

### Wednesday Night Fellowship

January 11, 2017 5:45 pm

Menu: Taco salad, beans, corn, dessert

Program: The Parables of Jesus

Reservations by Tuesday 1/10

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 11/30/16

Revenues	469,134
Operating Expenses	490,790
Surplus/(Deficit)	(21,656)

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**SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:**  
**USHERS:** David Denny, Calvin McMann, Roger Bailey, Frank Mohap  
**GREETERS:** Bob Peebles, Jamee Roberts, Donna Robbins, Ann Mohap  
**PRAYER:** Joann Boyd **CROSSBEARER:** Macy Shell  
**ACOLYTE:** Avery Nelson **BEADLE:** Ellie Nelson  
**AUDIOVISUAL:** John Cradic

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**  
**JANUARY 8-14, 2017**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8**  
 9:15 Sunday School  
 9:45 coffee & fellowship—welcome center on gym balcony  
 10:30 Worship Service  
 4:30 youth activity  
 5:30 children & youth snack supper  
 6:15 The Branch  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 9**  
 7:00 Women's Bible Study  
 7:00 Boy Scouts  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10**  
 5:30 staff meeting  
 7:00 Church Council-conf. room  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11**  
 9:00 Intercessory Prayer Ministry—"Praying for Others"-chapel  
 5:45 Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner and Program  
 6:15 youth  
 7:30 Chancel Choir  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12**  
 6:00 SPR Meeting  
 6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978  
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers—gym  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13**  
 RezKids in Gatlinburg



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 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 8, 2017**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**PRELUDE** "March of the Magi Kings" Theodore Dubois

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come. The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

**People: The glory of God shines into our darkness.**

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around. Follow the star, wherever it leads!

**People: We will take the journey that leads to the holy child.**

Leader: Let your hearts rejoice. Be overwhelmed with joy!

**People: We worship the Christ child, that hope of the world.**

**INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Angels From the Realms of Glory" No. 220

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The radiance of a Star guided the travelers to the feet of Jesus where they offered their most precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**People: Gracious God, You have given us more than a star to guide us— You have revealed Your glory and Your love in the person of Jesus, the Light of the World.**

Leader: You have chosen us to receive Your love, Your grace, and Your salvation. You have marked us with the seal of Your Spirit and called us to offer joyful praise in service to others.

**All: Forgive us when we fail to give our best to You. Forgive us when we fail to bring the light of Your love to those darkened by pain, poverty, sorrow, and hopelessness. Forgive us when we choose to go our own way, rather than be guided by Your Spirit, so we may follow where You lead, and reveal Your glory and love in all we say and do.**

**(a time for personal reflection)**

Leader: Arise and shine, for our light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon us. God carries out His eternal purpose in Jesus Christ and it is through Christ that we have access to God. My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are redeemed and forgiven. AMEN**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Isaiah 60:1-6

**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** “The First Noel” No. 245  
Verses 1, 2, 3, and 5

**OFFERTORY** “Kings of the Orient: Minuet-Trio” Rebecca Groom Te Velde

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 94

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 2:1-12

**ANTHEM** “A Star Shone Bright”

*A star shone bright across the plain and calmed the earth so Love could reign.*

*'Twas in a child that hope was born, a dream fulfilled! O happy morn!*

*O Son of God, Incarnate Word, O Wisdom’s Light, whom angels heard,*

*Come forth again, our hearts console. O heal our hurts and make us whole.*

*From Bethlehem come to our day; reveal to us Your holy way.*

*Be born again, Eternal Fire. O Spirit come, our souls inspire.*

*O Star shine forth once more this night and flood our streets with heavenly Light*

*Till every heart in Christ shall see the glory of eternity.*

**SERMON** “The Light in the World” Rev. Jane Taylor

**\*HYMN OF JOY** “Joy to the World” No. 246  
Verses 1, 2, and 3

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*He rules the world with truth and grace*

*And makes the nations prove*

*The glories of His righteousness*

*And wonders of His love*

**POSTLUDE** “Morning Star (Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning)”  
Wayne L. Wold

**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.**

Ellen Ferguson would like to extend a Thank You to the Christmas carolers from FUMC who came to sing to her. You were very much appreciated!

January 8, 2017 Prayer Requests

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

**Prayer list:**

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

Coming on January 11, 2017: a Wednesday Night study of [The Parables of Jesus](#). This nine week study will be taught by various members and teachers from our congregation. Mark your calendars for this insightful look at these special verses of Scripture and please join us!

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Jim and Pam Heaton.