**Prelude**I Need Thee Every Hour....by J W Preston
Phil Haga, organist

**Words of Greeting** 

Call to Worship From ministrymatters.com

The kingdom of God is at hand.

We want to enter this kingdom.

The mercy of God is made known.

We want to receive this mercy.

The grace of God is abundant for all.

We praise you, O God, for your compassion and your love. Accept our grateful praise as we come to worship you today.

**Hymn of Praise**O For Thousand Tongues to Sing
UMH 57
We invite you to bring forward your offering to the plate and your missions giving to the basket.

Doxology UMH 95

**Prayer for General Conference 2024** 

First Scripture Reading <u>Hebrews 4:12-16</u>

**Prayer Concerns** 

Prayer request cards can be brought to the altar rail or left at the exit.

The Lord's Prayer

Responsive Song

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Second Scripture Reading <u>Hebrews 3:1-6</u>

Sermon How Do I Stay Faithful? Rev. Casey Irwin

Hymn of Benediction Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us UMH 381

Benediction

**Postlude**I Love to Tell the Story......by Wm. G. Fischer
Phil Haga, organist



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## **Announcements**

**Vision and Action Meeting Round 2 is today at 2:15**. Join us in the sanctuary as we prayerfully seek God's next steps for our congregation reaching our community.

We have added refreshments back to Sunday mornings! If you are able to contribute snacks or juice one week, sign-up with Sue Dietz as we establish a rotation.

Parish Council will meet on **Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m.** at First UMC. If you missed the first meeting, you are still welcome to be a part of this strategy and planning team for our joint ministry as 4 churches together in the Bristol, TN Parish.

General Conference, the global gathering for the United Methodist Church, meets April 23-May 3 in Charlotte, NC. Please be in prayer for policy voting and for the health of delegates as they meet. We are praying for God to keep moving in the UMC's future.

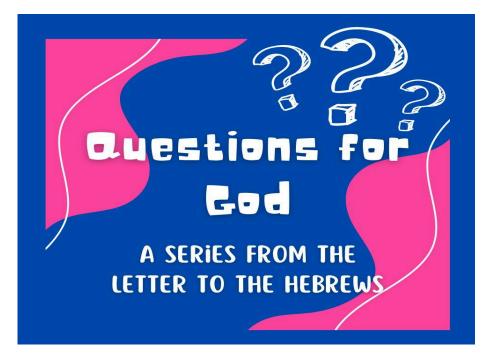
Our Parish Co-Pastor, Rev. Ray Amos, is getting married in June! A special wedding shower BBQ will be held at Addilynn Memorial UMC tonight at 6 PM. If you cannot attend, gift cards are being collected to shower them with love. Share yours in the offering plate any Sunday or at the Addilynn Church Office.

## **Prayer Requests**

Dow Strader, Mary Tankersley, Helen Harkleroad, Tim Harkleroad, Charlotte Cox, Jack Ford, Kathy Wagner, Jim Riden, Mike Teague, Beau Lippo, Albert Colombo

Church Office Hours:		Tuesdays and Fridays 1-3 PM	
Weekly Sched	<u>dule</u> Sundays	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	First UMC Worship Common Ground Fellowship Worship (Chapel) Chancel Choir Rehearsal AA Meeting Addilyn UMC Bible Study
	Tuesdays	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	First UMC Bible Study AA Meeting
	Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Virginia Avenue UMC Bible Study
	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
Upcoming Da	<u>ites</u>		
Sunday, April 21  Tuesday, May 7  Wednesday, May 8		1:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 2-4 p.m.	Church Council Meeting Vision & Action Meeting Trustees Meeting Parish Council Meeting #2 at First UMC Virginia Avenue Food Pantry
Tuesday, May 14		5:00 p.m.	United Women in Faith Meeting
Sunday, May 19		4:00 p.m.	Pentecost Party on the Lawn

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## First United Methodist Church, Bristol

Building A Community Where Anyone Can Become A Deeply Committed Christian



9:30 AM Worship April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to worship, both in-person and online!

All are invited to this time of worshiping God as a community of faith.

Refreshments are available at the Sanctuary entrance.

Children and Youth Worship Boxes are available in the West lobby.