

# The First Epistle

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It seems that in the Bible everyone is on a journey. Abraham and Sarah had several journeys that took them from home to foreign lands. Jacob had a couple of journeys that he took to avoid trouble. Moses journey led him to the wilderness where he found a bride, a burning bush and a call. The children of Israel journeyed from a land of slavery to the desert to the promised land. Should I continue? Samuel, David, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel all made significant journeys in their lives. It was all part of God's plan for them as individuals and for the nation of Israel. Of course Jesus journeyed from heaven to earth and He journeyed to Egypt and throughout Israel with His disciples and He journeyed through life to His destination on the cross. Journeys are important! So when you read your Bible look to see the journey – literally and figuratively!

In this Lenten season we are on a journey. A journey to remember who we are in light of the life of Jesus. A journey to examine our

hearts, minds and lives. It is important that we take this journey because we spend so much time on our own path that we forget there is a better Way and a better path. How easy it is to wander off and get lost in the cares of this world, in the stuff we consume and collect, and the journeys that we think are more important than Jesus. This journey is to remind us that it is not about ME it is about Him. We think that we are to live our lives to make our parents, our spouses, our friends our churches, our employer, and our kids happy, but we are to live our lives to glorify God and to seek His pleasure. It is not to be a little for me and little for Him – it is all for Him.

As you travel this road to Maundy Thursday and the cross ask yourself what in my life needs to be sacrificed and laid down so that Jesus can be glorified in my life? What part of

my life needs to be redeemed so that His light can shine through me? I pray for us all these last couple of weeks of Lent that we would

not stop short on our journey be go with Jesus to the garden to lay our lives down and to be resurrected!

Rev. Tim Bracken  
Email: tbracken@charter.net

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### **Saturday, March 31**

1:00—2:30 p.m. Easter Eggs-travaganza!!

### **Sunday, April 1— Palm Sunday**

8:15 a.m. Early Service  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship

**You are invited to attend Holy Week Services from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. For the convenience of all attending, a light meal will be served following each day's worship service (minimum suggested donation for meal: \$5.00).**

### **Monday, April 2**

12:00 p.m. Holy Week Service  
Rev. Brian Taylor  
Lunch: Chicken Pot Pie, Fruit, Salad

### **Tuesday, April 3**

12:00 p.m. Holy Week Service  
Rev. Andrew Amodei  
Lunch: BBQ Sandwich, Baked Beans, Slaw

### **Wednesday, April 4**

12:00 p.m. Holy Week Service  
Rev. Dr. Randy Frye  
Lunch: Spaghetti, Green Beans  
NO Wednesday Niter

### **Thursday, April 5**

12:00 p.m. Holy Week Service  
Rev. Lauri Jo Cranford  
Lunch: Soup, Cornbread, Salad  
5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Meal  
6:45 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

### **Friday, April 6**

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service  
Rev. Tim Bracken  
Lunch: Hamburger, Chips,  
Macaroni Salad

### **Sunday, April 7—Easter**

7:45 a.m. Sunrise Devotional  
8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. COMBINED Worship Service  
NO Wesley Singers or UMYF



## Resurrection Cross

We are asking everyone to bring cut flowers on Resurrection Sunday morning, April 8. You can bring flowers from your yard, garden, bought flowers.. ..whatever you have that is blooming! We will take these flowers and decorate a cross with them. It is an incredible transformation and we need everyone to participate by bringing flowers!!



## National Multiple Sclerosis Society

**Multiple Sclerosis Support Group**  
2nd Tuesday of every month

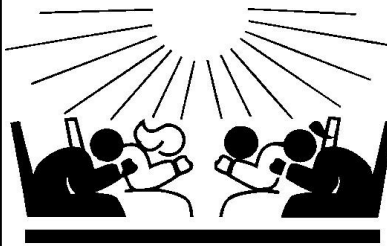
Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.  
at Quillen Rehabilitation Center.

Contact Mendy Hall  
at  
(423) 791-4712  
for more information.

## Extra! Extra! First Church is GOING GREEN!

First Church is going green and you can help. The Communications Pillar is asking those who have access to the internet to use the webpage at [www.1stchurchjc.org](http://www.1stchurchjc.org) as the way to receive your newsletter. If you don't have internet access or you just want a hardcopy mailed to you, you must "opt in" by calling the church office, emailing Kathy Tidwell ([kathy.fumc@charter.net](mailto:kathy.fumc@charter.net)), or dropping a note into the offering plate to let us know you still want to receive the newsletter in the mail. All who are currently homebound or in nursing homes will continue to receive the newsletter without having to contact the office. We would like to greatly reduce the newsletter mailings by May. There will be printed copies of the current newsletter available in the church office and the narthex each month. With your help we can continue to use our church resources wisely and help keep the earth green.

Communications Pillar,  
Jim Heaton, Chair



## Conference-wide prayer service will be held in each district on April 15

On Sunday, April 15, at 4:00 p.m., each of Holston's 12 districts will hold a special service that will unite church members in praying for the future. The Johnson City District prayer service will be held at Wesley Memorial UMC, 225 Princeton Rd in Johnson City.

The Rev. David Graves said the purpose of the simultaneous prayer services is to "pray for our work on the Call to Action, for General Conference, and for our own Annual Conference."

"We believe that every church in Holston is a vital congregation, and we want to come together to pray," said Graves, dean of the Cabinet and a member of Bishop Swanson's Blue Ribbon Team.

Although held at 12 different churches within each district, every service will be similar in format, with a video introduction from Bishop James Swanson, Graves said.

"We've talked about how bad things are. Now we want to focus on the 'Bright Spots,'" Graves said, referring to a term from the book, "Switch: How to Change Things When Change is Hard." "We want to bathe our efforts in prayer and encourage each other so we can begin to turn the corner," he said.

Holston members are also encouraged to participate in a denomination-wide prayer campaign, "The Upper Room's 50 Days of Prayer Before and During General Conference 2012," beginning March 16.

General Conference will convene April 24 through May 4 in Tampa, Fla. Holston Annual Conference is scheduled for June 10-13 in Lake Junaluska, N.C.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Leadership Training**  
**Sunday, April 22 ~ 5:00—8:00 p.m.**

Opening Session: 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Dave McAuley will lead a session titled, "Leading a meeting" and "How to be a Good Team Member."

Following the opening session, participants will be divided into smaller groups for the remaining three sessions, each of which will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Each group will rotate from one class to the next until all three sessions have been completed. Sessions will be: Serving Communion; Reading Scripture and Praying in Worship; Speaking in Worship



# Announcements

## Men Needed to Help Prepare Easter Breakfast!

Men willing to help with food prep for our annual Easter Breakfast are asked to contact John Cradic at 423-426-1004.

## Small Groups Forming NOW!

These groups will be about spiritual formation and being a disciple of Jesus. If you are interested in being a part of a small group, please call the church office or sign-up on the tear-off portion of your Sunday bulletin and leave in the offering plate.

## Sign up NOW to play golf in the Czech golf tourney!

May 19 at Buffalo Valley Golf Course  
Get a registration form in the narthex or see Kellie or Tim Bracken.

## IHN Need

IHN is in need of a car for one of the families, as well as, a good used lawn mower (that works) for another.

For more information please contact:  
Aaron Scott, IHN  
423-202-7805 or [aaron@ihnjc.com](mailto:aaron@ihnjc.com)

## Trustees Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m.  
Conference Room

## Jubilation 2012—"A Joy-Filled Life"

April 22—24 at MeadowView Resort and Conference Center in Kingsport

Jubilation is an annual event for persons who are aged 50 and over. Now in its twelfth year, this event nurtures spiritual growth, provides educational opportunities and ways to cope with life issues, promotes involvement in missions, and enhances Christian fellowship.

Keynote Speaker: Linda Douty  
Entertainer: Jeanne Robertson, humorist

You may register on-line at:  
<http://jubilation.holston.org>

Brochures available in the church office.



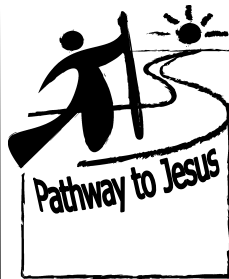
## LET'S GO CAMPING!!

Camp scholarships are available again this year on an as-needed basis. Applications are available in the connector or by request.

Scholarship funds are low, if you would like to give to this worthy cause, please do so. Please mark your checks:

"Butch Farr Scholarship Fund."

Pick up an application in the connector or contact Brandy.



**PTJ**  
(Pathway to Jesus—  
a mission based  
program)

PTJ will be  
April 1 and April 15  
at 4:30 p.m.

All 3rd-5th graders welcome!



**April 13**  
from 6:00—9:00 p.m.  
**FUMC gym**

Please RSVP  
if you child will attend.

Hosted  
by  
the Bernings.

# CHILDREN'S NEWS

## King's Kids Schedule

- April 1 Communion
- April 8 Easter
- April 15 Kati Uelhof and Paige Stine
- April 22 Volunteer Needed!
- April 29 Kati Uelhof & Steve Robinson

## King's Kids Mission Day

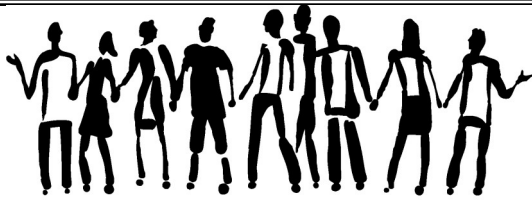
April 22 following worship.  
Please bring \$1 per person for lunch.  
We will be leaving the church and will return around 1:30 p.m.

## EASTER Eggs-TRAVAGANZA

Saturday, March 31  
1:00—2:30 p.m.  
Egg hunts, crafts, and a snack!

For more information, contact Brandy.

Contact information for Brandy Robinson, Director of Children's Ministries:  
Email: [children.fumc@charter.net](mailto:children.fumc@charter.net)  
Office: 423-928-9222, ext. 7 Cell: 423-483-2980



# YOUTH

WEDNESDAY NITERS

### Junior High Spring Retreat

On **April 7<sup>th</sup>**, all middle school students (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) are invited to a day of worship and fellowship at **Buffalo Mountain Camp**. We will be spending the day playing games, hanging out, and in small group discussions. The **cost is \$5** per student. We will be **departing** the church at **8:30 a.m.** and **returning at 5:30 p.m.** Please let me know if you want to participate!

### CCYM Elections

One of the great things about being a United Methodist Church is the connection we share with our Conference and District United Methodist Churches. One of the ways we do so as a youth group is through the **Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCYM)**. The CCYM is a student led group, composed of two students from each District, that organizes conference and district events, such as, Resurrection, Senior and Junior High Assembly, and the Festival of Gifts and Talents.

On **April 29<sup>th</sup>** we will be hosting the **CCYM elections at First UMC**. We will be enjoying a night of worship and fellowship with the other churches of the Johnson City District, as well as electing our two representatives from our district.

### Senior High Retreat

The **Senior High** students (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) will be taking our **Spring Retreat on May 4-6<sup>th</sup> to Camp Lookout**. We will be spending the weekend worshipping and enjoying the community of our group as we discuss prayer and many ways we can use prayer to connect to the God who creates and loves us.

### Snack Supper Schedule

- April 1 – VOLUNTEER NEEDED
- April 8 – NO YOUTH
- April 15 – VOLUNTEER NEEDED
- April 22 - Hopkins
- April 29 – CCYM ELECTIONS

### Acolyte and Crucifer Schedule

- April 1 – Nate and Emma Berning
- April 8 – Leah Eddy and Elizabeth Simmons
- April 15 – Ethan Morelock, Frankie Cradic, and Chloe Cradic
- April 22 – Martha Campbell, Marcus Grant, and E.J. Bailey
- April 29 – Brandon Jung, Kelsey Jung, and Abigail Robinson

Grace & Peace,

*John Rowe*

Director of Youth Ministries  
(423) 928-9222 ext. 6

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Check out FUMC Youth on Facebook!  
<http://www.facebook.com/FirstUMC.Youth>

Join your church family for a time of food, fellowship, study and service on Wednesdays beginning at 5:30 p.m.

In addition to salad bar, bread, dessert, & beverage, the menus for April are:

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 5:  
Soups, Salad and Cornbread

April 11:  
BBQ Sandwich, Baked Beans and Slaw

April 18:  
Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese and Green Beans

April 25:  
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes and Peas

Programming:

**First UMC University**

Or

You may take part in our Wednesday Niter Mission Opportunity which will take place in the Fellowship Hall.

Take every opportunity to grow your faith! Call the church office at (423) 928-9222 to make reservations.



Thursday, April 26  
Lunch at Daily Bread  
in Jonesborough

Bus will leave the Pine Street parking lot at 12:30 p.m. Call the church office to make your reservation!

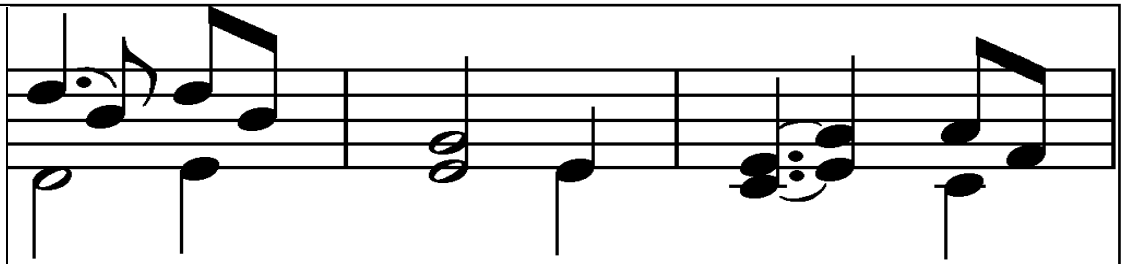
### Prayer Labyrinth Walk



### Prayer Labyrinth

This year we will be offering an opportunity for you to participate in a Prayer Labyrinth event. This is an exercise in centering prayer and focusing on the life of Jesus and His sacrifice for us. The 'walk' will be set up in the parlor beginning the afternoon of Palm Sunday, April 1, and you can participate until the afternoon of Good Friday, April 6. Come and be a part of this incredible time of reflection and learning.

# WORSHIP NOTES



*The mountains may depart  
and the hills be removed,  
but my steadfast love  
shall not depart from you,  
and my covenant of peace  
shall not be removed,  
says the Lord,  
who has compassion on you.*

Isaiah 54:10

*In these dark days of our journey toward the cross,  
it is comforting to read the words of an  
Old Testament prophet whose vision was hopeful.  
As we focus on our own repentance and as we  
worship together, let us remember this good news.  
Whether personal or corporate, Jesus is worthy of our  
gratitude, our allegiance and our worship. Amen.*

Our new Hymnal Supplements are now in the pew racks. We have 200 more hymns from various styles to use to offer our praise to God. Thank you for your interest and generosity.

During Advent, we light candles as we anticipate the coming of Jesus into our world. During Lent, we have been extinguishing candles as we count down to Holy Week. In the *Journey to the Cross* skits, we are remembering the events in the life of Christ that were a part of His passion. On Maundy Thursday, the Christ candle will be extinguished and the sanctuary will be stripped as we remember Christ's suffering

*and death. Make plans to be a part of this experience as a part of your personal spiritual journey.*

Remember that our Church will be hosting mid-day Holy Week services again this year. Details are in this newsletter and in the Sunday morning weekly schedule.

The worship committee is thrilled that so many of you have responded positively to the request for volunteers to participate in our worship services. So, be aware of...

*The LEADERSHIP TRAINING event on  
Sunday April 22nd 5:00 - 8:00  
Where classes will be held for:*

Serving Communion;  
Reading Scripture and Praying in Worship;  
Speaking in Worship.

(See details elsewhere in this newsletter.)

All who are interested in leading in worship are invited to attend.

Grace and Peace be with you,

*The Worship Pillar*

## MUSIC REHEARSALS

**Wesley Singers:**  
Sundays - 4:30 p.m.

**Chancel Choir:**  
Wednesdays - 7:30 p.m.

**For all of you that were involved in organizing your volunteers for Chasing Snakes.....THANK YOU!**

This is a fundraising event that does so much to benefit the ministry of Interfaith Hospitality Network. St. John's Episcopal Church is wonderful to do this for IHN each year and their efforts to include all the IHN congregations has worked so well. It is a really fun event that is so inclusive of the body of believers and people of faith from our community. **Without your congregation's support it would be nearly impossible to come up with all the volunteers to station every corner, water stations and event activities at St. John's.** You and your volunteers are a huge blessing to IHN and we thank you for your time last Saturday morning!

This year's registration count for runners and walkers was 750!!! That's an increase of 80 registrations from last year. The snakes will gradually work their way back into the city over the course of this next year, so be ready in 2013 to get rid of them again!

You are so appreciated. God bless you all,  
Brian Rosecrance, Executive Director of IHN

## Gifts & Memorials

Dan & Katie Mahoney have donated funds for the purchase of one round table for the Fellowship Hall in memory of Harold & Irene Mahoney.

Gifts have been given in memory of Minerva Elizabeth (Betty) Kivett Lamb by: Dolores R. Chumley; Paul & Ruth Summers; Judy Story; Jim & Carol Milliken to the Building Fund; and Peggy & Dick Eddy.

Gifts have been given in memory of Evan Bailey by: Joyce Ottinger to the Building Fund; Stephen & Novice Gross to the Building Fund; and Suzy & Stephen Cradic.

Gifts have been given in memory of Donald Boarman by: Stephen & Novice Gross to the Building Fund; Suzy & Stephen Cradic; Scripture Study Class for purchase of new food warmer for the kitchen; and Sarah A. Coats to the Building Fund.

Janice & Johnny Moore have given donations toward the purchase of a new food warmer for the kitchen in memory of Evan Bailey and Donald Boarman.

A gift has been given by Jean Brobeck in memory of Anna Marie Miller.

The Farr family has given a generous donation to the Butch Farr Scholarship Fund. His mother wishes to thank FUMC for keeping his memory alive stating, "Butch loved visiting Buffalo Mountain Camp and I'm sure he would be proud of this scholarship fund."

Gifts have been given to the food pantry in memory of Mava Young Heaton by: Barbara & Bob Treadway; Jerry & Judy Rust; Jamee Roberts; and Peggy & Dick Eddy.

## In Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to: Vivian & Art Eckerson and all the family and friends of Edith Elizabeth Keys, 92, long-time member of First UMC, who passed away on March 26.

Jim Heaton & family in the death of his mother, Mava Young Heaton, who passed away on March 21;

David, Lyndell & Carrie Denny in the death of their aunt, Minerva Elizabeth (Betty) Kivett Lamb, who passed away on March 6.



### SET of BUNK BEDS NEEDED

One of our church families is in need of a set of bunk beds. If you have bunk beds you would be willing to donate, please call the church office.

Thank You!



### Serving Our College Students

Thanks to everyone for your support, prayers and food. We served about forty-five students in March! The next opportunity to serve is April 17 at 5:30 p.m. (the last time to serve until school resumes in the fall) This is a great opportunity to interact with the students. If you are interested in helping with food preparation or just being available for supper on Tuesday night, contact Anna Kapoor at 928-2072.

## Worship Volunteers

### April 1—Palm Sunday

Nursery: Janine Berning  
Greeter—8:15: Ann & Frank Mohap  
Greeters—10:30: Karen & Dale Schmitt;  
Luanne Love and Art Eckerson  
Prayer: Steve Gross

### April 8—Easter Sunday

Nursery: Jamee Roberts  
Greeter—8:15: Dedri Minutolo  
Greeters—10:30: Grier Washam, Donna  
Robbins and Katie Mahoney  
Prayer: Mike Eddy

### April 15

Nursery: Amanda Forbes  
Greeters—8:15: Brian & Cathie Rosecrance  
Greeters—10:30: Calvin & Nancy McMann,  
Janice Williams and Mike Hopson  
Children's Message: Kellie Bracken  
King's Kids: Katie Uelhof  
Prayer: Kellie Bracken

### April 22

Nursery: Kathy & Scott Huff  
Greeter—8:15: Jamee Roberts  
Greeters—10:30: Drew & Sharon Cradic,  
Ernie & Jo Cross and Bonnie Sampson  
Children's Message: Brandy Robinson  
King's Kids: Kathryn McKinney  
Prayer: Judy Cook

### April 29

Nursery: Cathie Rosecrance  
Greeter—8:15: Kent & Midge Merrill  
Greeters—10:30: Dale & Karen Schmitt,  
Judy Cook and Nathan Uelhof  
Children's Message: Miriam Robinson  
King's Kids: Kati Uelhof & Steve Robinson  
Prayer: Finley Cook

Volunteers are needed! If you would like to serve in any of these important functions on Sunday morning, please call the church office.

(Acolyte/Crucifer schedule can be found on the Youth page.)

**DINE-AROUND**  
**FELLOWSHIP DINNER**  
**APRIL 28—SIGN UP BY APRIL 15**

We hope you will be part of FUMC's new fellowship opportunity for all adults called "Dine-Around Fellowship Dinners." Sign-up by April 15 so you can join us for our first dinner on April 28.

Everyone must sign up in advance on the form included in this newsletter and in Sunday bulletins. Place your completed form in the collection plate on Sunday or bring/mail it to the church office by April 15.

Dine-Around Fellowship dinners are an opportunity for you to get to know more people in the Church and to get to know those you dine with better.

Vegetarians and diabetics should let us know on the sign-up form.

This event will only be held twice a year so don't miss the opportunity to be part of the first dinner on April 28. You will be together with different people at each dinner so you will get to know your Church family better.

Save the date now and be sure to sign up before April 15 so you can join us. All adults are welcome and we would love to have everyone participate!



Everyone signs up in advance. We will call you and let you know where you are going or if you are hosting (only volunteers will host) and we will let you know what to bring. When we know the total number, we will divide the guests among the homes depending on the number of people each host can accommodate. Guests will be told where they are going but not know the names of the other guests until they arrive. Hosts will know the number of people attending and what they are bringing. Hosts are responsible for the main course, beverages, and table service. Guests are responsible for one course. Transportation will be arranged as needed. All adults are welcome for an evening of fellowship, conversation, and great food!

**Dine-Around  
 Fellowship Dinner**  
**Saturday April 28  
 6:00 PM**

**DON'T MISS IT! THIS FUN  
 FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY IS  
 AVAILABLE ONLY TWICE A  
 YEAR! QUESTIONS? CALL  
 NANCY OR CALVIN MCMANN -  
 423-328-0721**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending? \_\_\_\_\_

Need a ride? \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to provide a ride? \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to host? \_\_\_\_\_ How Many? \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the dish you prefer to bring, we will try to honor your preference:

Appetizer \_\_\_\_\_ Salad & Bread \_\_\_\_\_

Dessert \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to bring any dish needed \_\_\_\_\_

Please note if you: Are a vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Are diabetic \_\_\_\_\_

**Holston Conference United Methodist Women**  
**38th annual Spiritual Enrichment Experience ~ April 20-21**

Event program leaders include: Rev. Janice Keebler, senior pastor of the newly-formed Holston Georgia Parish which carries out the work of the Fort Oglethorpe, Flintstone and Simpson United Methodist Churches;

Dr. Melodie G. Galloway, music director, is an assistant professor in music at the University of North Carolina and has been a soloist and conductor in Russia, Estonia, Ireland, England and Spain.

Registration begins at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 20. The program consists of two sessions, the first Friday evening at 7 p.m.; the second Saturday morning at 9 a.m. The program is expected to adjourn by moon, Saturday, April 21.

Everyone, regardless of age or church affiliation/denomination, is invited to attend and experience the splendor and magnificent beauty of the surrounding Lake Junaluska landscape. Worship programs have been designed to encourage Christian fellowship, lasting friendships, personal renewal and

heartfelt blessings from a spiritual perspective.

Those interested may download information and registration forms from the UMW website at:  
[www.holstonconferenceumw.com](http://www.holstonconferenceumw.com)

Registration deadline is March 31. Pre-registered childcare is also available. For information, email Jettie C. Hess, Holston Conference United Methodist Women, Communications Officer, at [jettie.hess@gmail.com](mailto:jettie.hess@gmail.com).

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### JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

#### SUNDAY:

8:15 a.m. Early Service  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
4:30 p.m. Wesley Singers  
5:30 p.m. Snack Supper  
6:00 p.m. UMYF

Resurrection Sunday, April 8 :  
COMBINED WORSHIP at 10:30 a.m.

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday—Thursday:**  
**9:00—11:00 a.m.**  
**2:00—4:00 p.m.**

**Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

### VISIT THE CHURCH WEBSITE

at  
[www.1stchurchjc.org](http://www.1stchurchjc.org)

## United Methodist Women

### Circle of Friends

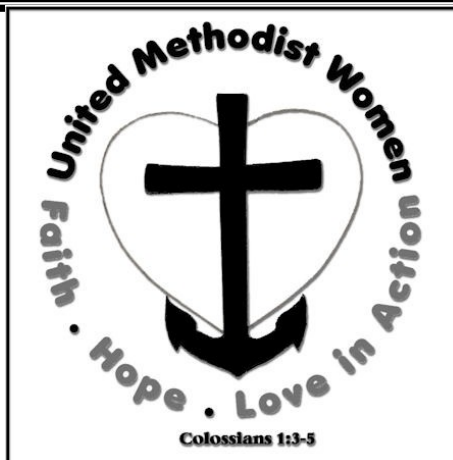
Friday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m.  
Church Parlor

### Circle 1:

Thursday, April 12, at 10:00 a.m.  
Kathleen Garland, hostess

### Circle of Hope:

Tuesday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m.  
Nancy McMann, hostess



### An Invitation from Circle of Friends

We are inviting any women who would like to be part of UMW to join our next circle meeting. We need to grow so that we can do even better things for Christ. We have several service and community projects we are focusing on in 2012: The Love Pantry at FUMC, The River, and preparing communion for the church each month, are just a few. We meet once a month for Christian support and devotion.

### Attention: United Methodist Women

The April General & Board Meetings of the UMW have been cancelled.

UMW members are encouraged to attend Holy Week Services,  
April 2-April 6, 12:00 noon – 12:30 p.m.,  
followed by a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

### Soup Labels & Box Tops Needed!

The UMW requests your help in collecting Campbell's soup labels and General Mills box tops (for education) for our missions at Red Bird Mission School. For soup labels, clip only the UPC label, please be sure that the complete barcode and the "Labels for Education" trademark remains intact, and place labels and box tops in one of the collection containers, which have been placed around the church for your convenience.

### Purpose of United Methodist Women

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.