

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, May 2

- 9:00 AM - In-Church Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - In-Church & Zoom Worship Services
- 12:30 PM - Kona Ice in Parking Lot (Nurture Fundraiser)

MONDAY, May 3 ~ OFFICE CLOSED

- 6:45 PM - Choir Practice (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, May 4

- 10:30 AM - Outreach/Missions Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM - Church Council (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM - Women's Prayer Group on ZOOM

THURSDAY, May 6

- 7:00 PM - Al-Anon (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, May 9 ~ Women of the Church Recognition

- 9:00 AM - In-Church Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - In-Church & Zoom Worship Services

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**OUR PRESENCE: 4/25/2021**

**OUR GIFTS:** Tithes, offerings, and gifts received

**OUR GIVING IS A REFLECTION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST!**

**2021 Annual Operating Budget: \$168,891**

|                    |            |                            |                    |
|--------------------|------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| NEEDED EACH WEEK   | \$3,247.90 | NEEDED TO-DATE:            | \$55,214.30        |
| RECEIVED 4/18/2021 | \$1,805.01 | RECEIVED TO-DATE:          | \$54,597.12*       |
| RECEIVED 4/25/2021 | \$3,951.61 | <b>(SHORTAGE)/SURPLUS:</b> | <b>(\$ 617.18)</b> |

**Renovation Loan for March 31, 2021**

|                   |          |                     |             |
|-------------------|----------|---------------------|-------------|
| MONTHLY PAYMENT   | \$624.06 | BALANCE AS OF 3/31: | \$16,831.89 |
| RECEIVED IN APRIL | \$861.00 |                     |             |

**2021 Connectional Apportionment: \$20,341**

|                     |            |                 |            |
|---------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| MONTHLY PAYMENT     | \$1,695.08 | Total for Year: | \$3,871.62 |
| Mo Payment at 50.0% | 847.54     |                 |            |
| Payment for APRIL   | 1,329.00   |                 |            |

**2020 Final Amount Paid - \$16,946.40 (78.3% of Asking)**

\*Includes \$2,290 PPP from Armstrong Co. and 2<sup>nd</sup> PPP of \$9,195

## Office Announcement

If you have any 2020 or 2021 graduates in your household, please notify the office ASAP so they can be recognized at the end of the school year. Graduate recognition will take place on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.



**May 2, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m.**

# First United Methodist Church

*“Growing, Loving & Serving in Christ’s Name”*

Rev. Beverly A. Spore, Pastor  
Rev. Joel Garrett, Interim Pastor  
LFUMC.org

Carla Shaffer, Pianist  
Lori A. Klingensmith, Choir Director  
LFUMC251@comcast.net

## Service of Worship

❖ Congregation please stand, (if you are able).  
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Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

❖ Call to Worship

Leader: God is in our midst, forming us to be God’s own people.

All: Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.

Leader: We need not fear.

All: In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.

❖ Hymn “God of the Ages” (vs. 1 & 4) UMH 698

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Gracious God, you sent your Son into the world that we might live through him. May we abide in his risen life so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another and know the fullness of joy. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel

John 15:1-11

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes^[a] to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed^[b] by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become^[c] my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

Anthem

“Come to the Table”

Message

“Having a Vine Old Time”

Rev. Joel Garrett

Closing Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we confess that there are times we are not as attentive to our relationship with you as we should be. Because of this lack of attention our discipleship gets overgrown and our growth in you and with each other becomes restricted. The fruit has suffered. Forgive us we pray, and come in the fullness of your Holy Spirit to clear away all that hinders our life in you, and raise us to our full potential as we live in your name. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

❖ Closing Hymn “I Need Thee Every Hour” (vs. 1,3,5) UMH 397

❖ Benediction

Community Blessing

“He Is Lord”

UMH 177

A memorial has been given to the Renovation Fund in loving memory of:

† **Cindy Raptosh**
by Bob & Vange Stewart



A memorial has been given to the Renovation Fund in loving memory of:

† **Earl Myers**
by June Womer



Camper Registrations – If you have children, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews that would like to go to camp this year please contact Terry, our Camping Steward. There are campership dollars available to help with expenses. If you have access to a computer, go to the following websites and check out the various camps that are available. If you have any questions, contact Terry and he will get you the answers.

<https://www.campallegHENY.org/> 814-754-5122

<https://jumonville.org/> 800-463-7688

<http://wesleywoods.com/> (not a secure site) **814-436-7802**



Outreach will be collecting kids' clothes sizes 3T to XXL.



The Trustees are looking for sponsors to help defray the Lawn Mowing service cost for the season. A suggested donation of \$200 would cover one month service or \$100 for ½ month service. If you would like to donate to this, include the amount with your weekly donation.



Any questions, see Chris Kalmar.

Thank You for your support! The Trustees.



The **Choir** will practice tomorrow evening at 6:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Church Council will meet Tuesday evening, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Dominican Republic, May 15-22, 2021

Joyce Meyer Ministries will partner with Tommy Miranda Ministries and serve the wonderful people of the Dominican Republic. We can make an eternal impact by sharing our talents and the message of Christ. If you are new to medical outreaches, this would be a great one to consider. The flight time from Miami is only around 2 hours! The Dominican Republic is also the only country in the world to have the Bible on its flag.

We will set up a general medical/dental clinic and treat the patients' needs as they present. We will also pray with every patient and give them an opportunity to receive Christ. The team will be staying at a hotel based near Santo Domingo and traveling to the clinic locations from there.

Lori Klingensmith will be participating in the above mission trip. One item that Lori has been asked to take along with her are reading glasses. There is always a need for glasses for the people in the Dominican Republic. If you would like to collect "cheaters" or "readers" that would be great! The strength can vary between +1.25 to +3.0.

Thanks so much for your servant heart and desire to go above and beyond! Thank your church for us as well.

If you have any questions or wish to make a donation, please contact Lori at 724-845-8109.