

Wednesday Night Fellowship

January 18, 2017 5:45 pm

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

Program: The Parables of Jesus

Reservations by Tuesday 1/17

Indicate # of people:

___ Adults & children over 12

___ Children age 3-11 (meal above)

___ 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. 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.

Use this QR Code to access online giving.



Year-to-Date Operating Funds as of 12/31/16

Revenues	555,778
Operating Expenses	555,730
Surplus/(Deficit)	48

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WEEKLY CALENDAR JANUARY 15-21, 2017

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 4:30 youth activity
 5:30 children & youth snack supper
 6:15 The Branch

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

6:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym
 7:00 Women's Bible Study
 7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

5:30 staff meeting
 6:00 FUMC feeds Wesley students

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

5:45 Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner and Program
 6:15 youth
 7:30 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978
 7:00 Communication Pillar mtg.-conference room
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

10:00 FUMC serves at the Melting Pot
 Youth leave for Resurrection

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Ernie Walker, Ken Talley, Dale Schmitt
GREETERS: Donna Robbins, Ann Mohap, Bonnie Sampson, Deborah & Marcus Grant
PRAYER: Johnny Qualls **CROSSBEARER:** Josie Roberts
ACOLYTE: Molly Huff **BEADLE:** Zane Huff
AUDIOVISUAL: Ethan Morelock



First United Methodist Church

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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

January 15, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE

"No. 9- Andrew"

Robert J. Greene, Jr.

from "The Apostles: Twelve Sketches for Organ"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: No matter where we are, or what we are doing, O God,

People: your steadfast love finds us.

Leader: No matter how uncertain our journey may be, O God,

People: your steadfast righteousness sustains us.

Leader: No matter how mixed-up our lives seem to us, O God,

People: your steadfast presence gives us hope.

Leader: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,

People: you hear our cries and answer our prayers.

Leader: We lift up our eyes to You and listen for Your voice.

People: We lift our voices in praise, because Your steadfast love never fails.

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

No. 126

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Faithful God, You call us into fellowship with Your Son, Jesus Christ,

People: but we are more comfortable with our own thoughts and our old ways.

Leader: You call us to be Your servants,

People: but we doubt Your blessings, and worry that we lack the skills to do Your work.

Leader: You have filled our lives with the light of Your presence,

People: but we stumble, and our actions are often hurtful and unkind.

Leader: You show us the way of justice and peace,

People: but we turn away defiantly, insisting that we know what's best for our lives.

Leader: God of love and grace, put Your song on our lips and in our hearts.

All: Remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in You alone. Guide us into the light of Your unwavering and never-ending love, so that we may always be faithful in thought, word, and deed.

(A time for personal reflection)

Leader: God is faithful and ever-present. The God who knew us before our birth still loves us and strengthens us. My friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: In God's gift of Jesus Christ, we find forgiveness, peace, and hope. Thanks be to God! AMEN

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

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** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" No. 140

OFFERTORY "No. 10-Jude" Robert J. Greene, Jr.
from "The Apostles: Twelve Sketches for Organ"

***DOXOLOGY** No. 94

GOSPEL READING John 1:29-42

ANTHEM "Lamb of God"

*Lamb of God, Redeemer of the world, You are worthy of all glory.
Lamb of God, Redeemer of the world, You are holy; You are worthy of all praise.
Glory and power, blessing and honor be unto You.
King of kings and Lord of lords, You are worthy of all glory.
Prince of Peace and Everlasting God, You are holy; You are worthy of all praise. Alleluia!*

SERMON "And You Will See Greater Things Than These " Rev. Jane Taylor

***HYMN** "Lord, Speak to Me" No. 453
Verses 1, 2, 3, and 4

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*O use me, Lord, use even me
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where,
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.*

POSTLUDE "No. 11- The Watcher" Robert J. Greene, Jr.
from "The Apostles: Twelve Sketches for Organ"

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.

Did you forget to turn in your pledge card? Out of 280 pledge cards picked up or mailed out, the church has only received 54 commitments of pledging (the lowest return in several years.) **This is important to our church's program planning!** We hope this was just an oversight for many of you. For those who turned one in, thank you. If you have not, please do so as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your card and need another, please contact the church office or Brian Rosecrance.

Reminder: join us for our Fifth Sunday Fellowship Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 am on January 29. The Pathfinders Class is hosting this time and will provide juice and coffee. You are invited to bring a breakfast favorite to share.

Fran Waterbury has asked that we share her new cell phone number: (423) 431-9609

January 15, 2017 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y ___ N ___

Requested by _____

Prayer list:

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| Betty & Aldon Speer | Helen Holyfield |
| Mary McClellan | Ralph & Joan Garland |
| Kristy Hodge Pratt | Nancy Jewell |
| Grier Washam | Calvin Garland |
| Barbara Marrs | Bobbie Wells |
| Clay&BonnieMarrs | Bernice Stephens |
| Elizabeth Bailey | Trygve Thayer |
| Brian Milby | Jo Ann Rorrer |
| Kim Slade | Dottie Woodby |
| Tony Gentry | Linda Stanley |
| Harold Greene | Susan Fields |
| Megan Smith & family | Elizabeth Powell |
| | Willie Hughes |

Mark your calendars for Evening on Spring Street, an elegant dinner and entertainment by the youth of First Church. It will be Saturday, February 11 at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Recommended minimum donations are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. Make reservations below, at information centers, or see youth leaders. Enjoy fellowship with your church family and friends while supporting our youth!

Name _____

of adults _____

of children _____