

Prelude Phil Haga, organist

Words of Greeting

Opening Prayer from *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers*

Father, O God most high, who dwells in the highest of heavens,

We praise you.

Father, O Lord most exalted, beyond our thoughts and imaginations,

We praise you.

We celebrate the victory of your Son, who has overcome death and saved us from the power of sin.

We rejoice in his exaltation!

Our great high priest has gone before, has entered into the Holy of Holies, and has opened up a way for us to follow.

To him be all praise, together with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, one Lord, the same in every age. Amen and Amen.

Hymn of Praise *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* **UMH 400**
We invite you to bring forward your offering to the plate and your missions giving to the basket.

Doxology **UMH 95**

First Scripture Reading *Hebrews 6:16-20*

Prayer Concerns

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

The Lord's Prayer **UMH 895**
Responsive Song *Into My Heart (verse 1)* **TFWS 2160**

Second Scripture Reading *Hebrews 8:6-13*

Sermon *Why is it hard to be good?* Rev. Casey Irwin
Holy Communion **UMH 13**

Hymn of Benediction *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* **UMH 121**

Benediction

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Announcements

Vision and Action Meeting Round 4 is Sunday, June 19th at 1:00 PM. 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, was meeting April 23- May 3 in Charlotte, NC. Please be in prayer for the implementation of policies in the coming months and years. We are praying for God to keep moving in the UMC's future.

We are hosting the entire Parish for a Pentecost Party on the Church Lawn, Sunday May 19th at 4 PM. Please consider helping with set-up that Sunday at 1:30 PM.

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 Schedule

Sundays	9:30 a.m.	First UMC Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Common Ground Fellowship Worship (Chapel)
	10:45 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Addilyn UMC Bible Study
Tuesdays	10:00 a.m.	First UMC Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Virginia Avenue UMC Bible Study
Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, May 7	6:30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting #2 at First UMC
Wednesday, May 8	2-4 p.m.	Virginia Avenue Food Pantry
Sunday, May 12	9:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Worship Service
Tuesday, May 14	5:00 p.m.	United Women in Faith Meeting
Sunday, May 19	4:00 p.m.	Pentecost Party on the Lawn
Sunday, June 2	4:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting
Sunday June 9- Wednesday June 12		Holston Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska
Sunday, June 16	1:00 p.m.	Vision & Action Meeting
Sunday, July 21	1:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting

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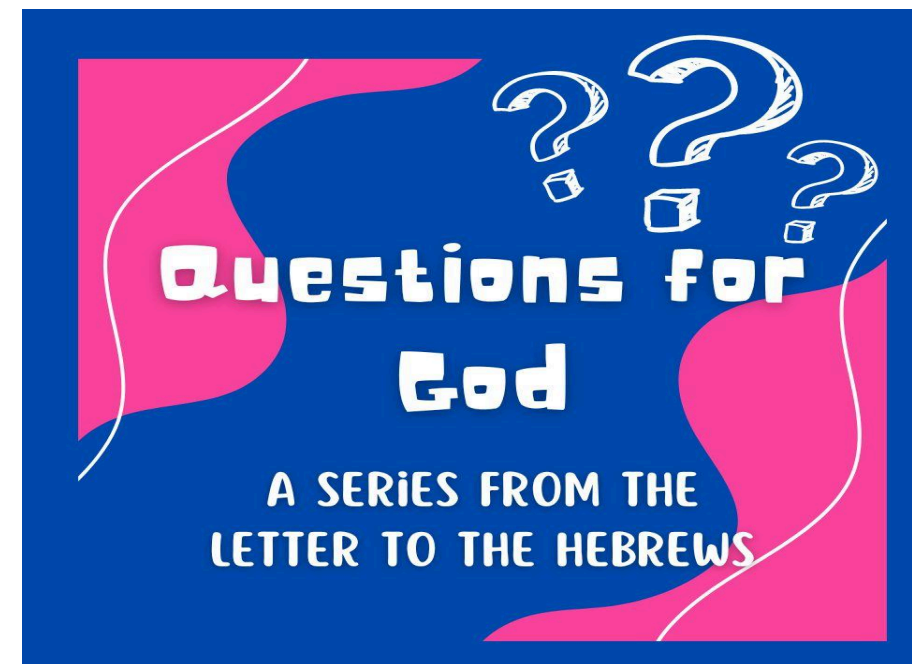
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First United Methodist Church, Bristol

Building A Community Where Anyone Can Become A Deeply Committed Christian



9:30 AM Worship

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to worship, both in-person and online!

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

Refreshments are available at the Sanctuary entrance.

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