

Wednesday Night Fellowship

March 9, 2016

Meal: Baked Potato, Chili, Salad Bar, Bread & Dessert

Program for March :

"A Lenten Study" Session 2 of 3

Led by

Rev. Bill Carter

Reservations please by Tuesday 3/8
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, call the office and leave a message or register online.

After Easter:

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Art Eckerson will present a series called the **Alpha Course** from March 30 through May 18, 2016.

Giving Opportunity:

If you would like to join several others who pay for an extra meal, please consider making a donation to sponsor meals for some of the youth and children who join us for the Wednesday Night Fellowship. Note "meal sponsor" on the check, or online donation. This gesture of hospitality and care is another way 1stChurch people serve our neighbors and church family - and it is much appreciated.

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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WEEKLY CALENDAR SUMMARY MAR 6 - MAR 12 2016

SUNDAY, MAR 6

ASP Team Staying at 1stChurch this week

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship Service

2:00p **JC District Event: "You Asked For It - #2" - at Munsey UMC**

4:30p Children Music/Youth Program

5:30p Snack Supper Youth/Children

6:15p Evening Worship Service

MONDAY, MAR 7

7:00p Boy Scouts - Troop #36

8:00p College/Young Adult Group

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

10:00a JC District Minister's Meeting

6:30p Girl Scout Troop #978 Meeting

7:00p Church Council Meeting - Conf Rm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

9:00a Intercessory Prayer Team

5:45p Wednesday Night Fellowship

7:30p Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

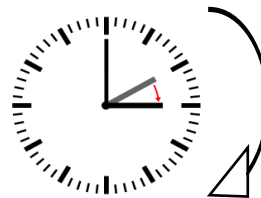
7:30p East TN Intl. Folk Dancers - Gym

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

2:00a Don't Forget:

Daylight Savings Time Change

Spring Forward 1 Hour



SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Mitch Robinson, Steve Love, Art Eckerson, Jim Heaton

GREETERS: Friendly 1stChurch People, TBA;

Also - if you would like to serve as a greeter, please call church office

PRAYER: Steve Gross **CROSSBEARER:** Stephen Cradic

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

AUDIOVISUAL: John Cradic



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Reverend Jane Taylor, Pastor

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2016

10:30 am

Welcome! We are GLAD you are here.

Please sign the red attendance information pad located at one end of each pew.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

PRELUDE "Variations on a Lenten Hymn" arr. Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

People: For once we were lost and felt so far away, but now we have been found and welcomed home.

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon us forever.

People: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of love.

People: We open our hearts to the peace and joy offered by our God.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" **No. 400**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: We confess, O Lord, that we struggle with choosing between following You and following our own selfish desires.

People: We are too fearful to trust You will take care of us.

Leader: We get too distracted by the temptations of life to follow You.

People: We become too embarrassed to speak Your name.

Leader: We are too self-centered to notice the needs of those right beside us.

People: We are too stubborn to say, "I'm sorry."

Leader: We are too self-righteous to say, "I forgive you."

People: We are too judgmental to share.

Leader: We are sorry, Lord, for the times we wander away from You.

People: Please forgive us and teach us the joy of living in the light of Your presence.

(A time of silent prayer and reflection)

Leader: Even though we have wandered away, God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ, Who knew no sin, but became sin for us. That is the good news of the Gospel.

People: Our hearts are amazed at the wondrous ways God loves and forgives. Thanks be to God for His unending grace. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

MORNING PRAYER

***HYMN** "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone" **On Screen**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" arr. Jan Sanborn

***DOXOLOGY** **No. 95**

GOSPEL READING Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Rev. Jane Taylor

ANTHEM "Here is Love" Chancel Choir

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness, as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened, deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,
And God's peace and perfect justice kissed the guilty world in love.

SERMON "Are We Lost?" Rev. Jane Taylor

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

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 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** "Fairest Lord Jesus" vs. 1, 2, & 3 **No. 189**

***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 forevermore be Thine.*

***A TIME FOR GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

COMING SOON!

Palm Sunday, MARCH 20 - UMW BAKE SALE!

You are invited to bring some baked goods for the UMW to sale as well as take a few minutes to find something delicious to take home after making a donation to support the the United Methodist Women and their work around our church.



THANK YOU to all who serve on various committees, teams and pillars: the chairpersons, committee members and other volunteers who give much time, energy, and prayer to provide guidance, structure and work to keep 1stChurch on task. Thank you to all our volunteers who may not be on any committee but who work with children, youth, adult and neighborhood programs to be the hands, feet and heart of Christ. Your church family needs you and appreciates you! Thank you to those who support our church financially and with prayer. And thanks be to God for His love which brings all things good.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Clare Warren & family | Carroll Waterbury | Nancy Jewell |
| Jane Eddy | Mark Dollar | Jessica Higginbotham |
| Bonnie and Clay Marrs | Mary McClellan | Dillon Agenes |
| Amy Dryburgh | Barbara Marrs | Helen Holyfield |
| Bobbie Wells | Sue Zabala | Sara Jane Jones |
| Aldon and Betty Speer | Linda Stanley | Susan Ready |
| Chuck Short | Carrie Denny | Catherine Cartus |
| Sue McGaha | Jerry Elliot | Betty Gouge |
| Jaimee Norman | Darrell Wayne Tilson | Judy Rust |
| Vivian Eckerson | Helen Tilson | Sam Arnold |
| Tom Palmer and family | Jim Brant | |

Feb. Mar 6, 2016 Prayer Requests
Publish in bulletin? __Y __N

Requested by:

Photo-a-Day Journey for Lent 2016

It's enjoyable focusing on words and images during Lent. Join us! A word has been assigned to each day to help participants focus attention on the Lenten season. Even if you choose not to take photos, check the pictures, words and thoughts submitted by others on our Facebook page or website. We also will show them on screen before church. Consider sending a photo of your own. You do not need to be a professional photographer. The words for this week are:

- Sun - celebrate** **Thur -surround**
- Mon - spirit** **Fri - world**
- Tues - silence** **Sat - listen**
- Wed - faithful**

Coming Up Mid March: Youth Retreats!
Please be in prayer for our youth.

Girl's Retreat & Boy's Retreat
See Lisa Reis for more information.

**Senior Adult Gathering
District Event**

April 14, 10:00 am

Location: Munsey Memorial UMC
Devotion, Music, Worship,
& Luncheon - more information on
church website, district website, and
flyers located around the church.

Please register for event for lunch.

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