

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK; ALSO CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26 & 27

Wednesday Night Programs for the rest of 2015

December 2, 9, 16, 23:

Church-Wide Advent Sessions: Fellowship Hall

FIFTH SUNDAY BREAKFAST NOV 29

All are welcome to come to the 5th Sunday Fellowship Breakfast and Devotional at 9:15 am on Sunday morning, Nov. 29. Bring a breakfast item, casserole, fruit, or other to share with the group. Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Early Learning Center & FUMC

4th Annual 5K

Reindeer Run & Santa Stroll



**Saturday,
December
12, 2015**

First Church Friends and Members:

- (1) You can **register** to walk or run
- (2) You can **volunteer** to help on the day of the event
- (3) You can **give a donation** to sponsor this fundraising event.

See church website for all information or contact ELC or Kathie Battista.



ELECTRONIC GIVING AVAILABLE

Scan this QR code

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 **CONNECTOR; 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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Rhonda Simmons, Treasurer

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Finley Cook, Wednesday Night Chef

Christi Henn, Tabitha Cox, Nursery

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WEEKLY CALENDAR SUMMARY NOV 22 - 28

SUNDAY, NOV 22

8:45a UMW Bake and Craft Sale

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship Service

11:30a The Branch Worship Service

4:30p Children & Youth Afternoon &

Evening Programs

5:30 Connections Pillar - Conf. Room

6:15p Evening Worship Service

MONDAY, NOV 23

11:00a Full Staff Meeting

7:00p Boy Scouts - Troop #36

7:00p Worship Pillar Meeting

8:00p College/Young Adult Group at

Nghbrhd. Ctr. or Steve's Office

TUESDAY, NOV 24

4:00p Program Staff Meeting

7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, NOV 25

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

THURSDAY, NOV 26

HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY

Church Office Closed

FRIDAY, NOV 27

Church Office Closed

Next Week: SUNDAY, NOV 20

9:15a Fifth Sunday Breakfast

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Ben Peeples, Art Eckerson, Alan Leclair

GREETERS: Art Eckerson, Ann and Frank Mohap, Grier Washam,

Sharon Cradic

PRAYER: Judy Cook **CROSSBEARER:** Rowan Mills

ACOLYTE: Alex Uelhof **BEADLE:** Sammi Uelhof

AUDIOVISUAL: John Cradic



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Reverend Jane Taylor, Pastor

**Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2015 10:30 am**



GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Oh, Worship the King" arr. Robert Hobby

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: My fellow citizens of the Kingdom of God, today we celebrate the only ruler to whom we can give undivided loyalty:

People: We celebrate Jesus of Nazareth, who is Christ the King.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has chosen us and planted us in His vineyard.

People: Blessed be Jesus Christ, who liberated us from sin, that we might fearlessly serve God with deeds of holiness and justice all the days of our lives.

Leader: Behold the King!

People: With humility and gratitude, we bow down and worship.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Rejoice the Lord is King" **No. 715**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

People: We confess that we are hesitant to bow before Him, and are slow to acknowledge His rule over our lives.

Leader: We give allegiance to the powers of this world.

People: We fail to be governed by justice and love.

Leader: We have allowed self to blind us, and pains to embitter us.

People: We have forgotten that whatsoever we do to one of the least of Your children, we do to you.

Leader: In Your mercy, forgive us.

People: Pardon our shortcomings; forgive our neglect; give us a pure heart intent on pleasing you.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. God's love frees us from the world's bondage, and allows us to live, love, and serve. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to our God and King. AMEN

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 5:1-7

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** "You Are My King" **Supplement No. 3102**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Come, Thou Fount" arr. Joseph Martin

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

***GOSPEL LESSON** John 18:33-37

ANTHEM "Sanctus"

Holy, holy Lord, the God of power and might, the earth is filled with Your glory.

Holy, holy Lord, who was and is and is to come,

We offer honor, wealth and blessing, thanks and praise, now and forever more.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Only Thou art holy;

There is none beside Thee. Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

SERMON "Stuck in the Middle" *Rev. Jane Taylor*

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" **No. 158**

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.***

*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.

UMW BAKE SALE and CERAMIC & CRAFT SALE **TODAY**

Support your United Methodist Women at TODAY's Bake Sale in the Church Parlor. Ceramics and Crafts are also on sale. Purchase goodies for your Thanksgiving weekend and freeze them until ready to eat. All proceeds are used on 1stChurch projects.

Please be generous. Thank you!



Holiday Taste of First Methodist December 6, 2015 6:30 pm

Please join us for an evening of **food, fellowship, and decoration** with your FUMC family and help us **support our Food Pantry**. Small groups (Sunday school classes, circle groups,

Bible study groups, choir, youth, etc) within the church are asked to "host" a table of their favorite holiday treats. Groups hosting a table are asked to provide treats, a table cloth or covering, and holiday decorations.

In addition to bringing treats to share, please plan to **bring an item to help stock our Food Pantry** and/or a **monetary donation**. Both are desperately needed as we head into the winter months. There will be a special display set up in the gym where your donations can be made. Suggested items include: peanut butter, canned meat, toilet paper, paper towels, dishwashing liquid (small bottles), laundry detergent (small), feminine products, diapers (all sizes), money (checks should be marked "Food Pantry" in memo line). Please sign up with Jamee Roberts via email jameejosroberts@yahoo.com, phone 741-6901, or see Dee Minutolo.

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.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Clare Warren, parents, & grandparents
Jane Eddy and her parents
Chuck Short
Bonnie and Clay Marrs
Bobbie Wells
Aldon and Betty Speer
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
Mark Dollar

Nov. 22, 2015 Prayer Requests
Publish in bulletin? __Y __N

Requested by:

SHOPPING ONLINE?

REMEMBER:

WWW.UMCMARKET.ORG

This online portal provides a percentage of your shopping back to the church.



The site was down several weeks but has been reorganized and is **NEW** and **IMPROVED**. Please re-register, and choose 1stChurch as your ministry to support and then watch as your church benefits from the online shopping you would have done anyway.

Thank You!

2016 PLEDGES

The Stewardship and Finance Committees commend our Church membership for the response to our Pledge Campaign for 2016. The pledges are vital to developing and carrying out budget. Your faithful commitment to God's work is greatly appreciated!

We encourage those that have not pledged to please do so through the collection plate, mailing or submitting to the office.