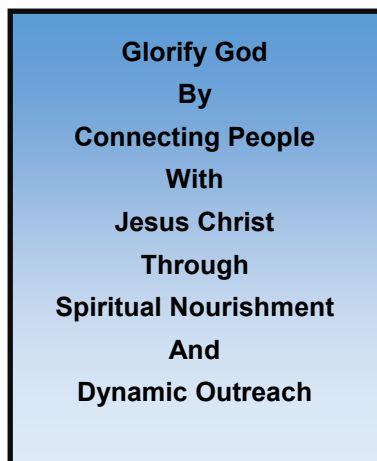




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CAPITAL CITY METHODIST

Meet FUMC's New Office Administrator Tori Brown!

Beginning August 18, First United Methodist Church will welcome Tori Brown as our new Office Administrator. Many of you will recognize Tori as a recent new member of FUMC and as our assistant youth director.

Tori is thrilled to serve as Office Administrator at First United Methodist Church. With 10+ years in ministry and nonprofit leadership, she is passionate about partnering with God to transform lives and communities.

Before this role, Tori served at the KY United Methodist Children's Homes, where she saw fundraising as a sacred way to invite others into God's work of healing and hope.

Tori's heart for ministry shines through her work with youth, families, volunteers, and events—always creating spaces where people feel inspired to live out their calling.

Tori holds a degree from WKU, completed a certificate at Princeton Theological Seminary, and will be enrolled at Indiana University this fall to deepen her skills in faith-based fundraising.

Outside of church, Tori loves spending time with her fiancé Lucas and offers free wedding photography to couples who can't afford it—because everyone deserves beautiful memories. She's also a proud cat mom to Connor and Chloe!

Her mission? To do all the good she can, for as long as she ever can.

Tori will be serving in the role of Office Administrator for thirty hours per week. Keep your eyes on future FUMC communications for information regarding office hours. And remember, she is brand new to a very big and expanded job, so she will need our patience, understanding, and support.

It is with much excitement that we welcome Tori to the First United Methodist Church staff!



Last Summer Concert this Season
Friday Night, August 8—6:30 pm
Join your church friends on the Old Capitol Lawn
Look for our Love Everyone flag!



New Baby

Congratulations to Drs. Molly and Mark Brockman on the birth of their son, Mark Anthony Brockman on July 10. He is welcomed by his big sister,

Willow. The proud grandparents are Danny and Margaret Maggard.

July-August Art Display

The art on display in Gallery Hall is by talented young artist, Elaine Walker. She enjoys Zen Doodles, as she calls them, as well as fashion, human forms and other forms of art.

Elaine's Mission statement is, "Life changes every moment and our ability to adapt is minimal depending on the circumstance. Art helps to focus on the beauty of the moment that is captured and it helps clear fear or anxiety that we may have due to the change. Art always makes you feel inclusive and connected."



Church Council Meeting

Church Council for Everyone

Mark your calendar—our next Church Council meeting is Sunday, August 3, at 1:00 pm in the Susanna Room, and you are invited!

Church Council looks a little different this year, and that's by design. We've reimagined our time together to be more welcoming, more focused, and more Spirit-led. Each meeting begins with a time of devotion and prayer, followed by brief reports and committee updates. Then we roll up our sleeves for a work session—where the real dreaming, planning, and problem-solving happen.

So far this year, we've spent time casting vision for the future of our church. Now, we're ready to move from ideas to action.

Whether you serve on a committee or are simply curious about how things work behind the scenes, we hope you'll join us. Everyone has a voice, and everyone is welcome.

Want to catch up on what we've been working on? All Church Council minutes, reports, and activities are available online at bit.ly/FUMC2025.

Baseball Buddies Needed



Do you have a Heart for Helping Kids?

Becca Lowe's son plays on the team and she says we are guaranteed to leave with a smile and full heart!!

Date: Saturday, August 16, "Baseball Buddies" (people who

will help kids who need a little help, hit, run and have a ball)! Please RSVP to Leanne ASAP if you can help! (719-930-3598)



Youth Ministry

Attention!

For those who missed the retreat, we will have a mini-retreat on Tuesday, August 5, 1-4:00 pm at the Averill House. Please plan to come so that you can contribute to our Advent devotional this year.



Fall Break Civil Rights Journey

After praying together and sharing, our youth decided that they would like to know more about Race Relations and we believe that going on a Civil Rights Journey to Alabama is the best way to spend focused time on this issue. We have tentatively scheduled the trip for the week of October 5th. Before we go any further with plans, we need to know if your youth is available to travel with us that week. Please respond yes or no asap.

Please Note: We, of course, understand that plans change, so you are not locked into this date but we need your input. And if you have any questions, please reach out to Tori or Leanne.

August Birthdays

1 Bill Derrington
Sandra Magel

2 Robbie Clements
Emily Keeter

3 Jack Brewer
Parker Ernst
Emma Watts

4 Chloe Nance
Brayden McMurray

5 Eric Kennedy
Joe Meyer, III

6 Ron Faulkner
Larry Lowe

7 Palmer Drake
Sylvia Elam
Justice Heltzel
Susanne Jones

8 Stella Myers
Shirley Tolliver
Ashli Watts

10 Mary Claxton
Kate Higgs
Joe Meyer, Jr.
Patty Yeast

11 Grayson Scott

12 Kimberly Smith

13 Stephanie Barnes
Bobbie Brown
Mary Ann Burgess
Sandy Jackson

14 Sarah Brunson
Roy Nance
Marla Smaltz
Jackie Wright

16 Jeremy Alvis
Van Eads

19 Cathy Quarles

20 Stephanie Stafford

21 Hannah Covington
Nancy Graham
Garrison Graves

22 Judy Thomas

23 Wil Rhodes
Perrin Whitt

24 Bill Crumbaugh
Audrey Shepherd
Tim Simpson

25 David Goins
Barbara Mathis

26 Easton Powell

27 Nancy Howard
Fran Salyers
Pat Smith

28 Jana Sturm

29 Rick Rogers
Brenda Rue

30 Duncan Barbour

31 Keith Hawkins
Jennifer Reynolds



Music Jam

on the
pastor's porch

Thurs, Aug 14
6 - 8 pm

Come play with us!
207 Washington Street



Good Things Are Happening at GAP

GAP (God Answers Prayers Through Compassionate People) is delighted to announce that Regina Wink-Swinford has joined the GAP Team. Regina has a heart for helping those in our community who are hurting. She currently works with the Franklin County Emergency Food Pantry. Her interest in our unhoused community stems from her participation in the Annual Homeless Count. Regina brings a wealth of knowledge and a gift for service to the team members who meet with our homeless friends each month. Her commitment will allow us to expand our service hours.

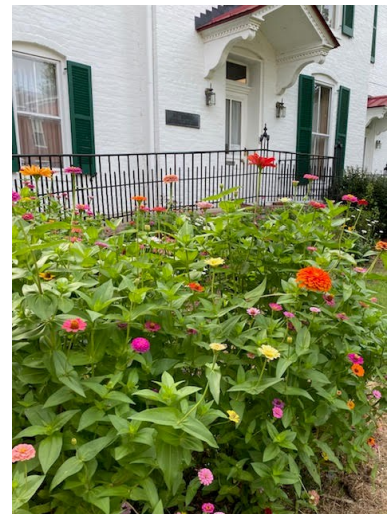


The GAP Ministry currently serves eleven families including 24 children ranging in age from infant to 17 years old. Our David Project is gearing up to offer children from birth to 5th grade (14 children) a monthly opportunity to select educational resources and books. The David Project focuses on helping parents encourage brighter futures for their children, despite difficult circumstances. Located on the 2nd floor of the Todd House, the David Project has a welcoming child-friendly room set up as an educational bookstore. Many thanks to Connie Jones, who named the David Project after her husband's servant heart, and Paula Wylie, who hand paints inspirational stone keepsakes for children.

Did you know? The GAP provides bus fare to our homeless friends. It's only \$1, but that pays for 4 trips at 25 cents/trip. We want to ensure that our homeless neighbors can reach us even if they can't secure a ride.

Many thanks to Jim Surbek who faithfully restocks our GAP Store each week. Current needs include:

- Toilet paper
- Summer weight socks for men and women
- Reading glasses (all strengths)
- Bug Spray
- *NEW!* Children's OTC Medicine (infant & children strength Tylenol, decongestants, saline drops, etc.)
- Pudding cups
- Fruit cups
- Amazon items: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3A9JG9XYMR3YQ?ref_=wl_share



Thank you to everyone who has planted flowers, pulled weeds, trimmed shrubs, and watered this summer. The grounds are showing off! Pollinators are happy. Some tourists have even stopped for photos by the flowers. Your work is noticed and appreciated.

June Financial Snapshot

- **Tithes and Offerings (June):** \$62,235.28
- **Expenses (June):** \$75,863.09
- **Mortgage Balance (as of June 30):** \$753,333.44

YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS

- **Tithes and Offerings (YTD):** \$347,689.15
- **Expenses (YTD):** \$430,528.63

We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider how they can support the church's mission through regular giving. Every gift makes a difference!



Good News to Celebrate!

We're thrilled to share two exciting financial blessings that have come our way:

Kentucky Conference Grant

Thanks to the initiative of **Tori Brown**, First UMC applied for and received a **\$500 grant** from the Kentucky Conference. This grant will help launch **GAP 2.0 / Holy Listening Center**, our renewed vision for **Asbury Hall** as a sacred, flexible, and creative space. The funds will support:

- Supplies and hospitality items for fitness classes
- Community art nights
- Spiritual formation gatherings
- Resources to care for our unhoused neighbors

This is a beautiful step forward in creating a space where people can move, create, heal, and belong.

Employee Retention Credit Funds

In early July, we received a long-awaited financial blessing through the **Employee Retention Credit**. With the help of our former CPA, **Julie Clouse**, we applied for these funds back in 2023. Though it seemed unlikely we'd ever receive them, a check arrived—**two years later!** We are deeply grateful for this unexpected provision.

We remain confident that God is at work in and through First United Methodist Church. Thank you for being part of this journey. Let's continue to give, serve, and grow together!



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Diana Gregory

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On Fifth Sunday (August 31) you are encouraged to give a special offering to The United Methodist Home for Children and Youth. Special offering envelopes will be available in the pew racks.