

October 28, 2026



Dear First UMC Family and Friends,

We are writing to thank you for your continued support of the ministries and mission of First UMC. We would not be where we are right now without you.

As we begin planning for our 2027 ministry budget, we are reminded of a very simple but complex statement from Jesus to his disciples across the ages:

You are the light of the world... so let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven. (Matthew 5:14, 16)

The church in all its forms is called to be the embodiment of God's love, even if we don't always get it right. And yet, we in the church often get caught up in the culture wars raging around us. When we live in a culture war mode, there is always a battle to fight, a side to take, and a group of people to fear. But when we live into God's kingdom values, letting God's light shine through us, there is always a stranger to welcome, a neighbor to befriend, and an enemy to love.

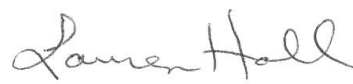
In his first inaugural address, President Abraham Lincoln longed for a time when people would once again be touched, "by the better angels of our nature." These "better angels of our nature", a phrase Mr. Lincoln borrowed from a Shakespeare sonnet, is what we strive together to live into in our discipleship journey as a community of faith called First United Methodist Church.

Your financial gifts to First UMC are an integral part of making our journey together possible.

Please pray for our church as we seek to love God and love our neighbors to the best of our ability. Then prayerfully fill out the enclosed Estimate of Giving / Pledge Card and place it in the offering or mail it to the church by Sunday, Nov. 22nd, 2026.

Thank you for your generous financial support of First United Methodist Church in Lexington as we seek to grow in our love for God and offer that love to all as a light of the world.


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