

### Young at Heart...Again!

The Young at Heart group will travel to Marshall, NC for lunch at Main Street Diner on Thursday, November 30. Meet in the Pine Street parking lot at 10:00 am. Call the church office at 928-9222 or sign up below and drop in the offering plate to reserve your spot.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Remember to visit the UMW bake sale in the parlor immediately following the morning worship service today. All of the proceeds will go toward the purchase of new commercial grade ovens for the fellowship hall. Thank you in advance for your generous donations!

### Year-to-Date Operating Funds as of 10/31/17

Revenues	415,933
Operating Expenses	460,833
Surplus/(Deficit)	(44,901)

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



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### WEEKLY CALENDAR NOVEMBER 19-25, 2017

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**  
 9:00-Noon UMW Bake Sale  
 9:15 Sunday School  
 10:30 Worship Service  
 3:00 Youth Leadership Council  
 4:30 Children & Youth Activities  
 5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper  
 6:15 The Branch

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20**  
 6:00 Women's Bible Study  
 6:30 Safety Committee Meeting  
 7:00 Boy Scouts

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21**  
 5:00 Staff Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**  
 7:30 Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23**  
 Thanksgiving  
 Church office & ELC closed

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24**  
 Church office & ELC closed

UMC #GivingTuesday, one of United Methodism's annual outpourings of generosity, is coming up on November 28! Wherever your passion lies, you can connect with missionaries and projects that you can support. Visit [UMCmission.org/Give](http://UMCmission.org/Give) to see which of the more than 600 projects and 300 missionaries align with your passions. Every dollar you give will go directly to the mission or ministry you select.

### SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

**USHERS:** David Denny, Ernie Walker, Ken Talley, Dale Schmitt  
**GREETERS:** Art Eckerson, Deborah & Marcus Grant, Mark & Polly Crowder, Kent & Midge Merrill  
**PRAYER:** Ben Peeples **CROSSBEARER:** Macy Shell  
**ACOLYTE:** Sammi Uelhof **BEADLE:** Zane Huff  
**AUDIOVISUAL:** Karl Kapoor

## 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

November 19, 2017

24th Sunday after Pentecost

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

**PRELUDE** "There's A Wideness in God's Mercy" Arr. Dale Wood

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN** "A Blessing Song" The Cherub Choir

God our Father, we thank You for Your many blessings. AMEN

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is the Creator of the heavens and earth.

**People: God has made everything, and given it to us.**

Leader: Jesus is our Redeemer, our Savior, our friend.

**People: Jesus has come to show us God's love, and teach us to love one another.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit moves in us, brings us together, and guides us in life.

**People: The Spirit reminds us that everything comes from God.**

Leader: Let us share in all of the good gifts of God.

**People: Let us worship our God together as one.**

### INVOCATION

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

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

Leader: Merciful God, we kneel before You, embarrassed that we have disappointed You.

**People: We confess the many times when we have failed to be Your faithful servants.**

Leader: Given opportunities to speak of Your love,

**People: we have remained silent in doubt and fear.**

Leader: Given opportunities to forgive,

**People: we have judged others and ignored our own sins.**

Leader: Given opportunities to share,

**People: we have closed our fists and defended what is ours.**

Leader: Given opportunities to serve,

**People: we have turned our eyes from those in need.**

Leader: In humility, we seek Your forgiveness, O God.

**People: Whatever it is, Lord, that is keeping us from serving You faithfully, may we leave it behind, and follow You.**

(a time for personal confession)

Leader: God looks on us with mercy. God offers us peace and abundant life. My friends, rejoice and believe the good news of the Gospel:

**People: Through Jesus Christ, we receive forgiveness and salvation. Thanks be to God! AMEN**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

**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**

**\*HYMN OF REFLECTION** "Lead Me to the Cross" Words on Screen

**OFFERTORY** "I Surrender All" Arr. Marilyn Ham

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 94

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 25:14-30

**ANTHEM**

"The Love of Christ"

*If I could speak the love of Christ, my Lord and Master crucified,  
I'd testify His precious blood became a cleansing, crimson flood;  
The sinner's healing tide.*

*If I could sing the love of Christ, if such a song I'd ever find,  
Each note would soar on eagle's wings to praise with angels as they sing,  
The Savior of mankind.*

*But should I sing for all my days the brightest melody,  
How could I say in songs of praise all Christ has done for me?*

*So I must live the love of Christ, and go where Christ alone would go.  
I'll bear His cross and share His pain without the hope of worldly gain;  
No greater love I'll show.*

**SERMON**

"The Faithful Stewards"

Rev. Jane Taylor

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

"Be Thou My Vision"

No. 451

**\*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.**

**Children's Shopping Day**

Our annual Christmas Shopping Day for the church children will be Saturday, December 9 at 10 am. The kids get so excited about being able to buy gifts for their loved ones at a minimal cost! Please help us make this possible by donating any new or slightly used items to include in the sale. Please leave any items for donation in the Open Door classroom. If you would like to get involved or have any questions, please contact Janine Berning at 534-7823.

**December 5th Sunday Gathering**

Next month we will celebrate our 5th Sunday on the 1st Sunday!

Don't miss it...Sunday, December 3rd

Potluck breakfast and program at 9:15

Hosted by the Friendship Sunday School Class

Guest Speaker: Jeff Wadley of Bays Mountain Methodist Camp

All are welcome!

November 19, 2017 Prayer Requests

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

**Prayer list:**

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| Betty & Aldon Speer    | Tom Palmer           |
| Mary McClellan         | Carrol Waterbury     |
| Kristy Hodge Pratt     | Kevin Jones          |
| Barbara Marrs          | Carrie Denny         |
| Bonnie Marrs           | Judy Rust            |
| Elizabeth Bailey       | Harold Phillips      |
| Harold & Nannie Greene | Janie Peterson       |
| Dot Woodby             | Bob & Dee Lentz      |
| Mack Peterson          | Marilyn Maddox       |
| Ralph & Joan Garland   | Scott Saylor         |
| Nancy Jewell           | Carolyn Wood         |
| Bobbie Wells           | Joan Tansil          |
| Marian Cocke           | Bobby & Viola Seay   |
| Elizabeth Wells        | Sue Speer            |
| Willie Hughes          | Jo Cross             |
| Clare Warren & parents | Our church           |
| Howard Smith           | Our nation           |
| Phyllis Eorgan         | Calvin Garland       |
| Catherine Cartus       | Kim Church           |
|                        | LaMarr Talley        |
|                        | Evelyn Moore         |
|                        | Beth Woodby & family |

**Holiday Taste of FUMC**

The annual Holiday Taste of FUMC will be December 10 from 4:30-6:00 pm. It will be a night of fellowship and giving to support our Food Pantry. Make plans now to join us!