

Wednesday Night Fellowship

November 18, 2015

Meal: Chicken & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Bread, Dessert

Program(s) for 18 Nov.:

- (1) The Daniel Plan - Group Program
- (2) "Turnips and Tinsel" presented by Fran Waterbury - session three
- (3) Ceramics Class by Nancy Honeycutt

Reservations please by Tuesday 11/17 indicate # of people:

- \$6.50 ____ Adults & Children 12 or older
 \$3.00 ____ Children age 3-11 (meal above) or
 \$3.00 ____ Children 3- 11 (PBJ/Applesauce)
 \$6.50 ____ To Go Orders (reservation required)
- Cost: Excluding To Go orders, \$22 maximum for a family of 4—each additional family member over age 11 is \$5.50; age 3-11 \$3.00.

NAME: _____

You can pay online (thru the QR code) or via website or pay on Wednesday night. You can tear off this tab to register or register online.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP NEXT WEEK ON NOVEMBER 25; CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NEXT THUR/FRI, NOV. 26/27

Wednesday Night Programs for the rest of 2015

December 2, 9, 16, 23:

Church-Wide Advent Sessions: Fellowship Hall

Other Upcoming Calendar Items:

- Food Pantry Distribution Day - Nov 21
 Christ the King Sunday - November 22
First Sunday of Advent - November 29
Holiday Taste of 1stChurch - December 6
Reindeer Run for ELC - December 12



ELECTRONIC GIVING AVAILABLE

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TEAR OFF PORTION OF BULLETIN - USE TO REGISTER FOR WED NIGHT MEAL; PRAYER REQUEST; EVEN A BOOKMARK!

WELCOME 1ST CHURCH GUESTS!

"We hope you find worship here to be a way to experience the love of Jesus Christ."

--from pastor Jane Taylor speaking for all in the congregation

For Your Information:

Restrooms are located directly behind the sanctuary. There is a **nursery** for children (infant to 4 yrs of age). Our ushers or greeters can lead or direct you there **if you desire**.

If you would like to consider **becoming a member** of our church family, we invite you to do so. Please speak to the pastor or indicate so on the attendance slip.

An **AED** is located in the CONNECT-OR; TOP FLOOR; go through door at the front and to the right side of sanctuary.

Church Staff:

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 Billy Walker, Dir. of Worship & Music
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 Finley Cook, Wednesday Night Chef
 Christi Henn, Tabitha Cox, Nursery
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WEEKLY CALENDAR SUMMARY NOV 15 - NOV 21

SUNDAY, NOV 15

- 9:15a Sunday School
 10:30a Worship Service
 11:30a The Branch Worship Service
 3:00p SongFest 2015 - a benefit for Family Promise at Milligan
 4:30p Children & Youth Afternoon & Evening Programs
 6:15p Evening Worship Service - Everyone Invited

7:00p Circle of Hope - Church Parlor

WEDNESDAY, NOV 18

- 10:00a Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due at church
 5:45p Wed. Night Fellowship
 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY, NOV 19

- 7:00p Communication Pillar Mtg.
 7:30p East TN Int. Folk Dancers

MONDAY, NOV 16

- 7:00p Boy Scouts - Troop #36
 7:00p Southside Neighborhood Mtg. At Neighborhood Center
 8:00p College/Young Adult Group at Neighborhood Center

FRIDAY, NOV 20

- 10:00a Melting Pot - FUMC Serves

SATURDAY, NOV 21

- 10:00a Community Mission Food Distribution at the Neighborhood Center

TUESDAY, NOV 17

- 4:00p Program Staff Meeting

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Ernie Walker, Ken Talley, Dale Schmitt
GREETERS: Dale and Karen Schmitt, Bill McClellan, Bonnie Sampson, Bob Peebles
PRAYER: Mike Eddy **CROSSBEARER:** Molly Huff
ACOLYTE: Claudia Davidson **BEADLE:** Zane Huff
AUDIOVISUAL: Karl Kapoor



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 Reverend Jane Taylor, Pastor

Celebrating the Gospel
November 15, 2015 10:30 am

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: We gather today to praise God - our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
People: We gather knowing that in all things, God's love and faithfulness will endure.
- Leader: We gather in full confidence of the Gospel's message of grace and salvation.
People: We gather to encourage and support each other, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to learn to be God's instruments of grace in our community.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" **No. 64**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- Leader: Father, we confess that we allow many things to keep us from living our faith.
People: Sometimes we allow greed and fear to stifle our generosity,
 Leader: and social pressure to silence our witness,
People: and busyness to snuff out our prayers,
 Leader: and love of ease to discourage our service,
People: and laziness to keep us from sharing
 Leader: and pride to limit our love
People: and self-centeredness to freeze our compassion.
 Leader: Whatever it is, Lord, that is keeping us from practicing our faith,
People: may we leave it behind, and follow you.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: In this be confident: whatever we sacrifice for the sake of Christ will be rewarded beyond our fondest hopes. My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called to new life in Him. AMEN.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 10:11-25

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN OF REFLECTION** "Mighty to Save" **Supplement No. 3038**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** **No. 94**

***GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 13:1-8

ANTHEM "I Need Thee Every Hour"

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

*I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee
O bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee!*

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou near by;
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.

SERMON "The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same"
Rev. Jane Taylor

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" **No. 711**

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

***Beautiful Savior, Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of man!***

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be thine.

***A TIME FOR GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

Coming soon will be an insert for the bulletin listing 1stChurch activities and events during the Advent Season. If your class or other group would like any event listed on the church calendar as well as on the Advent Activities list, please write it down on the tear off portion of the bulletin, call the church office and leave a message, or email the church office at office.fumc@charter.net.

Thank you.

Announcements:

- **Operation Christmas Child** - Boxes are due **Nov 18**. There are pre-decorated boxes available in the church office; leaflets with instructions too.
- **New Opportunities to Volunteer and Serve:** Please contact Drew Cradic (or Lisa Reis or Bree Nelson) if you have interest in learning how you can be involved in children and youth ministry as a short term volunteer. The harvest is plenty, we need you!
- **Stewardship Pledges** are still **encouraged, welcomed** and **needed** in order to plan and support the budget for 2016.

Children's Dept: **Children's Christmas Shopping Day**, Saturday, December 12

WE NEED YOUR HELP! This event has been a huge success, and lots of fun, in years past. You are asked to donate items, either new, almost new, or gently used which will be priced appropriately for children to purchase as gifts for their loved ones. Please bring the items and leave them in the Open Door Classroom (diagonally across from the pastor's office). We need lots of giftable items for the children to buy. The proceeds from the event go to the children's department.



UMW BAKE SALE and CERAMIC & CRAFT SALE Sunday, November 22 before Sunday School and before & after the 10:30 Worship Service. Please plan to make something for the sale and/or buy something offered for sale. The funds will be used for special projects in the Church. Thank you in advance for your participation!

PRAYER CONCERNS

The concern, and prayers, will continue but it is time to clear the prayer list and start a new one. Please submit any requests or prayer concerns you have to the pastor, staff and others in the congregation to take to God in prayer. You may use the tear off portion of bulletin.

Clare Warren, parents, & grandparents
Jane Eddy and her parents
Ralph and Joan Garland
Evelyn Moore
Carrie Denny
Chuck Short
Bonnie and Clay Marrs
Carol Anne Milliken
Mary McClellan
Scott Huff
Judy Story, Heather Woodall and family
Ann Patton
Amy Dryburgh
Bobbie Wells
Linda Stanley

Daniel Harbaugh
Ginger Rutherford
Aldon and Betty Speer
William Bailey's father-in-law, Mr. Jaynes
Kathy Short (Chuck/Karen Short's mom)
Sue McGaha
Jaimee Norman
Vivian Eckerson
Crystal Rosecrance
Judy Cook
Tom and Shirley Palmer
Mike Scott and family
Larry Street and family
Carroll Waterbury

Nov. 15, 2015 Prayer Requests
Publish in bulletin? __Y __N

Requested by:

Words of Gratitude

A special "Thank You" to all who made the Clare's Closet project a huge success. We currently have distributed around 100 coats, sweaters, hoodies or other outerwear! This was all possible because of your many donations and the volunteers who generously gave their time to organize donated items on the Saturday "Inasmuch" Day as well as those who helped with the actual distribution on Saturday, October 31. Plans are now being made to open the closet at least once a month during the winter season. The donation box will remain in the connector if you come across more winter wear items to donate. Thank you FUMC for being such a caring faith family!



More Praise to God:

With thankful hearts, we, the church staff, would like to thank the congregation for the outpouring of appreciation expressed to us in the form of comments, pats on the back, cards, notes, emails, and financial gifts during October's Pastor and Staff Appreciation Month. We love this church - - the people and the ministry, as well as our community. It is a privilege to serve along side of you doing Kingdom work.

Thank you for all you do for God's church and for the staff.

1stChurch Pastor, Jane and Staff

