

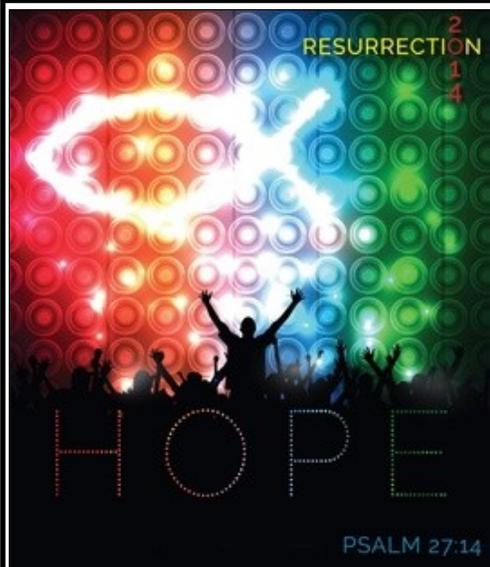
# The First Epistle

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March 2014

## JANUARY



### Church Council Leadership Retreat January 2014

Remembering it's God's Church  
Celebrating Successes  
Stretching Some and then Stretching More  
Accountability  
Honest Communication  
talking and listening

Tackling Tough Issues  
Following Through  
Defining Expectations and Direction  
Making Disciples - loving, forgiving, accepting, learning, believing  
Learning from Mistakes  
of course - eating some  
playing a few games to get to know each other better

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**BUSY**



### RESURRECTION 2014



GATLINBURG  
CONVENTION CENTER

## MONTH for FIRST UMC!!



### REZ KIDS A Family Worship Event



WELCOME  
REZ KIDZ  
JANUARY 19-20



## FEBRUARY was MISSIONS MONTH!

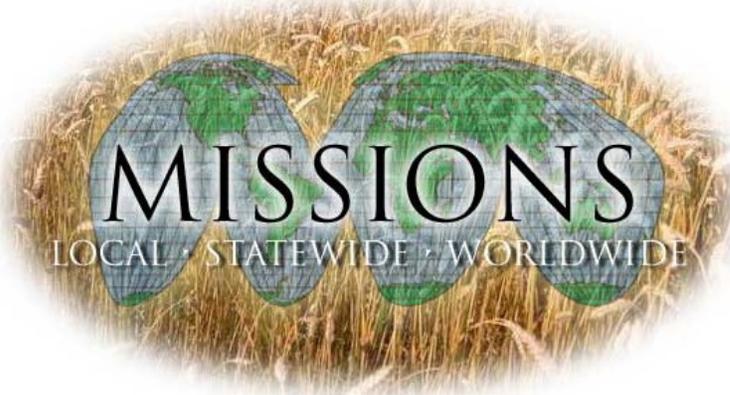


Our February focus on Missions culminated February 23 with Rev Francisco Canas, from the General Board of Global Ministries encouraging us to get involved in the community and to be prepared for what that involvement in the community might mean: that the world has changed and the church must change in order to meet the needs of the world. I believe that we are doing very well with engaging the community around us, welcoming in the stranger, feeding the hungry, and caring for those who are most vulnerable! I know that we can do more, and when we do, WE are blessed. Thank you First United Methodist Church for your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness both here in the church, and there in the world. We received 39 Faith Promise cards totaling \$15,059 and that is amazing; truly a reflection of what God can do and is doing among us. Last year's Faith Promise resulted in 15 Faith Promise cards totaling \$ 9100. This doesn't count the 1500 or so Health Kits for UMCOR, the outreach through our food pantry, the work that took place both at the church and the parsonage February 22. As we prepare to move into the season of Lent, journeying toward the cross with Jesus, for the next 40 days, let us be reminded of those who have never heard the words of our Savior and who do not understand the significance of the Cross for their lives. Let us keep listening and watching at what God is doing among us! Thank you First UMC!!!

Rev. Jane Taylor



**Jan Orchard**, Executive Director, One Acre Café, Jan is a member of Fairview UMC. She is a retired Human Resources manager and has taught in the Washington County schools. One Acre Café is affiliated with the One World Everybody Eats Foundation.



### **Francisco Canas**

I was born and raised in El Salvador, but I have lived in the United States for the last 31 years, 24 of them in the city of Los Angeles, CA, and the last seven years in Fort Lee, NJ. I immigrated to the U.S. at a time when the entire Central American region was under significant turmoil, including the civil war in El Salvador.

I am an ordained Elder of The United Methodist Church and a member of the California-Pacific Annual Conference. I am currently serving as the national coordinator of the National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry (NPHLM) based within the General Board of Global Ministries, where I have been assigned since September 1, 2006.



### **Rachael Barnett**

Rachael is a life-long United Methodist and is a member of Cherokee United Methodist Church. She currently works as a school counselor at Bluff City Middle School. Rachael's experience with United Methodist mission began in 1999 when she participated in a young adult missionary program through the UMC called

the US-2 program. She served as a youth worker at Wesley-Rankin Community Center in Dallas, TX for two years. Rachael returned to ETSU and earned a masters degree in counseling and worked for the Upward Bound program at ETSU for several years. In 2007, Rachael moved to New York and worked for the United Methodist denomination's mission agency, the General Board of Global Ministries. She had the pleasure of working with missionaries from all over the world as they worked to share their stories of hope and love with the church.



### **Boo Hankins:**

Boo is a retired United Methodist minister. He graduated from Hiwassee College, Tennessee Wesleyan and Emory's Candler School of Religion. He is married to Phyllis Ramsey Hankins (presently serving at St Luke's UMC in Bristol), and together they have served many wonderful churches in the Holston conference. The couple have also served as United Methodist Missionaries in three countries. Their first assignment was to the Bay Islands off the coast of Honduras. In 1980, they traveled to Liberia, West Africa, with their two daughters, Rachel and Bethany. Liberia was the very first foreign mission field of American Methodism. They

consider themselves blessed to have served these courageous people, who have suffered through a ten-year Civil War and are now emerging into the light. In 2009, Phyllis and Boo became a part of the most exciting story of United Methodism in the 21st Century – the emerging United Methodist Church in southern Sudan. He served as the District Superintendent in this land that had endured the hardships of war for more than 20 years. With the support of Bishop James Swanson and the churches of Holston Conference, they witnessed the miracle of a growing church and the birth of the newest nation on earth. In regard to his years of ministry, he states, "I have stood on the shoulders of giants, like Melvil B. Cox (first missionary to Liberia) and E. Stanley Jones and many others, and seen the mighty hand of God bringing 'the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation' to some of the darkest places on earth. Shine on Jesus!"



### **Alex Nsengimana**

Growing up in the throes of an unstable Rwandan government, Alex Nsengimana experienced first-hand the travesties of his nation's genocide. After his mother died of HIV/AIDS while he was still very young, Alex, his brother and sister went to live with their grandmother and their uncle. At the height of tribal unrest in 1994, the genocide claimed the lives of his caregivers. Fleeing for his life, Alex escaped gunmen when he fell and they took him for dead. He ended up in an orphanage that would serve as his home for the next several years. Alex received a shoebox from Operation Christmas Child one year after arriving at the orphanage and remembers being so excited to have a gift to call his own. Alex was selected to join the African Children's Choir and traveled to Uganda to train and began touring in the U.S. Now Alex lives in North Carolina and speaks on behalf of Operation Christmas Child around the country.



### **Randy Riddle**

Director, Operation Christmas Child, Domestic (USA) In 1996, Randy felt called to serve with Samaritan's Purse and the Operation Christmas Child program and the Lord continues to affirm that calling today. Now serving as the Domestic Director for the US, his role is to steward all aspects of the program inside the US. He credits God's blessing and provision for Operation Christmas Child's shoebox increase annually as well as the tremendous growth in volunteer partnership. Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has sent more than 100 million shoe box gifts, paired with the Gospel to children living in difficult circumstances in more than 130 countries. Prior to joining Operation Christmas Child, Randy served as the Assistant Director of Alumni Development for Marketing and Field Activity at Appalachian State University where he established volunteer led alumni clubs and chapters; as well as managed the marketing of the Alumni Association nationwide. Randy and his wife, Rebecca, live in Boone, NC with their three children; Reilly (11), Cooper (8), and Mary-Kathryn (7).

# February: Missions Month



February missions are complete thanks to all the planning and volunteers that participated throughout the whole month. After hearing the three different missionaries the first three Sundays we were ready to do our own mission work right here in Johnson City. On February 22nd we had mission Saturday which was kicked off with our monthly food pantry distribution followed by a lunch. After we had all nourished our bodies for mission work it was time to get busy. There were several projects in and around the church and the parsonage.

"We had a wonderful Saturday at the Pantry food distribution. With our faithful volunteers working together, we distributed 111 food boxes. Also our food giveaway was a little extra special thanks to local Long John Silvers, South Roan Street, partnering with us by providing a \$5.00 gift card to each family member for a complete meal of fish or chicken.

Families were so excited to be able to take the whole family and sit down together for a hot meal. We had the corporate Vice President and the Regional Manager from Long Johns Silvers visit and stayed for the morning. They were very impressed with what we are doing for our community and plan to return with more coupons for next month. We also had coverage on WCYB television. Long John Silvers has already placed a barrel in the restaurant to collect food items for our pantry."

Peggy, Polly and Serena



## Soup's ON



"800 health kits were completed and, when combined with those from last year, we have a total of 1695 kits to send to Sager Brown. The youth will be taking them down as part of their mission trip this summer. UMCOR asks us to send \$2 per health kit, \$1 for toothpaste and \$1 to subsidize the shipping overseas. The total needed for this is \$3,390. We presently have \$1,580 and are still in need of \$1,810. Anyone who is led to help contribute is welcome to designate to health kit shipping. There were approximately 70 people serving in the community and at church on February 22, this includes those that served at the Food Pantry Saturday morning."



Serena Crowder



## Work at the Parsonage

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The light's always on at First Church!





# Health Kits Assembled





TREES



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to  
HELP  
the



NEIGHBORHOOD!

**BEFORE BRISTOL  
MOTOR SPEEDWAY,  
THERE  
WAS...**



**...TOM  
EORGAN!**

THE FRIENDSHIP CLASS INVITES YOU TO JOIN US  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2014**

IN THE CHURCH PARLOR  
TO  
**HONOR THE PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE**

WITH OUR VERY OWN  
**TOM EORGAN**  
(FORMER RACE CAR DRIVER)

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MORNING SERVICE  
DISPLAYS AND REFRESHMENTS

**YOU GOTTA' SEE THIS !!!**

# CHURCH MOBILIZATION NETWORK

## Informational Meetings

The Church Mobilization Network (CMN) is designed to connect churches to collectively respond to needs in our community through agencies & services that already exist. These are informational meetings only. No obligation!

**March 19th at 2:00pm**

Please RSVP to [jan@summitlife.org](mailto:jan@summitlife.org). Questions? Call us at 423-283-7557.

First United Methodist Church has become a member of the Church Mobilization Network. This was done through private donations of \$100 per month. This network puts our church in a working collaboration with up to 100 other churches and local organizations in our community.

Do you know someone needing food, clothing, a place to live, counseling,

furniture, child care, a job, or any of a number of other needs? The poor and those in need are dear to the heart of God. When the church serves those in need with humility and compassion, it demonstrates the grace and love of God in a visible form.

**Mission:** To connect churches in order to effectively and efficiently meet needs in our community by demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ through acts of service and generosity.

The **Church Mobilization Network** is designed to connect churches to collectively respond to needs in our community through agencies and services that already exist. These agencies are open for receiving assistance from churches. Many are overwhelmed and underfunded. With budget cutbacks in government programs, the church has an amazing opportunity to step up and meet both the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors. The needs in a community can be overwhelming for any one congregation. If we, the body of Christ, could collaborate, however, and access systems that are already in place, we could have a huge impact in our community and for the Kingdom.

In joining the **Church Mobilization Network**, FUMC and its individual members are also eligible for other benefits and resources through Summit Leadership. Some of them include workshops (free or reduced prices), leadership classes, services to church staff, special events like the marriage seminar and evangelism workshop and meeting space outside the church facility.

*For more information or a desire to become more involved, contact Brian Rosecrance at 747-4671.*

***If we are ever going to gain back the influence of the church in America and in the world, it's going to be built on how well we serve those in need. This is a leadership issue modeled by the sacrificial servant leadership of Jesus.***

## ART SHOW



### The Children's Department is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Art Show and Auction.

- ◆ Anyone, young or old, can submit work.
- ◆ Maximum 3 entries per person
- ◆ Please frame, mount, or matte all 2D work.
- ◆ All types of work will be accepted—paintings, ceramics, quilts, cross stitch, sculpture, etc.
- ◆ All work due by March 29, 2014 and is to be donated for auction
- ◆ Art work will be displayed at First United Methodist Church and at Nelson Fine Arts.

A Men's Retreat:

# "Simple Retreat"

April 4 - 6

The Summit Life "Simple" Retreat is a leadership retreat for men to reflect and adjust their course throughout the year. The retreat is "simple" because it has minimal programming and a lot of quiet and reflective time built in. This a retreat for those who need to unplug to reflect, renew, rest, and relate to other leaders who face similar challenges and opportunities.



\*\* This retreat is limited to 12 participants \*\*

**WHEN:** April 4-6, 2014 - Check in begins at 2:00pm  
**WHERE:** Fairhaven Ministries, 2198 Ripshin Mountain Rd., Roan Mountain, TN  
**COST:** \$200 per person and includes comfortable lodging, all meals, snacks, and resources. For more details, email Dave McAuley at: dave@summitlife.org

Organizer: Summit Leadership Foundation  
Phone: 423-283-7557  
Website: www.summitlife.org

## Young at Heart Outing on April 3rd

Each attendee is responsible for their registration.  
The bus will leave the Pine Street parking lot at 9:30am.  
Call the church office to reserve your seat on the bus or meet us there!

### Registration Form

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Name(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street or PO Box

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip

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Home Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Church

Please detach registration form and return by March 28 with your payment of \$10 per person to:

Senior Adult Gathering  
Johnson City District UMC  
2615 S. Roan St., Suite 106  
Johnson City, TN 37601-7685

Make check payable to:  
Johnson City District UMC

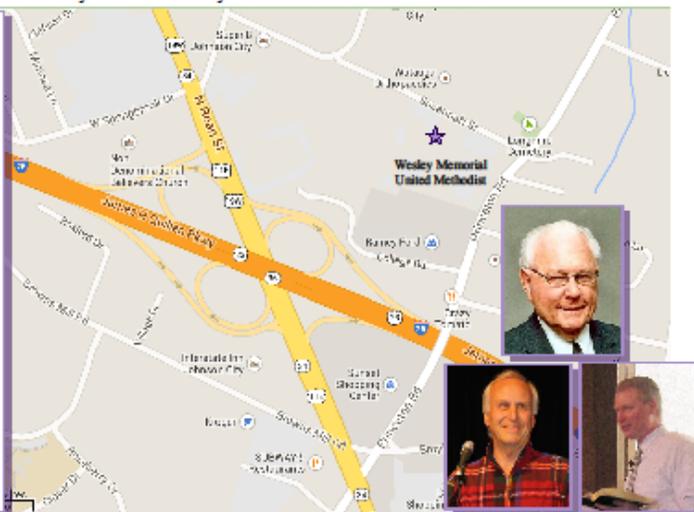
# Senior Adult Gathering

Thursday, April 3, 2014  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Wesley Memorial UMC  
225 Princeton Rd, Johnson City

Sponsored by the Johnson City District UMC Senior Adult Council

**Keynote Speaker**  
Rev. Bill Carter  
**Storyteller**  
Leon Overbay  
**Devotion Leader**  
Rev. Gerald Casson  
**Music**  
Betty and Rick Range  
**Cost: \$10**

**Registration Deadline:**  
March 28  
**Schedule:**  
10:00 am Registration  
10:30 am Devotions  
10:45 am Music  
11:05 Storytelling  
11:30 Break  
11:45 Worship  
12:30 Lunch



**Special Offering:**  
Come prepared to give generously to support Good Samaritan Ministries

Please pre-register by March 28 so the host church can be prepared with the correct number of meals.



### **Prayer Walks Planning Session**

To: All those interested in participating in neighborhood prayer walks  
Meeting: Sunday, March 30, 2014, at 3:00pm  
Location: FUMC Parlor  
Purpose: Planning  
Questions: Contact Fran Waterbury at 434-9139



### **Operation Christmas Child Update**

The FUMC shoebox gifts we collected in November were sent to Dominican Republic, Colombia, Ghana, Ukraine, Namibia, and Madagascar. These gifts are often the first step on a child's journey to faith in Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your generous support!

### **2014 Holston Evangelism Conference: Vital Congregations**

**March 14-15, 2014**

Cokesbury Center ~ Knoxville, TN  
Featuring keynote speaker Jorge Acevedo, Lead Pastor,  
Grace Church, Coral Gables, FL

Registration Deadline: Thursday, March 6  
Cost: \$35/person (\$200 maximum per church group)  
(includes lunch on Saturday for all attendees who pre-register)  
Online registration: [EvangelismConference.Holston.org](http://EvangelismConference.Holston.org)

Registration forms are available in the narthex,  
connector or church office.

### **Youth Minister Search Underway**

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPR) appointed a short-term sub-committee to look at the youth ministry position and make a recommendation to SPR. They have received those recommendations and have put out advertisements for a part-time youth position. SPR is also looking at other needs for staff within the church and hoping to make the best decision for the whole church. SPR has also worked on job descriptions and an employee handbook. Evaluations of all staff will be completed soon.

### **Care Committee**

When there is a death in our church, the Care Committee assists the family by providing a meal for them either before or after the service. We are in the process of updating our list of volunteers. If you would like to serve in this greatly appreciated ministry, would like additional information or, if you are no longer able to serve, please call Ann Mohap at 282-1055 or email [missann@charter.net](mailto:missann@charter.net).

### **A Food Pantry Need**

The Pantry would appreciate donations of shampoo and dishwashing liquids. Smaller bottles would be best.  
Your help is appreciated!

### **Volunteers Needed**

The Communications Pillar is looking for people with computer experience, particularly in Publisher, to help with the bi-monthly church newsletter. If you are interested, please call the church office at 423-928-9222, ext. 1.



**Explore. Discover.  
Study. Live.**

**"Downton JC"**

Sundays at 4:30pm  
Fellowship Hall

Go back in time to see how the themes of Downton Abbey relate to our modern day church and our lives today.

The more things change the more they stay the same is all too true as we study the Crawley family. We will start from the beginning so don't worry if you aren't up on the Crawley family and the happenings at Downton Abbey.

Immerse yourself in a time gone by and learn to live in the present.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UMCmarket

#### **Together Supporting Our Church**

Sign up today at

**www.UMCmarket.org**

and start making micro-donations to the church every time you shop online!

Thanks to everyone who has already signed up and shopped online, we just received our first check with accumulated donations of \$100 for December 2013!

### Chancel Flowers

With the new year, we are beginning a new chancel flower schedule.

If you would like to place a silk floral arrangement in the sanctuary in honor or memory of a friend or loved one, please call the church office at 423-928-9222, ext. 1, to reserve a Sunday.

## THANK YOU

Our thanks to Long John Silvers, S. Roan St., Johnson City in conjunction with FUMC has initiated a "Feed the Hungry Program" project. For the next six months, meal coupons will reach families through the church Food Pantry Distribution held the fourth Saturday of each month at the Neighborhood Center on W. Maple St.

Long John Silvers contributed coupons for fish or chicken meals on Saturday, February 22nd.

The coupons will be honored at local Long John Silvers sites. This project will assist struggling families through the remaining winter and spring months until locally grown produce can fill some of the needs.

## Wednesday Niter



Make plans now to attend!  
The menus are, as follows:

### March 12th

Meatloaf, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Apples, Salad Bar, Bread & Dessert

Kid's Meal: Corn Dogs, Apples & Dessert

### March 19th

Taco Salad, Corn, Refried Beans, Bread, Dessert

Kid's Meal: Soft Tacos & Corn

### March 26th

Chicken & Dressing, Green Beans w/ Small potatoes, Cranberry Jello, Salad Bar, Bread & Dessert

Kid's Meal: Grilled Cheese & Applesauce

Call the church office  
(423-928-9222, ext. 1)  
to make your reservations.

### Wednesday Niter Schedule **March through May**

Come join us for fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth!

March 5<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday service after Wednesday Niter Dinner  
March 12<sup>th</sup> - Group study  
March 19<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>

Small Group Studies:

**Work as Worship**

**A Disciple's Path**

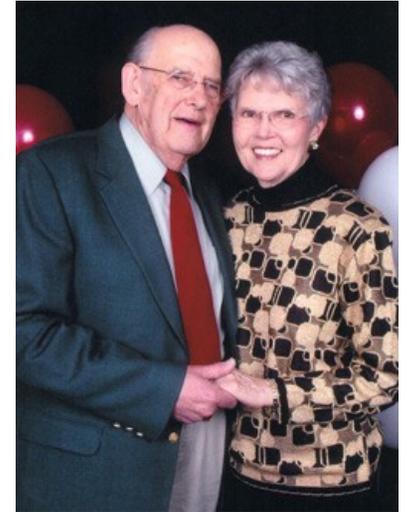
**When Christians Get it Wrong**

May 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> - Group study  
May 21<sup>st</sup> - Cookout at Powell Square Park

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to:

Boy Scout Troop #36, who were overall champions of Camp 1 at the Klondike Derby in February.



Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gouge, 806 Hiwassee Heights Drive, Johnson City, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014, with a surprise brunch given by their children at the Johnson City Country Club. The couple were married on Feb. 2, 1954, at Valley Forge United Methodist Church by the Rev. Ed Bishop.

Mr. Gouge retired from Earl's Men's Shop clothing store as owner.

Mrs. Gouge is the former Betty Jane Saylor. She is retired from Snelling & Snelling Personnel as an administrative secretary.

The couple have four children, Jerry Gouge and wife Misty of Knoxville, Kevin Gouge of Jacksonville, Fla., Kim Gouge Minutolo and husband Joe of Maryville, and Andy Gouge and fiancée Beth Ragaglia of Johnson City; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Carrie Denny recently passed her State Boards and is now a Registered Nurse! Congrats, Carrie!



The children and their families recently took a trip to Gatlinburg, TN for Rezkidz. We all had a wonderful time! We saw Go Fish, a children's Christian band; Dennis Lee, a ventriloquist; and Tommy Toombs, a multi-talented speaker. The focus of the event was on the importance of family and the responsibility we have to the children of this world. The message from each speaker/performer was moving and powerful. We look forward to going back next year and taking the children and parents who were unable to go!

Children's programs for March:

Sunday school rotation theme: Jesus as a boy

The children will learn what life was like for the child, Jesus.

**Kings Kids** - We are currently studying from the book of Exodus. We began in Genesis, learning about Abraham and his family. When Kati and I saw the children's excitement of really learning the Bible we decided to continue chronologically. Now God has freed the Israelites from Egypt, with Moses as their (well not always) fearless leader. God has delivered them through the Red Sea, fed them manna, helped Moses and Jethro choose leaders, and literally shaken Mt. Sinai and covered it with cloud, thunder, and lightning. The Israelites have praised God in song and worship, complained a lot, and have been in fear and awe of God.

**Wednesday Niter**- We are doing a book study from The Kids Travel Guide of the Beatitudes.

**Pathways to Jesus (PTJ)** - Sunday evenings (dinner at 5:30, program 6-7)

**Camp Information Meeting – March 23 - 2:30pm**

**Let's Get Our Kids to One of Our Conference Camps THIS Summer  
Early Bird Deadline is Coming Soon!**

As you know, Buffalo Mountain Camp is in a time of study and recovery and will not be able to host summer camp this summer. However, Holston Conference Camping is very interested in getting our children and youth to one of our other Conference Camps where they will experience wonderful theology, great camp staff, the gift of Christian community - life-changing weeks in God's beautiful outdoors. It is our thinking that our families might feel more comfortable sending their children to one of our other three conference camps, if you had a chance to meet the camp staff and hear about the programs more directly. So, please join us at 2:30pm on Sunday, March 23rd at Munsey Memorial UMC in room LL10. for an informational meeting. Buffalo Mountain Camp Director, Jason Onks will be the host for the information session. We will meet Mollianne Reese, Summer Director at Wesley Woods and Michael Snow, Director of Camp Dickenson. Jason will also offer information about how he is willing to help to get our children/youth to and from the various camps this summer if we can get a minimum number for particular weeks. He has several weeks available for possible transport. For information on Holston Conference Camping's summer camp opportunities go to:

[www.campdickenson.com](http://www.campdickenson.com), [www.campwesleywood.com](http://www.campwesleywood.com) or  
[www.camplookout.com](http://www.camplookout.com).

Brandy Robinson, Director of Children's Ministries:

Email: [children.fumc@charter.net](mailto:children.fumc@charter.net) Office: 423-928-9222, ext. 7

Cell: 423-483-2980

## Worship Volunteer Schedule

### March 16

B/A/C: Macy Shell, Josie Roberts & Debbie Shell  
Children's Message: Miriam Robinson  
Nursery: Judy Cook  
King's Kids: Sharon Cradic  
Prayer: Art Eckerson  
Greeters-8:30: Cathie & Brian Rosecrance  
Greeters—10:30: Janet Mentgen, Mendy Hall, Judy Cook & Bob Peebles  
Audio/Visual: Jeff Crowder / John Cradic

### March 23

B/A/C: Zane Huff, Rowan Mills & Emma Berning  
Children's Message: Drew Cradic  
King's Kids: Janine Berning  
Prayer: Ben Peebles  
Greeters—8:30: Jamee Roberts  
Greeters—10:30: Novice Gross, Buck & Mary McClellan, Betty Gouge & Nathan Uelhof  
Audio/Visual: Nathan Uelhof / Jeff Crowder

### March 30

B/A/C: Scotty Bouton, Elijah Robinson & Frankie Cradic  
Children's Message: Helen Mills  
King's Kids: Mike Scott  
Prayer: Cathy Peebles  
Greeters—8:30: Kent & Midge Merrill  
Greeters—10:30: Katie Mahoney, Ernie & Jo Cross, Grier Washam & Dianna Boarman  
Audio/Visual: Karl Kapoor / Chuck Short

### April 6

B/A/C: Claudia Davidson, Jordan Fennessy & Martha Campbell  
Communion Servers: Johnny Humphreys, Jesse Ford and Connie Shorter  
Prayer: Joann Boyd  
Greeters—8:30: Mike & Jane Eddy  
Greeters—10:30: Linda Talley, Luanne Love, Barbara LeClair & Sharon Cradic

### April 13

B/A/C: Alex Uelhof, Emma Berning & E.J. Bailey  
Children's Message: Rev. Bill Carter  
Prayer: Katie Walker  
Greeters—8:30: Polly Crowder  
Greeters—10:30: Joanne Peterson, Art Eckerson, Bonnie Sampson & Janice Williams

If you would like to serve as an usher, please contact Joanne Peterson at: 423-928-5780.

BAC = Beadle / Acolyte / Crucifer



**Senior Adult Conference**

Tuesday, April 1, 2014 ~ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Munsey Memorial UMC

A fun filled day of workshops and vendors with services of importance to seniors. Our main story teller will be Rev. Charles Maynard. Cost is \$5 which includes lunch. Reservations required. Brochures/ Registration forms will be available soon.

There will be morning and afternoon breakout sessions. They are:

- 1) Passing your legacy to the next generation- Amy Holmes
- 2) Normal memory loss vs. abnormal memory loss- Tracey Kendall-Wilson
- 3) Shingles & Chickenpox, with a few tips from your friend the Pharmacist-students from the college of Pharmacy
- 4) Safety for seniors at home & on the internet- JC Police Dept & Ed Temple, Munsey IT
- 5) Estate planning/ when you out live your money- Roger Redding, Holston Foundation & Billie Farthing, Attorney
- 6) Hospice- what is it & how can it help- Anna Butler, Hospice Chaplin

PLEASE NOTE: This event is IN ADDITION to our semi-annual Senior Adult Gathering, scheduled for Thursday, April 3.

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**FUMC—Year Ending Financial Report for 2013**

What a year it was! 2013 was marked with change and revitalization as we sharpened our focus on ministering to our community’s needs. We said farewell to our friends the Brackens and have embraced our new pastor, Jane Taylor. We purchased and demolished the big green house next door, and that property is now part of our landscape. We’re reaching out to our community through ministries that welcome and involve our neighbors. We have a growing ministry for young adults. Our children’s program is flourishing. The food pantry is growing to keep up with the need for it. We’re developing new leaders and building stronger relationships within our congregation. We’re spreading the love of Jesus at home and around the world. And yet we have much more to do on our mission of “making more and better disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

<u>2013 Financial Results</u>	<b>2013 Ending Balance</b>	<b>2013 Budget</b>
<b><u>Budget</u></b>		
General Revenues	529,895	584,300
Operating Expenses	560,368	584,300
Surplus/(Deficit)	(30,473)	-
<b><u>Debt Service:</u></b>		
Offerings toward Debt Service	77,180	79,700
Principal and Interest Paid	79,619	79,700
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,439)	-
<b><u>Total Operating Costs:</u></b>		
Total Offerings	607,075	664,000
Total Needed	639,987	664,000
Surplus/(Deficit)	(32,912)	-

Thank you for your generous financial support of the church’s ministries. Unfortunately, we ended 2013 with a deficit of about \$33,000 that had to be covered using the church’s financial reserves. But, God continues to bless us abundantly, and we are grateful to have had those reserves to draw upon at this time in the life of our church.

FUMC’s plans for 2014 are ambitious, and so is our budget. All of our tithes and offerings are a gift to God entrusted to the church for Kingdom work. Please pray that He will guide each of us in doing our part to enable First United Methodist Church to fulfill the role that He has for us in our neighborhood and the world.

## GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Gifts have been given in memory of **Helen Billings** by:  
The Wesley Class of First UMC and Sue McGaha.

Gifts have been given in memory of **Bob Treadway** by:  
Mary & Buck McClellan; Jane Childers; Suzy & Stephen Cradic; Lana & Mike Scott; Dean Shultz; Mary Chambers; Martha Squibb; Karen & John Colvert; Mary Lee Smith.

Katherine Bailey has given gifts in memory of **Glenn Dennis** and **Tom Patton**.

Gifts have been given in memory of **Hunt Archer** by:  
Sybil & Joe Richardson, Jr.; Regions Bank; Dr. & Mrs. John R. Esther.

Thelma Britton has given gifts in memory of **Mary Helen Shearin, Bob Treadway** and **Tom Patton**.

Gifts have been given in memory of **Mary Helen Shearin** by:  
Edna Nadeau and Ann Patton.

## IN SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathies to:

Theresa Billings and the family & friends of **Helen Billings**, who passed away on Tuesday, February 11;

Greg & Rhonda Simmons and family in the death of their nephew, **Chris Simmons**, who passed away on February 14; and,

the family & friends of **Melba Goulding**, who passed away on February 28.



### Family Promise of Greater Johnson City Honors Brian Rosecrance

On Sunday, December 1, 2013, friends of Brian Rosecrance and of Family Promise of Greater Johnson City gathered to honor the organization's founding Executive Director. Brian retired on December 31, 2013, after more than 13 years of faithful service to the organization. Under Brian's steady leadership, the non-profit agency has grown and flourished since opening its doors in the fall of 2000. Brian was first hired as part-time fundraiser, and later, in 1999, as the founding executive director, helping to launch the organization under its former name: Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Johnson City, TN. Before even opening the doors to homeless families, Brian helped build partnerships in the community and recruited the original host and support congregations. In October of 2000, the organization, the 76th Family Promise affiliate nationwide, officially opened its doors to welcome in and serve families facing homelessness.

Brian recalls that first day, sitting in his office on the fifth floor of the old Hamilton Bank building in downtown Johnson City. "I sat there waiting for the phone to ring, for the first family to contact us in need of help," he recalls. "Then I started to get worried; and I thought, 'what if no one comes?'" As he has with every other challenge that has come down the pike since, Brian met this first obstacle by getting to work. He hit the streets and spent time hanging up additional fliers in laundromats, the bus station, and the public library. The next week, the first family called and came into the program.

Now in its 14th year of operations, FPJC has served more than 500 homeless and low income families. The staff has grown to four full time positions. The organization has relocated its day center from the Thankful Center to the Salvation Army, and now to its current location at 210 W. Fairview Ave., where it has been since 2005. He executed a capital campaign to purchase the property next door, 208 W. Fairview Ave. This building serves as the resource center office, and houses staff offices and resource labs to assist families in their pursuit of regaining stability. The organization has added a transitional housing program, Families Moving Home, and other program components over the years. The constant throughout all these years and all these changes has been Brian, leading, encouraging, guiding the organization.

There are few who better embody the virtues of commitment and steadfastness than Brian. His tireless work, his compassion, and his dedication to the ministry and the families served is truly remarkable. He will be missed. However, just as Brian trusted that the first family would show up, we trust today that God is providing and will continue to provide what is needed for the next stage of our journey as an organization.

~ Aaron Scott, FPJC Development Manager

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**SUNDAYS:**

8:15am Early Service  
9:15am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship Service  
4:30pm Children's Music & Play Practice  
4:30pm "Downton JC" Group Study  
5:30pm Pathways to Jesus (PTJ)  
5:30pm Snack Supper  
6:00pm UMYF

**WEDNESDAYS:**

5:30pm Wednesday Niter  
6:30pm Youth/Adult/Children  
Small Group Studies  
7:30pm Chancel Choir

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**Soup Labels & Box Tops Needed!**

The UMW requests your help in collecting Campbell's soup labels and General Mills box tops (for education) for our missions at Red Bird Mission School. For soup labels, clip only the UPC label. Please be sure that the complete barcode and the "Labels for Education" trademark remains intact. Place labels and box tops in one of the collection containers which have been placed around the church for your convenience.

**United Methodist Women**

**Circle 1**

Thursday, March 13, at 10:00am  
Joann Boyd, hostess

**Circle of Hope**

Tuesday, March 25, at 7:00pm  
Katie Mahoney & Judy Cook,  
co-hostesses—Church Parlor

**UMW General Meeting**

Thursday, April 3  
Executive Committee: 10:00am  
General Meeting & Luncheon: 11:00am  
Hosted by Circle 2

**Circle of Friends:**

Friday, April 4, at 6:30pm



**April 25—27:**

Assembly of United Methodist Women  
Louisville, KY

**May 17—18:**

Spiritual Enrichment Experience  
Lake Junaluska, NC

**June 8—11:**

Holston Annual Conference  
Lake Junaluska, NC

**July 17—19:**

Holston Conference Mission Education  
Event, Central UMC, Lenoir City, TN

**August 9:**

Social Action Worship  
First UMC, Morristown, TN