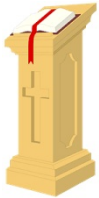


# The Circuit Rider



First United Methodist Church, Harlan  
Monroe Chapel United Methodist Church

JULY 2021



## WELCOME to PASTOR STEVE & ALISON McELROY

Pastor Steve McElroy will begin serving First UMC and Monroe Chapel UMC on **Sunday, July 11th**. Pastor Steve previously served the Norwalk UMC.

With a new minister at our churches, let's all remember to be helpful, friendly, and continually introduce ourselves during this transition time.



## SUNDAY, JULY 11<sup>TH</sup> WORSHIP & POTLUCK

Please join us in welcoming Pastor Steve and his family at 10:30am worship on their first Sunday with us on July 11th.

**A POTLUCK will follow in Fellowship Hall.**

*Please bring a dish to share; drinks and table service provided.*



## ANNUAL BACK PACK OFFERING



On **Sunday, July 18th**, we will take our annual offering that will be used to buy supplies for the Back Pack Project. Every year back packs are donated by the Salvation Army and churches and other organizations take offerings to put toward supplies to fill the back packs. This drive helps Shelby County children who may not be able to get all their supplies by the time school starts.

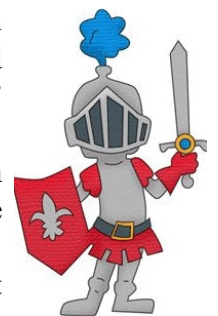
They have handed out 160-170 packs the past few years; back packs are valued a \$25 a piece and we strive to contribute funds for 25 packs, or \$625. *Payable to First UMC*, indicate "back pack" in your memo.

## 2021 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This Summer kids are invited to come for Bible School from **Sunday, August 1st through Thursday, August 5th**, in the evening from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. A full meal will be provided and kids will move through various learning stations. The theme is "Knights of North Castle" and curriculum will be provided by MUMM's, *Mobile United Methodist Missionaries*.

Each evening will be kicked-off together in the Sanctuary, followed by a meal. Kids will then break into small groups and move through music, science, crafts, games, and Bible Story. The evening will end with a send-off in the Sanctuary.

One or two MUMMs will be here to help and provide supplies, but we have to provide the rest of the VOLUNTEERS.



### CAN YOU HELP at Vacation Bible School?

**We need CO-LEADERS for:** science, crafts, and games. *All curriculum is provided and easy to follow!* **We will also need FLOATERS** to go around with the groups and help if needed. Even if you can only help one or two evenings, we will find a place for you.

**Please consider being part of the VBS team and contact the church office!**



VBS Donations: Monetary donations are welcomed to offset meal expenses and donation toward MUMMs. *Payable to First UMC*, indicate "VBS" in your memo. We are thankful for

and rely on the support and service from everyone in the congregation!