

The Informer

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VISION: First United Methodist Church seeks to create a culture of hospitality and a discipleship pathway for all of God's people. We seek to be in mission and service to meet certain needs in our community and around the world.

OUR PARISH NURSE: LINDA EVANS LOWE

Linda Evans Lowe has been a member of FUMC since 1985, but she says she can't remember how long she has been serving as our parish nurse. However, during her tenure she has organized two health fairs, numerous blood drives, offered blood pressure checks, bandaged many boo-boos during DayShore Camp, and as a nurse volunteer at Lakeshore Camp, too, as well as served as a guest speaker on heart health and nutrition for several UMW programs. She also maintains our AED (automated external defibrillator) devices.

Linda began her career as an LPN (licensed practical nurse) after graduating from Sea Isle Vocational Technical School in Memphis. As a U.S. Navy wife (married to her husband Mike, who passed away in 2020), she continued her education in California and at St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in Memphis to become a registered nurse. She spent the majority

of her career as an OB-GYN nurse working in childbirth and the NICU (neonatal intensive care unit). She stresses, "That's my first love in nursing – the babies!" Linda spent 20 years working at Methodist North Hospital in Memphis, which she says she loved, ending her career in administration as a housing supervisor, keeping track of available rooms and beds, ensuring patients were placed properly.

As cold and flu season are in full swing in our community, Linda offers some simple tips and advice to stay healthy at this time of year: 1) hand washing is the biggest deterrent to spreading germs – take your time and wash your hands well and often, 2) turning your head and covering your face when coughing also helps in not spreading germs to others, 3) taking a multivitamin and proper nutrition – your diet makes all the difference in the world when trying to stay healthy.

In addition to volunteering as our parish nurse, Linda also sings in our Chancel Choir

(as did her husband Mike), volunteers in our food pantry, and is a member of the UMW Anna Circle. Although she is a self-described "Navy brat," living in several places growing up, Linda calls New Orleans her hometown, where she lived until she was 10 years old. She enjoys going back home for Mardi Gras, which she describes as "not so much of a ruckus if you grew up there, but just fun."

She is the mother of four children. She has 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. In June 2023, she and her husband Jack were married in our sanctuary. Jack grew up in Memphis, spent eight years in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot, and retired as a pilot for Federal Express. Raised in the Baptist church, Jack does come and worship with us on Sundays from time to time, especially when Linda is singing in the choir. Jack has two children. He and

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Creation Care Corner

'TIS A GIFT TO BE SIMPLE...

'TIS A GIFT TO BE FREE



Try these simple tips to be a good steward of God's creation:

- Heating our water consumes much energy. Consider these simple changes to reduce the cost to Earth (and yourself): **Turn your water heater down to 120 degrees**, purchase a new Energy Star water heater, install the tank in an enclosed space, or add a water heater blanket.

- Skip the aluminum foil, plastic wrap, and baggies, and **put food into reusable containers** – preferably glass. Simply reuse what you have. When you cannot avoid packaging, choose metal or glass over plastic – and anything recyclable or compostable over items destined for the trash bin.

- Conserving water can be simple: Take short showers of five minutes or less. **Turn the water down in the shower** so it's not full blast. Scrape plates instead of rinsing them before they go in the dishwasher. Don't leave the water running while washing, shaving, or brushing your teeth. Turn it on and use only as needed.

- Get in the habit of not throwing things away or replacing them unless necessary, and fix them when broken. **Check for leaks** in your toilet and repair if necessary. Leaks are usually caused by worn out flapper valves and can be easily and inexpensively replaced. Replace any worn out washers in faucets to stop drips and leaks.

CREATION CARE PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, February, 15th – in Williams Hall, following our worship service.



We'll be planning for Creation Care Sunday, and brainstorming to offer a Creation Care-inspired, informational event open to everyone in our community.

A light lunch will be provided.

Everyone interested is welcome to attend.

COMING UP...

Sunday Worship @ 10 a.m., Sunday School @ 8:50 a.m.
Live-streaming at 10 a.m. on our Facebook page or later on our YouTube channel:

First United Methodist Church – Millington TN or

Website: www.fumcmillington.org



Sunday, January 25th, 2026

Scripture: Psalm 27

Message: *Carrying the Light*

Sunday, February 4th, 2026, Communion Sunday

Scripture: Micah 6:1-8

Message: *What is Good*

Wednesday, January 21st – Young Disciples 5:30-7 p.m.-WH

Choir Practice 6 p.m.-Choir Room

Youth Group 6:30-8 p.m.-WH

Sunday, January 25th – Church Board meeting 11:15 a.m.-WH

Tuesday, January 27th – Bill Williams Men's Bible Study 8 a.m.-WH

Food Pantry 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28th – Young Disciples 5:30-7 p.m.-WH

Choir Practice 6 p.m.-Choir room

Youth Group 6:20-8 p.m.-WH

Worship Through Giving

Needed Monthly Giving to Support 2025 Budget: \$33,617.29

Week of October 1 st	\$3,275.00
Week of October 5 th	\$5,869.60
Week of October 12 th	\$8,043.00
Week of October 19 th	\$1,612.00
Week of October 26 th	\$4,336.00
October 2025 Total Giving	\$23,135.60
Week of November 3 rd	\$12,287.32
Week of November 9 th	\$15,208.01
Week of November 16 th	\$10,419.27
Week of November 23 rd	\$4,183.00
November 2025 Total Giving	\$42,097.60
Week of December 1 st	\$23,982.62
Week of December 7 th	\$14,916.50
Week of December 14 th	\$33,532.00
Week of December 21 st	\$5,242.00
Week of December 29 th	\$7,038.00
December 2025 Total Giving	\$84,612.12

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Linda share their home in Covington with four dogs: two black Labrador retrievers and two springer spaniels.

Linda enjoys cooking and baking, but says her favorite pastime is traveling.

In her role as parish nurse for our church family, and as a health care professional Linda says, "Anytime anyone needs anything or would like me to come by and check on them, I don't mind, I'd like to."

Advent & Christmas 2025 The Gift of Being Present

From our traditional Hanging of the Greens worship service and weekly lighting of the Advent wreath, Christmas Cantata Sunday and our Blue Christmas service to our Christmas Food Box Ministry, Youth & Children's Christmas Party and our Carols, Candlelight and Communion worship service — lead by the children and youth of our church — this year's celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus was filled with light, love of neighbor, and the sights and sounds of the season.



Honorariums In Honor Of...

Rev. Amanda

Hartmann

Westmoreland

Ron & Jean Russell
(Food Pantry)

Carter Lowry

Don Lowry
(Food Pantry)

Steve & Teresa Cronin

Roy Hall & Linda Cooper
(Food Pantry)

Dustin & Kelsey Goode Dalton, David & Kaisley

Roy Hall & Linda Cooper
(Food Pantry)

Darron & Rebecca

Goode, Lukas, Eli

& Conrad

Roy Hall & Linda Cooper
(Food Pantry)

John & Carol

Winningham

Roy Hall & Linda Cooper
(Food Pantry)

Our Children &

Grandchildren

Bobby & Charlotte Porter
(Backpack Ministry)

Susanna Circle Sweet & Savory Pop-Up Shoppe

***Super Bowl Sunday,
February 8th in Williams
Hall, before & after
worship, our Susanna
Circle ladies will have
yummy, homemade treats
for sale. Bring your wallet
and stock-up before the big
game.***



Memorials In Memory Of...

Dale Hall

Evylou Turner
(Budget)

Joe & Tina Baltensperger
(Budget)

Catherine Sullivan

Ken & Diane Sullivan
(Backpack Ministry &
Budget)

Joy Bomar

Evylou Turner
(Budget)

Susan Corum
(Budget)

The Bomar Family
(Budget)

Anita Smith

Susan Corum
(Budget)

Alicia Hornsby

Susan Corum
(Youth)

Gary Whitten

Susan Corum
(Youth)

Alderman Mike Caruthers

Jane Lester
(Christmas Food Box Ministry)

Geoffrey Patrissi

NSA Mid-South Chapel
(Food Pantry)

Jack & Kathy Tickle

Ken & Diane Sullivan
(Budget)

Tim & Maxine Sullivan

Ken & Diane Sullivan
(Budget)

Our First UMC Prayer Concerns

Please note: When a person or concern is added to the prayer list, they will remain for three weeks unless otherwise specified.

Amanda Bass & family, Peggy Winnenberg, the people of Ukraine, Roger Thompson, Jim Rogenmoser, Laura Comes Hubbard & Clint Hubbard, Miss Young's co-worker Noel, peace in the Middle East, Carol Harrison's son Tommy, Tom & Martha Hunter, Buddy & Connie Forney, Baby James Baltensperger & parents, Carl & Marie Doherty, Mona Hanson, Caleb, Debbie Clifton, Landon Stevenson, the family of Marilyn Boyer, Amelia Vincent, Anne Brentworth, Dan Corum

If you have a prayer concern or request, please contact the church office @ (901) 872-4414 or Linda

Dear FUMC,

I would like to thank everyone at First United Methodist for all the love shown during the loss of my sister Joy Bomar.



Thank you for all the calls, cards, and memorials for her. I also want to thank the prayer shawl ministry for the beautiful prayer shawl.

This church was very important to Joy and especially all the ladies of her namesake circle "Joy Circle." She remained president for many years and enjoyed doing so with this wonderful group of ladies.

May you keep her in your heart and memories.

Pat Dailey and Family

Save A Lot Christmas Food Box Donation Leads to Backpack Ministry Donation

During the holiday season the Millington Save A Lot grocery store located at 7775 Highway 51 North, competed with Save A Lot stores across the nation to see which store could sell the most food bags purchased by customers to be donated to local nonprofits. For the past several years Save A Lot has donated those bags to our Christmas Food Box Ministry. The Millington store placed second in the competition winning a \$500 gift card to be donated to the charity of their choice, and the Millington Save A Lot store chose to donate their gift card to our Weekend Backpack Ministry. We are grateful to our Millington Save A Lot store and their customers for their ongoing generosity in supporting our ministries, which help feed our community's school students and families in need. (Pictured left to right: Store Manager Denice Mefford, Backpack Ministry leaders Kathryn Boyer and Megan Welch.)

