

Wednesday Night Fellowship

March 22, 2017 5:45 pm

Menu: Taco salad, beans, corn, dessert

Program: Lenten study

Reservations by Tuesday 3/21 **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 web-site 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 2/28/17

Revenues	74,883
Operating Expenses	99,799
Surplus/(Deficit)	(24,916)

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WEEKLY CALENDAR
MARCH 19-25, 2017

SUNDAY, MARCH 19
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 11:30 Chili Luncheon Fundraiser
 4:30 youth activity
 4:30 children's choir
 5:30 children & youth snack supper
 6:15 The Branch

MONDAY, MARCH 20
 7:00 Women's Bible Study
 7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, MARCH 21
 5:30 staff meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22
 5:45 Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner and Program
 6:15 youth
 7:30 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 23
 5:30 ELC Board Meeting
 6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym

SATURDAY, MARCH 25
 10:00 Community Mission Food Distribution- Neighborhood Center

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:
USHERS: David Denny, Ernie Walker, Ken Talley, Dale Schmitt
GREETERS: Novice Gross, Brian & Cathie Rosecrance, Katie Mahoney, Mark & Polly Crowder
PRAYER: Fran Waterbury **CROSSBEARER:** Josie Roberts
ACOLYTE: Jaliyah Woods **BEADLE:** Renee Jah
AUDIOVISUAL: Jeff Crowder



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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
March 19, 2017
The Third Sunday of Lent

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Variations on a Hymn for Lent" Dale Wood

THE CANDLES OF LENT

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" No. 152

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

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that we turn away from You time and time again.

People: We talk much about following Jesus, but we are fearful of the risk and the cost.

Leader: We value truth, but we have fudged our own integrity.

People: We praise forgiveness, but we are miserly in granting forgiveness to others.

Leader: We speak of love, but we often place conditions on our loving.

People: We are too often ashamed to show our faith to the world around us.

Leader: We look to the cross of Christ, but we avoid taking up our own.

People: We want to save our lives and gain the whole world also. Have mercy on us.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: If we rely upon the law, we are beyond hope. But in God's mercy we are declared righteous through faith in Jesus, who gave Himself for us. My friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: By faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and promised eternal life. Thanks be to God. AMEN

NEW TESTAMENT READING Galatians 2:15-21

MEDITATION IN MUSIC "Love One Another" Children of the Church

AN ORDER FOR COMMISSIONING TO CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Karl and Anna Kapoor

Pastor: All who take upon themselves the name of Christ are called into ministries of love and service by the example of Christ. As Anna and Karl begin their work among the people of Tatoxcac, Mexico, we pray the blessings of God and this community upon their endeavors.

People: We recognize you as ambassadors of this congregation in ministry with the people of Tatoxcac, Mexico and dedicate you to service in the name of Jesus Christ. Through our prayers, we will be united with you in your work. May God richly bless your labors.

Pastor: Let us affirm our belief in the responsibilities of Christian service.

People: We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts. We commit ourselves to the rights and dignity of all persons and to the improvement of the quality of life. We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world and to the rule of justice and law among all nations. We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs, and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world.

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (sung by the congregation)

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
 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** "We Believe" Words on Screen

OFFERTORY "Wondrous Love" arr. Jan Sanborn

***DOXOLOGY** No. 95

***GOSPEL READING** John 3:1-17

ANTHEM "For God So Loved the World"

*For God so loved the world, He gave His priceless pearl.
 For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son.
 Love came that none should die. Christ came, a sacrifice,
 That whosoever believeth in Him would have eternal life.
 For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
 But that the world through Him might live.*

SERMON "Brushing Your Teeth" Rev. Jane Taylor

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Freely, Freely" No. 389

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*He said, "Freely, freely you have received,
 Freely, freely give.
 Go in my name and because you believe
 Others will know that I live."*

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.

FUMC welcomes into membership Wayne and Grace Holloway, joining today by transfer of letter from FUMC in Monroe, LA.

Faith Promise Update

Thanks to your generosity, we have met and exceeded the \$12,000 Faith Promise pledge goal with a current total of \$12,100 in pledges. We thank God and celebrate this Church's commitment to missions. We pray that through Faith Promise, we will continue to serve the least, the last, and the lost, and spread the love of Christ in new ways and in new places.

For Wednesday evening March 22, Bill Carter has been invited by his physician, Dr. Alan Colyar, to speak on the practice of Lent at his church, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church at 6:15. There will be opportunity for questions and discussion. The last program on Lent will be Wednesday March 29 when Bill will present other material about the observation of pre-Easter services and practices.

March 19, 2017 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y ___ N ___

Requested by _____

Prayer list:

Betty & Aldon Speer	Ralph & Joan Garland
Mary McClellan	Nancy Jewell
Kristy Hodge Pratt	Bobbie Wells
Grier Washam	Bernice Stephens
Barbara Marrs	Jo Ann Rorrer
Bonnie Marrs	Linda Stanley
Elizabeth Bailey	Susan Fields
Brian Milby	Elizabeth Powell
Kim Slade	Willie Hughes
Tony Gentry	Clare Warren & parents
Harold Greene	Lyndell Denny
Megan Smith & family	Howard Smith
Helen Holyfield	Serena Crowder & family
Betty Gouge	Steven Smith
Dot Woodby	Phyllis Eorgan
Jeff, Eleanor & Charlie Power	Freddie Tester
Britten Olinger	Catherine Cartus

The church extends sympathy to Dr. Karl Kapoor and family in the death of his mother, Ruth Kapoor, on March 12, 2017.

Sympathy is also extended to James Good in the death of his sister, Julia Good Brinkley.

Chili luncheon TODAY in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service to support sending children and youth to the Montreat Worship and Music Conference this summer