



Staying Connected

Newsletter

December Update 2021

UMCOR - founded in 1940 (United Methodist Committee on Relief) **US Disaster Response & Recovery**

UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own.

Currently UMCOR is serving people affected by the December 2021 tornados in Kentucky, Tennessee and Illinois.



If you would like to make a donation to UMCOR, and to make it easy to donate, please send your check to First UMC. We will send 100% of all donations received to UMCOR.

Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States. When disaster strikes, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding—that disaster response is local—forms the foundation for UMCOR's US disaster training and response.

When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, community collaboration to churches and partners making them more resilient to disasters.

Director of Ministries at First UMC

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPR) is pleased to announce that after a thorough search process, several applications received, many meeting and discussions, and two interviews, the best person for the position was offered the position and he has accepted. Allen Johnsey is our Director of Ministries!



Allen may look familiar because he and his family have been attending First UMC for a few years. He is married to Kandi Johnsey and together they have a blended family, Caedmon Johnsey – 16, Mia Johnsey – 15, Kensie Keyes – 12, Abby Johnsey – 11 and Zeke Keyes – 6. Allen has also been serving in our Praise Band during the 9am worship service with his daughters Mia and Kensie.

Both Allen & Kandi graduated from MSHS. Allen received his BS in religion from Liberty University and a Master of Arts in Christian Education from Newburgh Theological Seminary. His hobbies/interests are music, playing and singing with family and the praise band at church, listening to all types of music, and he also plays several instruments.

The SPR and the staff of First UMC is excited to welcome Allen to the staff of First UMC as the Director of Ministries beginning January 3,

A banner for Christmas Eve Services. The background is a photograph of a Christmas tree decorated with lights and a large white star ornament. The text is overlaid on the bottom of the image.

First UMC
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
December 24 | 5 & 7 pm Candlelight & Communion