

## Wednesday Night Fellowship

January 17, 2018 5:45 pm

**Menu:** Ham, oven roasted potatoes, green beans, salad bar, bread, dessert

Reservations by Tuesday 1/16 **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 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**.



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### WEEKLY CALENDAR

**JANUARY 14-20, 2018**

**FUMC HOSTING FAMILY PROMISE THIS WEEK**

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship Service  
4:30 Children & Youth Activities  
5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper  
6:15 The Branch

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 15

10:00 UMW- Conference Room  
7:00 Boy Scouts

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

4:30 Staff Meeting  
6:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers- gym

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

5:45 Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner & Program  
6:15 Children's Choir  
6:15 Children & Youth Activities  
7:30 Chancel Choir

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978  
6:30 Connections/Communications Pillar Meeting

7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers- gym

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

10:00 FUMC serves at the Melting Pot  
4:00 Youth leave for Resurrection

### SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

**USHERS:** David Denny, Calvin McMann, Roger Bailey, Frank Mohap

**GREETERS:** Jamee Roberts, Brian & Cathie Rosecrance, Sharon Cradic, Joanne Peterson

**PRAYER:** Judy Cook **CROSSBEARER:** Taylor Nichols

**ACOLYTE:** Avery Nelson **BEADLE:** Ellie Nelson

**AUDIOVISUAL:** John Cradic



The Baptism of Our Lord

## 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

January 14, 2018

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

**PRELUDE** "Song For a New Year" Gilbert Martin

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we gather here today, we recall that Jesus came to the water to be baptized.

**People: In baptism, we are claimed by God and freed from the power of hatred and death.**

Leader: In baptism, we are joined to Christ and joined together in unity.

**People: There is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female. We are all one in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for the ministry of proclaiming God's divine love to all.

**People: Therefore, we remember our baptism and celebrate. Let us worship God together.**

#### INVOCATION

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" No. 126

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

Leader: God our Father, we have failed to live into Your promise of new life.

**People: We are eager to worship You and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear You calling us to witness and serve.**

Leader: We sing our songs of praise in the sanctuary, but fall silent in the routine of daily living.

**People: We gladly rejoice in our own salvation, but fail to share Your goodness and grace with others.**

Leader: Forgive us, Holy God.

**People: Forgive us, Lord, for living our lives in safety and not being willing to discomfort ourselves for the sake of others. Let the power of Your ever-present Spirit strengthen us to proclaim Your love and justice in our community and throughout the world.**

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: The God who created you and shaped your life says this: "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you; I have called you by name; you are mine." Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are chosen, called, and forgiven. AMEN**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Acts 19:1-7

**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** "Down By the Jordan" Supplement No. 3045

**OFFERTORY** "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" Percy Smith/Arr. Jay Rouse

**DOXOLOGY** No. 94

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 1:4-11

**ANTHEM** "Be Still and Know"

*Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is holy.*

*Be still O restless soul of mine. Bow before the Prince of Peace.*

*Let the noise and clamor cease. Be still and know that He is God.*

*Be still and know that He is faithful. Consider all that He has done:*

*Stand in awe and be amazed and know that He will never change.*

*Be still and know that He is God.*

*Be still and know He is our Father. Come, rest your head upon His breast.*

*Listen to the rhythm of His unfailing heart of love;*

*Beating for His little ones, calling each of us to come. Be still.*

**SERMON** "Reliving Our First Days" Mr. Steve Gross

**REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

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**\*HYMN** "We Believe" Words on Screen

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Here in the Church we are baptized and filled with God's Spirit.*

*Freed and forgiven we're welcomed with joy! Can you hear it?*

*This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're mine!"*

*Let's take the good news and share it!*

**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.**

***In Sympathy***

*Sympathy is extended to Rev. Jane Taylor and family in the death of her mother, Sara Jane Jones, who passed away on Wednesday.*

*Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Jane Farr, who passed away this week.*

*Sympathy is extended to Joann Boyd and family in the death of Clay Boyd, who passed away this week.*

*Sympathy is also extended to the family and friends of Shirley Turkett, who passed away this week. Although not currently a member here, Shirley had been part of First Church life in years past.*

Dear First Methodist Church Family,

There is no way we can express all our thanks for your continued sharing of love. Throughout Calvin's illness we received many visits, email and text messages, greeting cards, and phone calls. These have continued since his passing, and additional support has been provided with the unexpected loss of Steve's brother during this time. We are also grateful for the monetary donations made to the church in Calvin's memory. Loss of loved ones is never easy, especially during the holidays. The care poured out by our church family eased some of the pain.

Thank you all very much!

Kathleen Garland, Donna & Steve Robbins

January 14, 2018 Prayer Requests

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

**Prayer list:**

Betty & Aldon Speer	Kevin Jones
Mary McClellan	Carrie Denny
Kristy Hodge Pratt	Janie Peterson
Barbara Marrs	Bob & Dee Lentz
Elizabeth Bailey	Carolyn Wood
Harold & Nannie Greene	Joan Tansil
Dot Woodby	Bobby & Viola Seay
Mack Peterson	Sue Speer
Ralph & Joan Garland	Jo Cross
Nancy Jewell	Our church
Bobbie Wells	Our nation
Marian Cocke	Kim Church
Elizabeth Wells	LaMarr Talley
Willie Hughes	Evelyn Moore
Clare Warren & parents	Beth Woodby & family
Howard Smith	Steve Holmes
Catherine Cartus	Donna Royston
Tom Palmer	Vicky Coffman
Carrol Waterbury	Linda Church
	Coolidge Johnson
	Sue Manuszak
	Isaac Stephenson

**Save the Date!**

**Mark your calendars for the Evening on Spring Street, coming up on Saturday, February 17. It will be a time of fun and fellowship with our church family while helping our senior high youth raise money for their summer mission trip.**