



**Worship Guide and Church Life Information Bulletin**

Welcome to 1stChurch! We are glad you are here!  
Please sign the RED registration pad at one end of each pew.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

900 SPRING ST. JOHNSON CITY, TN 37604

**Radio Training**

Thursday, August 25, 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
Training in the use of the radio communication devices will be provided for staff and volunteers. Ushers, greeters, children department & office volunteers, & others are encouraged to attend. Contact Kathie Battista if needed.

**G.I.V.E.**

**Our Stewardship Focus at 1stChurchJC for 2016 – 2017**

- G**enerosity: a loving act or measure.
- I**nvest the gifts & talents God gave us.
- V**isualize the future.
- E**ncourage and enhance growth.

Introduction to this year's theme:

God has gifted each and every person with the gift of generosity. He put it in our hearts that we may use the gift to fulfill His plan and work here on earth. God sent us His Son, Jesus, to be a shining example of how to live generously so that we may have abundant life.

**John 1:16** - Out of the fullness of His grace He has blessed us all, giving us one blessing after another.

**Hebrews 6:10** – God will not forget the work you did or the love you showed for Him in the help you gave and are still giving to others.

If you have further questions, please ask one of the Stewardship team members: Michelle & John Cradic, Scott Huff, Luanne Love, Calvin Robinson or Brian Rosecrance.

**Sermon Notes**

**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

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

Christi Henn, Tabitha Cox, Nursery

**Website: www.1stChurchJC.org**

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR SUMMARY**

**AUGUST 14 - 20, 2016**

**SUNDAY, AUG 14**

9:15a Sunday School

9:45a Coffee and Fellowship

Welcome Center at Gym Balcony

10:30a Worship Service

11:30a Lemonade on the Lawn

4:30p Children's Choir/Youth Activity

5:30p Children/Youth Snack Supper

6:15p "The Branch" Evening Worship

**MONDAY, AUG 15**

9:00a Staff Bible Study & Meeting

7:00p Boy Scouts - Troop #36

7:00p SouthSide Neighborhood Mtg.

**TUESDAY, AUG 16**

6:30p Girl Scout Troop #978

**WEDNESDAY, AUG 17**

6:00p Supper Around Town

7:30p Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, AUG 18**

5:30p Girls Basketball Team - Gym

6:30p SPPRC Meeting (?) check

7:00p Communication Pillar Mtg.

7:00p East Tn Int. Folk Dancers - Gym

**FRIDAY, AUG 19**

10:00a Melting Pot - FUMC Serving

**SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:**

**USHERS:** David Denny, Calvin McMann, Roger Bailey, Frank Mohap

**GREETERS:** Novice Gross, Ann & Frank Mohap, Donna Robbins, Katie Mahoney

**PRAYER:** Dianna Boarman **CROSSBEARER:** Molly Huff

**ACOLYTES:** Hank Berning **BEADLE:** Zane Huff

**AUDIOVISUAL:** Karl Kapoor

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**August 14, 2016 10:30 AM**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist

Leader: Let us sing joyfully to the God of Hosts.

**People: Our God provides for us and is worthy of all our praise.**

Leader: Our God is awesome in power.

**People: God created from nothing all that is beautiful in the world. God anticipates our every need and loves us beyond all measure.**

Leader: Come, let us praise God Who leads us in faith and give us strength.

**People: With joy and gladness, we offer our praise to God Who is always with us.**

**INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "How Firm a Foundation" **UMH No. 529**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Liturgist

Leader: God of the ages, the witness of the saints, You call us to faithful living,

**People: but we often fall short of Your expectations.**

Leader: You long for justice for all Your people,

**People: but we yield to fear, hatred, and prejudice in our dealings with others.**

Leader: You hope that righteousness will walk with us,

**People: but You hear the clear cries of those we mistreat.**

Leader: You ask us to speak up for those in need,

**People: but we shut our mouths and turn away.**

**All: We stand before You, Loving God, with open hearts, seeking Your forgiveness. Help us to faithfully run the race You have set before us. Give us the courage to live a Christ-like life.**

*(A time for personal reflection)*

Leader: Lift your eyes, O people, to the God Who always loves you. My friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

**People: The victory has already been won for us in Jesus Christ, and through Him, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2

**MORNING PRAYER and 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 OF REFLECTION** "Shout to the North" **Supplement No. 3042**

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** **UMH No. 94**

**\*GOSPEL READING** Luke 12:49-56 Rev. Jane Taylor

**ANTHEM** "For Where Love Is, There is God" Chancel Choir

Come as strangers to the altar, for where love is, there is God.

Come you poor, you weak, who falter, for where love is, there is God.

Song and scripture wed together, bound by faith in sacred Word,  
Sharing peace and consolation, for where love is, there is God.

Let us each love one another, for where love is, there is God,  
And embrace as sister, brother, for where love is, there is God.  
Heal our hurting, lift our spirits, cease our cold, contentious ways.

Spread the grace of love unending, for where love is, there is God. Alleluia.

**SERMON** "Looking for Trouble" Rev. Jane Taylor

**\*HYMN** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" **UMH No. 297**

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.*

**GO IN PEACE, GREET ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST,  
AND TAKE THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH YOU THIS WEEK TO SHARE  
WITH ALL YOU MEET.**

All are invited to Lemonade on the Lawn (or in the parlor) following the worship service.



*The First United Methodist Church family extends sympathy and prayers for comfort to the friends and family of Jane Eddy, who passed away on August 10, 2016*



**Wednesday Night Fellowship  
Meal and Program Begins  
Wednesday, September 7, 2016**

Watch for details and the reservation tab in the bulletin at the end of this month. The program: a musical extravaganza directed by Randy Adams. Don't miss this!

**UMW ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The Circle of Hope will have a picnic on Tuesday, August 23rd at 6 pm at the home of Kathie Tucker. Everyone is asked to bring a salad to share.

**Use this QR Code to access online giving.**



**A NOTE FROM THE 1STCHURCH CARE COMMITTEE:**

If you are not currently serving on this important team and would like to become part of this greatly appreciated ministry, learn more about it, or have corrections to your current contact information, please notify Ann Mohap by phone (423.282.1055) or by email (missann@charter.net).

**August 14, 2016 Prayer Requests**  
Publish in bulletin?   Y   N

Requested by:

**Prayer List**

The Eddy Family	Jessica Higginbotham
Betty & Aldon Speer	Delores Prest
Mary McClellan	April Hamilton
Kristy Hodge Pratt	Our Czechia partners
Carrie Denny	Cash Hicks
Jean Thayer	Sue McGaha
Judy Story	Helen Holyfield
Barbara Marrs	Ralph & Joan Garland
Clay & Bonnie Marrs	Nancy Jewell
Jordin Hall Milano	William Bailey
Teachers & students	Elizabeth Bailey

**Early Learning Center  
Tree Street Yard Sale Project:**

**September 10, 2016**

Both church parking lots will be used and divided into sections 2 lanes wide for a minimum \$20.00 donation. See Kathie Battista, call the church or ELC office.



**Saturday, August 20 10a-12p:**

1stChurch Outreach Team invites you to help at **Tweetsie Trail** to dispense bottles of cold water to walkers, bikers, and others. *Meet at church 9:45am.*

**Year-to-Date** Thru 7/31/2016

<u>Operating Funds</u>	
Revenues	308,934
Operating Expenses	326,364
Surplus/(Deficit)	(17,430)