Dine-in or Take-out!

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

► This Wednesday is the last Wednesday for regular Wednesday night activities. Make plans to join us!

► We are looking for individuals to fill slots to teach Youth Sunday School in the new year! Please scan this QR Code for week-to-week signups. Feel free to take one week or multiple weeks! Curriculum will be provided.

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 ***Hot Dogs, Chicken Tenders, and 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.

EXAM SLAM will offer 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.

The next Missions Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 13, 11:30 am, in the Conference Room. A light lunch will be provided.

Sunday Attendance

9:00 Adult Sunday School – 68 Reported
10:00 Traditional Worship – 185
10:00 Contemporary Worship – 20
10:00 Digital - 62

We Need International Thanksgiving Meal Volunteers!

The 41st annual International 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 here:
https://tinyurl.com/23vf6uc8

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





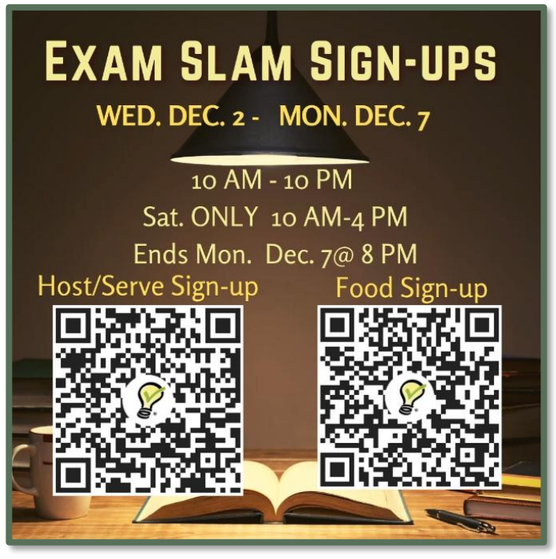
Garden Love Needs Your Help!

Bring your bags of leaves for mulching to the Garden Love garden on Long Street. Leave them by the sign across from JL King, Sr. Park.

Shoebox National Collection Day is Here! All boxes need to be returned to the church TODAY. Thanks to all of you who have filled a shoebox or donated. You are helping to spread the gospel one shoebox at a time!

IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK 100 YEARS 1926-2026

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



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: Judges 4:1-7
  - Second Reading: 1 Thess 5:1-11
  - Gospel Acclamation
  - Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30
  - Gospel Acclamation Reprise
- Sermon: ***Filling Time***

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."

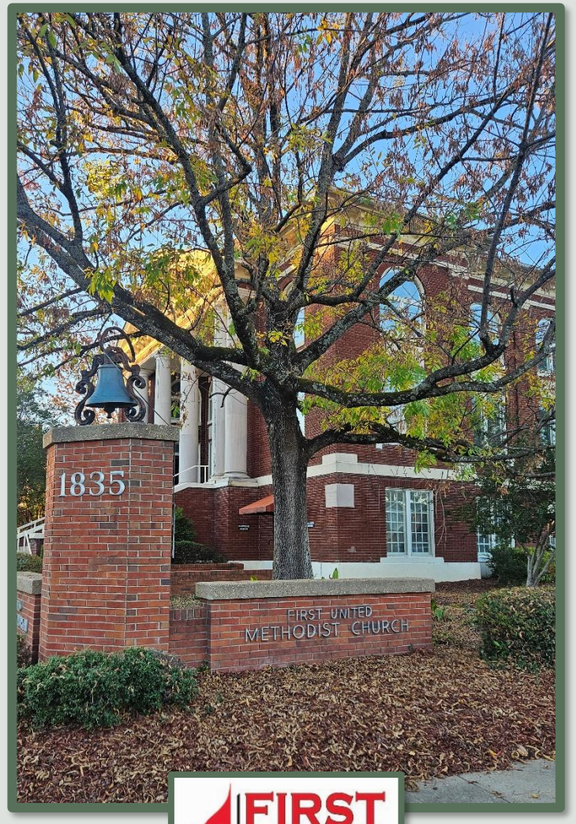
[2]If you are visiting this morning, the greatest gift you could offer is to please complete one of the attendance cards on your seat. Providing us with your name and contact information will give us the gift and opportunity to connect with you.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

November 19	Wesley Foundation Chili Supper, 4:30-6:30 pm
November 22	Ruby College Room Dedication, 9 am
November 26	International Thanksgiving Dinner
November 29	Advent Fest, 5-7 pm
December 2-7	Exam Slam, Fall '26

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