

Wednesday Night Fellowship

January 10, 2018 5:45 pm

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

Program: An Update from the Safety Task Force

Reservations by Tuesday 1/9 **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**.



Year-to-Date Operating Funds as of 11/30/17

Revenues	457,941
Operating Expenses	506,079
Surplus/(Deficit)	(48,138)

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

JANUARY 7-13, 2018

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

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 8

7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

4:30 Staff Meeting
 7:00 Church Council Meeting—
 Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 Intercessory Prayer Ministry—
 Chapel
 5:45 Wednesday Night Fellowship
 Dinner & Program
 6:15 Children's Choir
 6:15 Children & Youth Activities
 7:30 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers— gym

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Art Eckerson, Jim Heaton, Mitch Robinson, Steve Love
GREETERS: Art Eckerson, Deborah & Marcus Grant, Donna Robbins, Bonnie Sampson
PRAYER: Steve Gross **CROSSBEARER:** Jaliyah Woods
ACOLYTE: Josie Roberts **BEADLE:** Renee Jah
AUDIOVISUAL: Karl Kapoor

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 7, 2018

Epiphany of the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Personent Hodie" Setting by Robert Fielding

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, the 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 Son. Strengthen us with 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 your light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon us. God carries out God’s 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. Thanks be to God. AMEN

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6

MORNING PRAYER

***HYMN OF REFLECTION** “Here I am to Worship” Supplement No. 3177 & on screen Verses 1, 2, 3, & 5

OFFERTORY “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” Setting by Mark Hayes

DOXOLOGY No. 94

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-12

ANTHEM

“Song of the Wise Men”

Over the plains, the hills, and the desert, traveling through wasteland and desolate wild Riding the eastern ridge, wise men are coming, searching in earnest for God’s Christmas Child.

Mountain and tree, come join in our song, a glad alleluia as we go along!

Herod had sent them to find the Messiah so he could bow down and worship Him, too. But in a dream God revealed His intentions, telling instead what the wise men must do.

Up in the night sky starlight is beaming, glowing and radiant over the sand, Showing the wise men the way to the baby, sent from the heavens to Bethlehem land.

We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar, Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy Perfect Light.

Now in the household they open their treasures, gifts for a King they present to the Boy. Bending and worshipping Christ so sincerely, wise men are echoing gladness and joy!

SERMON

“Follow the Star”

Rev. Jane Taylor

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

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THE 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 COMMITMENT**

“Fairest Lord Jesus” Verses 1, 2, & 3

No. 189

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Beautiful Savior, Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of man!*

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.

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.

January 7, 2018 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y ___ N ___

Requested by _____

Prayer list:

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| 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 |

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.