

### Wednesday Night Fellowship

November 1, 2017 5:45 pm

**Menu:** Meatloaf, potatoes, green beans, salad bar, bread, dessert

**Program:** Finding the Apostle in All of Us: 12 Ordinary Men

Reservations by Tuesday 10/31 **at noon**

Indicate # of people:

\_\_\_Adults & children over 12

\_\_\_Children age 3-11 (meal above)

\_\_\_Children 3-11 (PBJ/applesauce)

\_\_\_to go orders (reservation required)

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. 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 the door. To register, tear off this tab and place in offering plate, call the office or go online.

### Year-to-Date Operating Funds as of 9/30/17

Revenues	375,745
Operating Expenses	421,721
Surplus/(Deficit)	(45,976)

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



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### WEEKLY CALENDAR

**OCT. 29-NOV. 4, 2017**

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:15 Sunday School  
 9:15 Fifth Sunday Breakfast  
 10:30 Worship Service  
 4:30 Trunk or Treat  
 5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper  
 6:15 The Branch

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

6:00 Women's Bible Study  
 6:00 Men's Bible Study  
 7:00 Boy Scouts

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

5:00 Staff Meeting  
 6:00 Girls' bball team practice- gym

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

5:45 Wednesday Night Fellowship dinner & programming  
 6:15 Children's Choir  
 6:15 Children & Youth Activities  
 7:30 Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

10:00 Circle of Faith- Conf. Room  
 6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978  
 6:30 Finance Committee- Conf. Room  
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers- gym

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

6:30 Circle of Friends

### SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

**USHERS:** Pat Faber, Pam Heaton, Carla Peterson, Janice Moore  
**GREETERS:** Ken & Linda Talley, Kent & Midge Merrill, Bob Peebles, Karen & Dale Schmitt  
**PRAYER:** Fran Waterbury **CROSSBEARER:** Alex Uelhof  
**ACOLYTE:** Avery Nelson **BEADLE:** Ellie Nelson  
**AUDIOVISUAL:** Jeff Crowder



## First United Methodist Church

900 Spring Street Johnson City, TN 37604

Worship Guide & Church Life Information Bulletin

Welcome to 1st Church! We are glad you are here.

Please sign the red registration pad at one end of each pew.

### THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**October 29, 2017**

**21st Sunday after Pentecost**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

**PRELUDE** "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" Arr. Gilbert Martin

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Brothers and sisters, the love of God is poured over you.

**People: We feel our thirsting souls quenched by God's mercy.**

Leader: We are called to share God's love by our words.

**People: We are invited to share God's love by our compassionate acts.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord!

**People: Let us bow down and proclaim God's goodness. AMEN**

### INVOCATION

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

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

Leader: Merciful God, our faith is small, our trust is low, and our courage is weak.

**People: We have been commanded to love God and to love our neighbors, but we have allowed misunderstanding, fear, hatred, and prejudice to cloud our spirits. We turn away from those who don't look like us, talk like us, or make us feel uncomfortable.**

Leader: In the pride of our hearts and our unwillingness to obey, we have turned from the cross of Christ and grieved Your Holy Spirit.

**People: Please forgive us for our foolishness and stubbornness. Give us the courage to be people who will care for others. Let us dedicate our lives to Your service, always aware of Your presence and care. Teach us to love, so that we may live as we have been called to live.**

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Do not lose heart. We are renewed and restored, reconciled and forgiven, and called to new ways of loving others the same way we love ourselves.

**People: We are filled with gladness, for we are made whole through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Thanks be to God. AMEN**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** David, Malissa, and Preston Trent

**MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who 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**

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN** The Good News Singers

I'm Gonna Sing

All God's Children

**\*HYMN OF REFLECTION** "The Wonderful Cross" Words on Screen

**THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP** Kathie Tucker

**OFFERTORY** "My Jesus, I Love Thee" Arr. Mark Hayes

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 94

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 22:34-46

**ANTHEM** "O Sing Unto the Lord"

*O sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord all the earth!*

*O sing unto the Lord our God.*

*Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all people,*

*Proclaim His salvation day by day.*

*The Lord is great and greatly to be praised,*

*He is above all other gods.*

*Praise the Lord with a new Hallelujah, praise Him with a new amen.*

*O sing to the Lord our God!*

**SERMON** "The Greatest Commandment" Rev. Jane Taylor

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "The Gift of Love" No. 408

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** No. 665

*Go now in peace, go now in peace,*

*May the love of God surround you*

*Everywhere, everywhere you may go.*

**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.**

**Church Meeting**

What: Church-wide Council Meeting

When: Tuesday, November 14, 7:00-8:30

Where: Fellowship Hall

We welcome you to come hear about all the wonderful ways God is blessing us at First United Methodist Church. You will hear from each pillar of the church, UMW, special programming, and staff. Join us for conversation, coffee, and dessert.

We look forward to seeing you!

Contact Jamee Roberts, Steve Gross, or Jane Taylor with questions.

October 29, 2017 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_

Requested by\_\_\_\_\_

- Prayer list:**
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|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Betty & Aldon Speer    | Catherine Cartus              |
| Mary McClellan         | Tom Palmer                    |
| Kristy Hodge Pratt     | Carrol Waterbury              |
| Barbara Marrs          | Kevin Jones                   |
| Bonnie Marrs           | Carrie Denny                  |
| Elizabeth Bailey       | Judy Rust                     |
| Harold Greene          | Harold Phillips               |
| Helen Holyfield        | Janie Peterson                |
| Dot Woodby             | Bob & Dee Lentz               |
| Mack Peterson          | Marilyn Maddox                |
| Ralph & Joan Garland   | Parker Boles                  |
| Nancy Jewell           | Scott Saylor                  |
| Bobbie Wells           | Carolyn Wood                  |
| Marian Cocke           | Brett Patterson & Jessie Hall |
| Elizabeth Wells        | Joan Tansil                   |
| Willie Hughes          | Bobby & Viola Seay            |
| Clare Warren & parents | Sue Speer                     |
| Howard Smith           | Jo Cross                      |
| Phyllis Eorgan         | Our church                    |
|                        | Our nation                    |
|                        | Calvin Garland                |

*Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Helen Holyfield, who passed away on Tuesday.*