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Welcome David Goins as our New Director of Contemporary Worship

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (S-PRC) is pleased to welcome David Goins as our new Director of Contemporary Worship. David and his family are members of First United Methodist Church and are familiar to many of us. He previously held the position of Director of Music and Worship here at FUMC for a number of years. The S-PRC believes that the energy and skills David brings to this ministry, as well as his sense of calling, will help continue the excellence that characterizes the music and worship ministry of FUMC. You will find an introductory article from David below. Please join us in welcoming him to this role and as part of our church staff.

Hello and greetings!

My name is David Goins and I am the new (old) Director of Contemporary Worship at First United Methodist Church beginning this week! I say new (old) because I held the position of Director of Music and Worship and oversaw three weekly services for thirteen years ending in 2021. I am currently the Director of Bands at Georgetown College and am the founder and director of the Wesley Academy of Music, a mission operated out of this church that provides mentorship and free music lessons to financially disadvantaged children in the Frankfort/Franklin County communities.



I married my beautiful bride, Meredith, in this church in 2003 and we have three lovely and talented children. Our oldest, Ava, graduated from Franklin County High School where she was an All-State singer. She is now a sophomore at the University of Kentucky majoring in French and minoring in Music. She has a wonderful voice and is as pretty as they come. Alex, a junior at Franklin County High School, is an All-State singer, a fabulous pianist, a great trombonist, is innately quiet and wickedly funny like his mother. Aaron, a freshman at Franklin County High School, is also an All-State singer, a phenomenal guitarist, and a saxophone player in the FCHS band. He's the handsome guy who is always smiling and laughing at his older siblings.

You will see all three of them leading worship with Meredith and I on a regular basis. We are super proud over our kids and love that they have grown up in this church where they had many hands helping them grow into the wonderful people they are today. They are truly a reflection of the church that raised them.

We look forward to leading worship as a family at Good News @ Nine alongside our friends and growing stronger in our faith walk with you. If we do not know you, please come and introduce yourself to us. We'd love to meet you.

David Goins

Concerns and Celebrations

Welcome New Members

On Sunday, March 30, ROBIN NATION and her son, DANIEL NATION, joined FUMC.

On Sunday, April 13, FUMC welcomed BRUCE SIRIA as a new member.

Thank you

Dear Church Family,

I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate all the love and support you all have given me during this difficult time of my precious Mom's passing. Thank you all so much.

Mitzi Gray

The Epley family, Sandra, Larry Dean, Lewis and Amanda, would like to thank the church for the beautiful funeral for Larry. The entire staff worked so hard and dozens of friends helped in many ways. All the music was what Larry had requested, and it was wonderful! The words of love were overwhelming. My only regret is that my accident prevented me from enjoying the reception provided by so many caring people and speaking to old friends and family who had travelled so far to offer their love. I hesitate to name those who helped because will I inadvertently omit someone. Your cards, kind words and prayers during this time have provided me great comfort. Larry would have been so honored with the tributes from friends and church family. Thank you all.

Sandra Epley

The church has received thanks and acknowledgements from the following:

- Frosty 5K (Water by Women)
- Food Pantry
- Thailand Now
- United Methodist Committee on Relief
- ROSM (Resource Office for Social Ministry)
- Access Soup Kitchen
- Kentucky United Methodist Homes
- The Kings Center

Congratulations AMY!

Congratulations to Amy Nance Snow who received the 2025 Public Health Community Partner Award for her work with the Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation.



Last Call for to Pick Up Art

If you haven't had a chance to pick up your art work from the Youth Art Auction, this Sunday will be the last day it's available on the second floor of the Wesley Center. You can make arrangements after Sunday, by calling the church office. Many thanks to those of you who supported our youth ministry and bought art! The Art Auction was a big success and will help our youth defray the cost of their summer mission activities.

Cookbooks Available

While working in the basement the Trustees found a box of Second Helpings cookbooks. They are available in the church office for a donation.



... to Norman Honaker in the passing of his wife , DIANA HONAKER, on March 31.

... to Betty Coakley in the death of her husband, FRED COAKLEY, who passed away on April 6.

... Debbie Ison on the passing of her mother, WANDA LACEY, on April 9.

... To the family of CINDY LEWIS, who passed away on April 18. Cindy was the wife of Junior Lewis and the mother of Holly Brunson, Corey and Michael Lewis and the grandmother of Eli and Sarah Brunson.



Sunday, May 5:

5-7 pm

Dinner and Games in Asbury Hall

Sunday, May 11:

No Youth Ministry. Happy Mother's Day!

Sunday, May 18:

9 & 11 am:

High School Sunday Recognition During Worship

10:00am:

Youth Reception for our Seniors in the Youth Sunday School Room

5-7 pm:

Dinner and Outside Fun (If the weather is nice!)

Sunday, May 25:

No Youth, Happy Memorial Day Weekend!

Sunday, June 1:

Dinner and finish our Labyrinths!

Help Needed to Water Outside Flowers

We have many containers and areas on our pretty church campus with flowers that need watering in the spring/ summer and into fall months. New flowers will be planted in the next few weeks and we will start the schedule soon. Each person usually waters once or twice a week, depending upon the weather. Watering volunteers are assigned a week at a time. We do have hoses that reach the flowers. I will show you the easiest way to do the watering.

Last year we had enough volunteers that each person only had 2 times to water for the whole summer.

If you would like to help water this year, contact the office (502-227-7430) or Rosie Doerting (502-229-0679). Leave a message in case I can't get to my phone.

Thank you.

Rosie



Improving Communication with You!

Special thanks to Steph Sorrell, who has been working hard helping us streamline and improve our church communications, we will be updating our database to "Realm."

This new system will:

- Improve our ability to communicate with you (it can even text you with emergency messages)
- Allow our finances to be processed (the old system's finance unit was being phased out)
- Provide an app that you can stay informed with up to date information and the directory
- Allow for easier record keeping and attendance (and also keep all older records as well)
- Will save us money each month because this system costs less than one we have been using

The implementation of this new system will be done by a representative from Realm who will be working with Diana Gregory, Steph Sorrell and the staff and volunteers. It is not a complicated process to update, but *PLEASE BE PATIENT DURING THE NEXT WEEK OR SO, WHILE THE UPDATE TAKES PLACE.*

If everything goes as scheduled, we hope to have Realm up and running by the middle of May. We will update you as things progress. And when you see Steph and Diana, be sure to thank them for their work on this!



Spring Storms & Flooding Challenge GAP

A brutal winter gave way to chilly spring storms and flooding. Our homeless friends struggled with access to GAP services as we had to close our church during the worst of the flooding. In addition, the closure of the singing bridge has made access to our church more difficult for some. As a result, we saw fewer GAP friends during April than we expected. The numbers are already climbing as the weather has improved and the floods have receded.

We've seen more families as well as homeless individuals who are assisting others who are homeless. It's a testament to their generosity that our GAP friends share what little they have to ease the misery of others in similar circumstances. One family struggles with 6 children and homelessness.

We were extremely grateful for the Easter offering that provided \$1100 in funds and \$1700 in Kroger cards - enough to supply our financial needs for a month. In addition, after our Easter breakfast for those displaced by the flood, our congregation shared the leftover snacks with the GAP ministry. Those packaged snacks will fill many bags with much needed nutrition in the next months. We are blessed by the outpouring of gifts. Current needs are:

- Toilet paper
- Non-prescription readers (many need glasses)
- OTC allergy medicines
- Women's summer socks (& men's too, although we have some)
- Towels & washcloths (clean/used are fine)
- Sheets & summer-weight blankets (clean/used twin or double)
- New or clean/used adult-size backpacks and duffle bags
- Dog food
- Amazon items: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3A9JG9XYMR3YQ?ref=wl_share

March Financials

First Quarter Receipts:	\$162,218.88
First Quarter Expenses:	\$215,715.96
Amount Needed to meet	
Budget for First Quarter:	\$221,910.47
Mortgage Balance March 31, 2025:	\$809,128.29
April financials will be out by May 12.	

Our Two Cents

In a world that often measures value by what we accumulate, the act of giving stands out as a profound expression of faith, gratitude, and love. For Christians, giving to the church is more than a charitable deed, it's a spiritual discipline, a heartfelt response to God's abundant grace, and a tangible way to participate in His work on earth.

Giving to First Church is different than giving to another non-profit organization—we are worshipping through our gifts. Giving is as important as singing praises or listening to the sermon. It is a sacred act that acknowledges God as our ultimate provider. In Mark, we learn of the woman that gave two copper coins---not going to the pay off the mortgage with those---but Jesus points out that she has given more than all the rich people because she gave all she had, demonstrating her faith and reliance on God.

As we look toward the rest of the year, maybe we need to revisit our giving. Tax time for me, is always a good time to see how close I am to tithing my 10%. Proverbs tells us to Honor the Lord with our wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops and historically that means the first 10%.

Financially, the first quarter for First Church was tough. Services were canceled due to weather and giving suffered. We are currently running about \$80,000 behind budget. We've got some serious catching up to do before our ministry suffers.

If you've never given to the church, or if it's been a while since you've actually done the math to see where you are, consider doing that this week. Begin with what you have, and let God do the rest. And if you are already giving faithfully, thank you. Giving to the church is not about money—it's about mission, love, obedience and faith!

May Birthdays

1	Carolyn Fetter	12	John Burris Lynn Faulkner Isabelle Powell	22	Thomas Rhodes
2	Jenny Bryant Lorenzo Eads, Jr. David Sturm Carson Thomas	15	Linda Jones	23	Scott Hankla
3	Marty Wayman Hayden Wilkerson	16	Mason Alexander Jackson Starkweather	24	Paige Burton Barnes Dick Watkins
6	Cheryl Meyer Henrietta Goins Thomas Jones	18	Junior Lewis Sadie Meyer June Payton Ava Powell Harry Lee Wilson	25	Katie Mabry Mark Wasson
8	Alex Goins	19	Mary Foster Jeff Raine Alanna McCrystal Alyssa McCrystal Jason Powell	26	Larry Sturm
9	Jennifer Tracy			27	John Gillig
10	Isla Lowe			29	Peter Doane Lucas Nance
11	Ali Higgs Myers Jeff Howson	20	Mary Pat Dobbins Patrick Pewitt	30	Ann Bennoit Addy McCoun
				31	Dick Smothermon

Outreach Opportunity

Focus on Race Relations is having its monthly meeting of the "Let's Talk About It" series on Monday, May 19, at the Paul Sawyer Library at 5:30 pm in the Community Room. The topic will be "Did your ancestors enslave others? Does that matter now?" Whatever your situation, this topic should provoke interesting discussion.

This is an opportunity for us to be involved in working for better Race Relations. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and plan to be there.

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Roy Nance

- Organist

Steph Sorrell

- Seminary Intern & Technology Coordinator

Diana Gregory

- Interim Administrative Assistant

Averill House Update

The painting is finished, the floors are refinished, and the carpet has been installed. It is time to clean the house so Leanne can make it her home in mid-June.

Volunteers will be cleaning on a regular schedule, but if the days/times are not convenient, we can adjust to what works for you or your group (SS class, Circle, group). Beginning Tuesday, May 13, our cleaning schedule will be:

Tuesdays 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Thursdays 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Saturdays 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

If these days and/or times are not convenient, please contact Mary Pat Dobbins (502-229-5796 or marypat.dobbins@gmail.com) to arrange a more convenient time. The Class Acts SS class is going to be cleaning the room that was once their SS room, so individuals, families, and groups are welcome to "adopt" a room or clean where needed.

Please bring buckets, rags, cleaning liquid, window cleaner, a vacuum (if you have one), a swiffer (if you have one). We need to clean every room (wipe down walls, clean windows and woodwork, clean fixtures and floors. etc.). If we all pitch in, we can have the Averill House ready to welcome Leanne. Feel free to contact Mary Pat, Jana Sturm, Abbie Meyer or the church office if you have questions.



Attention 2025 High School Graduates

High School Seniors will be honored on Sunday, May 18, during both worship services. At 10:00 am there will be a reception for them in the Youth Sunday School room. at 10 am. If you have not RSVP'd to Leanne Hadley (leanne.hadley@fumcfrankfort.org) yet, please do ASAP! We plan to make this a very special Sunday.