

**Wednesday Night Fellowship**

September 26, 2018 5:45 pm

**Menu:** Spaghetti & meatballs, fruit, salad bar, bread, dessert

**Program:** Half Truths by Adam Hamilton, led by Jim Heaton

Reservations by Tuesday, 9/25 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: 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 8/31/18**

Revenues	345,187
Operating Expenses	373,220
Surplus/(Deficit)	(28,034)

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**  
**SEPTEMBER 23-29, 2018**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**  
 9:15 Sunday School  
 10:30 Worship Service  
 12:00 Wesley Foundation Barbecue  
 3:00 Three Rivers District Conference Meeting  
 4:30 Children, Youth, & Wayfinders Activities  
 5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper  
 6:15 The Branch  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**  
 7:00 Boy Scouts  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
 4:30 Staff Meeting  
 7:00 Circle of Hope— Janice Moore's home  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**  
 4:15 Youth Choir  
 5:00 Guitar Class  
 5:45 Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner & Program  
 6:15 Children & Youth Activities  
 7:30 Chancel Choir  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**  
 10:00 Senior Adult Gathering at Unicoi UMC  
 5:30 ELC Board Meeting  
 6:00 Wayfinders  
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers— gym

**SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:**  
**USHERS:** David Denny, Ben Peeples, Art Eckerson, Alan LeClair  
**GREETERS:** Art Eckerson, Brian & Cathie Rosecrance, Mark & Polly Crowder, Kent & Midge Merrill  
**PRAYER:** Nancy Campbell **CROSSBEARER:** Josie Roberts  
**ACOLYTE:** Molly Huff **BEADLE:** Reece Kelley  
**AUDIOVISUAL:** Karl Kapoor



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 Please sign the red registration pad at one end of each pew.

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**September 23, 2018**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**PRELUDE** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Arr. Dale Wood

**CHORAL INTROIT** "Jesus Loves Me" Children's Choirs

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us love each other, because love is from God and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

**People: Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is not jealous.**

Leader: Love does not brag. Love is not proud. Love is not rude.

**People: Love does not insist on its own way. Love is not easily angered.**

Leader: Love does not keep a record of complaints. Love does not rejoice in wrongdoings, but rejoices in the truth.

**People: Love stands firm in all things. Love always trusts. Love always hopes. Love perseveres.**

Leader: Love never fails.

**People: Love never fails.**

**INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 103

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

Leader: Wise and understanding God, our cravings for more and more toss us about like leaves in the wind.

**People: We are jealous of others and selfishly protect our own ambitions.**

Leader: We take pride in our cleverness and ignore Your ways of compassion and grace.

**People: We follow our own desires, and find our lives littered with disorder and conflict.**

Leader: We need You, Father, and we turn to You for forgiveness and new life.

**People: Forgive us when our actions damage our relationship with You and with each other. Grant us Your wisdom. Give us pure and obedient hearts. Teach us to greet all Your children with peace, gentleness, justice, and mercy.**

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: The Lord is steadfast in love and welcomes all who seek His presence. Brothers and sisters, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**People: In the saving work of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! AMEN!**

**EPISTLE READING** James 3:13-4:3, 7-8

**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** "Jesus Loves Me" Words on Screen

**OFFERTORY** "Now Thank We All Our God" Arr. Jan Sanborn

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 94

**GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 9:30-37

**ANTHEM**

"Ye Servants of God"

*Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim and publish abroad His wonderful Name;  
The name all victorious of Jesus extol, His Kingdom is glorious and rules over all. Hallelujah!*

*"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.*

*Then let us adore and give Him His right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might;  
All honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing in infinite love.*

**SERMON** "Living Out Greatness" Rev. Jane Taylor

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Be Thou My Vision" No. 451

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.*

*With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.*

**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.**

-The 18th Annual ETSU Wesley Foundation BBQ & Auction is TODAY. Food service and silent auction begin at noon & live auction begins at 1:30. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children.

-The Fifth Sunday Breakfast has been rescheduled to October 7

-Charge Conference will be here at FUMC September 30 at 3:00 pm

-Trunk or Treat will be Wednesday, October 24 from 5:45-7:00

-Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are available in the narthex

-Holston Conference has issued a call for Cleaning Kits, Hygiene Kits, and monetary donations to assist our neighbors in the path of Hurricane Florence. For details on how to assemble these kits, there is a link on our website at [www.1stChurchJC.org](http://www.1stChurchJC.org)

September 23, 2018 Prayer Requests

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

**Prayer list:**

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| Betty & Aldon Speer    | Magnolia Ridge family of recovery |
| Barbara Marrs          | Mark Nottingham & family          |
| Elizabeth Bailey       | Don Bettis                        |
| Dot Woodby             | Bryan Murphy                      |
| Ralph & Joan Garland   | Frannie Knouse                    |
| Nancy Jewell           | Brittany Newton                   |
| Bobbie Wells           | Rev. David Neel                   |
| Elizabeth Wells        | Jim Paveglio                      |
| Clare Warren & parents | Cody Hammond                      |
| Catherine Cartus       | Joe Campbell                      |
| Tom Palmer             | Mitch Link                        |
| Kevin Jones            | Michael Harrell                   |
| Carrie Denny           | Sharyn Lessly                     |
| Bob & Dee Lentz        | Al Shelnett                       |
| Carolyn Wood           | Jane Wilhoit Anderson             |
| Sue Speer              | Nancy Wilhoit Norris              |
| Kim Church             | Midge Merrill                     |
| LaMarr Talley          | Emily Hawkins                     |
| Evelyn Moore           | Christy Cagle                     |
| Linda Church           | Beth Minutolo                     |
| Jo Cross               | Sue Zabala                        |
| Edna Johnson           | Betty McGaha                      |
| Jerry & Judy Rust      | Steve Holmes                      |
| Bill & Mary McClellan  | Phil & Donna Pipkin               |
| Brian Milby            | Vivian Eckerson                   |

The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of Anna Love by her parents, Steve & Luanne Love.