

Wednesday Night Fellowship

September 9, 2015 5:30 pm



1stChurch
Block Party

Hot Dogs, Chips,
Drinks, Cookie
and F U N

Reservations not required this week

INDICATE # OF PEOPLE:

_____ Adults & Children 12 or older
Min. Suggested Donation for
Church Members: \$3

_____ Children—(3-11):

_____ \$3 Min. Suggested Donation
reservation required

NAME: _____

Don't forget - you can pay online using the QR code shown in the bulletin or via the website for your Wednesday Night Dinner. You can also register for the meal online at our website.

SMILE!

New Church Directory
Photograph Sessions

Register Online or See Volunteers in the Narthex who can do the online registration process for you right now, today or next week, before or after church. Assistance also available on Wednesday Night Fellowship.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Fri Sept 18 430p-830p
Sat Sept 19 900a-830p
Sun Sept 20 830a-830p
Mon Sept 21 500p-830p
Wed Sept 23 400p-830p

We need everyone to register and have their picture taken for the directory.



Needed: Older Adult(s), Adult(s) or Young Adult(s) to serve by working with the youth program during Wednesday Night Fellowship time. Please contact Lisa Reis at firstumyf@gmail.com.

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 others 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 CON-NECTOR; TOP FLOOR; go through door to the front and right side of sanctuary.

LOOK! MARK YOUR CALENDARS for September 11 - 13. 1stChurch has enlisted Ministry Architects to further develop plans based on your input. Watch for more news. Pray for this effort, those involved, and for God's work to be accomplished in and through this church.

Church Staff:

Rev. Jane Taylor, Pastor
Email: revjetaylor@gmail.com
Billy Walker, Dir. of Worship & Music
Lisa Reis, Dir. Youth Ministries
Kathie Battista, ELC Director
Steve Reis, Dir. Community Outreach/
Discipleship
Bree Nelson, Dir. of Children's Ministries
Susan Dove Fields, Organist
Rhonda Simmons, Treasurer
David Gbaa, Custodian
Joshua Gbaa, Custodian
Finley Cook, Wednesday Night Chef
Church Website:
www.1stChurchJC.org
Phone: (423) 928-9222

WEEKLY CALENDAR SUMMARY

SUNDAY, SEPT 6

9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship Service
11:30a Lemonade on the Lawn (last one)
11:30a The Branch Worship Service
Labor Day - No Children/Youth Programs

MONDAY, SEPT 7

Labor Day - Church Office Closed
7:00p Boy Scouts - Troop #36

TUESDAY, SEPT 8

10:00a and 6:00p District Clergy Meeting at Cokesbury UMC, JC
7:00p Church Council Mtg. - Conf. Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 9

9:00a Intercessory Prayer
5:30p **FUMC B-L-O-C-K PARTY**
 food, fun, cake walk, inflatables neighborhood fun
7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY, SEPT 10

6:30p Finance Committee - Conf Rm
7:30p East TN Int. Folk Dancers

FRIDAY, SEPT 11

6:00pm Young Adult Small Group
6:30p Circle of Friends

SATURDAY SEPT 12

7:00a - 4:00p ELC Yard Sale
Both Parking Lots

Ministry Architects Sessions:
FRIDAY (11th), SATURDAY (12th), SUNDAY (13th)
Check the Website for Schedule Details

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS:

USHERS: Art Eckerson, David Denny, Jim Heaton, Mitch Robinson, Steve Love
GREETERS: Art Eckerson, Judy Cook, Brian & Cathie Rosecrance, Luanne Love
PRAYER: Nancy Campbell
CROSSBEARER: Mary Ford
ACOLYTE: Noah Ford
BEADLE: Hank Berning
AUDIOVISUAL: Karl Kapoor



First United Methodist Church

900 Spring Street
Johnson City, TN 37604

Celebrating the Gospel and Worshipping God

September 6, 2015 10:30 am

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the presence of the Living God to offer praise and thanksgiving.

People: God has chosen to be with us, and we are blest.

Leader: We gather before God to find comfort and hope for the broken places in our lives.

People: God's healing balm wipes away our tears and knits us together as one people.

Leader: We gather in full assurance of the truth that Christ, the bread of life, has set us free.

People: Putting all else aside, we joyfully worship the one true and living God.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" **No. 384**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: How glibly we say we trust You, Holy One, and how quickly our fears silence our words.

People: We find You at the side of the poor, while we cozy up to the rich and famous.

Leader: We stand behind the counter serving the hungry, while we are stocking our freezers and pantries 'til they overflow.

People: We look down at those whose hands are dirty, but Your hand of mercy pulls them into Your embracing love.

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord, when we focus so much on ourselves and have trouble doing good for others.

Welcome to 1stChurch. We're glad you are here. Please sign the red folder in pew.

People: Surround us with Your love; surround us with Your grace; surround us with Your peace; surround us with the Spirit of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Be strong, do not fear! God comes to fill our parched souls with living water and to open our eyes to the grace which is Yours.

People: God comes for no other reason than to save us. This is indeed good news. Thanks be to God. Amen.

EPISTLE READING James 2:1-17

MORNING PRAYER

(The altar of our church is always open; in particular, you are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar during the morning prayer time as well as during the closing hymn after the sermon. If you desire assistance please signal you would like someone to pray with you.)

***HYMN OF REFLECTION** "Jesu, Jesu" **No. 432**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

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

***GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 7:24-37

ANTHEM "The Love of Christ"

If I could speak the love of Christ, my Lord and Master crucified,
I'd testify His precious blood became a cleansing, crimson flood;
The sinner's healing tide.

If I could sing the love of Christ, if such a song I'd ever find,
Each note would soar on eagle's wings to praise with angels as they sing,
The Savior of mankind.

But should I sing for all my days the brightest melody,
How could I say in songs of praise all Christ has done for me?

So I must live the love of Christ, and go where Christ alone would go.
I'll bear His cross and share His pain without the hope of worldly gain;
No greater love I'll show.

SERMON "Listen, Speak Truth" Rev. Jane Taylor

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II **No. 13**

THE 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 for-

give 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 COMMITMENT** "Here I am, Lord" **No. 593**

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Here I am. Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

***A TIME FOR GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

Watch for these upcoming events:

T H I S W E E K Block Party - **Sept 9**, FUMC parking lot - a neighborhood event, food, fun, inflatables, cake walk

Ministry Architects **Sept. 11, 12, 13**

Photo Sessions for Church Directory - see info on tear off tab and website : **Sept. 18, 19, 20, 21, 23**

Youth participate in the Greenwood Challenge on **Sept. 19** from 10a to 2 p

Sept. 27: United Methodist Women Sunday

"Shalom" service (of healing and wholeness) on **Fri, October 2** at 7 pm

Wesley Foundation at ETSU - **Oct 4** Special Offering at the Communion Rail

Blessing of the Animals, **Wed Oct 7**, 2015, 5:30pm, Powell Park

1stChurch InAsMuch Day **Oct 24** - caring for our community - A Compassion Revolution

Early Learning Center

Saturday Sept. 12, 7am - 4 pm

"Yard Sale" in Both Church Parking Lots

- Rent a Space to host your own yard sale (it just won't be in your own yard).
- Or browse and shop the other "parking lot sale" areas.
- If you have non-clothing items you would like to donate, please contact Kathie Battista.
- For more information concerning renting a space in one of the parking lots contact Kathie Battista, 926-0700.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Clare Warren, parents, & grandparents
Jane Eddy and her parents
Ralph and Joan Garland
Evelyn Moore
Frank Gregg
Carrie Denny
Chuck Short
Donna Wilkinson's parents, & Donna
Our Youth and Children - Fall Program
Our Youth and Children - School Year
Tony Woodall
Barbara Marrs
Carol Anne Milliken

Mary McClellan
Elizabeth Wells
Vivian Eckerson
The Moore Family: Angie, Bailey, Eric
Scott Huff
Sabry Gentry
The Family of Sheela Sakhare
Judy Story and family
Bobbie Wells
Ann Patton
Catherine Mason
Gail, her brother, and son
Amy Dryburgh

Sept. 6, 2015 Prayer Requests
Publish in bulletin? __Y __N

Requested by:

The current office protocol works if we work together to use the system.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Weekdays **9a - 12p**

Volunteers are staffing the church office for **regular, predictable hours** should you need access to the office. A person will answer the phone if at all possible during this time. If you have a question, a point of information, a prayer request, or other church family concern, please take the opportunity to leave a message in voice mail if you need to call outside of the posted hours (or if no one can answer the phone). Also email is available.. The church staff and office volunteers check the voice mail and email routinely. If you do not hear back, then please try again. **The pastor and staff want to know and respond if you have a question, a prayer request, or other need.**



ELECTRONIC GIVING AVAILABLE

Scan this QR code

1stChurch Inasmuch Day will be held on October 24. You will be hearing much more about it in the weeks leading up to this date, but briefly: Operation Inasmuch is a national organization based on the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:40:

"Inasmuch as you did it [fed the hungry, healed the sick, clothed the naked, visited the imprisoned], you did it for me."

