

Wednesday Night Fellowship

February 1, 2017 5:45 pm

Menu: Pork Loin, potatoes, green beans, salad bar, bread, dessert

Program: The Parable of the Kingdom of Heaven

Led by Steve Reis

Reservations by Tuesday 1/31

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.

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

JAN. 29-FEB. 4, 2017

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

5:30 staff meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

5:45 Wednesday Night Fellowship
 Dinner and Program

6:15 youth

7:30 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

10:00 UMW Executive Committee
 11:00 UMW General Mtg. & Luncheon
 6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978
 7:00 Outreach Pillar Meeting
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:30 Circle of Friends

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:
USHERS: Judy Cook, Katie Mahoney, Donna Robbins, Fran Waterbury, Janice Moore
GREETERS: Art Eckerson, Deborah & Marcus Grant, Donna Robbins, Bonnie Sampson
PRAYER: Mike Eddy **CROSSBEARER:** Stephen Cradic
ACOLYTE: Jalen Pack **BEADLE:** Renee Jah
AUDIOVISUAL: John Cradic



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 29, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Lord, Save Your World" Wilbur Held

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When we love God by serving others,

People: then we fulfill the greatest of the commandments.

Leader: When we foolishly believe that love can save the perishing,

People: then the message of the cross is being lived and proclaimed.

Leader: When we extend mercy,

People: then we receive mercy.

Leader: So let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.

People: For the wisdom of God is in Jesus Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Come, Thou Almighty King" No. 61

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Holy God, You have given Jesus Christ to become the Wisdom of God for our lives, and still, we choose to go our own way.

People: We insist on being treated fairly, but we fail to go out of our way to seek justice for others.

Leader: We expect to be treated gently, even though we spread fear, gossip, rumors, and disrespect for our neighbor.

People: We take great pride in our accomplishments, forgetting that all we are, and all we have are gifts from You, and nothing without You.

Leader: Forgive us, Lord.

People: Forgive our foolishness. Forgive our pride. Forgive our self-centered ways. Teach us in faith to follow Your example of love, justice, kindness, and grace.

(A time for personal reflection)

Leader: God hears our prayers and offers us wisdom and life. God’s love embraces us when we fall way short of obedience. Trust in God and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: God loves us and shows us mercy. In Jesus Christ, God forgives us. Thanks be to God. AMEN

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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** “Build Your Kingdom Here” screen

OFFERTORY “Be Thou My Vision” Marilyn Thompson

***DOXOLOGY** No. 94

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 5:1-12

ANTHEM

“Offertory”

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings?

Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions,

The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man! He has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness,

And to walk to humbly with your God.

SERMON

“Expanding the Call”

Rev. Jane Taylor

***HYMN**

“The Gift of Love”

No. 408

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Let justice shine in all your ways. Let loving kindness rule your days,

That, as this earthly path you trod, you shall walk humbly with your God.

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.

A new young adult small group will begin next Sunday, February 5 at 9:15 in room A114 (across from Rev. Taylor’s office.) This group is open to anyone over 18 who is looking to connect with other young adults in Bible study and fellowship.

Johnson City District UMW “Day Apart Service” 2/11/2017

When: Saturday, February 11, 9:30a.m.-noon

Where: First UMC, Elizabethton

Who: All Women

Registration: Heather Vaughn, (423)773-7287 or email hvaughn40@gmail.com

Child care available if requested. Contact Nancy Honeycutt or Judy Cook if you have questions.

Coming up: Chili Fundraiser Luncheon on Sunday, March 19 after church to support sending 14 children and youth to the Montreat Worship and Music Conference June 25-July 1.

Chili, cornbread, salad & dessert provided for a donation

January 29, 2017 Prayer Requests

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Requested by _____

Prayer list:

Betty & Aldon Speer	Ralph & Joan Garland
Mary McClellan	Nancy Jewell
Kristy Hodge Pratt	Calvin Garland
Grier Washam	Bobbie Wells
Barbara Marrs	Bernice Stephens
Clay&BonnieMarrs	Jo Ann Rorrer
Elizabeth Bailey	Linda Stanley
Brian Milby	Susan Fields
Kim Slade	Elizabeth Powell
Tony Gentry	Willie Hughes
Harold Greene	Clare Warren & parents
Megan Smith & family	Lyndell Denny
Helen Holyfield	Alan DeWitt
Betty Gouge (no calls or visits please)	Howard Smith
	Serena Crowder & family

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 _____