

Wednesday Night Fellowship

April 20, 2016 5:45 pm

Meal: Taco Salad, Beans, Corn, Dessert

Program: Alpha Course

Presented by Art Eckerson

Reservations please by Tuesday 4/19
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.

Planning Ahead - For Your Calendar:

Last Wed. Night Fellowship:

May 25; We will participate in Red Nose Day one day early (May 26). Buy and Wear a Red Nose to benefit children and young people who face poverty, here and across the world!

First Church Parking Lots

You may notice some new signs around the Maple Street and Pine Street Parking Lots at 1stChurch. Don't worry - these no parking signs DO NOT mean that you should not park in these lots for Sunday and Wednesday activities at church. The parking lot will still be for use by ELC parents and staff too. But, the trustees have taken this action in order to be able to prevent unauthorized use of church property. The Trustees and police want people to be safe and reduce the risk associated with abandoned vehicles. Please see the website for more information. Vehicles left unattended will be towed at the owner's expense.

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:

Rev. Jane Taylor, Pastor

Email: jane.taylor@1stchurchjc.org

Billy Walker, Dir. of Worship & Music

Lisa Reis, Dir. Youth Ministries

Kathie Battista, ELC Director

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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

Christi Henn, Tabitha Cox, Nursery

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WEEKLY CALENDAR SUMMARY

APRIL 17-23, 2016

SUNDAY, APR 17

9:15a Sunday School

9:45a Coffee and Fellowship

Welcome Center at Gym Balcony

10:30a Worship Service

11:30a Celebration Luncheon

4:30p Children/Youth Program

5:30p Snack Supper Youth/Children

6:15p The Branch Evening Worship Service

MONDAY, APR 18

7:00p Boy Scouts - Troop #36

7:00p Southside Meeting

TUESDAY, APR 19

5:00-9:00p Barberito's on Peoples St.

Fundraiser for Czech Trip

Martha/Morgan with Munsey

6:00p 1stChurch Serves Meal at

Wesley Foundation

6:30p Girl Scout Troop #978 Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APR 20

5:45p Wednesday Night Fellowship

7:30p Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, APR 21

2:00p Bible Study in Parlor - led by

Bonnie Sampson

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

10:00a Community Mission Food

Distribution at Neighborhood

Center

More calendar info available at website.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Ernie Walker, Ken Talley, Dale Schmitt

GREETERS: Grier Washam, Ernie Cross, Betty Gouge, Jamee Roberts,

PRAYER: Fran Waterbury **CROSSBEARER:** Rowan Mills

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

AUDIOVISUAL: John Cradic

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 17, 2016 10:30 AM



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Draw Us to You"
setting by M. Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come! Let us worship and praise God.

People: The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.

Leader: Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

People: Green pastures and silent waters beckon us and comfort our souls.

Leader: Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.

People: Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffering and pain, God surrounds us with love and bounty.

Leader: Surely God's mercy accompanies us on our journey.

People: And we will dwell in God's house forever.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" **No. 327**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Liturgist

Leader: Loving God, You provide everything that we need;

People: and yet, we work and reach for more and more.

Leader: You restore our souls;

People: and yet, we are overwhelmed by choices and exhausted by demands.

Leader: You lead us in the right direction;



Welcome to 1stChurch! We are glad you have chosen to worship God here.

Please sign the red registration tablet at one end of each pew. Then, pass it along.

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People: and yet, we wander after trivial pursuits.

Leader: You are with us in our darkest places;

People: and yet, we sense that we are abandoned and alone.

Leader: Speak to us, Good Shepherd.

People: Open our hearts and overwhelm us with Your presence. Remind us again that You alone are the true source of hope, and peace, and life.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: The Good Shepherd is always near, and knows us better than we know ourselves. God's love and faithfulness is without end. The good news of the Gospel is this:

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are embraced, loved and forgiven. Glory and honor be to God now and forever. AMEN.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 7:9-17 Liturgist

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.

(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 "Your Only Son: Lamb of God" (see insert)

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Brother James's Air" arr. Larry Shackley

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

***NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** John 10:22-30 Rev. Jane Taylor

ANTHEM "Shepherd's Psalm" Chancel Choir

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth;
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay.
One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
They hand in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows. Thine oil anoints my head.
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

SERMON "Shepherds and Sheep" Rev. Jane Taylor

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us" **No. 381**

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.*

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

Celebration Luncheon Today Following Worship!

Fellowship Hall - Lower Level - Education Building

Ask an usher or member if you need directions or follow the crowd!

The meal is provided! God has blessed us with generations of those who loved, built and nurtured this church building and family.

1stChurch, even as we celebrate, let's follow God's lead to what He calls us to do next.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Clare Warren & family | Linda Stanley | Sam Arnold |
| Jane Eddy | Carrie Denny | Kristy Hodge Pratt |
| Bonnie and Clay Marrs | Jerry Elliot | Vickie Stephenson |
| Amy Dryburgh | Darrell Wayne Tilson | Maddie Woolsey |
| Bobbie Wells | Helen Tilson | Calvin McMann |
| Aldon and Betty Speer | Jim Brant | Kathie Tucker |
| Chuck Short | Nancy Jewell | Ruth Sluder |
| Sue McGaha | Jessica Higginbotham | Josh Gbaa - Liberia Mission |
| Jaimee Norman | Helen Holyfield | Cameron Crawford |
| Tom Palmer and family | Sara Jane Jones | Kallan Rogers |
| Mark Dollar | Susan Ready | Jerry Collins |
| Mary McClellan | Catherine Cartus | Rachel Lanthorn |
| Barbara Marrs | Betty Gouge | |
| Sue Zabala | Judy Rust | |

April 17, 2016 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? __Y __N

Requested by:

Next Sunday:

Faith Promise

Watch for more information from the Outreach Pillar today, this week, and Sunday concerning this aspect of giving and serving ministries!

SPPRC NOTICE:

Staff Pastor Parrish Relations Committee) has regretfully received notice that Lisa Reis will step down as the director of youth ministries. The committee has posted an employment opportunity for a full time position and will take applications through May 15. See website or church office for a detailed post.

COMING SOON!

1STCHURCH INFORMATION STATIONS

Connections Pillar will have information strategically located around three areas in church. Do You Want to Help?

ELECTRONIC GIVING AVAILABLE
Scan this QR code



Year-to-Date	3/31/2016
<u>Operating Funds</u>	
Revenues	120,473
Operating Expenses	142,436
Surplus /(Deficit)	(21,963)