

Prelude Phil Haga, organist

Words of Greeting

Call to Worship from *Ministry Matters*

Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

For God has done wondrous things for us.

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen. AMEN.

Hymn of Praise *Spirit Song* **UMH 347**
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 11:32-12:3*

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 *Acts 2:1-8*

Prayer of Confession
Let us confess together:
We confess to you, Renewing Spirit,
that we confuse unity with uniformity, and diversity with divisiveness.
We speak and behave as if being a part of your family

means assimilating others to our way of living.
We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person.
We long to change these patterns, O Creator, but we do not know how.
Teach us to value challenge. Help us to see strength in difference.
And empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and love. Amen.

Sermon *Does this really work?* Rev. Casey Irwin

Hymn of Benediction *O Spirit of the Living God* **UMH 539**

Benediction

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Announcements

Vision and Action Meeting Round 4 is Sunday, June 16th 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, June 18 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.

Holston Annual Conference will meet at Lake Junaluska, NC from June 9-12. Please be in prayer for all delegates, including Pastor Casey and Alan Gorrell.

Prayer Requests

Dow Strader, Mary Tankersley, Helen Harkleroad, Tim Harkleroad, the family of Charlotte Cox upon her passing, Jack Ford, Kathy Wagner, Jim Riden, Mike Teague, Beau Lippo, Albert Colombo

Church Office Hours: Tuesdays and Fridays 1-3 PM

<u>Weekly Schedule</u> 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

Sunday, May 19	4:00 p.m.	Pentecost Party on the Lawn
Wednesday, May 22	2-4 p.m.	Virginia Avenue Food Pantry
Sunday, June 2	4:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting
Saturday, June 8	2:00 p.m.	Charlotte Cox Memorial Service
Sunday June 9- Wednesday June 12		Holston Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska
Sunday, June 16	1:00 p.m.	Vision & Action Meeting
Tuesday, June 18	6:30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting #2 at First UMC
Sunday, July 21	1:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting

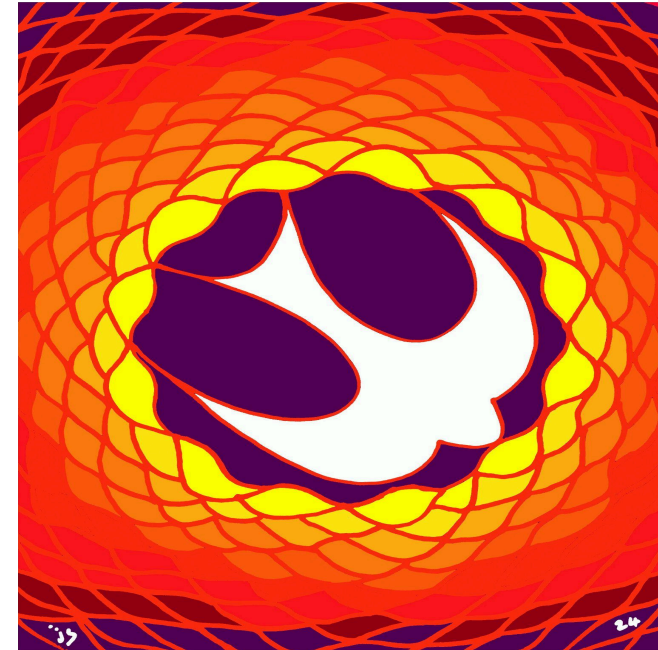
Pastor Casey will be traveling May 24-28 and June 4-5

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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 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

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.