



THE CIRCUIT RIDER

First United Methodist Church

338 Third Street, PO Box 492, Henderson, KY 42419

270-827-2100

THANK
YOU

Mr. Starks


Everyone is encouraged to attend our 10 AM worship service on Sunday, February 2, when we will recognize and celebrate the retirement of Mr. Willie Starks following nearly 6 years of faithful service to God as Custodian at First UMC.



Men's
BREAKFAST
@ FIRST

ENJOY A
DELICIOUS BREAKFAST
PREPARED BY
CHEF GREG PRITCHETT
& HIS CREW

**8:30 AM
SATURDAY
JANUARY 25**



**RSVP BY TUESDAY, JANUARY 21
TO DAVID LATHAM (270-748-4804)**



"She Loves to Eat Out"

All Women Are Invited!

Applebee's
Thursday, January 9
12:15 PM

Please RSVP by January 6
Susan Latham (270-826-1191)
or Joyce Lutz (270-577-5300)



**District
Leaders Training**

January 11, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Wesleyan Heights UMC
1215 Sherm Rd., Owensboro, KY

All members of First UMC's SPRC, Finance Committee and Board of Trustees are requested to attend a District Leaders Training on Saturday, January 11, at Wesleyan Heights UMC, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP to
ChurchOffice@HendersonFirstUMC.org
by Sunday, January 5.

In case of inclement weather, the training will be moved to an online Zoom format. The Zoom link will be sent to pastors to share with their laity by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 10.

HENDERSON - HENDERSON COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
DAY OF CELEBRATION

SUNDAY
JANUARY 12, 2025
3:00 PM

FIRST MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH
20 S ELM ST, HENDERSON, KENTUCKY



EQUALITY,
EMPOWERMENT
& EXCELLENCE

STEPHANIE TERRY
MAYOR OF EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY HENDERSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR



THOUGHTS FROM
Pastor Janet

New Year Resolutions

We have arrived into this New Year of 2025 with great anticipation and joy! So here we go, thinking about those “new year resolutions,” we have created, promises we identify as a personal goal we wish to achieve in the new year. As always, that first priority (for me) is to lose weight from all the delicious food I consumed over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. What “new year resolutions” have you chosen for yourself? Maybe it is a career or job change, or perhaps a decision concerning family. Maybe those “new year resolutions” involve a financial adjustment for the upcoming year, or meeting an item from your bucket-list? Whatever our choice maybe, we think long and hard about those promises to improve our life in the new year.

Not only physical appearance, but perhaps we should think about our spiritual journey, and what we must do to achieve improvement or deepen our relationship with God. What about our daily quiet time with God? Are we able to work that essential time with God into our schedules? What about our prayer life? Prayer is essential to a vital relationship with God. In our prayer time (as Philippians 4:6 shares), “we can bring all our requests and thanks to God.”

How about fellowship with other brothers and sisters in Christ? The church is a community of fellow sinners saved by the grace of God and called to walk alongside us and help each other. We read in Hebrews 10:24-25 how “God works through us, when we meet together.” What about our Bible reading and study? God’s Word is of immense value to Christians as it teaches, rebukes, corrects and shows us how to be righteous as we read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (“God’s Word thoroughly equips us for life”).

What about our witness and serving? Jesus said his disciples would be witnesses and the same is true for his disciples today. We read from Philemon 6 that “we are to actively share our faith with others in our world.” And our serving God is something that grows out of our love for God and thankfulness for what God has done for us. 1 Corinthians shares that “we must give ourselves fully to God’s work.” Jesus called his disciples into a greater commitment to him when he invited them to serve in ministry alongside him and sent them out two by two. He desired that his disciples become vitally united with him, a desire reflected in his words, “Remain in me, and I will remain in you” (John 15:4).

It is clear from verses such as Romans 8:29, 2 Corinthians 3:18, and Philippians 1:6, that Jesus is committed to his followers’ spiritual formation. He transformed curious crowds and self-interested individuals into devoted disciples, and he continues to do so today through his followers who know the importance of disciple-making. So how about those promises, those New Year resolutions we have made for 2025? What are the changes we need to make as we journey into this New Year? God bless.

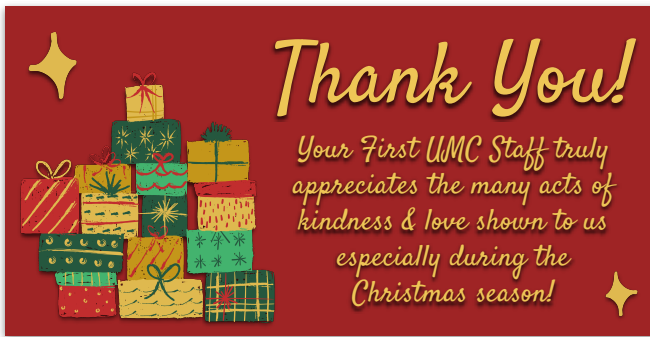
Love in Christ,

Pastor Janet

January 2025

Henderson First UMC Birthdays

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 Lucas Hodge Will Hodge Greg Pritchett John Solomon | 2 Vicki Clement | 3 John Boyle Jawara Hughes Susan Latham | 4 Felicia Grounds |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Kelvin Audas Kristin Baker Kathie Richardson | 9 Tracy Brown Toby Stokes | 10 Mike Duffy Carla Garrison Judy Peak Marvin Posey Marla Ward | 11 |
| Laine Skaggs | Seth Pritchett | Haley Daugherty Susan McVicar Reece Mills | | | | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Kelle Grogan | 16 Hannah Hudson Lin Shannon Brent Wilkerson | 17 Dedra Griffin Charles Kirkpatrick Charlie McCollom Georgia Miniard Glenn Tompkins | 18 Christine Hauge Howard Moran |
| Cathe Hedgespeth Christian Jolly Connor Wilkerson | | Malayna Deig Ann Keith | | | | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Charles Chapman Joey King Jackie Van Dam Anne-Tyler Wilkerson | 23 | 24 Stacy Powell | 25 |
| Martina Aldridge Mary Fuller Alex Skaggs | Christine Hauge Howard Moran Sam Smith | Martina Aldridge Mary Fuller Alex Skaggs | | | | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Destiny Lear Rebecca Ray Barbie Tope | 31 | 1 |
| | Ben Powell | Clark Kincaid | | | | |



Worship Service Volunteers

January 5, 10:00 AM Service

Announcements: Donna Stinnett

Offertory: Ray Nix

Scripture: Rev. Leslie McKown

Communion Stewards: Ray Nix, Donna Stinnett, Kenny & Linda Floyd, Kevin Hein, Bowman Duncan

January 12, 8:30 AM Service

Announcements: Donna Stinnett

Affirmation of Faith: Kevin Hein

Offertory: Ray Nix

Scripture: Stacy Powell

January 12, 10:45 AM Service

Announcements: Nikolai Peek

Scripture: Meg Burnley

January 19, 8:30 AM Service

Announcements: Donna Stinnett

Affirmation of Faith: Jenna Engesath

Offertory: Ray Nix

Scripture: Ann Crafton

January 19, 10:45 AM Service

Announcements: Cathy Motter

Affirmation of Faith: Dennis Nelson

Scripture: John Luckett

January 26, 8:30 AM Service

Announcements: Donna Stinnett

Offertory: Ray Nix

Scripture: Allah Simmons

January 26, 10:45 AM Service

Announcements: Brenda Sasse

Affirmation of Faith: Sandi Wallace

Scripture: Frank Tulipana



'Tis the Season

I am the property manager for Redbanks Regency Apartments here in Henderson and wanted to send a thank you to all of those who make 'Tis the Season possible!!!!!!

I personally have brought the tenants from our building to the parade and your event for the last five years. I wanted the volunteers to know what a blessing this is for our community. My seniors look so forward every year. Getting to shop in the free Christmas store is such a treat. This year there was some new Christmas cards and they were so excited to get them, as they send each other cards in the building every year. The chili is always wonderful, but the most amazing thing about your event is the way the volunteers treat others!!!! We always feel so welcome the staff take extra time to make sure everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

Thank you again!
Gigi Gentry



P.S. We get a photo every year. Many of the past are gone but seeing their photos of happy times are wonderful memories.



THANK YOU!!!

First UMC members provided gifts for 40 children in the Henderson community! The Salvation Army team was so delighted to see the many wonderful gifts come in for the kids!

Worship With Us!

First Sunday of Each Month at 10:00 A.M.
All Other Sundays at 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.
(Nursery Care is available for children up to age 4)



Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
(The office may close each day for a 30 minute lunch break)
Friday: 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Articles for The Circuit Rider

All articles for the February issue
should be submitted to the church office
by Monday, January 27.

Church Staff

Rev. Janet Carden, *Pastor*

EJ Simmons, *Worship Leader,*

Director of Outreach, Young Adult & Youth Ministries

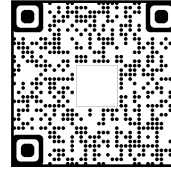
Nikolai Peek, *Director of Choral Ministries, Organist*

Mary Fuller, *Financial Secretary*

Beth Hayes, *Administrative & Executive Assistant*

Gifts to First UMC

may be mailed to the church, given in person
during worship services or church office
hours, or given online by scanning
the QR code below.



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for the Transformation of the World

