

### Wednesday Night Fellowship

September 21, 2016 5:45 pm

**Meal:** Taco Salad, Green Beans, Corn, Dessert

**Program:** "The Role of Music in My Spiritual Journey"

led by **Roger Bailey**

**Reservations** please by Tuesday 9/20  
Indicate # of people:

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults & Children 12 or older  
\_\_\_\_\_ Children age 3-11 (meal above) or  
\_\_\_\_\_ Children 3- 11 (PBJ/Applesauce)  
\_\_\_\_\_ To Go Orders (reservation required)

**NEW THIS YEAR! Cost:** This year all meals will be paid by donation. A minimum of \$6.50 is requested for anyone who can pay for the meal. Additionally, anyone who can pay extra either each week or as a lump sum donation to cover the costs of meals for those who are not able to pay are encouraged to do so. Thank you.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Pay online (thru QR code) or via website or pay at door. To register tear off this tab, call the office and leave a message or go online.

### SENIOR ADULT GATHERING

**Speaker/Storyteller:** Rev. Ray Amos, Sr.

**Devotion Leader:** Rev. Lloyd Jones

**Music:** Jeanie and Billy Walker

Thursday Sept. 22 10:00 am- 1:00 pm

Gray United Methodist Church

Cost: \$10.00; Questions: call 926-7533

## How can you give?

# G.I.V.E.

**G**enerosity

**I**nvest the God-given gifts and talents

**V**isualize the future

**E**ncourage and enhance growth

Stewardship Emphasis 2016-17

### **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. Outreach/Discipleship

Katie Uelhof, Dir. of Children's Ministries

Susan Davidson, Dir. Jr Hi Youth

Drew & Sharon Cradic, Volunteers for Sr. Hi

Susan Dove Fields, Organist

Rhonda Simmons, Treasurer

Jennifer Boarman, Bulletin Coordinator

David Gbaa, Custodian

Joshua Gbaa, Custodian

Finley Cook, Wednesday Night Chef

Christi Henn, Tabitha Cox, Nursery

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

Phone: (423) 928-9222

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR SUMMARY**

**SEPTEMBER 18 - 24, 2016**

**Welcome to our Family Promise Guests This Week at 1stChurch**

#### **SUNDAY, SEPT 18**

9:15a Sunday School

9:45a Coffee and Fellowship

Welcome Center at Gym Balcony

10:30a Worship Service

2:30p Heart Walk Water Station - Pine Street Parking Lot

3:00p JC District Conference Mtg/Munsey

4:30p Children's Choir/Youth Activity

5:30p Children/Youth Snack Supper

6:15p "The Branch" Evening Worship

#### **MONDAY, SEPT 19**

7:00p Boy Scouts - Troop #36

7:00p Women's Bible Study

7:00p Southside Neighborhood Mtg

#### **TUESDAY, SEPT 20**

5:30p Staff Bible Study & Meeting

6:30p Girl Scout Troop #978

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPT 21**

5:45p Wednesday Night Fellowship

7:30p Chancel Choir

#### **THURSDAY, SEPT 22**

5:30p Girls Basketball Team - Gym

5:30p ELC Board Meeting

6:00p CPR Training (ELC & church)

6:00p Connections Pillar Meeting

6:30p Bible Study at Neighborhood Ctr

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

#### **SATURDAY, SEPT 24**

10:00a Community Mission Food

Distribution/Neighborhood Ctr.

#### **SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:**

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

**GREETERS:** Ken & Linda Talley, Kent & Midge Merrill, Bob Peebles, Karen & Dale Schmitt

**PRAYER:** Katie Walker **CROSSBEARER:** Macy Shell

**ACOLYTES:** Alex Uelhof **BEADLE:** Sammi Uelhof

**AUDIOVISUAL:** Ethan Morelock



### **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

900 SPRING ST. JOHNSON CITY, TN 37604

**Worship Guide & 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.

### **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**September 18, 2016 10:30 AM**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**PRELUDE**

"Duke Street"

arr. Richard Knight

#### **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 in 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 has set us free.

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

#### **INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Holy is the Lord"

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**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Liturgist

Leader: God of life, we want to have our cake and eat it, too.

**People: We want to be a friend of the world and still be Your friend.**

Leader: Jesus taught us: "No one can serve two masters."

**People: We confess that we still find ourselves diverting our time, our energy, our money and our attention to things that lead us away from You.**

Leader: We seek Your forgiveness, gracious Savior, and we count on Your mercy.

**People: Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight. Help us to seek Your kingdom first. Help us to live faithfully and to be friends with the people You call us to serve. Help us to remember that our best relationship is the one we have with You.**

*(A time for personal reflection)*

Leader: God desires wholeness and healing for us all. God sends His compassion to meet us. My friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we find God's salvation and are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** 1 Timothy 2:1-6

**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** "More Love to Thee, O Christ" (vs 1, 2, & 4) **UMH No. 453**

**OFFERTORY** "Jesus, Name Above All Names/Oh, How I Love Jesus" arr. Mark Hayes

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

**\*GOSPEL READING** Luke 16:1-13 Rev. Jane Taylor

**ANTHEM** "What Shall I Render to My God" Chancel Choir

What shall I render to my God for all His mercy's store?  
I'll take the gifts He hath bestowed and humbly ask for more.  
The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive,  
And all His promises embrace, and to His glory live.

My vows I will to His great name before His people pay,  
And all I have, and all I am, upon His altar lay.  
Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to Thee whate'er is mine.  
Born in Thy family below, and by redemption Thine.

Thy hands created me, Thy hands from sin have set me free,  
The mercy that hath loosed my bands hath bound me fast to Thee.  
Praise Him, ye saints, the God of love Who hath thy sins forgiven,  
Till gathered to the church above, we sing the songs of heaven.


**SERMON** "Who are We, and Where is the Kingdom?" Rev. Jane Taylor

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Be Thou My Vision" **UMH No. 451**

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

**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.**

 The rosebud in the chancel area is placed to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of James Michael Milano on September 13, 2016; Parents: Mike and Jordin Hall Milano; Grandparents: Mendy Hall; Clay & Bonnie Marrs; Great grandparent: Barbara Marrs

**Bible Study Opportunities at 1stChurch:**

- (1) Mr. Steve Reis leads a Bible Study in the Neighborhood Center on Thursdays, at 6:30 pm; bring a Bible; the study also incorporates the book: "Subversive Jesus" by Craig Greenfield.
- (2) Rev. Jane Taylor leads a Women's Bible Study September 12 at 7:00 pm using the Disciple: "FastTrack" Series.



The wheels on the vans go round and round . . . . .

**But we need DRIVERS & CO-RIDERS**

Jesus asked the disciples to bring the children to Him. Help be one of the stepping stones to provide a caring and safe pathway to 1stChurch. See Billy Walker or Steve Reis. Volunteer for Sunday or Wednesday, to church or back home. An hour of your time can make a lifetime of difference.

**September 18, 2016 Prayer Requests**  
**Publish in bulletin? \_\_Y \_\_N**

Requested by:

**Prayer List**

The McGaha Family Jordin Hall Milano  
The Eddy Family Jessica Higginbotham  
The Lou Falls Family April Hamilton  
Betty & Aldon Speer Cash Hicks  
Mary McClellan Helen Holyfield  
Kristy Hodge Pratt Ralph & Joan Garland  
Carrie Denny Nancy Jewell  
Jean Thayer Calvin Garland  
Judy Story Bobbie Wells  
Barbara Marrs Sharyn Lessly  
Clay & Bonnie Marrs Our Church Leaders  
Bill Carter Megan Smith & family

Upcoming Seminar - see website details

**Muslims & Christians in Appalachia:**  
**Mapping Out a Future Together**

Saturday October 1, 2016

8:45 am - 3:00 pm

Cost \$15.00 - includes lunch  
Pre-register by Sept 23!

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



<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Thru 8/31/2016</b>
<u>Operating Funds</u>	
Revenues	350,651
Operating Expenses	369,370
Surplus/(Deficit)	(18,719)