

Wasn't Youth Sunday great! The music. The liturgy. The speakers. The prayers and Scripture reading. What a great response from our students who led us that day! How do I know you ask? Wasn't I in Virginia doing a wedding? I'll give you a one-word answer: LIVESTREAMING.

I am very excited to know that our 11:00 service is now available in real time via the internet. That means that while you are traveling or away you can still keep up with what is going on and not miss a thing. You can also go back and view past services if there is something you want to hear again or share with others. This will be a great resource and hopefully a powerful tool for evangelism as we

spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through this medium.

Much thanks for Mike Brown, Jeff Minor and our Audio-Visual team for their long hours and hard work to get us up and running. I know they would love to talk to you about how you can be involved in this new ministry. Also, thanks to many of you who generously gave resources to allow this project to be done off-budget.

In the meantime, check out the LIVESTREAM at: <https://vimeo.com/1stumc> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FirstUnitedMethodistChurch.DowntownCampus/> and let us know what you think.



Grow

Reflecting on Youth Sunday

“First Church is more than chicken nuggets and Christmas.” This is a quote from Anna Holt’s senior sermon on Youth Sunday. All of the leadership we experienced and the testimonies we heard from our students on Youth Sunday are a culmination of what is “more” about First Church. We heard Anna Holt and Nick Clark speak about how much growing up at First Church has shaped them and how our community has supported them through the best and the worst times. It’s a testimony to our community and the Holy Spirit working in tandem. A lot of the things we do in children and youth ministry are simply a means of connecting with a child or a student and making room for the Holy Spirit to move. Chicken nuggets and Christmas—food and activities—give us reasons to come together and act as catalysts for relationships and spiritual growth to happen. In 2 Timothy 1:5, the apostle Paul tells Timothy that he is confident that the faith of his grandmother and mother lives in him. As long as we continue to pray for our children and youth, are intentional about building relationships with them, and give them the opportunity to serve alongside us we too can be confident that the faith of our community lives in them. *Cameron*

Kids 2 years old through completed 5th grade are going to have a super, fun-filled time at Power Up VBS this summer! Power Up will reveal the power God's children have through HIM! We'll get things started on **Sunday, July 21 with a kick-off celebration at 5:00 PM** – food and fun for families and volunteers. All other nights begin at 6:00 PM.



Preschool VBS: Children 2 through 5 years old are invited to participate in our preschool VBS. **Note that preschool VBS releases early at 7:30PM.**

Elementary VBS: Children kindergarten (completed) through 5th grade (completed) are invited to register for Elementary VBS and **finish at 8:30 PM.**

Registration is open for children and volunteers. Go to downtown.1stumc.org/kids and click the Register button. Register by June 1 to get a Power Up t-shirt.

Serve

Rise Against Hunger

First Church-Downtown is coming together to help pack over 10,000 meals this August 11, and your help is needed. This is open for children from 4 years of age through adults of all ages to come and serve alongside one another. At the encouragement of Evelyn Christensen, First Church participated in this in early 2018 and we are looking forward to doing this again.

“Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world’s most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030.”

We’ll provide lunch and then we will enjoy serving together. Comfortable clothes, shoes and hats are needed to be worn, so bring a change of clothes and plan to stay and serve after church.

Ways to Serve:

Set Up—12:30-1:00 PM (need 10 people)

Event—1:15-3:15 PM (need 50 people)

Clean Up—3:15-4:15 PM (need 10 people)

Monetary Donations—We have some money designated to help with this service project but need to raise around \$1400 to cover the costs of the meals and the transportation for Rise Against Hunger to come to us.

Sign up to serve and/or make a donation at <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FirstUMCLexington2019>

If you have questions or wish to sign up and do not have access to a computer, please call Carol Cooper (859.233.0545 x227)

Serving with you,
Carol

Backpack Program: Food insecurity does not happen only during the school year, so a few of our regular volunteers have committed to providing bags to Beaumont Middle School this summer. Contact Cindy Dominick, cdominick@twc.com or Lisa Oates, lisa.m.oates@gmail.com for more info.

Altar Flowers – We have the following dates available for the purchase of altar flowers: October 6, December 15 and December 29. If interested in purchasing altar flowers for these dates, please contact Mike and Sheila Green at 859-271-4789 (Home), 859-533-5282 (Cell) or greenlex1961@yahoo.com. God bless and thanks to all that support this ministry.

God’s Table is our meal for anyone who is hungry on the third Tuesday of the month. Volunteers are needed to serve dinner and help clean up – commitment time is 2 hours. Contact Melinda Kemp, 859-333-8095 or melindakemp@twc.com. **God’s Table will be on June 18 but will not be held in July.**

10th Annual High Street Neighborhood Golf Scramble to fund in-house scholarships will be Friday, June 7 at University Club of Kentucky, 4850 Leestown Road, Check-in at 11:30 AM. Lunch provided by Texas Roadhouse. Contact Laura Ferrell, lferrell52@gmail.com.

Church Family

Welcome to the Family! We are happy to welcome Jeff and Renee Fox, who join by transfer from Centenary; Elizabeth Peace, who joins by transfer from St. Luke UMC; and Darren Wallace, who joins as an Affiliate member (home church is Coburn UMC, Zanesville OH).

We celebrate the recent baptism of Piper Clancy DeLucia, daughter of Steven and Ashley and sister of Elayna and Deacon.

Thanks to everyone for your concern and prayers this past year concerning my many eye surgeries. Things seem stable for now with my glaucoma as the last surgery went smoothly. We are having to monitor my corneal swelling. I would appreciate continuing prayers for a lasting, positive outcome for both my eyes. In appreciation, *Kimberly May*

Downtown Property Team

Downtown Summer Projects

Church Family, if your small group or family would like to adopt a summer project, we have a few available at the downtown campus. Please let me know if you would like to adopt one. For painting projects, the church will provide the paint. You may contact me at brendanally@me.com or 859-223-7058. If there is another project, you have been considering around the church, please just let me know. Everyone's creativity and willingness to help are always appreciated. *Brenda Nally*

Projects

1. Paint a children's Sunday School room.
2. Organize and rethink the Children's Library.
(Cassidy and Carol have ideas!)
3. Power wash the playground equipment.
4. Paint door trim on north side hallway in Youth Area.
5. Clean and organize cabinets in Gathering Hall.
6. Repair and recover seats on 4 wooden chairs.

Kid's Day Out

Kid's Day Out Preschool is Now Hiring! We are looking for an Assistant Teacher this summer to work with our one- and two-year-old toddler classrooms and a Teacher for our two-year-old classroom during the 2019-2020 school year. If you love working with kids and have previous experience in an early learning environment, please apply today. Please send your resume along with references to Cassidy Hasty at cassidyh@1stumc.org.

Kid's Day Out is Enrolling for the 2019-2020 School Year

KDO Preschool is a three day-a-week program that offers services to children ages 1 to 5 years old. The program provides a safe environment for learning and fun. For more information or to set up a visit, please contact Cassidy Hasty, Family Ministries Lead. You can email her at cassidyh@1stumc.org or visit our website <http://downtown.1stumc.org/kids-day-out-preschool/>.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

(watch emails for any updates)

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| June 4, 6:00 PM | Downtown Leadership Team, Rokeby |
| July 9, 7:30 AM | Standing Vision Team Breakfast |
| July 9, 6:00 PM | Foundation Board of Stewards, Andover Sanctuary |
| July 9, 6:00 PM | Lay Leadership Team, Rokeby |
| July 16, 6:00 PM | SPRC, Andover Sanctuary |
| July 23, 6:00 PM | Trustees, Andover Sanctuary |
| July 30, 6:00 PM | Finance, Rokeby |

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June and July Highlights

- Services continue at 8:30 and 11:00 each Sunday, Sunday School at 9:50.
- Doughnuts on the front steps after services – stop by and visit!
- Power Up VBS, July 21-25. Register at downtown.1stumc.org/kids by June 1 for a Power Up t-shirt.